

International Women's Day 2021

International Women's Day aims to raise awareness of women's human rights issues & the ongoing challenges faced by women in Ireland & worldwide.

Domestic, Sexual & Gender Based Violence

1 in 5

Women seeking support from Women's Aid are migrants

- Migrant women in abusive relationships face additional barriers to accessing supports, such as immigration status, language, culture, and isolation.

26

Languages spoken on calls to Women's Aid Helpline

- Women are more likely to be dependent on their partners immigration status . This can be used as a threat and form of power over women to prevent them from leaving abusive relationships.

6,000

Women & girls in Ireland have undergone FGM

- Specific forms of gender - based violence that mostly affect migrant women include female genital mutilation (FGM), honour crimes and human trafficking.

90%

Victims of human trafficking in Ireland are female

- Victims of human trafficking are accommodated in Direct Provision centres, including female victims of sex trafficking.

Direct Provision

97%

Lone-parent families in Direct Provision are headed by females

- Lone mothers face even greater challenges trying to appropriately care for & raise children in overcrowded, communal accommodation centres.

22%

Social work referrals in Direct Provision for Domestic Violence cases

- Women seeking asylum are more vulnerable to and more likely to have experienced domestic, sexual and gender - based violence.

Helpines and Support

 **Emergency Services**
Police/Gardaí - **999/ 112**

 **Sexual Violence**
Rape Crisis National Helpline
1800 778 888

 **Domestic Violence**
Women's Aid Multilingual Helpline
1800 341 900

 **Human Trafficking**
Blue Blindfold- **1800 666 111**