

## **AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

- 1. The 2025 theme is **End digital violence against all** women and girls. Join the UNITE campaign to stop digital abuse.
- 2. One of the fastest-growing forms of abuse is digital violence against women and girls.
- **3.** Cyberviolence against women and girls is a pervasive issue, encompassing harmful behaviours that exploit the anonymity and reach of digital platforms.
- **4.** Studies worldwide show that 16% to 58% of women and girls have been targeted by violence online in various contexts.
- 5. People who experience multiple intersecting inequality factors (e.g., gender identity, race, disability, sexuality) face higher levels of online harassment and abuse.
- **6.** The multiplicity of forms means responses cannot treat online gender-based violence as a single type of incident. These include harassment, abuse, cyberstalking, image-based violence, doxxing, impersonation, deep-fakes etc.
- 7. In 2024, the UN adopted a resolution on Violence Against Women in Digital Environments urging states to take immediate, effective action to prevent and eliminate digital violence.
- **8.** Violence against women remains one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world, affecting one in three women.

- 9. In Australia, there were 175 victims of family and domestic violence homicide in 2024. 99 victims were women. \*Australian Bureau of Statistics (Sept. 2025)
- **10.** Across Australia, there were 40,087 victims of sexual assault recorded by police. This is an increase of 10% on 2023. \*Australian Bureau of Statistics (Sept. 2025)
- **11.** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are disproportionately represented as victims of intimate partner homicide.
- **12.** Women with disability in Australia are twice as likely to have experienced sexual violence over their lifetime than women without disability.
- **13.** Globally, more than 5 women or girls are killed every hour by someone in their own family.
- **14.** In Australia, young women between 18-24 experience higher rates of physical and sexual violence than women in older age groups.
- **15.** In Australia, domestic or family violence is the single largest driver of homelessness for women.
- **16.** Violence against women is not inevitable. It can and must be stopped. Join us to take action during the #16Days campaign and every day.

IEUA NSW/ACT is proud to support 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

The global campaign runs annually from the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against

Women on 25 November to International Human Rights Day on 10 December.



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