ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS
UN JOINT PROGRAMME ON ESSENTIAL SERVICES

TOO MANY WOMEN & GIRLS EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE

MORE THAN 1 IN 3 WOMEN WORLDWIDE have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a partner or sexual violence by a non-partner.
MORE THAN 1 IN 5 GIRLS WORLDWIDE have been sexually abused in childhood.

THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS IS SEVERE

ECONOMIC
Unwanted pregnancy, HIV/AIDS & other STIs
Disruption of family, social & work life

INDIVIDUAL
Mental health conditions
Physical injury, death & disability
Less mobility/autonomy

SOCIAL SERVICES
(legal aid, hotlines, counseling, shelter / safe accommodation)

HEALTH

POLICE

SOCIAL SERVICES

JUSTICE

WOMEN & GIRLS NEED ACCESS TO QUALITY ESSENTIAL SERVICES

LOW USE OF SERVICES BY WOMEN WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE

19%
14%
67%

reported most serious incident to police
reported most serious incident to other service
did not report to any service

IN SOME COUNTRIES, REPORTING TO SERVICES IS AS LOW AS 10%

WOMEN DO NOT USE SERVICES FOR MANY REASONS

POOR QUALITY SERVICES
LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SERVICES
DO NOT EXPECT ANY HELP FROM SERVICES
DOUBT THAT SERVICES WILL KEEP THEM SAFE
LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES
SHAME & STIGMA OF REPORTING

LACK OF QUALITY SERVICES FURTHER HARM WOMEN & PREVENTS RECOVERY

SOLUTION
THE JOINT PROGRAMME: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

DEVELOP GLOBAL STANDARDS
in several sectors, including health, police & justice, social services, coordination

TEST & IMPLEMENT
the standards in pilot countries

EVALUATE & REFINE
standards for universal application

ADVOCATE FOR GLOBAL ROLL-OUT
of standards with all service providers, including governments, civil society organizations, & others

END RESULT
IMPROVED QUALITY OF SERVICES
INCREASED CONFIDENCE IN SERVICES
GREATER USE OF SERVICES
RECOVERY & PREVENTION OF FUTURE VIOLENCE
REBUILT LIVES
EMPOWERED WOMEN & GIRLS