



## FACT SHEET

**“Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation, and it is perhaps the most pervasive. It knows no boundaries of geography, culture or wealth. As long as it continues, we cannot claim to be making real progress towards equality, development and peace” (Kofi Annan)**

### What is **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)**?

“Intimate partner violence (IPV) is violence or aggression that happens in a close relationship.

The term ‘intimate partner’ includes current and former spouses and dating partners. IPV can vary in frequency and severity and occurs on a continuum, ranging from one episode that might or might not have lasting impact, to chronic and severe episodes over a period of years

(Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC).

### Special **GBV Courts**

- Settling IPV cases informally through community elders does not serve as adequate measure to prevent the offender from abusing the victim again. It only makes the survivor’s situation worse.
- Special Courts have been established to prosecute all forms of gender-based violence (GBV) including IPV.

### **Report all IPV Incidents**

What to do...

- » Call 1195 to report (24-hour toll free hotline)
- » Visit your nearest health care facility soonest
- » Report the incident to the officer at the nearest Special Court ( See contacts provided)