GBV stands for 'Gender-Based Violence'.

GBV is rooted in gender inequality. It is one of the most notable human rights violations within all societies. GBV is directed against a person because of their gender. Both women and men experience GBV. The majority of victims are, however, women and girls.

Addressing gender inequality is the focus of one of the M16 United Nations SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).

SDG 5 states: “Ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls is not only a basic human right but it is also crucial to accelerating sustainable development. It has been proven time and again that empowering women and girls has a multiplier effect and helps drive up economic growth and development across the board.”

1 in 3 (35%) of women and girls in the world have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime. This does not include other forms of violence such as exclusion, stigma, name-calling and structural violence.