

# Tracing the Roots of Femicide

We hope the following tree serves as a reminder that efforts to understand and prevent femicide cannot be separated from the broader context and the root causes of violence against women.

## Femicide:

The ultimate form of violence against women and girls-exists in every country and takes many forms (see upper tree branches). It is the extreme end point on a continuum of violence against women. Femicide occurs because the continuum of violence against women continues to be accepted, tolerated and justified. Like all violence against women, the many causes of femicide are rooted in gender inequality, gender expectations, and systemic gender-based discrimination.

## Upper tree branches:

- Non-Intimate Femicide
- Murder of Aboriginal women and girls
- Genital Mutilation related Femicide
- Murder of Females in the name of “Honour”
- Female Infanticide Foeticide

## Stem Branches:

- Dowry-related femicide
- Murder of women/girls due to Sexual orientation/Gender Identity
- Targeted killing of females in armed conflict
- Organized crime related femicide
- Intimate Femicide

## Trunk:

- Sexual violence
- Intimate partner abuse
- Gender based Harassment
- Sexual Harassment
- Human Trafficking

## Root:

- Gender inequality
- Sexism
- Misogyny
- Power Imbalances
- Institutionalized Discrimination