

UNFPA RESOURCE COMPENDIUM ON

TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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As technology becomes increasingly embedded in everyday life, so too do the opportunities for its misuse to perpetrate gender-based violence. Sustained by discriminatory and harmful social and gender norms, technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) manifests across a continuum of online and offline experiences of violence and can take many forms – from inequitable access to technology and non-consensual surveillance to the creation and sharing of sexualized deepfakes and coordinated campaigns of gendered disinformation. Addressing TFGBV is a key priority for UNFPA's work to ensure that all women and girls can live free from violence.

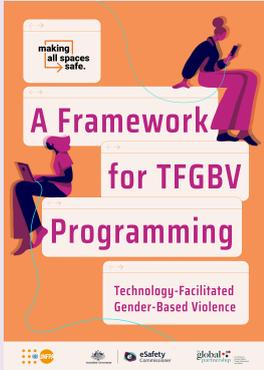
Although the forms of TFGBV may vary, they are all designed to control, demean and silence, leaving survivors with severe psychological, emotional, social or economic impacts. In some cases, the violence escalates to physical assault or femicide. Its silencing effect limits women and girls' access to technology, restricting their participation in public discourse and undermining their rights to safety, expression and autonomy. The online–offline continuum of TFGBV means that online violence frequently translates into offline or 'real-world' harm, and vice versa. For example, online harassment can lead to stalking and physical assault, while intimate partner violence may involve coercive control over a survivor's digital devices and online presence.

In its 2021 report, *Making All Spaces Safe*, UNFPA defined TFGBV as "an act of violence perpetrated by one or more individuals that is committed, assisted, aggravated and amplified in part or fully by the use of information and communication technologies or digital media, against a person on the basis of their gender". Since the release of this report, UNFPA has accelerated its programmes and research to deepen understanding of TFGBV and identify the most effective strategies for prevention and response to be implemented by national, regional and global stakeholders. **This compendium, as a live document, intends to capture that progress, showcasing the technical guidance, research and advocacy tools developed across UNFPA offices.**

Making All Spaces Safe

UNFPA tackles all forms of TFGBV through comprehensive programming aligned with the key pillars of Response, Prevention, Enabling Environments, and Data and Research, as iterated in the UNFPA Gender-based Violence Operational Plan, *Flourish*. This approach is further reflected in the dedicated global programme, *Making All Spaces Safe*, implemented in partnership with Global Affairs Canada. For more information, visit unfpa.org/TFGBV.

GUIDANCE



A FRAMEWORK FOR TFGBV PROGRAMMING

Developed by UNFPA in partnership with Australia's eSafety Commissioner, this Framework is a user-friendly, evidence-based tool to inform funding decisions, policy development, and the design and implementation of programmes that address TFGBV. It serves as a critical resource for organizations, practitioners and donors and offers actionable insights into key principles, best practices and strategies for creating survivor-centred and trauma-informed TFGBV programming.



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GUIDANCE ON THE SAFE AND ETHICAL USE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND HARMFUL PRACTICES: IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

This guidance is intended for practitioners who are considering, building or adapting a tech-based intervention for addressing gender-based violence. The guidance outlines the benefits, risks and potential harms of tech-based GBV programme interventions and provides a shared framework for consistent standards and oversights. It also includes steps and tools to guide practitioners through the process of developing a digital GBV intervention.



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MAKING ALL SPACES SAFE

This flagship report serves as a call to action for the international community, digital and feminist movements, technology companies and national governments to act in unison to end TFGBV. It offers an overview of TFGBV, including typologies and key concepts, a summary of the existing TFGBV prevalence data, and cross-sector recommendations for TFGBV prevention and response strategies.



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A SAFE DIGITAL FUTURE

By examining the design, deployment and business models of digital technologies, this think-piece maps evidence-based recommendations for mitigating harms and increasing benefits through safety-by-design, digital inclusion and governance, capitalizing on digital technology to fulfil and 'future-proof' the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action.



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AN INFOGRAPHIC GUIDE TO TFGBV

This series of infographics provides visual representations of key concepts related to TFGBV and its impact on women and girls in all their diversity. The infographics are intended to be adapted and used in training, awareness-raising, information, education, communications and advocacy. They are available in English, Portuguese and Spanish.



