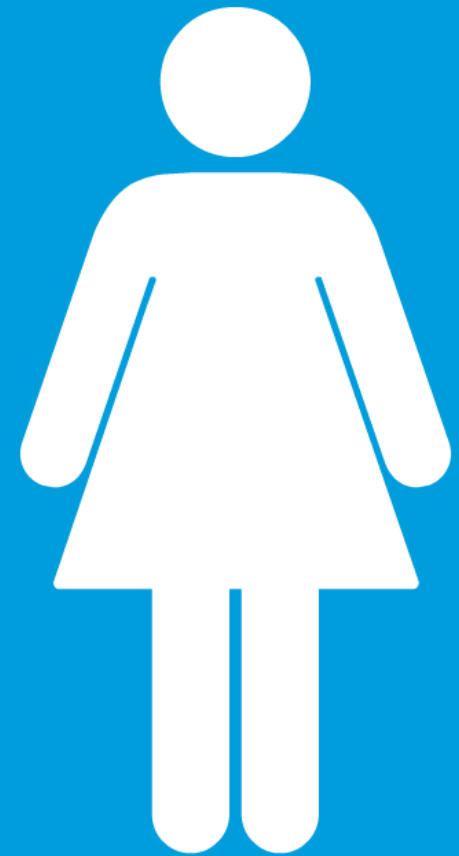
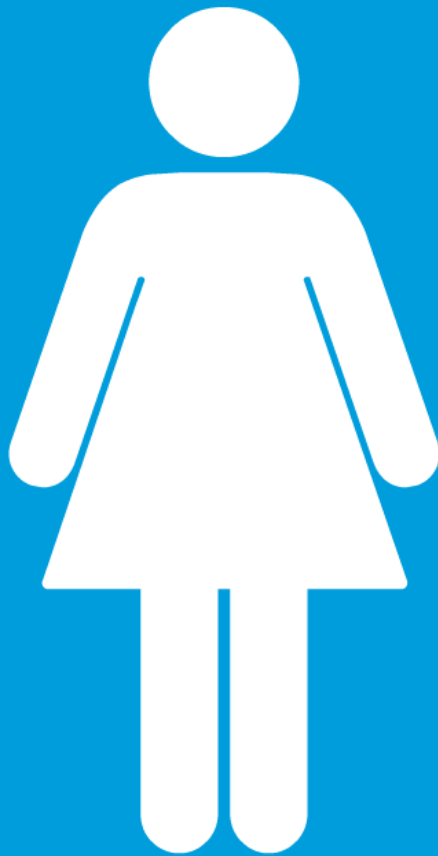
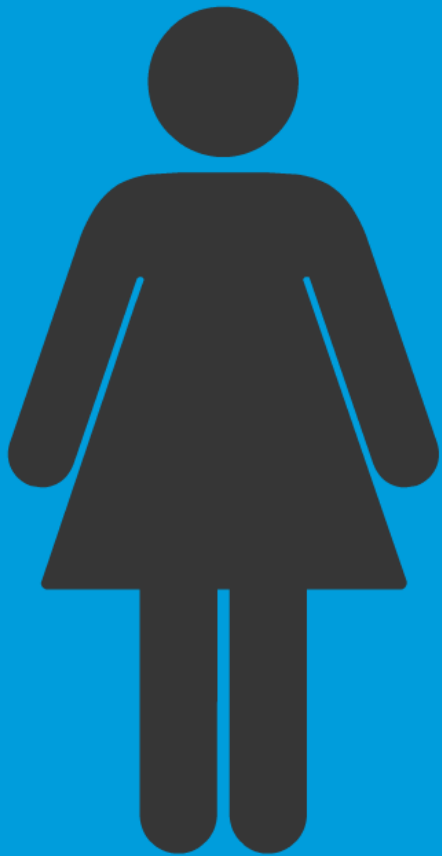




