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# Empowering Women to Eliminate Gender-based Violence and Establish Gender Equality

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### **About the exercise**

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# State of Affairs in Bangladesh: Forms of Gender Based Violence

## Domestic Violence

- Around 50% of all violence against women happens as a result of dowry culture
- 27% of married women get raped by their husband

## Workplace Violence

- Limited opportunities to work at night-shift and weak maternity leave policies
- Unfavorable business environment for women entrepreneurs

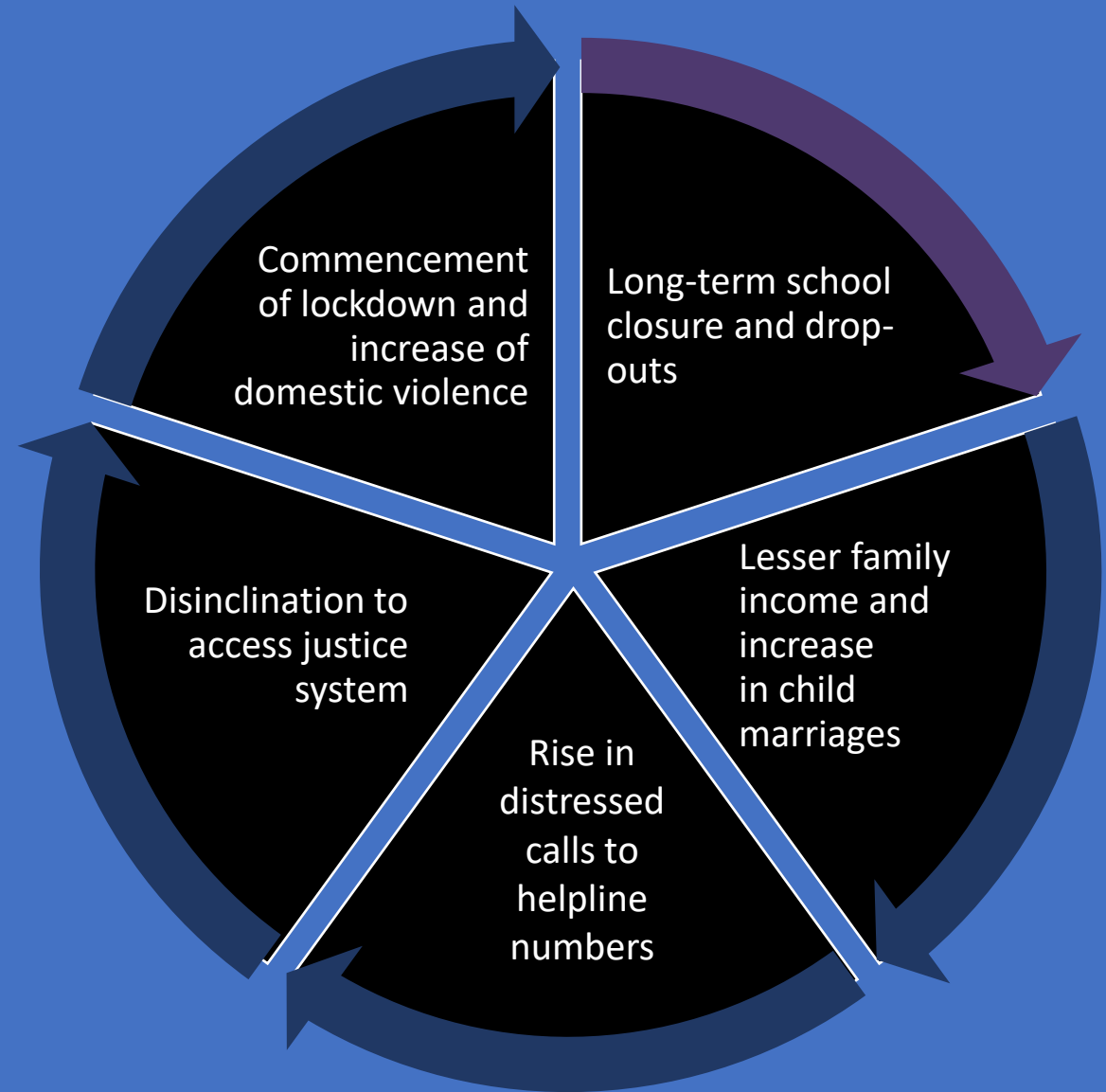
## Sexual Violence

- Victim Blaming culture against women
- Lack of implementation of guidelines addressing sexual harassment given by Supreme Court

## Racist Violence

- Denial of equal rights increases GBV
- Prevalence of violence against minority population such as transgenders

# COVID-19 and its Impacts



# Existing Policies and Affirmative Actions

## Legislations

- ✓ Nari O Shishu Nirjatan Daman Ain, 2000
- ✓ Acid Control Act, 2002
- ✓ The Domestic Violence, Punishment and Protection Act, 2010
- ✓ The Dowry Prohibition Act, 2018
- ✓ The Child Marriage Restrain Act, 2018

## Development Plans

- ✓ National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Children 2000
- ✓ Vision 2021 (five-year plans)
- ✓ National Action Plan 2019-22 on Women
- ✓ Vision 2041 (five-year plans)

## Programs

- ✓ Food-for-Education Program
- ✓ Cash-Transfer Program
- ✓ Community Nutrition Program
- ✓ Vulnerable Group Development Program
- ✓ Vulnerable Group Feeding Program
- ✓ Allowance Program for widowed

# Recommendations

- Enactment of more preventive acts
- Removing the blurred lines of personal law
- Liberal policies for maternity-paternity leave
- Plans and programs for development of transgender community
- Inclusion of lessons on consent, sexuality and relationship in educational program
- Ensuring higher education for girls
- Establishing one-stop crisis, trauma center for rape and acid victim
- Ensure safe environment for women
- Establish centralized government website for women to report violence or discrimination
- Campaigns for women rights and legal aid facility

## *As a youth*

- ❑ *Active participation and engagement in national policies*
  - ❑ *Awareness*
- ❑ *Voice for inequality and discrimination*

# Thank You



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