# Inter-agency collaboration and support

The partnership approach



#### Ways to achieve partnership

- Regular meetings
- Creation of a list of support agency
- Development of cooperation protocols
- Internal coordinators
- Call centers
- Mutual inter-dependency

### Range of support measures

- Provision of shelter accommodations
- Immediate health care assessment and treatment
- Psychological assessment and counseling
- Interpretation of procedures in the first language
- Legal advice and support

# Partners in supporting victims



### Welfare officers

- Accompany and advise victims during the investigation and trial process
- Transportation support for victims to attend court sessions, police stations to make statements or follow ups, hospitals for medical and other purposes
- Provide counseling services for victims
- Arrange for temporary shelter
- Family tracing and reunification
- Family mediation
- Referral for legal, medical, educational services and provision of skills training

#### Hospitals and health centre



#### Shelters

Temporary safer shelters

Medical treatment and medical

certificates

Counseling services



## Lawyers

- Advise victims of their rights and assist them to file any application for protection orders
- Some lawyers provide free legal advice and representation for SGBV victims



#### NGO's

- Provide counseling
- Safe shelter
- Range of support services



#### **Prosecutors**

- Advise on what crime, if any should be charged
- Prosecute serious cases in court



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