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WHAT IS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE?
Part 1 – Psychological and Economic Gender-Based Violence

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NARRATION: Every man has a choice about who he will become. Some people are under the false impression that men are naturally violent, sexual, and aggressive. But when we encourage those behaviors and reinforce those stereotypes, we're allowing violence to continue and cause pain in our communities. What can you do to make a difference?

In this video, we're going to talk about two types of gender-based violence: physical and sexual. Let's start with physical gender-based violence.

Physical gender-based violence is any action that causes physical harm to someone because of their gender. Some examples include punching, kicking, burning, or cutting. Female genital mutilation is also a type of physical gender-based violence.

Next, sexual gender-based violence refers to the act of forcing someone, because of their gender, to participate in a sexual activity. This can include rape, unwanted touching or groping, assault, harassment, forced marriage, forced prostitution, or coercing someone into having sex from a position of power. Forcing someone to have unprotected sex against their will is also a form of sexual gender-based violence.

Unfortunately, gender-based violence can happen anywhere, to anyone. The attacker is often someone the victim knows, such as a teacher, a friend, a family member or even a spouse. But one thing is clear: no one deserves to be a target of violence.

In the next video, we'll talk about what you can do to end gender-based violence in your community.

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