ONE IN THREE WOMEN WORLDWIDE has experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence (IPV) or nonpartner sexual violence in her lifetime. (WHO, 2013)

The impact of this violence is multifaceted, with far-reaching repercussions for individuals, communities, countries, and the world.

Women who experience violence face a range of negative consequences that limit their ability to realize their full potential.

The widespread burden of violence against women yields tremendous financial impact because of lost productivity and the cost of delivering services to survivors.

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4. Provide services to violence survivors, including medical and legal services to address both immediate health care needs and broader economic burden;
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