

# GBVIMS Benefits and Limitations

When implemented as intended, the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) upholds the highest ethical and safety standards regarding GBV data collection and sharing.

## Benefits of the GBVIMS

The GBVIMS:

- Promotes and protects the **safety, respect, dignity and consent** of GBV survivors at every step.
- Allows service providers to better understand the GBV cases being reported.
- Enables actors to safely share data internally across project sites and externally with agencies for broader trends analysis and to improve GBV coordination.
- Produces the highest quality of GBV client/incident data currently available to humanitarian actors.
- De-identifies incident data, thus increasing client confidentiality and enabling safe and ethical data sharing.
- Ensures survivor consent for data usage.
- Eliminates bias and subjectivity used in classifying and defining types of GBV.
- Automatically produces statistical tables and charts on survivor profiles, alleged perpetrator profiles, incident trends (e.g. time and location) and referral pathway tracking among others.
- Given that terminology is standardized, the tables and charts produced by various actors are compliant and comparable.
- Provides a low technology solution (Excel) for environments that do not have high technological capacity.

While the GBVIMS provides a vehicle to ensure clients are protected while meaningful data is collected, there are limitations in the system.

## GBVIMS Limitations

The GBVIMS:

- Complements but does not replace existing case management processes used by service providers as it does not capture a client's data over time. It is intended to complement existing case management processes.
- Is not an appropriate tool for human rights monitoring, researchers, or surveyors.
- Cannot, in isolation, monitor the quality of program interventions.
- Generates data that pertains only to **reported** incidents; thus it is not a reflection of the actual prevalence of GBV in any given community.