

Special Issue

Public Health Advances in the Recognition and Response to Gender-Based Violence, Sexual Assault, and Domestic Violence

Message from the Guest Editor

Gender-based violence (GBV), sexual assault, and domestic violence are urgent public health crises that require proactive, evidence-based policy responses. However, existing frameworks and policies have often prioritized punishment over prevention, failing to address the root causes of violence and, in some cases, exacerbating harm, particularly for marginalized communities.

This Special Issue seeks contributions that critically examine these limitations and propose innovative public health responses that center prevention, harm reduction, and survivor well-being. We invite research that evaluates and advances policies designed to mitigate violence through structural interventions, interdisciplinary approaches, and equity-driven solutions. Submissions may explore epidemiological, legal, social, and behavioral perspectives that offer new directions for public health strategies using innovative methodologies, with a particular focus on overcoming the shortcomings of punitive and reactive frameworks. We aim to foster a paradigm shift toward policies that are effective, equitable, and grounded in the principles of public health.

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