

# WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SCHOOL RELATED GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



It is any form of violent behavior, act or threat, occurring in and around schools that targets a person because of their gender or gender identity and due to the stereotypes related to it.

## School gender-based violence takes place:



School



On the way to/from school



Home



Online



## MAY MANIFEST IN DIFFERENT FORMS

- Bullying, including verbal and/or physical harassment.
- Sexual harassment, also referred to as "teasing" or innuendo.
- Non-consensual touching, sexual assault and/or seduction.
- Tolerance (or encouragement) of male dominance or aggression in the school environment.



Can reduce school performance.

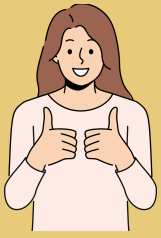


May affect self-esteem and lead to emotional difficulties.



May negatively affect relationships with peers and increase the likelihood of violent behaviour

School Gender Based Violence violates children's fundamental rights, it is a form of gender discrimination, when **all children have the right to feel and be protected from all forms of discrimination and violence wherever they come from.**



## WHAT CAN I DO TO REDUCE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

- I recognize that gender and stereotypes play an important role in the manifestation of violent behavior.
- I try not to use language that is violent and encourages gender discrimination.
- I challenge and take a critical approach towards behaviors that concern me and which encourage gender-based violence.
- I inform myself and/or request access to information if I do not understand something.
- I learn to identify gender-based violence in schools and define it as unacceptable behavior.
- I understand that no violent behavior is tolerable and cannot be justified.
- I support my peers if they are in a difficult situation by encouraging them to seek help from a trusted and caring adult and do the same if it happens to me.



I have **the right to be safe** in and out of my school settings and all children have the same right, regardless of their gender or gender identity.