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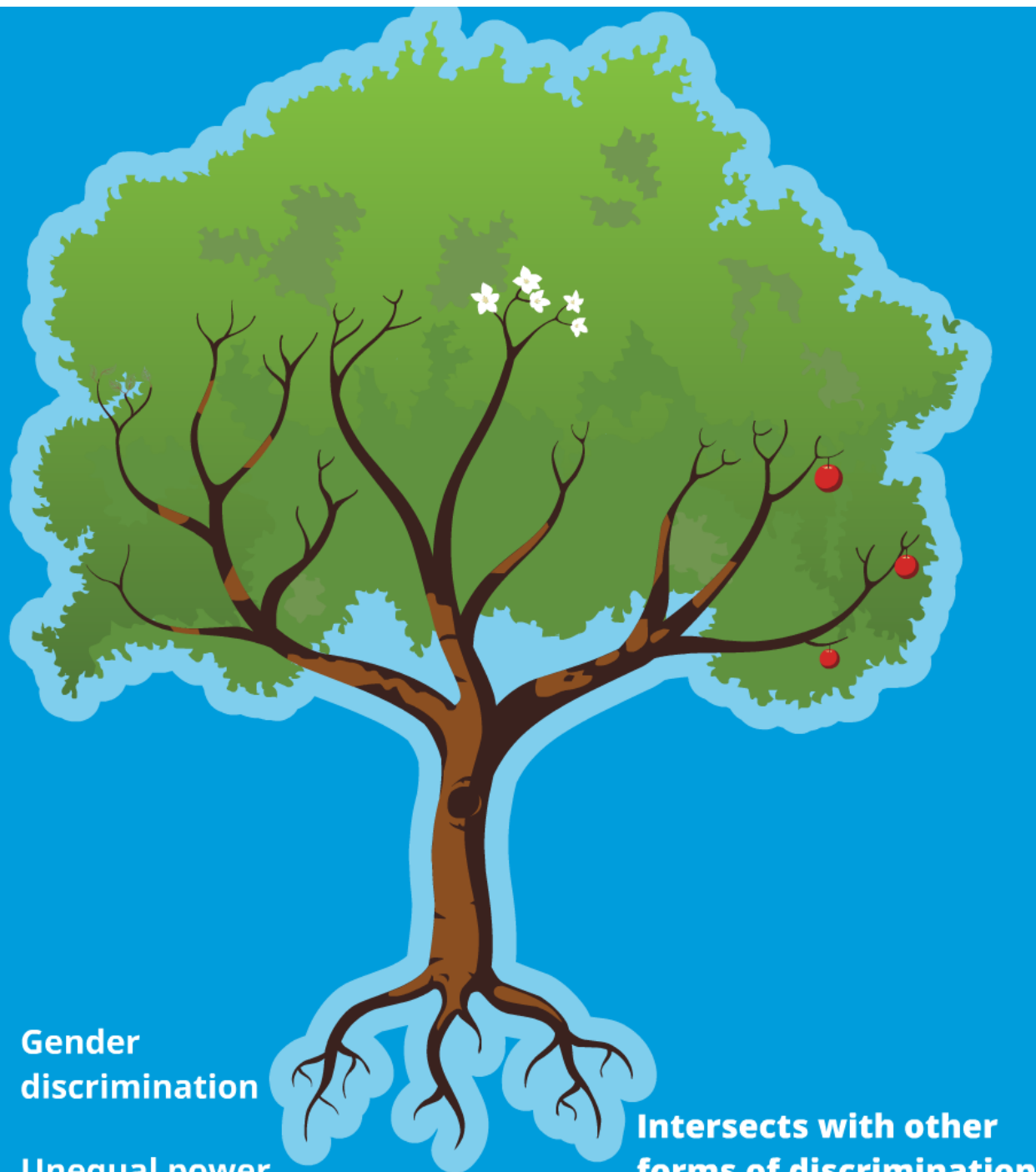
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**Low value of
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**Intersects with other
