



# SHELTERS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO ARE SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE IN ETHIOPIA



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National Assessment on the Availability,  
Accessibility, Quality and Demand for  
Rehabilitative and Reintegration Services



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# ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ANC	Antenatal Care
AWSAD	Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development
BFA	Beijing Platform for Action
BIGA	Bright Image for Generation Association
BOFED	Bureau of Finance and Economic Development
BoJ	Bureau of Justice
BOLSA	Bureau of Labor and Social Affairs
BOWCYA	Bureau of Women, Children and Youth Affairs
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women
CSA	Central Statistical Agency (Ethiopia)
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
DV Vic	Domestic Violence Victoria
ECO	Ethiopia Country Office
EGLDAM	Ethiopia Goji Limadawi Dirgitoch Aswogaj Mahiber
ESOG	Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians & Gynecologists
EWLA	Ethiopian Women's Lawyers Association
FDRE	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
FMOH	Federal Ministry of Health
FSA	Family Service Association
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GTP	Growth and Transformation Plan
HTP	Harmful Traditional Practices
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
IFSO	Integrated Family Service Organization

KII	Key Informant Interview
MCRC	Mother and Children Rehabilitation Center
MoE	Ministry of Education
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
MoLSA	Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MoWCYA	Ministry of Women, Children and Youth Affairs
NO	Number
OB/GYN	Obstetrics/ Gynecology
OPRIFS	Organization for Prevention, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Female Street Children
PoA	Plan of Action
RTD	Real Time Dispatch
SGBV	Sexual and Gender-based Violence
SNNP	Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples
SOPs	Standard Operating Procedures
UN	United Nations
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations Higher Commissioner for Refugees
UN Women	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
UWONET	Ugandan Women's Network
VAW	Violence against Women
VAWC	Violence against Women and Children
VAWG	Violence against Women and Girls
WHO	World Health Organization

# FOREWORD

Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) is one of the most systematic and widespread violations of human rights globally. It may occur against any woman or girl regardless of nationality, age or socio-economic status. In Ethiopia, violence against women and girls continues to be a major challenge and a threat to women's empowerment. Women and girls face physical, psychological and sexual abuses that undermine their health and ability to earn livelihoods; disrupt their social systems and relationships; and particularly for girls, robs them of their childhood and education.

According to the 2011 Ethiopia Demographic Health Survey (EDHS), two of every three women (68%) and one of every two men (45%) believe that wife beating is justified under specific circumstance. The survey also indicated that 41% of Ethiopian women aged 20-24 had been married before they reached 18 years of age, while 8% of those aged 15-19 years were married before their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE) has put in place appropriate and effective legal and policy provisions to promote the rights of women and girls; and these are enshrined in the Constitution (1995). Ethiopia has also ratified many of the international and continental instruments that promote and protect women's rights, including among others, the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

lice units, (iii) a Special Bench for VAW cases within the Federal Criminal Court, (iv) Child-friendly courts, and (v) Child crime investigations units within the Ministry and Bureaus of Justice.

However, despite these legislative and institutional provisions, support for the rehabilitation and reintegration of survivors of violence is still limited. Women and girls still lack access to coordinated, quality essential services, and as a result, continue to be affected by the psycho-social impacts of violence, which in some cases has resulted in death by suicide or from depression. In the absence of effective rehabilitative and psycho-social support, women and girl-survivors of violence have found very little incentive to report the violence and seek justice against the perpetrators. UN Women and other development partners have been supporting a number of initiatives and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), but this support has not had sufficient scale to effectively address the challenges faced by women and girl-survivors of violence in a holistic manner and in accordance with international standards.

It is against this background that The United Nations entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) commissioned this assessment on "the Availability, Accessibility, Quality and Demand for Rehabilitative and Reintegration Services for Women and Girl-Survivors of Violence in Ethiopia". The assessment will add to the evidence-base for planning and development

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