



# Spotlight Initiative

*To eliminate violence against women and girls*

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*Initiated by the European Union and the United Nations:*



# What is the Spotlight Initiative?

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpsfYKdGFso>

# EU and UN Partnership

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- The EU and UN global partnership to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls – launched September 2017- EUR 500 million globally
- Galvanizes political commitment to achieving SDG5 on gender equality
- Focuses on all forms of VAWG:
  - Domestic and family violence
  - Sexual and Gender-based violence
  - Harmful practices
  - Trafficking in human beings and sexual and economic exploitation
- To model a new kind of partnership with donors, government, civil society, and across the UN system to deliver on the SDGs in a comprehensive manner, leveraging comparative expertise

# Regional Thematic Focus



**CARIBBEAN/2019**  
Family violence



**LATIN AM./2018**  
Femicide



**AFRICA/2018**  
Sexual/GBV  
& Sexual  
Reproductive  
Health Rights

**ASIA/2018**  
Trafficking &  
exploitation



**PACIFIC/2019**  
Domestic  
Violence



# Family violence

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In the Caribbean, the Spotlight Initiative will focus on addressing all forms of **family violence**, which covers physical, social, sexual, economic and emotional abuse and acts of aggression within relationships that are considered as family connections or akin to family connections.

Family violence is often rooted on **unequal gender power relations** and women and girls are usually the most affected by its consequences.

Focusing on family violence provides the opportunity to address the consequences and roots causes of **violence across the life-cycle**.

# Caribbean Context

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## High risk

Life time prevalence of physical and/or sexual partner violence



High rate of abused women not seeking help



High rate of children below age 15 subjected to corporal punishment at home



Early union



High adolescent birth rate



# Caribbean Investment Plan

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1) The Spotlight Initiative **Regional programme in the Caribbean** provides a regional response to tackling family violence in the Caribbean region focusing on institutional capacity building; prevention and data

2) The **Country specific programme** will include countries:



Belize



Grenada



Guyana



Haiti



Jamaica



Trinidad & Tobago

The selection of these countries followed a systematic and consultative process, which involved the UN and the EU at global, regional and national levels

# Spotlight results framework

All women and girls live a life free of violence

All women and girls, particularly those most marginalized, in target countries live a life free from VAWG and HP through prevention strategies and strengthened multi-sectoral responses.

Legislative  
and policy  
frameworks

Systems &  
Institutions  
for prevention  
and response  
to VAWG

Social norms,  
attitudes and  
behavior  
change for  
Prevention

Available,  
accessible  
and quality  
essential  
services

Quality and  
disaggregated  
data for  
evidence-based  
decision  
making

Women's  
movements  
and Civil  
Society  
advocacy



# Target Audience



## Partners

- Government entities
- United Nations Country Team
- Civil Society organizations
- EU & other ID partners
- Research Institutions & academia
- Private sector



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