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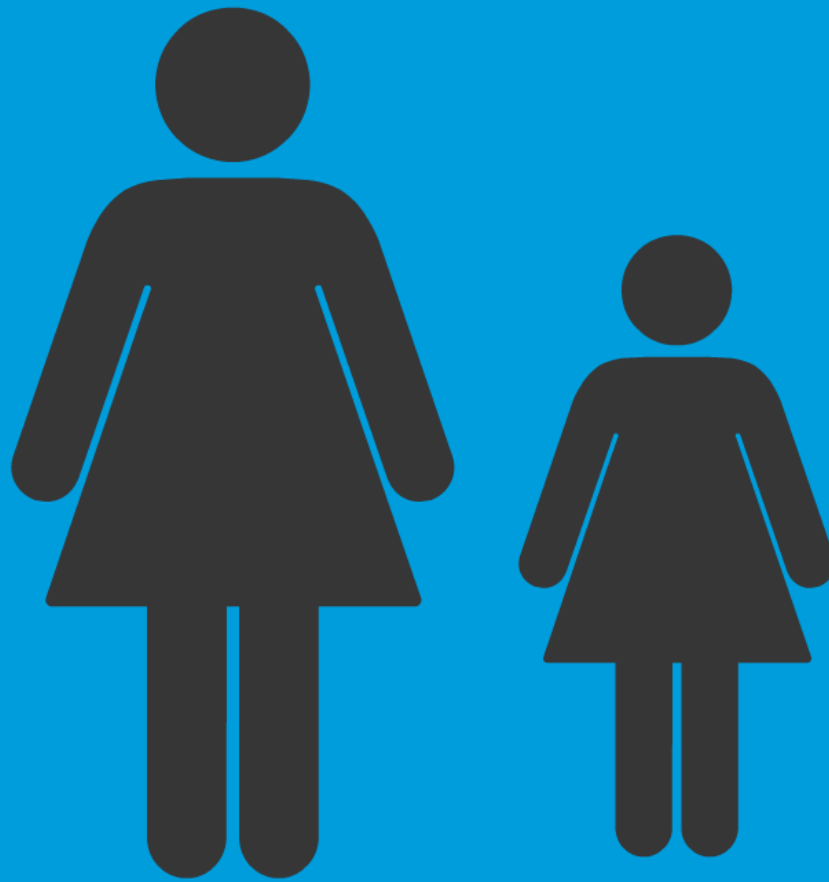
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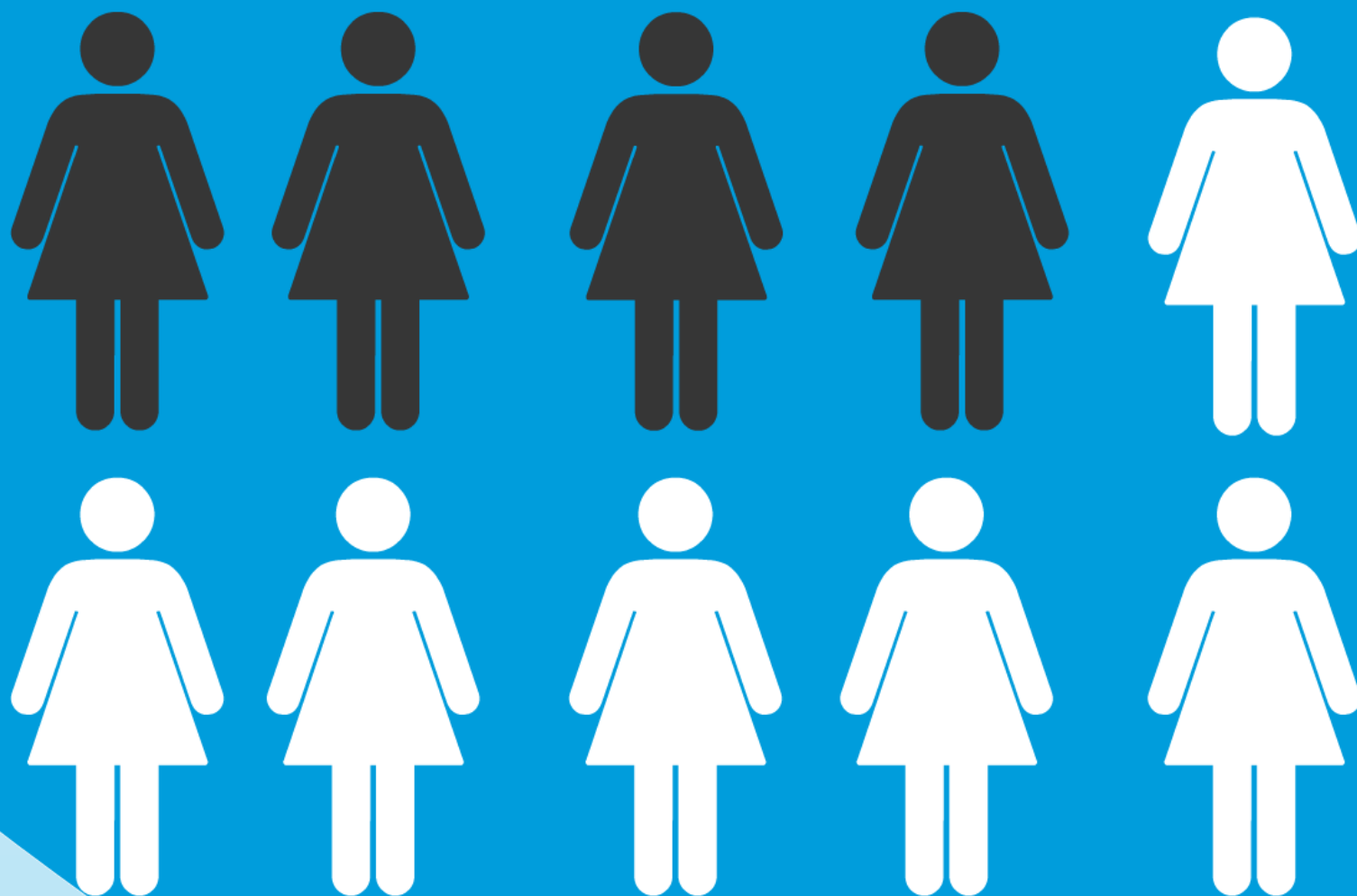


