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HEALTHCARE SERVICES IS

LEGAL SUPPORT FROM  
HEALTH WORKERS FOR  
VICTIMS OF RAPE

# MINI-COURSE: LAW & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

# CALL TO ACTION

Our second of [5 actions to EndVAW \(Violence Against Women\)](#) is a mini-course in partnership with Equality Now: “The Law and Sexual Violence, Identifying Failings in the Law and Mobilizing for Change.” We hope to educate and raise awareness of the efforts to reform sexual violence laws globally, recent successes and the striking distance we still need to travel.

Around the world, rape and sexual abuse are everyday, violent occurrences. Despite the pervasiveness of these crimes, laws are insufficient, inconsistent, not systematically enforced and, sometimes, promote violence.

Women’s March Global is partnering with Equality Now for the month of March for the 5 actions to EndVAW campaign. Equality Now is an international network of lawyers, activists, and supporters working to achieve legal and systemic change that addresses violence and discrimination against women and girls around the world.

Equality Now’s 2017 report, [The World’s Shame](#), found that governments still have a long way to go to transform their laws, policies and practices into instruments to:

1. prevent sexual violence,
2. provide better access to justice for victims (including specialized services), and
3. effectively punish sexual violence crimes.

Equality Now will join Women’s March Global to host a month-long online mini-course on sexual violence laws worldwide, including the movements driving changes in the law and demanding access to justice for survivors.

The Women’s March Global Mini-Course will feature talks with Equality Now’s extensive network of experts and advocates where one will be able to learn and gain insights about sexual violence laws globally.

## Partners

- [Equality Now](#)

## In the Media

- [Irish outcry over teenager’s underwear used in rape trial](#) BBC
- [Man raped 13-year-old deaf, blind and mute sister](#) Bulawayo 24

## Resources

[Equality Now Global Rape Report](#)

### Courses:

1. [Equality Now’s Global Rape Report](#)
2. [Sexual Violence Laws in the MENA Region](#)
3. [Coming Together Against Sexual Violence in Bolivia](#)
4. [Sexual Violence Laws in Eurasia and Africa](#)

## Graphics

Download the full graphics pack: [File:The Law & Sexual Violence Graphics Pack.zip](#).