



Promotion of Responsive Legal and Justice Systems

Why should we make legal and justice systems more inclusive, responsive, and equitable?

So that those experiences of justice are the same for every survivor of GBV no matter who or where they are.

Legal and justice systems must consider the lived realities of survivors and protect them from further harm.

We recommend **34 immediate, short, medium, and long-term policy actions** for federal, provincial/territorial, and municipal governments that will improve:

- ★ protections and outcomes for survivors
- ★ government accountability on human rights, racial bias, and violence in the workplace
- ★ resourcing for legal advice and representation

This roadmap covers such critical areas as:

- education for legal/justice actors
- human rights law
- sentencing and incarceration
- family law
- legal representation
- labour
- immigration
- community-based responses/supports
- systems accountability

Legal and justice structures play such a crucial role in

- setting precedents
- impacting other systems
- influencing societal norms and state agendas

that creating a Canada free of gender-based violence through the NAP means transforming these systems so they better serve survivors while negatively sanctioning violence more effectively, consistently.

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National Action Plan

on Violence Against Women and Gender-Based Violence