- States have an obligation by international law to exercise **due diligence** to prevent, protect and punish VAW/G
(CEDAW General Recommendation No 19, 1992)
- States to 'refrain from invoking any **custom, tradition or religious consideration** to avoid their obligations'
(Beijing Platform for Action 1995)

More than half of victims of sexual assault are girls under the age of 16



In Asia, nearly 4 in 10 women aged 20-24 were married before the age of 18



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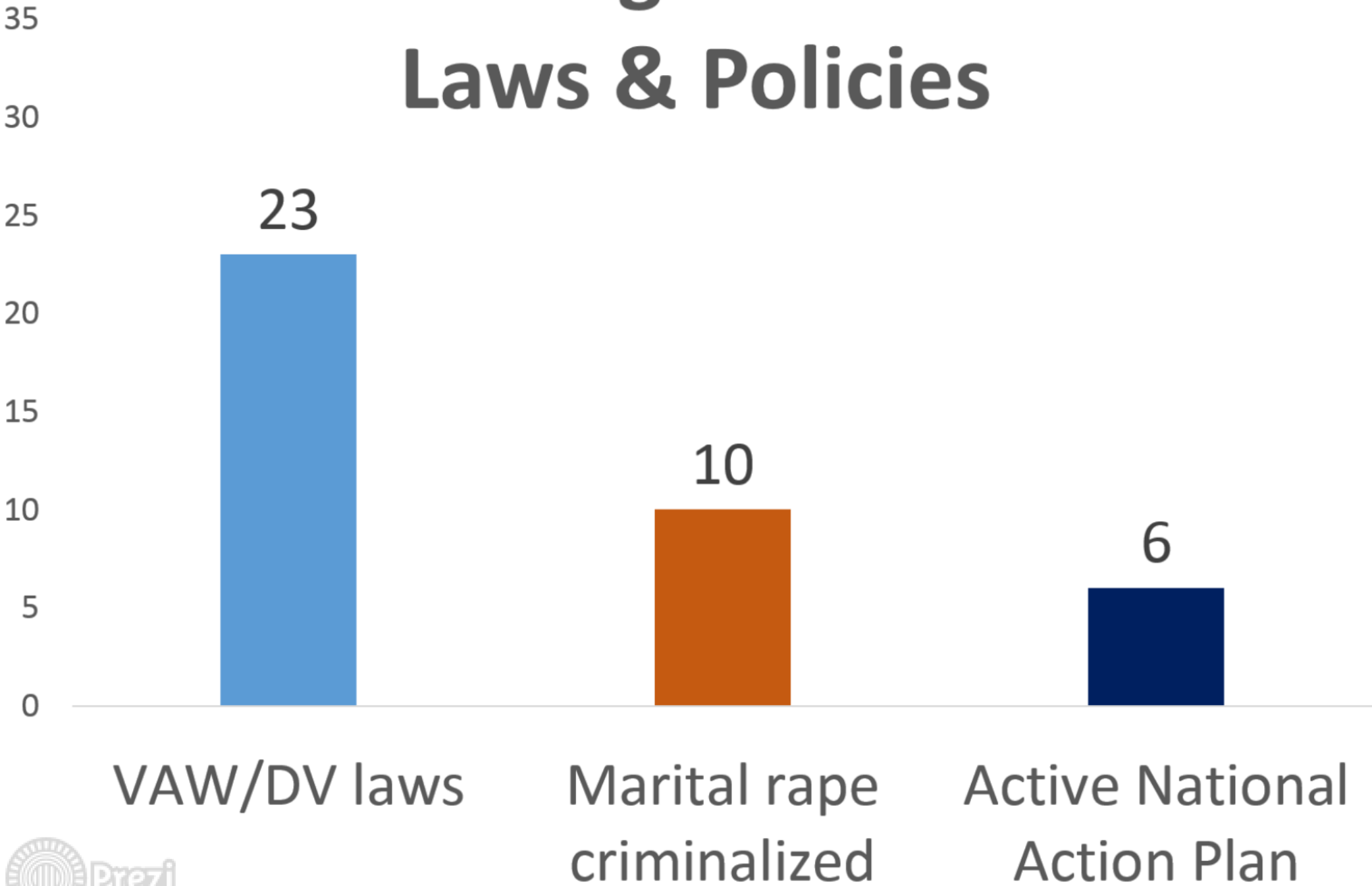


