

Accompanying Letter to the Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister,

We welcome your commitment to building a fairer country and delivering real improvements in people's lives. The accompanying public petition asks your government to turn that commitment into practical, measurable action for women and girls in the UK and around the world.

Women and girls continue to face significant barriers to safety, equality and opportunity, both in the UK and globally. As the UK prepares to host the G20 in 2027, there is an opportunity to turn its commitments into meaningful, measurable change at home and around the world.

We are not asking for new promises. We are asking your government to deliver on the commitments it has already made - and to show progress that people can see and feel in their everyday lives.

We urge your government to focus on three priorities.

1. Match ambition with investment

Violence against women and girls has rightly been recognised as a national emergency. Women-led and specialist organisations rooted in their communities are often the first to respond in a crisis and among the most effective at driving long-term change, yet they remain chronically underfunded. Meeting the scale of the emergency requires sustained investment, clear goals and public accountability.

We ask the Government to commit to multi-year funding for specialist women's services in the UK and abroad, including dedicated support for by-and-for organisations serving marginalised women and girls. This investment should be backed by clear goals and annual reporting on who is reached, whether support is accessible and what outcomes are achieved.

2. Deliver a genuinely joined-up approach to ending violence against women and girls

Violence against women and girls is driven by interconnected social, economic and political factors, including poverty, economic insecurity, exploitation and lack of access to support. Reducing it therefore requires coordinated action across government - an approach the Government has already recognised and committed to. The next step is to put that commitment into practice. Every department should show how its policies make women and girls safer by responding to violence,

preventing it and addressing the conditions that allow it to persist. This joined-up approach must shape both domestic policy and the UK's international actions and partnerships.

We ask the Government to publish an annual cross-government report showing how every department is helping to halve violence against women and girls, prevent harm and address its root causes across domestic and foreign policy.

3. Lead global change through the UK's G20 Presidency

Global economic rules shape whether governments can fund services, protect rights and expand opportunities for women and girls. With aid budgets under pressure and private finance unable to deliver gender justice on its own, the UK should use its 2027 G20 presidency to advance fairer debt rules that unlock investment in safety, health, education and economic opportunity. It should also secure measurable commitments from G20 leaders to put gender equality and the prevention of violence against women and girls at the heart of policymaking across the G20.

We ask the Government to use the UK's 2027 G20 presidency to secure meaningful progress on sovereign debt reform and ambitious commitments from G20 leaders on women and girls, including action to tackle violence against women and girls.

This is the moment to lead

A fair society is one in which every woman and girl can live free from violence, access support when she needs it, and have the opportunity to participate fully in society. When women and girls are safe, supported and able to thrive, everyone benefits.

By investing in prevention, supporting trusted services and holding every part of government accountable for results, your government can turn its commitments into meaningful improvements in people's lives.

This is a chance to leave a lasting legacy of hope, safety and opportunity for millions of women and girls. We urge you to seize it and make meaningful progress for women and girls one of the defining achievements of your premiership.

Yours sincerely,

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