

# **COMPREHENSIVE MEDICO- LEGAL APPROACH TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

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# Survivor-Centered Approach to Sexual Violence

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## Victim Reports to Police First

- The victim reports the incident to the police, receives a Police Form 3 (PF3), and may be referred to a health facility for medical attention.
- The police file a report, and the victim may receive a medical examination at the station or be referred to a hospital.

## Seeks Medical Attention First

- The victim seeks medical attention at a health facility, receives treatment, care, and counseling, and may report the incident to the police.
- The health facility provides medical examination, evidence collection, and treatment, and may refer the victim to the police or legal services.



## GENERAL KEY PRINCIPLES WHILE HANDLING SEXUAL VIOLENCE CASES

### Respect of Autonomy

Provision of accurate information is needed and the right to make decisions for her/his case, including whether to report the case to police

### Access to services

Any medical needs should be addressed immediately. Their care and support should be a priority

### Right to Confidentiality

Make sure the immediate environment is secure and private and the victim's confidentiality is respected

### Non-discrimination

There shouldn't be any discrimination, regardless of religion, race, sex, gender identity, age, ethnic group, profession, socio-economic level, political affiliation, sexual orientation or other factor.

# KEY POINTS IN MANAGING HEALTH ISSUES IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

## **Informed Consent**

Ensure victims are informed of every step of the medical process so they can consent to each part.

## **Documentation**

Ensure all injuries are documented and treated

## **Managing Risks of Pregnancy**

This might include baseline testing, emergency contraception and follow up

## **HIV Testing and Prevention**

Assess Risk, Baseline testing , provide PEP and subsequent reviews

## **Management of other STIs**

Offer Prophylaxis or treatment for Sexually Transmitted Infections.

## **Wound Care**

Provide antibiotics and Tetanus Prophylaxis

## **Sauti-116**

A toll-free number established by the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development in partnership with UNICEF for children, women and men who have experienced abuse, neglect, exploitation and gender-based violence.

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**  
that support survivors: UGANET,  
Center for Domestic Violence  
Prevention (CEDOVIP)

# **Uganda's Support Network: Helplines for Sexual Violence Victims**

**Uganda Police  
Force has a  
Gender Based  
Violence (GBV)  
Toll free  
Helpline at  
0800199195**



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