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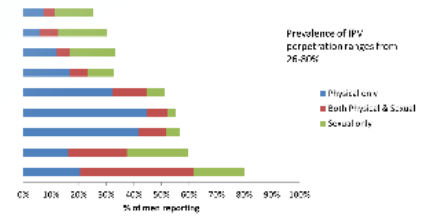




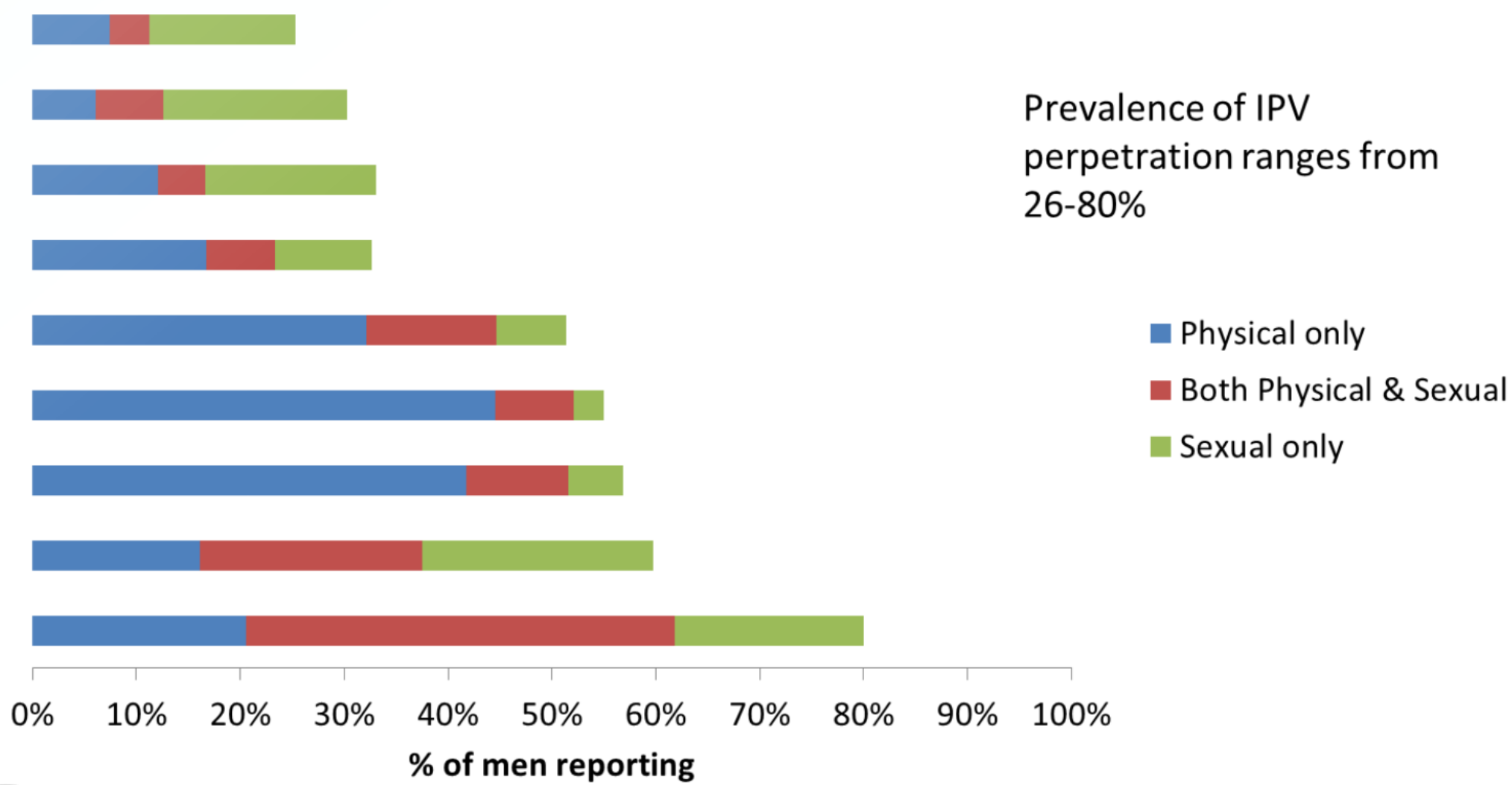
