



Responding to sexual and gender based violence through integrated sexual and reproductive health service delivery in Palestine

**Palestine Country Context, Trends, and Types of Violence:**

- Palestine is a conservative society.
- Although statistical evidence concerning Sexual Violence (SV) is limited, (PCBS) Violence survey in the Palestinian Society reported that in 2011:
  - 1.11.8% of ever-married women had suffered some form of sexual abuse from their husbands.
  - 2.Over 65% of the women “preferred to remain silent regarding the act of violence practiced against them by their husbands” regardless of the type.
  - 3.Those seeking assistance from a women organization or center for counseling was a mere 0.7%.
- Palestinian laws are outdated or non-existent, such as Panel Law and Family Protection Law.
- Deteriorated political, economic, and security situation, stimulates further violent behavior.

**Recent trends concerning GBV include the following:**

- Electronics crimes had doubled in the year 2015 to reach 502 cases compared to 2014, and average age of women who are mostly exposed to electronic crimes is between 18-24 yrs.
- High prevalence of psychological GBV within the Palestinian society was reported, reaching almost 46% of all cases.
- Early marriage.
- Economic control over women.
- Husbands preventing their wives from using contraceptive methods.
- Risk of unsafe abortion due to unwanted pregnancies.
- Sexual abuse within marriage, as it is considered a husband’s right according to society’s norms



**PFPPA's Service Delivery Channels:**

Integrated package of essential services (IPES) through:  
 Service delivery Points (SDPs) in 6 areas: Ramallah, Hebron, Halhoul, Bethlehem, Gaza and Jerusalem.  
 Through mobile teams in outreach activities to marginalized areas.  
 The Referral System to and from PFPPA SDPs and other partner organizations.



**Achievements – numbers: empowerment:**

- 1.PFPPA is a member of Palestinian Forum of Combating Violence Against Women “Al-Muntada”, which advocates and works for passing new laws and modification of existing laws to that are related to protecting women from violence in general and GBV, some of its achievements are:
  - Reviewing and advocating for Family Protection Law draft, Panel Law Draft and Electronic Crimes Law draft.
  - Established an information bank system for all local NGOs working to register GBV cases.
  - participating in preparing the 2015 Shadow report presented to CEDAW.
- 2.Establishing and maintaining 6 safe spaces for women to receive GBV related services.
3. In 2016, PFPPA provided 760,000 GBV related services reaching almost 25,000 beneficiaries, 45% of which were Sexual GBV related, and 72.5% were provided through the mobile team activities.
- 4.Economic empowerment training for GBV victims followed with economic empowerment projects.
- 5.During 2015 – 2016, 2 TV spots and 1 TV episode were broadcasted, in addition to 4 radio spots which were broadcasted 760 times, aiming at awareness raising and advocating for GBV