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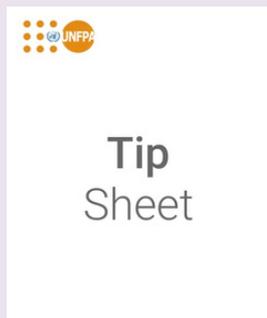


BROCHURE: WHAT IS TFGBV?

This brochure includes an overview of the typologies and impacts of TFGBV as well as recommendations for national governments and technology companies.



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REPORTING TIP SHEET ON DIGITAL VIOLENCE: A PRACTICAL REFERENCE GUIDE FOR JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA

This practical tip sheet offers journalists a guide for reporting on TFGBV stories responsibly and ethically. It defines TFGBV, highlights its real-world consequences and provides key recommendations, such as using respectful, survivor-centred language, avoiding sensationalism and holding those with power accountable. It is available in Arabic, Chinese, English and Russian.



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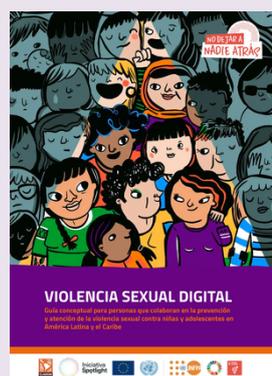


LEGISLATIVE ROADMAP FOR PREVENTION OF TFGBV IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVIA, KOSOVO, NORTH MACEDONIA AND SERBIA

This legislative roadmap provides an analysis of the existing legal provisions governing the prevention of gender-based violence perpetrated through information and communications technology in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia and North Macedonia, including the mapping of established institutional mechanisms, and expert recommendations aimed at improving the relevant legislation.



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DIGITAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE: CONCEPTUAL GUIDE FOR PRACTITIONERS WORKING TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS AND ADOLESCENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

This guide provides a conceptual framework for understanding and addressing digital sexual violence against girls and adolescents. It draws on promising practices across 10 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, offering insights into multi-sectoral strategies for prevention and survivor support. The guide is available in Spanish.



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VIOLENCE IN DIGITAL SPACES: KEY CONSIDERATIONS FOR MEDIA COVERAGE

This guide offers practical recommendations for journalists and media professionals to report on TFGBV ethically and from a survivor-centred perspective, avoiding revictimization and contributing to raising awareness and prevention. The guide is available in Spanish.



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LEARNING BRIEF ON TFGBV: GBV AOR HELPDESK

This learning series explores TFGBV against women and girls in humanitarian settings. The three-part resource outlines various forms of TFGBV, provides practical actions for GBV specialists, and offers policy recommendations for humanitarian organizations, donors and technology companies.



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REDSISTENCIAS: REFLECTIONS ON DIGITAL VIOLENCE

This guide invites readers to reflect critically on TFGBV. Rather than offering fixed definitions, it encourages collective questioning through blending foundational concepts with opportunities for individual and group reflection, aiming to co-create informed, feminist responses to TFGBV. The guide is available in Spanish.



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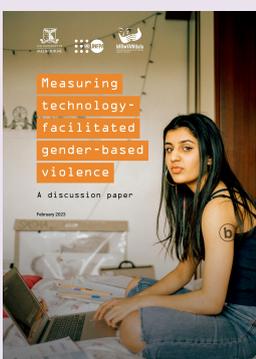
DIGITAL VIOLENCE/TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE GUIDE

This guide has been prepared within the scope of the “End Digital Violence Against Women and Girls. Full Stop.” campaign conducted by UN Women Türkiye and UNFPA Türkiye. The guide is based on the outcomes of the workshop “Rethinking Violence in the Digital Age,” organized with the financial support of the Governments of Norway and New Zealand to ensure conceptual coherence on digital violence.



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RESEARCH



MEASURING TFGBV: A DISCUSSION PAPER

This paper outlines the findings of a rigorous scoping review that looked at the different approaches, tools, instruments and questions used to measure TFGBV globally. The paper addresses key considerations and limitations surrounding the existing measurement of TFGBV and highlights the need for better, higher-quality TFGBV data.



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TFGBV: RIGHTS-BASED REGULATION

This background paper analyses five key publications on policy and regulation of online spaces and technology to address TFGBV and provides a series of recommendations for action.



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TFGBV: FEMINIST DESIGN

This background paper analyses 10 seminal resources related to business and technology's interaction with TFGBV. It identifies areas of consensus and divergence across the literature and suggests a number of questions to consider in future discussions.