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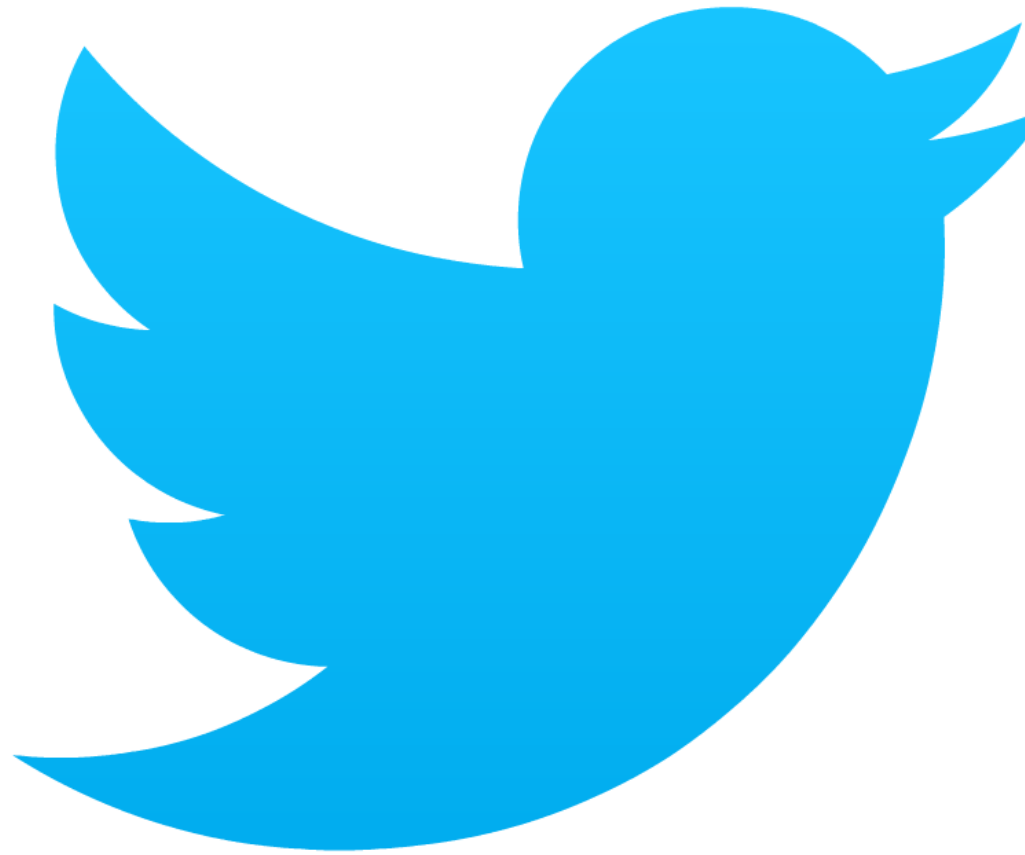
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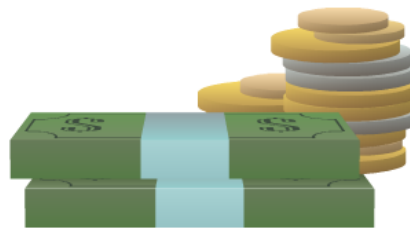


