CERF strongly supports protection from gender-based violence. In 2020, CERF conducted two special allocations, under the Rapid Response and Underfunded Emergencies windows, to increase its support to GBV programming and achieve lasting changes.

$46.8M SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS TO PROTECTION FROM GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
In total, CERF allocated $65M to GBV programming in 2020

1.5M PEOPLE TARGETED

- 300k people targeted in Yemen*
- 129k people in Cameroon
- 122k people in Bangladesh
- 109k people in Ethiopia
- 97k people in Iraq
- 70k people in Afghanistan
- 62k people in Myanmar
- 60k people in Somalia
- 59k people in Mozambique
- 49k people in eP
- 46k people in Mali
- 47k people in Pakistan
- 37k people in Burundi
- 24k people in Colombia
- 23k people in Venezuela
- 23k people in Ecuador
- 2k people in Haiti

*UNFPA targets 300,000 people with its project for sexual and reproductive health in Yemen. The number of people indirectly reached with GBV programming will be determined later.
In November 2020, on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the Emergency Relief Coordinator allocated $25 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund to UNFPA and UN Women. This extraordinary allocation was aimed at responding to increasing trends of gender-based violence (GBV) around the world, related to the COVID-19 situation. With this funding, the two agencies and their partners work to empower women and girls, and strengthen the capacities of local women’s organizations to prevent, respond and mitigate the effects of GBV.

To achieve these objectives, the allocation is being implemented over two years, 2021-2022, across 11 countries affected by humanitarian emergencies, providing support to 770,000 affected people. An estimated 40% of the funding - $10 million - is allocated to women-led organizations and women’s rights organizations.

The two UN agencies and their partners also provide food security assistance, healthcare and multi-purpose cash grants.

The two agencies have worked closely together to agree on priority countries, common outcomes and indicators, and a joint evaluation at the end of the implementation period.

In October 2020, as part of a $100 million allocation to the world’s most underfunded emergencies, the ERC asked humanitarian country teams to specifically prioritize GBV programming.

Country teams allocated a total of $9.6 million for GBV programming, targeting a total of 463,000 affected people with activities responding to or mitigating the effects of gender-based violence. Some country teams, including Uganda and Nigeria, made GBV programming the focus of their CERF strategies.

In addition, country teams have prioritized health programmes that will also help prevent or mitigate GBV with $12.1 million allocated. In the Health sector, this includes sexual and reproductive health, clinical management of rape and menstrual hygiene management. Thus, a combined total of $21.7 million supports direct and indirect GBV outcomes.