

The GBV multi-sectoral coordination here is referred as the “Rede-Referral”, which means referral network. It operates within the Timor-Leste Constitution as well as the Law against Domestic Violence.

The Rede-Referral composes of two working groups. They are:

- a) Service Providers Working Group which is led by the by the Ministry of Social Solidarity, with the technical support of UNFPA.
- b) Strategy and Advocacy Working Group which is led by the Secretariat of State for the Promotion of Equality (SEPI)

Service Providers Working Group: Is responsible for ensuring coordinated responses to GBV cases including domestic violence. The members of the working group are mainly national NGOs that provide direct services such as legal aid; medical care; medical forensic examination; shelter; psychosocial support to survivors of violence. It includes the Vulnerable Persons Unit of the National Police of Timor-Leste (PNTL).

The roles of the Ministry of Social Solidarity in this regard are to:

- coordinate the working group at service providers level,
- Develop SOPs on GBV referral pathway,
- Support NGOs in its service provision,
- Collect and consolidate data on GBV incidence being reported
- Provide support to survivors in the district and sub-districts level through basic and specialized services, child protection officers and 65 social animators at all sub-districts
- Recommend suggestions to the Strategy and Advocacy Group on issues that require policy interventions from other relevant ministries such as the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Secretary of State for Civil Security (SoSS), Prosecutor General’s Office and the Ministry of Education.

The roles of the NGO in this group are to update cases to ensure that survivors receive adequate and appropriate support from the working group. They also provide monthly updates on total cases received.

The role of the Vulnerable Persons’ Unit (VPU) is to register the GBV incident reported, investigate cases, refer survivors to the relevant service providers and report cases to the prosecutor’s general office.

This working group meets once in a month.

Strategy and Advocacy Working Group: The Secretariat of State for the Promotion of Equality (SEPI) leads this group. Members comprised of focal points from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Justice, Secretary of State for Civil Security (PNTL/VPU) and the Prosecutor’s General Office. National NGOs and UN agencies are also part of the working group.

The role of SEPI is to develop strategic approach to support policy making as well as advocating for changes to policies and laws, based on recommendations from the service providers working group.