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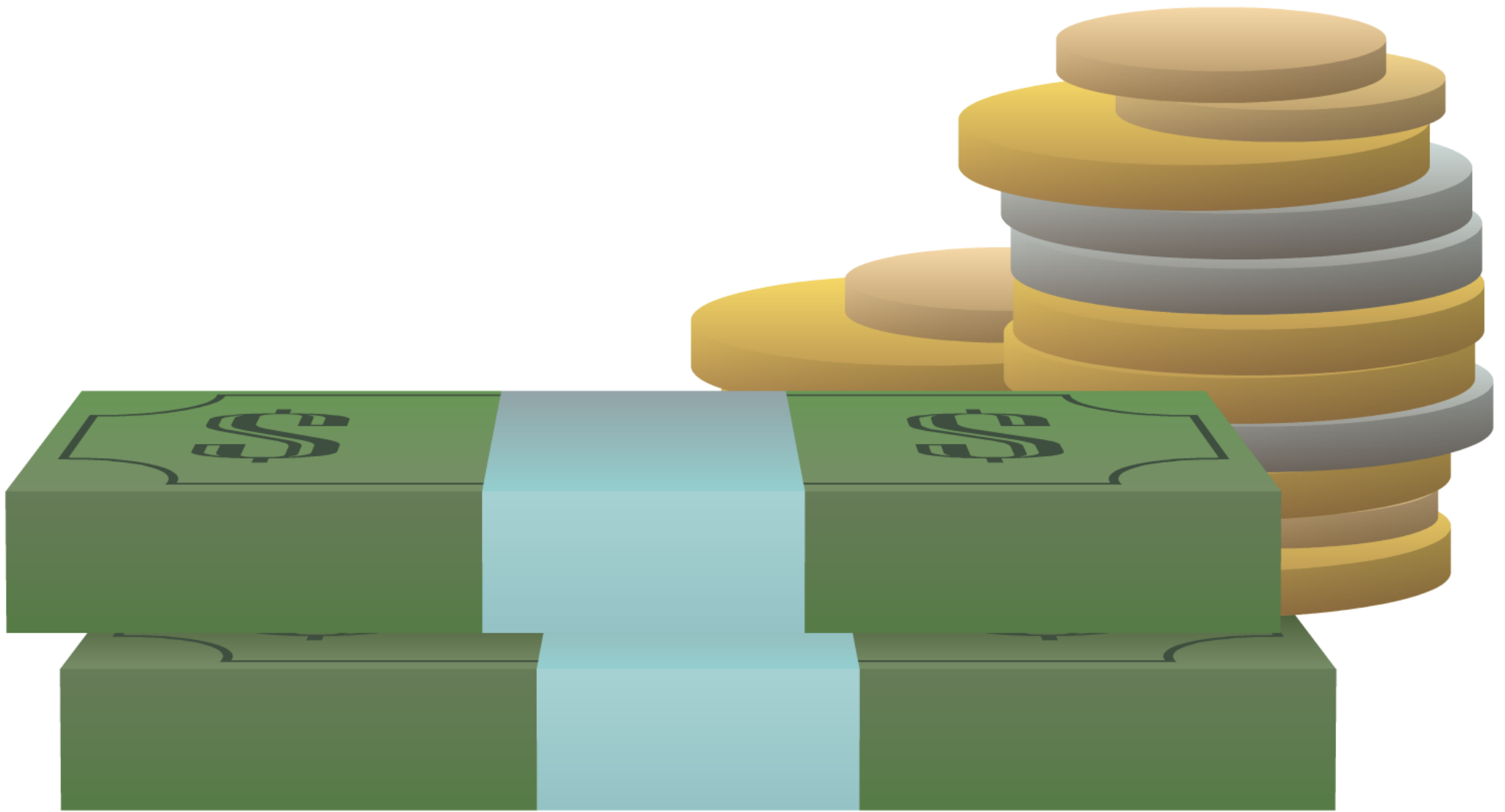
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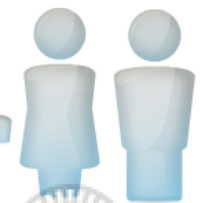