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TFGBV: DATA AND MEASUREMENT

This background paper analyses 10 key publications and resources related to the measurement of TFGBV, including definitions, available prevalence estimates, safe and ethical data collection methodologies, and the key principles of data ethics and data feminism. It identifies common themes across the literature and proposes a set of questions to inform the development of research studies on TFGBV.



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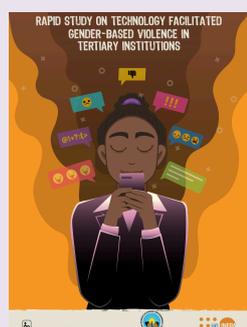


UNDERSTANDING TFGBV IN ASIA: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

This qualitative study builds the evidence base on TFGBV in Asia. The project examined stakeholders' highest priorities in relation to TFGBV, how TFGBV is understood and measured in the region, and what strategies are used to prevent and respond to TFGBV in Asia. This report aims to help inform national and regional policy and guide TFGBV prevention and response efforts.



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RAPID STUDY ON TFGBV IN KENYA'S HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS

This report details the findings of a study that aimed to understand the ecosystem of TFGBV among students at tertiary institutions in Kenya, including the incidence of different forms of TFGBV and how survivors respond.



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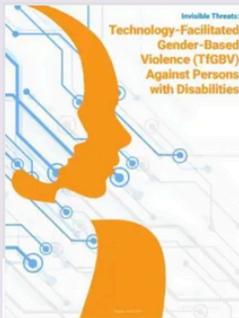


TÜRKİYE DIGITAL VIOLENCE RESEARCH 2021

This report highlights key findings from a study conducted by UNFPA on the scope and nature of TFGBV in Türkiye. It was prepared under the Struggle Against Digital Violence Project implemented by UNFPA in cooperation with the Common Knowledge and Communication Association. The report is available in Turkish.



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INVISIBLE THREATS: TFGBV AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This study builds the evidence base on TFGBV against persons with disabilities in North Macedonia. It examines the manifestations and impacts of TFGBV on this group and provides recommendations for GBV actors across civil society and governments, the academic community and researchers, as well as parents/guardians/caregivers of persons with disabilities.



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TFGBV IN TUNISIA: PREVALENCE, FORMS AND IMPACT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND MENTAL HEALTH OF VICTIMS

This report outlines key findings from a study conducted to better understand the most common forms and prevalence of TFGBV in Tunisia. It has a special focus on the impact on and consequences for the mental health and quality of life of survivors. The report is available in French.



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TFGBV PRELIMINARY FINDINGS IN LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

This document builds the evidence base on TFGBV in Lao People's Democratic Republic, where there is currently very limited published data on the issue. It examines the nature, scope and impact of TFGBV against women and girls in Lao People's Democratic Republic, as well as their help-seeking behaviours.



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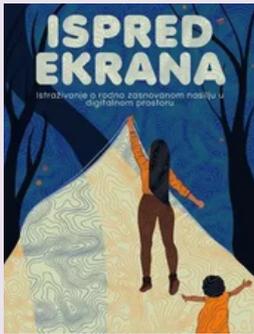


TFGBV IN NORTH-WEST SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

This report aims to inform humanitarian responders and GBV service providers in the North-west Syrian Arab Republic of the scale, trends and impact of TFGBV. It outlines different forms of TFGBV reported across this region, patterns and trends, perpetrator and survivor profiles, the main tools and platforms perpetrators use, and online and offline impacts.



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IN FRONT OF THE SCREEN - RESEARCH ON GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN THE DIGITAL SPACE

This report provides an analysis of TFGBV in Serbia, focusing on the lived experiences of girls in upper secondary education. It examines patterns of violence and proposes legal, policy and institutional recommendations to strengthen prevention, protection and redress. The report is available in Serbian.



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RESEARCH STUDY ON TECHNOLOGY-FACILITATED VIOLENCE EXPERIENCED BY WOMEN AND MARGINALIZED GROUPS IN SRI LANKA

This study, produced by UNFPA Sri Lanka and UN Women Sri Lanka, provides an understanding of the nature, prevalence and impact of TFGBV against women and marginalized groups in Sri Lanka, with a particular emphasis on the spread of gendered hate content online. Its findings and recommendations aim to inform future research and policy interventions, while addressing the specific vulnerabilities of gender, sexual and ethnic minorities in the country.



