



Faith ACTION
to end Gender-Based Violence

CAMPAIGN

Faith sector plays a leading role against gender-based violence through Interfaith Campaign

Our beloved nation is ranked amongst the highest in the world for gender-based violence (GBV) and has the highest incidence of rape of any country that is not at war. This is a whole society crisis that demands unwavering action from every sector and every individual within our borders.

85%

In our diverse and vibrant country, faith is a cornerstone for more than 85% of South Africans. The influence of religion extends deeply into our lives, shaping our values, beliefs, and attitudes. It is this profound influence that holds the potential to transform social norms and bring an end to the scourge of GBV. Places of worship in every urban and rural community stand as sanctuaries of hope and guidance. They possess the power to become beacons of change, both in prevention efforts and in offering unwavering support for survivors of GBV.



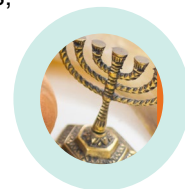
Enter the Faith Action to End GBV Collective which, together with We Will Speak Out SA (WWSOSA), is a growing movement of faith organisations and individuals, which has become increasingly recognised by the South African Government, international agencies, and governments as a key stakeholder in achieving the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (NSP on GBVF).

We pledge

In a historic move, the Collective has embarked on a groundbreaking Faith Sector GBV Mobilisation Campaign that transcends faith boundaries. Together, diverse faith leaders and communities are taking a public pledge to play a significant role in multi-stakeholder

initiatives aimed at preventing GBV and achieving the goals of the NSP on GBVF.

Our campaign unites scholars, leaders, activists and ordinary members from the Baha'i faith, Brahma Kumaris, Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, and African Traditional Religions. Together, we are forging a path forward to address this national crisis.



At the heart of this campaign lies a joint Statement of Commitment crafted by scholars and activists in the faith sector through information-gathering, consultation, collaboration and validation. A Signature Campaign involves gathering signatures to this Statement from faith leaders, activists and people of faith to pledge unwavering commitment to work to end GBV and femicide, and address its underlying drivers.



But our mission does not stop at signatures. The Statement will be taken to faith institutions and faith communities to workshop and put practical steps in place to become safe spaces where abuse has no place, and to work against GBV in the country through survivor-centred and survivor-led approaches.



The call is resounding, it is a call from above, and it extends to all people of faith. Join us in this journey towards a South Africa free from the chains of GBV. Together, with faith as our compass, we shall navigate this path towards a South Africa free and safe for all.



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“We need to do faith differently.”
Methodist Presiding Bishop Purity Malinga, 2022.