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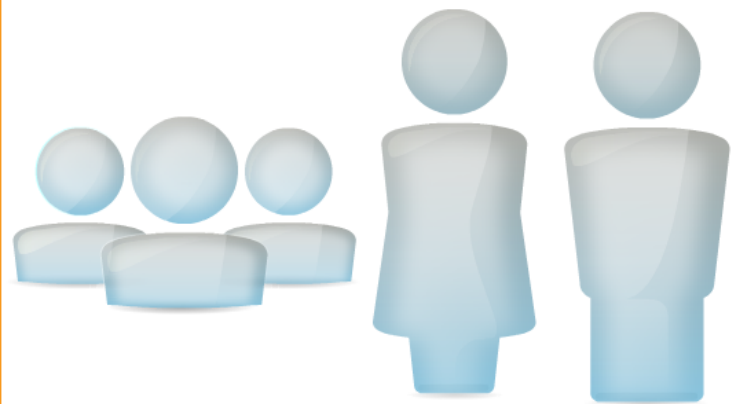
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- School-, sports- or peer-based education to promote knowledge and life skills



2. Respond to VAW/G after it happens



Adopt, implement and enforce laws that criminalize VAW

Prosecute perpetrators and ensure victims have access to justice

Ensure coordinated multi-sectoral services for victims/survivors

- Shelters, hotlines, legal aid, healthcare, counseling, employment, sexual and reproductive health...

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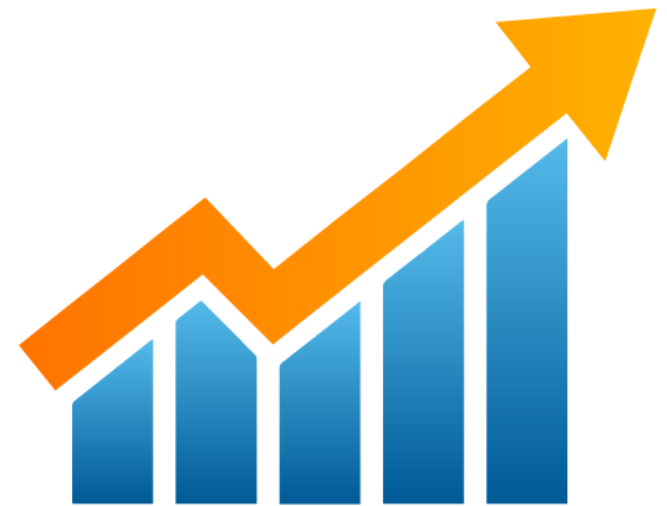
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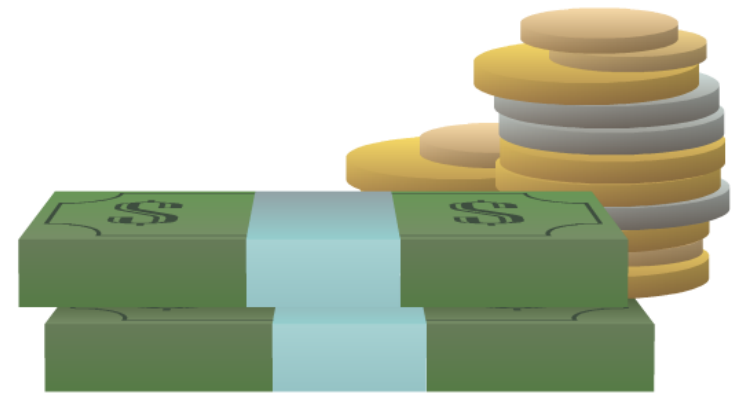
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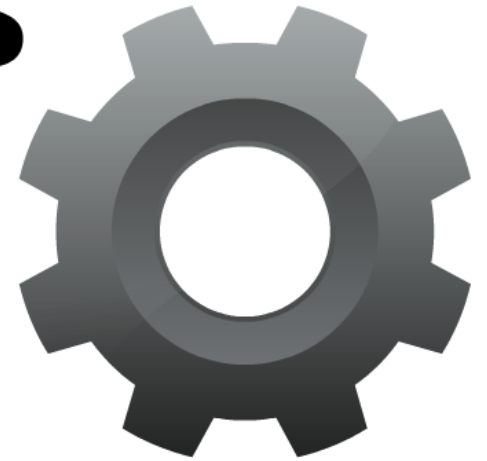
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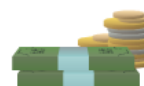
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