

# A Quick Guide to the Interfaith GBV Prevention and Mitigation Strategy 2030

## What is the Interfaith GBV Prevention and Mitigation Strategy 2024 – 2030?

A national strategy developed for any organisation/persons of faith to engage with.

**Aim:** to collectively eliminate GBV within the faith sector and all South African communities.

**We envisage:** Transformed Gender and GBV-Competent Faith Communities working with others to help achieving the outcomes of the NSP on GBVF.

**Partners:** diverse faith communities and leaders, civil society organisations, scholars government, development agencies, activists.

*This Strategy was developed collectively by partners of the Faith Action to End GBV Collective and members of We Will Speak out South Africa (WWSOSA), the Faith Action Secretariat.*

**Launch:** 03 October 2023, 09h00-16h00, Baha'i Centre, North Riding, Johannesburg

## Who is the Faith Action Collective to End GBV? THE VEHICLE

Diverse interfaith partners working in the faith sector: scholars, activists, leaders and institutions, Civil society formations in partnership with Government, development and private sector partners:

Working since 2020 to collectively prevent and respond to GBV within the faith sector and society,

Offering networking support, mutual learning opportunities and solidarity in joint advocacy initiatives

<https://www.wwsosa.org.za/faith-action-to-end-gbv/>



**Faith ACTION**  
to end Gender-Based Violence

*"...if 80% of South Africa's population are churchgoers and 90% of those who actually go to church are women, then my church consists of many, many survivors. But also of perpetrators. How blind am I to the realities of my congregants? What does that mean for my ministry? We have to change our church culture, even if it becomes something different."*

(Bishop Nkosinathi Zondi, Truevine Community Church)

## Why does South Africa need an Interfaith GBV Strategy?

This Strategy is a uniting thread for a growing faith sector movement that has recognised the seriousness of GBV in all its forms - including femicide and spiritual abuse - as a major social challenge in South Africa today.

The spiritual capital and perceived moral authority of the faith sector can potentially promote positive life-giving values and practices and contribute invaluable to social transformation in this country.

*You, all of us, are part of that spiritual capital and our actions and words can significantly change South Africa's religious and social landscape.*

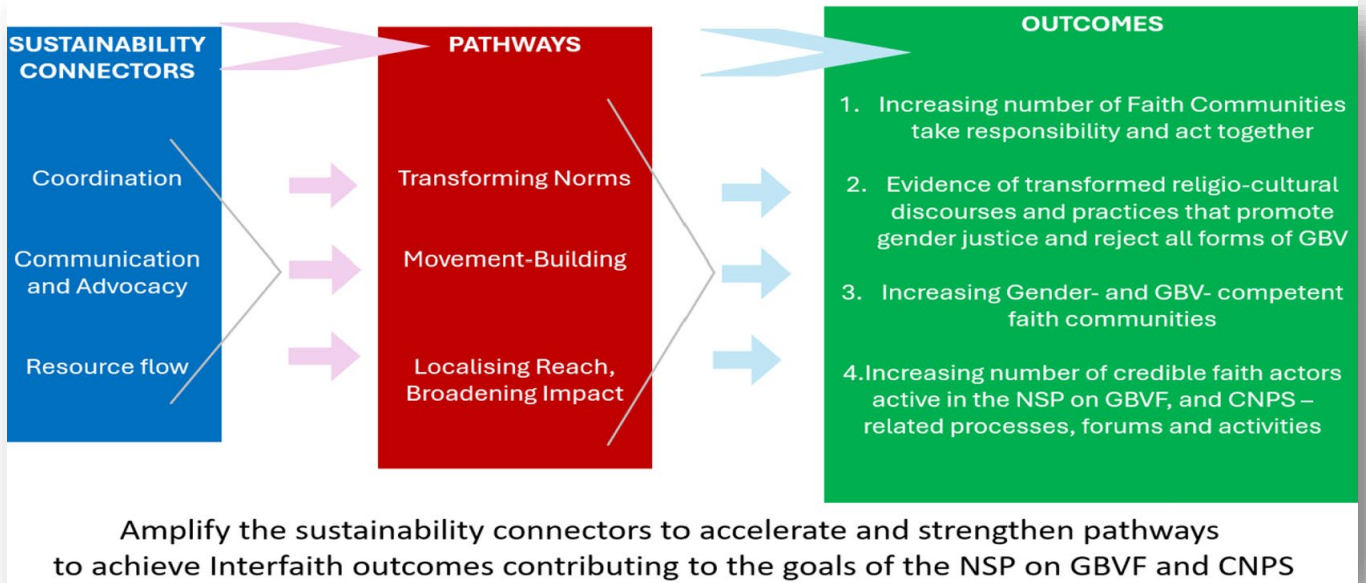
## Who is We Will Speak Out South Africa (WWSOSA)? THE SECRETARIAT

Established in 2013, WWSOSA is an interfaith coalition of individuals, organisations, with survivors at the centre, united by a common commitment to end GBV and mitigate its impact.

<https://www.wwsosa.org.za/>

**WE WILL  
SPEAK OUT**  **SA**  
Working together to end sexual and gender based violence

## Overview of the Strategy



### Who Owns the Strategy?

EVERYONE! All institutions and organisation of all faiths committed to addressing GBV,.

As long as their values and goals are aligned with GBV prevention and mitigation as framed in the Strategy.

The Strategy offers a valuable way to share good practices and lessons learnt, increase mutual accountability, optimise resources and harness mutual solidarity and learning.



### Prepare for the Launch

Read the draft and offer feedback

<https://www.wwsosa.org.za/interfaith-gbv-prevention-and-mitigation-strategy/>

Register for the Launch

<https://forms.gle/r2wUwwJz5PkvAtam7>

### Next Steps



Develop a robust M&E Framework



Develop short- and medium-term Action Plans and budgets for each pathway



Establish Interest / Working Groups  
Finalise Connecting structure

**This strategy invites all faith sector actors to be inspired to locate their own contributions, alone and with others, to achieve the shared faith sector vision of a safe and inclusive society free from GBV and Femicide.**

**To submit your feedback to the draft strategy or find out more:**

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