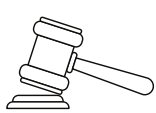


RESPONDING TO THE SHADOW PANDEMIC: INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS DURING COVID-19



Since the outbreak of COVID-19, violence against women and girls, and in particular domestic violence, has intensified due to confinement and lack of access to services

Governments from all over the world have **COMMITTED** to initiatives to combat this increase in violence including...



REVISIONS TO JUSTICE SYSTEM

TRAINING FOR POLICE, BOLIVIA
VIRTUAL COURT HEARINGS, MEXICO
CRIMINAL CODE, AUSTRALIA



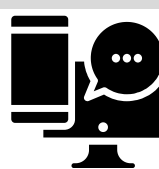
MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

MUSIC VIDEO CAMPAIGN, KENYA
SERVICES ADVERTS, IRELAND
LIFE SKILL SKITS, COLOMBIA



INCREASED RESOURCES

FREE HOTEL ROOMS, BELGIUM
24 HOUR COUNSELING, PERU
INCREASED STAFFING FOR VAWG
HOTLINES & CHATROOMS, MALAYSIA



INNOVATIVE SUPPORT

FLAG INITIATIVE, GUATEMALA
WHATSAPP REPORTING, INDIA
MASK-19/CODE WORDS, SPAIN & FRANCE

To learn about government response to the pandemic of violence against women during the COVID 19 pandemic across the globe
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TYPES OF INITIATIVES



1 ADJUSTMENT TO JUSTICE SECTOR RESPONSE

Countries such as Bolivia, Mexico, and Australia have adapted their justice systems to accommodate survivors needs such as changes to criminal code, increase in electronic monitoring, improving access to restraining orders, virtual hearings and protection order renewal, increase time to report, and increased training for police.



2 COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS USING MASS MEDIA

Countries such as Kenya, Ireland, Peru and Colombia have supported media informational campaigns such as music videos, cartoons, hashtags, infographics, radio and TV advertisements to share information on services available and support for survivors.



3 INCREASED RESOURCES

Countries such as Belgium, Serbia, and Malaysia have increased resources available to survivors by classifying shelters as essential services, increasing hours for hotlines, and coordinating with private sector to provide free or discounted services (hotels, transportation, moving services).



4 INNOVATIVE SUPPORT

Countries such as Guatemala, India, Spain, France, and South Africa have piloted and supported innovative methods to provide services to survivors such as color coded flags, wordless signs that an individual needs help (symbols or hand-signs), code words (Mask19), banning alcohol sales, discrete service providers at pharmacies and markets, discrete or hidden Apps, and online counseling.



5 INCREASED FUNDING

Countries such as the UK, Australia, Canada, and Italy have committed to increasing funding for anti-domestic violence organizations by committing an additional \$1 - \$92 million in funds to support survivors and service providers.

