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CCA Statement on International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women 2026

"Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow." (Isaiah 1:17)

On this International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) stands with churches, communities, and partners worldwide in affirming the call to "UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls: Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity."

Isaiah's words urge us to move beyond concern to action, to seek justice, challenge oppression, and uphold the dignity of those who are marginalised. This prophetic call challenges us to translate our values into real, lasting change.

Ensuring justice means breaking down barriers so that survivors are heard, supported, and able to seek redress. Protecting survivors requires responses that prioritise their safety, dignity, and choices. Ending impunity demands accountability for perpetrators, regardless of their status, position, or influence.

Christian faith teaches us that every person has inherent dignity and worth. Violence against women and girls violates this dignity and contradicts God's call for justice and respect. As followers of Christ, we are called to challenge all forms of abuse and discrimination and to work towards communities where women and girls can live free from violence and fear.

This shared responsibility also calls us, as churches, to examine our attitudes, interpretations of Scripture, and institutional practices with honesty and humility. We must recognise how these may reinforce discrimination, silence women, obscure violence, or create barriers to safety, justice, and support. Our common witness is strengthened when we listen to survivors with compassion, confront the structures and practices that sustain violence and inequality, and work together to make our churches places of dignity, protection, and healing.

As we renew our commitment to ending violence against women and girls, CCA urges its member churches, national councils, and ecumenical partners to take concrete action: strengthen safeguarding mechanisms, challenge discriminatory attitudes and practices, and ensure appropriate support for survivors.

Let our actions express our prayers, our solidarity be demonstrated through sustained commitment, and our pursuit of justice be evident through accountability. Together, let us build communities where women and girls live free from violence, their dignity is respected, and their voices are heard.

Let us unite to end violence against women and girls.

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