Sexual and gender-based violence has devastating consequences for victims/survivors, and for their families and communities. Preventing such violence and protecting victims/survivors — and providing suitable responses to their needs — are major issues of humanitarian concern.

The 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent:
Sexual and gender-based violence

What conclusions did the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent reach on the subject of sexual and gender-based violence?

It adopted Resolution 3, “Sexual and gender-based violence: Joint action on prevention and response”. By this means, States and the components of the Movement committed themselves to implementing a broad range of measures on preventing and responding to sexual and gender-based violence.

The resolution, which condemns sexual and gender-based violence in all circumstances, focuses on sexual violence in armed conflict and on sexual and gender-based violence in disasters and other emergencies.

Some of the actions to be taken in the next four years, following the 32nd International Conference, are listed below.

BY STATES

Put an end to impunity by:
> investigating and prosecuting
> ensuring access to justice for victims/survivors.

Review and strengthen, if necessary, domestic legal frameworks.

BY STATES, NATIONAL SOCIETIES, PARTNERS AND COMMUNITIES

Raise awareness of:
> the prohibition against sexual and gender-based violence
> the need to prevent such violence and to assist and protect victims/survivors

Ensure that victims/survivors have access to care ensuring their dignity, safety and preventing stigmatization.

What can I do as a community member?

Help to raise awareness among communities of the prohibition against sexual and gender-based violence and of the need to prevent stigmatization of victims.

Promote existing services and facilities to victims/survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

Lobby for the provision of adequate services and facilities for victims/survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.