GBV integration resource:

Impact Area scenario: **Climate Justice**

**Scenario**

CARE is implementing a conservation project where there is increased human-animal conflict due to the nearby village cutting down trees in the forest for firewood. During consultations with the stakeholders, forest rangers report that a majority of offenders are women and they cannot fully curb the practice because they know the women need firewood to use as fuel to cook for their family. The national disaster management authority reports that there has been unpredictable rainfall due to deforestation. Consultations with women reveal that they have to walk over five kilometers every day to collect firewood. To save on daylight to do chores, they and their oldest female children wake up before dawn to collect firewood and return in time to begin preparing for the day. The women also tell CARE that the route to fetch firewood is known and there have been increased reports of gender-based violence perpetrated by both community members and park rangers. They also report that they are unable to fully participate in safe spaces as they also need to fetch firewood to prepare refreshments for participants.

**Suggestions for integrating GBV into this program:**

**Design**
- Consult the women and girls about what they desire to use as fuel-efficient means e.g. community solar kitchens, animal waste, etc.

**Implementation**
- Create a safe space with a fuel-efficient community kitchen, e.g. [a solar community kitchen](#) where women do not have the extra burden to fetch firewood.
- Sensitize the forest service on the reports on gender-based violence in the area and work with them to set up a dedicated hotline for feedback and complaints.

**Evaluation**
- Conduct a follow-up safety audit to evaluate the women’s and girls’ perception of safety.

This resource for all staff implementing development programs. It accompanies CARE’s [GBV Guidance for Development Programs](#).