

Objective 1: Increased Access to Resources



VAV works to ensure that survivors and those at risk of extreme forms of GBV have increased access to global resources to address their urgent needs if faced with threats of violence or in the aftermath of a violent incident.

More than 2,000 survivors of extreme forms of GBV have received critical life-saving emergency assistance.



Voices Against Violence (VAV) Urgent Assistance:

VAV provides urgent assistance to survivors of extreme forms of gender-based violence and harmful practices. The following explains who is eligible and how to apply for support.

Urgent Assistance Beneficiaries

The VAV Initiative funds **individuals** who have been recently and directly threatened or harmed by an act of extreme violence perpetrated on the basis of that individual's gender. The Fund functions as a means of last resort and supports individuals who have limited or no options for alternative assistance.



All Genders and LGBTQI+ Individuals



Persons with Disabilities



Adults and Minors



Ethnic and Religious Minorities

Types of Assistance

The VAV Initiative assists survivors who are experiencing an acute emergency, have experienced a recent act of violence, and/or are in immediate danger. It provides comprehensive short-term assistance in the below areas based on each individual survivor's needs. **Note:** Survivors may receive multiple forms of assistance.

80%

Medical

50%

Psychosocial

23%

Legal

54%

Livelihood

45%

Relocation and Housing

19%

Emergency Safety

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can request assistance?

- Individual survivors of GBV can request emergency assistance directly or through intermediaries such as civil society organizations, services providers, community or faith-based groups, and/or family members.
- All funds given must go directly to the survivor. Intermediaries cannot retain any of these funds.

How can you connect with the urgent assistance fund?

- If you are interested in how to become a referral partner, please email humanrights@vitalvoices.org for more information.
- Requests for assistance can be made in English, French, Spanish, Russian, and Arabic.

How does Voices Against Violence determine eligibility?

- All referring organizations and requests for funding are thoroughly vetted.

If you would like more information, please contact humanrights@vitalvoices.org

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Objective Impact

GBV survivors have experienced unspeakable acts of violence including rape, sexual assault, physical assault, harmful practices, and psychological and emotional abuse. The fund provides access to services that facilitate survivors' recovery and ensure that survivors are safe.

75%

of survivors experienced sexual violence

40%

of survivors experienced domestic violence

41%

of survivors are under 18 years of age

18%

of survivors experienced violent acts perpetrated by terrorist groups

80%

of survivors received medical care with our funding

41%

of survivors relocated to safety with funding

95%

of funded survivors report an increase in safety after receiving funds

98%

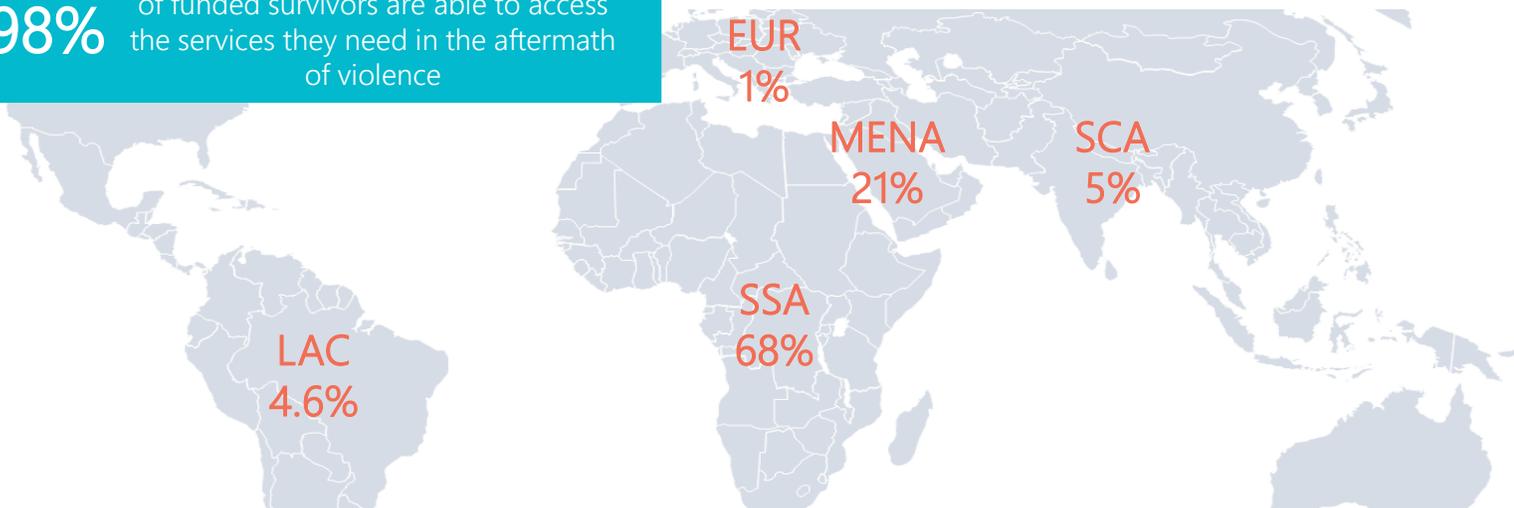
of funded survivors are able to access the services they need in the aftermath of violence

Stories of Survival

In Mauritania, a young school girl survived gang rape. She received funds for medical and psychological support, and legal expenses to support her recovery. The support enabled the girl's family to care for her during and after her recovery, ultimately allowing her to return to school.

In Iraq, a survivor of ISIS violence was bought and sold three times after being captured and separated from her husband and family. She experienced torture and sexual slavery before intensified fighting allowed her to escape. The survivor was able to access medical and psychosocial services and to relocate outside the refugee camp. She now hopes to start her own business.

Regional Breakdown of Cases



Consortium Partners

Consortium partners provide critical expertise on addressing extreme forms of GBV and perform a variety of actions in support of VAV's mission.

If you have any questions about the VAV Initiative, please contact:

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