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EVENTS & ADVOCACY



THIRD GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON TFGBV: KEY TAKEAWAYS

This document summarizes key takeaways from the Third Global Symposium on TFGBV, hosted by UNFPA, Global Affairs Canada and the Association for Progressive Communications in March 2025. The hybrid event brought together UN agencies, governments, civil society and private sector actors – with over 1,400 participants from 84 countries – to strategize responses to TFGBV amid rising anti-gender discourse and shrinking civic space.



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SECOND GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON TFGBV: KEY TAKEAWAYS

This document summarizes the key discussions and outcomes from the Second Global Symposium on TFGBV, hosted by UNFPA and Australia's eSafety Commissioner and attended by over 1,600 people around the world. It highlights emerging threats and challenges and outlines critical actions needed across responding to, preventing and addressing TFGBV through legislative reform.



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GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION TO ADDRESS TFGBV

This Global Call to Action was produced jointly by the Global Partnership for Action Against Gender-based Online Harassment and Abuse, the governments of Australia, Canada and the United States, UNFPA, UN Women, the Association for Progressive Communications, the National Democratic Institute and the Asia Foundation. It calls for cross-sector collaboration in advancing five key action areas to address TFGBV effectively: (1) response mechanisms; (2) safety, security and privacy by design and inclusion; (3) prevention; (4) funding mechanisms; and (5) partnerships and collaboration.



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2022 GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON TFGBV RESULTS: BUILDING A COMMON PATHWAY

This report consolidates the discussions and key areas of agreement from the three-day First Global Symposium on TFGBV co-hosted by UNFPA and the Wilson Center and attended by stakeholders and participants from every continent, including over 25 countries. The report documents the discussions under three key focus areas: (1) data and measurement; (2) business and technology; and (3) law and policy.



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SUMMARY REPORT: ASIA REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON TFGBV

This summary report captures key insights from the Asia Regional Symposium on TFGBV, held in Bangkok in October 2024 and co-hosted by UNFPA, Australia's eSafety Commissioner and USAID. The report highlights urgent priorities for addressing TFGBV in Asia, including innovative practices, policy recommendations and collaborative strategies.



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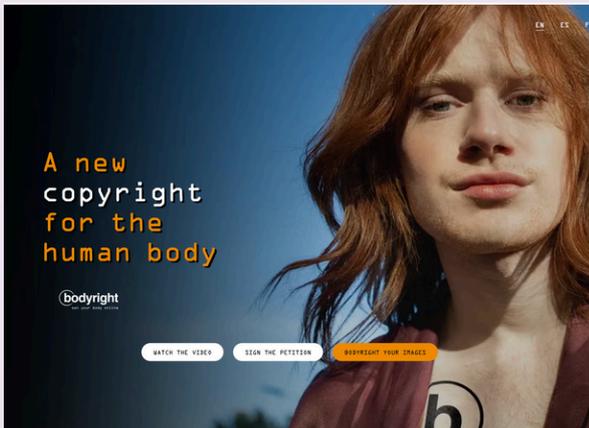
TACKLING DIGITAL VIOLENCE. SYSTEMATIZATION, STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS TFGBV AND CREATE SAFE DIGITAL SPACES

This publication outlines strategies developed through the *Hackeá la Violencia Digital* initiative, convened by UNFPA, UN Women and Amnesty International in Argentina in August 2024. It examines the key challenges and opportunities in tackling TFGBV and provides recommendations for the public and private sectors, civil society, the justice system and the educational community to promote safer, more inclusive digital environments for young people.



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CAMPAIGNS



BODYRIGHT CAMPAIGN

UNFPA's 'bodyright' campaign is a global initiative demanding that TFGBV – specifically the non-consensual use of personal images – be treated as a human rights violation. Its central message is a powerful call to action: that human bodies and images of them should be given the same value and legal protection online as copyrighted materials such as corporate logos or music.

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THE VIRTUAL IS REAL

A UNFPA campaign launched to raise awareness of and drive action against TFGBV, carrying the central message that online violence has severe, real-world consequences and must be taken as seriously as physical violence.

The website serves as an interactive hub featuring a glossary of TFGBV terms, survivor stories and a call to action for the public, tech companies and lawmakers.



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