



# **Integrated Government Strategy to Counteract Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence and to Rebuild Trust 2022-2027**

**Summary**

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# Overview

- Consolidate the government response to the report, *Rebâtir la confiance* (Rebuilding Trust).
- Ensure that the *Government strategy to prevent and counteract sexual violence 2016-2021* is renewed and that complementary actions are implemented in the area of **domestic violence**.
- **58 actions**
  - 18 addressing sexual violence
  - 24 addressing domestic violence
  - 16 addressing both issues
- **18 government departments and organizations**



## Overview (cont.)

- \$462.4M – **\$324.9M new credits** (2022-2023 Québec budget), \$181.9M of which are under the *Plan d'action gouvernemental en matière d'action communautaire 2022-2027: engagés pour nos collectivités* (PAGAC) (government action plan on community action: committed to our communities)
  - **\$137.5M in self-financed credits**
- A five-year **evolving strategy** (2022-2027)

# Objectives of the Integrated Violence Strategy

The main objectives of the Integrated Violence Strategy are to **counteract sexual violence and domestic violence**, and to provide more **sustained support that is better adapted** to victims' realities.



# Violence against women

- According to **Québec police statistics released in 2019**, 76% of the victims of domestic violence, 88% of the victims of sexual assault and 95% of the victims of crimes related to pimping and human trafficking were female.
- According to the same police data, men represent 77% of the presumed perpetrators of domestic violence offences, 94.9% of the presumed perpetrators of sexual offences and 89.6% of the presumed perpetrators of sexual abuse offences.
- In the Integrated Violence Strategy, the Québec government recognizes that boys, men, people of sexual diversity and people of gender plurality are also subject to being the victims of these types of violence.



## First Nations and Inuit women and girls

- Numerous reports published in recent years reveal that First Nations and Inuit women and girls are over-represented among the victims of sexual and domestic violence and that they are subject to more severe forms of violence than non-Indigenous women and girls.
- **The Integrated Violence Strategy proposes 11 actions to respond to the specific needs of First Nations and Inuit women and girls.**

## The *Rebâtir la confiance* (Rebuilding Trust) report

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- When the Integrated Violence Strategy is launched, it will contain actions that respond fully or partially to the **166 recommendations** in the *Rebâtir la confiance* (Rebuilding Trust) report:
  - Actions in the Integrated Violence Strategy allow to respond fully or partially to **98 of the recommendations**.
  - Other government interventions allow to respond fully or partially to **68 of the recommendations**.

## *Rebâtir la confiance (Rebuilding trust) and key actions of the Integrated Violence Strategy*<sup>8</sup>

- **Action 18**, *Conduct pilot projects that integrate services in the areas of sexual violence and domestic violence, by supporting initiatives coming from the community; under the joint responsibility of the Ministère de la Justice (MJQ) and the Ministère de la Santé et des Services sociaux (MSSS)*
- **Action 26**, *Increase the number of staff in the office of the Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales who are assigned to files involving sexual violence; under the responsibility of the Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales (DPCP)*





## ***Rebâtir la confiance (Rebuilding trust) and key actions of the Integrated Violence Strategy (cont.)***

- **Action 30**, *Conduct pilot projects for courts specialized in sexual violence and domestic violence, that include taking Indigenous realities into account, under the responsibility of the MJQ*
- **Action 31**, *Gradually implement the use of electronic tracking bracelets in cases involving domestic violence; under the responsibility of the Ministère de la Sécurité publique (MSP)*
- **Action 32**, *Increase the number of police assigned to matters involving domestic violence and sexual violence; under the responsibility of the MSP*

# Structure of the Integrated Violence Strategy

- The Integrated Violence Strategy has **three areas of intervention**:
  - Area of intervention 1) Prevention, awareness and detection
  - Area of intervention 2) Psychosocial, medical, legal, police and correctional interventions
  - Area of intervention 3) Knowledge development, training and sharing of expertise
- Each of these areas of intervention has its own objectives, which are to be achieved through the actions linked to them.

## Area of intervention 1) Prevention, awareness and detection: some key actions

- **Action 1**, *Conduct campaigns and support activities that raise awareness about sexual violence and domestic violence, making sure that they are adapted to the realities of certain groups and that some are addressed directly to perpetrators; under the responsibility of the Secrétariat à la condition féminine (SCF)*
- **Action 4**, *Support initiatives designed to raise secondary-school students' awareness on sexual violence, including deployment of the Empreinte - agir ensemble contre les agressions à caractère sexuel program (SCF)*

## Area of intervention 1) Prevention, awareness and detection: some key actions (cont.)

- **Action 7**, *Support institutions of higher learning in carrying out their obligations under the Act to prevent and fight sexual violence in higher education institutions; under the responsibility of the Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur (MES)*



## Area of intervention 2) Psychosocial, medical, legal, police and correctional interventions: some key actions

- **Action 14**, *Consolidate the funding of services offered in specialized resources to intervene with victims of domestic violence; under the responsibility of the MSSS*
- **Action 19**, *Support the deployment of initiatives designed to facilitate the process for people who want to get out of prostitution; under the responsibility of the SCF*

## Area of intervention 2) Psychosocial, medical, legal, police and correctional interventions: some key actions (cont.)

- **Action 20**, *Consolidate the funding of organizations for victims of sexual assault; under the responsibility of the MSSS*
- **Action 22**, *Consolidate the funding of organizations that work with men who demonstrate violent behaviour in situations of domestic violence; under the responsibility of the MSSS*

## Area of intervention 3) Knowledge development, training and sharing of expertise: some key actions

- **Action 36**, *Offer coherent and complimentary bodies of work for training with regard to sexual violence and domestic violence that include addressing these forms of violence in Indigenous contexts and the realities faced by certain groups of people, under the responsibility of the SCF*
- **Action 46**, *Form a working committee mandated to study how cases of sexual assault and sexual harassment are handled in the workplace; under the responsibility of the Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale (MTESS)*

## Area of intervention 3) Knowledge development, training and sharing of expertise: some key actions (cont.)<sup>16</sup>

- **Action 50**, *Produce and publish specific statistical portraits based on police data in the areas of sexual violence and violence perpetrated in domestic contexts; under the responsibility of the MSP*
- **Action 57**, *Promote collaboration among organizations that help victims of sexual violence and domestic violence and organizations that support groups of people living in contexts where they are vulnerable to these forms of violence; under the responsibility of the SCF*



# Governance of the Integrated Violence Strategy

- The proposed governance structure has three inter-ministerial committees involved in the areas of sexual violence and domestic violence:
  - a committee composed of associate deputy ministers and assistant deputy ministers
  - a committee composed of directors
  - a committee composed of professionals
- These three committees include people responsible for Indigenous issues in the government departments and organizations concerned.