

# GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

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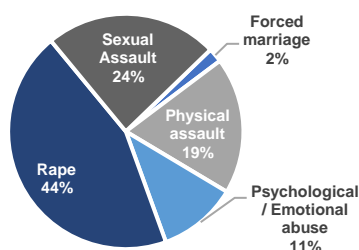
## Overview

Gender-based violence (GBV) is a serious protection concern for UNHCR in Egypt. While GBV remains severely underreported, increasing numbers of refugee survivors every month seek life-saving response services (as depicted in the two graphs below). Increases in survivors accessing case management services reflect the continued severe GBV risks and improve awareness among refugees of responses services available, expanded response capacity by partners, and better inclusivity of services for marginalized groups of survivors, among other factors.

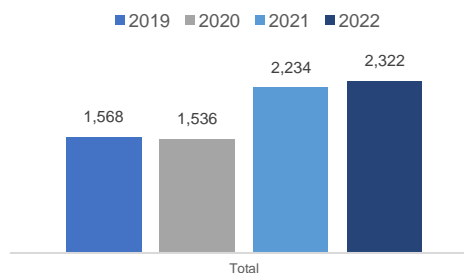
UNHCR and humanitarian partners provide GBV response and prevention services to refugees and asylum-seekers, coordinated through the GBV Sub-Working Group (GBV SWG), which is co-chaired with UNFPA. This SWG has established referral pathways and inter-agency SOPs. UNHCR provides frontline services to GBV survivors directly and through its partner CARE, which offers case management, safe relocation, psycho-social support (PSS), and other services.

GBV survivors in Egypt face several challenges in accessing appropriate services through the national system. Therefore, UNHCR and UNFPA also engage with government counterparts, particularly the National Council for Women and the Ministry of Social Solidarity, to include refugee survivors in quality national services, especially shelter and health care, in line with international standards.

Types of GBV reported to UNHCR & CARE 2022



GBV case management services delivered by UNHCR & CARE 2022



### KEY FIGURES



**1,035** safety relocation services provided to GBV survivors facing imminent risks from perpetrators in 2022



**247** survivors supported with specialized PSS



**262** survivors referred for individual legal assistance & **1,095** survivors received Safety and Recovery cash assistance package from UNHCR as part of their holistic GBV case management process



**1,572** women, girls, and boys attending the Women-Friendly Space



**1,420** women, girls, boys, and men participated in GBV prevention activities covering: sexual and reproductive health, gender equality, child marriage prevention, legal awareness, and other topics.

### Key unmet needs

GBV survivors' needs far outweigh response capacity. Due to resource limitations, CARE can only respond to about one-third of the most urgent cases of survivors reaching out for support every month. Limited resources leave many survivors without access to the needed services to ensure their safety and recovery.

Important note on GBV data: The above statistics represent incidence data collected during service delivery. To note: GBV is happening everywhere and is underreported worldwide. In fact, WHO data suggest that globally, 1 in 3 women will experience GBV in her lifetime. Given this, reported data on GBV or trends do not represent actual prevalence and trends in the extent of GBV. All humanitarian personnel ought to assume that GBV is occurring and threatening affected populations; treat it as a serious life-threatening problem [...], regardless of the present or absence of concrete 'evidence'. See 2015 IASC Guidelines on Integrating GBV Interventions in Humanitarian Action; WHO Violence against Women Prevalence estimates, 2018, available at: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240022256>.