



National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

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NAESV Cheers the Release of the National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence

Today, the White House released the first [National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Strategies for Action](#), an historic milestone in our nation's commitment to addressing and ending sexual assault and all forms of gender-based violence. National Alliance to End Sexual Violence President and CEO [Monika Johnson-Hostler](#) commented:

"The National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Strategies for Action will be a focal point for our collective efforts, both nationally and internationally, to address and end sexual violence. We applaud this government-wide approach and look forward to continued partnership with the newly formed Federal Interagency Work Group in realizing the potential of this thoughtful and powerful Plan that identifies key pillars to help end gender-based violence. We support the guiding principles put forth in the Plan that recognizes the importance of survivor-centered, trauma-informed and research-based approaches to meet the needs of all survivors to ensure their health and safety."

Background:

Under international law, every country has an obligation to address gender-based violence and all forms of violence against women. On March 8, 2021, President Biden issued an [Executive Order on Establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council](#) that directed the White House Gender Policy Council to develop a national strategy for advancing gender equity and equality. One key implementation mechanism of that national strategy is the creation of a National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence ("GBV NAP"). Many countries have specific plans on GBV.

GBV NAPs constitute strategic, long-term, multi-sectoral “blueprints” or programs of activity designed to address the underlying causes of and prevention of gender-based violence and strengthen the systems that prevent and respond to it. National action plans often aim to reduce the prevalence of GBV, improve intergovernmental coordination, increase support for survivors, and create innovative and targeted ways to bring about societal and institutional change.

A U.S. GBV NAP can provide a more comprehensive, whole-of-government approach to prevent and address GBV with an intersectional lens and a more coordinated approach across sectors, along with benchmarks. It also establishes national standards and calls for collaboration between civil society, survivors, service responders, and all levels of government, putting survivors’ knowledge, experiences, and needs at the center of solutions and services.

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The National Alliance to End Sexual Violence is the voice in Washington for the 56 state and territorial sexual assault coalitions and 1500 rape crisis centers working to end sexual violence and support survivors.