

### Cultural Violence

**Cultural violence occurs when a person is harmed as a result of practices that are part of her or his culture, religion or tradition.**

Cultural violence includes, but is not limited to:

- Committing “honour” or other crimes against women in some parts of the world, where women especially may be physically harmed, shunned, maimed or killed for:
  - Falling in love with the “wrong” person
  - Seeking divorce
  - Infidelity
  - Committing adultery
  - Being raped
  - Practicing witchcraft
  - Being older
- Cultural violence may take place in some of the following ways:
  - Lynching or stoning
  - Banishment
  - Abandonment of an older person at hospital by family
  - Female circumcision
  - Rape-marriage
  - Sexual slavery
  - Murder