



Since mid-2017 UNICEF Lebanon has focused on integrating gender-based violence risk mitigation across all of its programmatic sections. These activities align with UNICEF's global commitment to institutionalizing the *IASC Guidelines on Integrating Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Action*.
www.gbvguidelines.org

Below is a brief, non-exhaustive, summary of both ongoing initiatives and immediate priorities for GBV integration in UNICEF Lebanon's programming.

Knowledge generation

Conducting research to better understand barriers to health (including mental health) services for adolescent girls; supporting implementing partners to systematically collect data on safety concerns for women and girls using WASH facilities; incorporating questions on safety into cash-for-work post-distribution monitoring.

Improving access to services for vulnerable groups

Establishing referrals between women and girls' safe spaces and vocational training programmes; strengthening gender/age analysis of existing data sets to help identify disparities in access for different segments of the population; developing vulnerability criteria for specialized WASH services (i.e. facilitating individual latrines for female-headed households).

Systems-strengthening

Developing gender modules for teacher training curriculum; establishing protocols for addressing GBV in primary health care; developing minimum standards on Early Childhood Education and Development that include gender considerations in UNRWA school; supporting policy work on married/engaged girls' access to secondary education and technical and Vocational training; Development of Child Protection policy in MEHE with a GBV lense.



In addition to these programmatic activities, UNICEF Lebanon is also strengthening its own operational systems to support GBV risk mitigation by:

Incorporating Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse into partner assessments, capacity building and monitoring (within the HACT criteria)

Incorporating a set of checklists on gender/GBV for implementing partner agreements, research activities and resource mobilization into UNICEF's standard M&E guidelines

Providing training for staff and implementing partners in all programmatic sections on GBV basic concepts and how to safely and appropriately refer GBV survivors to services

Identifying GBV risk mitigation indicators for each programmatic section and establishing a dedicated gender/GBV dashboard to track progress

Continuing to ensure that child safeguarding is prioritized across all programming.