



# **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE GEF COMMITMENTS AND PROGRESS: FROM COMMITMENT TO ACTION**

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# Introduction

- Kenya is **co-leading** the Generation Equality Forum on **GBV Action Coalition**.
- The GE Forum was launched in 2021, in Paris and Kenya made **12 concrete commitments** to ending all forms of GBV and FGM by 2026.
- The commitments are anchored on key pillars of **Financing; Leadership and Accountability, Laws and policies; Data; and Service Delivery**.
- The Government of Kenya is working in collaboration with **all stakeholders** to implement the commitments.

## Commitment 1:

Full implementation of GBV laws and policies by adopting a GBV indicator in the government performance contracting framework to track duty-bearers accountability on enforcement and implementation of GBV laws and policies by 2022

- Review of **National Policy on Prevention of and Response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) 2014.**
- **County-specific GBV policies** have been developed in 8 counties.
- Dissemination of **Protection Against Domestic Violence (PADV) Rules, 2020.**
- GBV Indicators in Government **Performance Contracting.**

## Commitment 2

**Invest USD 23 million for GBV prevention and response by 2022 and increase resource allocation to USD 50 million by 2026 through a co-financing model.**

- Enhanced Financial Commitment by the Government.
- Bilateral Collaborations.
- Development Partnerships.

## Commitment 3

Ratify and implement the ILO Convention 190 on eliminating Gender Based Violence and harassment in the world of work by 2026 in close partnership with the private sector.

- The ratification of the ILO Convention 190 process is **on-going**.
- **Gender Champion Training** on the provisions and significance of ILO Convention 190 by the Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU).
- **Private Sector Gender Mainstreaming Policy** developed by The Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA).

## Commitment 4:

Introduce a module on GBV in the 2022 Kenya Demographic Health Survey (KDHS) to strengthen the utilization of gender statistics in informing the design, scale-up, and evaluation of FGM and GBV programming.

- **Gender-Based Violence module** was introduced in the 2022 KDHS with data disaggregated by county.
- Retention and expansion of the **FGM module** in the 2022 KDHS to cover more indicators.
- Expanded the module on **Women Empowerment**

## Commitment 5

Develop a GBV Management and Information System (GBVIMS) by 2022 to strengthen GBV prevention and response programming.

- GBVIMS has been developed by the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC).
- The system has a sexual violence module that will be vital in capturing prompt data on GBV.
- The system will be integrated with other information systems that include the District Health management Information System (DHMS).

## Commitment 6

Invest Kshs.100 million annually for GBV research and innovation to boost evidence-based programming.

- **Partnership with academic and other research institutions** to conduct in-depth research on GBV and gender-related matters across diverse sectors of development.
- Further Analysis of the 2022 KDHS.



## Commitment 7

Integrate GBV services (medical, legal, and psychological support services) into the essential minimum package of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2022.

- Existence of Guidelines for the establishment of Gender-Based Violence Recovery Centres (GBVRCs).
- Integrated SGBV Centres like Tumaini clinics within County health facilities in Nairobi.
- The establishment of 12 Specialized Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) courts.

## Commitment 8

Scale up the National Police Service integrated response to GBV '(Policare)' and establish Gender Based Violence Recovery Centers and shelters in all 47 counties.

- Policare Policy Statement and Procedures developed to lay out a structured approach to addressing gender-based violence within the National Police Service.
- Gazetted Policare Centers: The Office of Inspector General of Police has taken significant steps by officially gazetting Policare centres in Nairobi and Nanyuki
- Plans to expand Policare to additional counties. This expansion strategy prioritizes areas with a high prevalence of GBV, including Samburu, Kilifi, and Bungoma.
- Strengthened gender Desks in selected police stations.
- GBVRCs established in Government Level 5 Hospitals in counties.

## Commitment 9

Establish a GBV survivors fund through a co-financing model in partnership with the private sector, civil society, and other stakeholders for the economic empowerment of GBV survivors.

- **Jasiri Fund Establishment:** A collaborative effort involving CSOs like Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development (CCGD), Mastercard, GROOTS Kenya, and Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) being implemented in 10 counties.
- **Dignity Pack Implementation:** To mitigate challenges, the government has introduced the Dignity Pack/Kit initiative.
- **Action Aid's Survivor Fund.**

## Commitment 10

GBV prevention and response in crisis situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic response, humanitarian contexts and electoral-related GBV.

- **Government allocated a total of Kshs. 200M** to address GBV during COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Activation of County GBV and FGM Working Groups during crisis** for comprehensive responses to gender-based violence within their respective regions.
- **Establishment of an Active GBV Task Force to coordinate multifaceted responses to GBV issues**, thereby reinforcing crisis management efforts.

## Commitment 11

To strengthen collaboration with non-state actors including girl-led, women's rights organizations, male champions, and the private sector through coordination structures such as the gender sector working groups at the national and county levels.

- Strengthening of Gender Sector Working Groups at National and County level.
- Establishment of the male engagement and inclusion in the GSWG
- Localization of Generation Equality Forum (GEF) e.g engagements with elders in mt.elgon and Samburu, anti FGM declarations, capacity building for nyumba kumi and duty bearers at grass root level
- Operationalization of Multi-Agency Technical Committee (M-ATC) to accelerate the elimination of Female Genital Mutilation.
- Establishment of County Anti-FGM Coordination Steering Committees

## Commitment 12

Adopt and institutionalize a multi-sectoral GEF Leadership structure to guide the implementation of Kenya's GEF Commitments in the GBV Action Coalition up to 2026.

- **National Advisory Committee:** This committee plays a central role in providing comprehensive guidance for the implementation of GEF initiatives.
- **National Steering Committee:** This committee spearheads the technical execution of GEF Commitments, ensuring a focused and effective approach.
- **Secretariat Support:** This support structure aids in coordinating and facilitating the execution of GEF Commitments, contributing to streamlined efforts.
- **Strong Linkages with GBV/FGM Committees:** The leadership structures established under GEF have forged significant linkages with both the National and County GBV/FGM committees.



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