

# Getting Started

## Key Messages

- UNICEF's efforts to respond to GBViE lie at the heart of the agency's **mission to protect the health and well-being of children and women.**
- **The UNICEF GBViE Programme Resource Pack has been developed to support the fulfilment of UNICEF's responsibilities** to girls and women in emergencies and to foster good practice in GBV prevention, mitigation and response.
- The purpose of the Resource Pack is to **provide country offices with guidance and resources to promote girls' and women's rights to safety, dignity and protection from** GBV during all phases of humanitarian response.
- The Resource Pack contains information and guidance to **assist country offices to implement UNICEF's Minimum GBViE Response Package**, which aims to put in place coordinated life-saving response services for sexual violence survivors immediately following a crisis; build girls' and women's safety and resilience to GBV; and mitigate GBV risks across all UNICEF sectors and clusters.
- **Kit 1: Getting Started contains important information on the problem of GBV and how to respond to it.** This information will be helpful for all country office and partner staff to build understanding on the issue of GBV and their responsibilities for addressing it.

Gender-based violence (GBV) is a critical human rights and public health issue affecting girls and women globally, and the problem is worsened during armed conflict and natural disasters. UNICEF's efforts to respond to GBV in emergencies (GBViE) lie at the heart of the agency's mission to protect the health and well-being of children and women.

UNICEF is mandated to support States and other duty bearers, civil society and communities to prevent GBV against girls and women as part of humanitarian response, and to ensure age-appropriate systems and services are available for survivors of GBV.

The **UNICEF GBViE Programme Resource Pack** has been developed to support country offices and partners to fulfil responsibilities to girls and women in emergencies in line with UNICEF's *Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action* and other humanitarian standards. It aims to support UNICEF country offices and partners to expand and strengthen GBV prevention, mitigation and response efforts during and after emergencies.

The Resource Pack contains information and resources for implementing UNICEF's **Minimum GBViE Response Package**. The Minimum Response Package comprises essential life-saving humanitarian interventions to address GBV, as listed below.

- 1. Effectively coordinate** humanitarian action to address GBV.
- 2. Provide assistance and support for survivors** through age-appropriate health, psychosocial and safety services.
- 3. Build girls' and women's safety and resilience to GBV** through:
  - Community-based safety planning and action;
  - Dignity kit programming; and
  - Safe space programming.
- 4. Integrate GBV risk mitigation across UNICEF sectors and clusters** in line with the IASC GBV Guidelines.



**Kit 1: Getting Started** introduces the UNICEF GBViE Programme Resource Pack. It has four sections:

- Section 1** *About the GBViE Programme Resource Pack* orients UNICEF and partner staff to the Resource Pack by overviewing its background, purpose and contents.
- Section 2** *UNICEF's GBViE Programme Framework* introduces the GBViE programming model used by UNICEF on which the Resource Pack is based.
- Section 3** *A Primer on GBV* provides essential information on GBV in emergencies. It contains information about the problem of GBV, the causes and its impacts, including on children.
- Section 4** *Foundations for GBV Programming* provides information on the legal, normative and policy foundations for UNICEF's humanitarian response in emergency settings; the guiding principles that underpin UNICEF's work; and good practices in GBV prevention, risk mitigation and response in emergencies. This section also highlights the importance of staff values, attitudes and behaviours in GBV work.

**Kit 1: Getting Started** contains four training materials:

- *Overview of the UNICEF Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Programme Resource Pack* (PowerPoint Presentation)
- *Introduction to Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies* (Learning Module)
- *UNICEF's Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Programming* (Learning Module)
- *Values and Principles for Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Programming* (Learning Module)

**Kit 1: Getting Started** also includes a *Case Studies Booklet* containing case studies from UNICEF GBViE programming around the world.

