



16 Days of Activism – 25 November to 10 December 2016

DAY 9. 3 DECEMBER 2016

CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE (CALD) WOMEN

- * There are some 275 cultural and ethnic groups recognised in Australia.
- * Women from CALD backgrounds are reluctant to report abuse and often decline to participate in surveys about domestic violence or sexual assault for fear of retribution (a 'cultural' response in many cultures).
- * Practices such as female genital mutilation, forced marriage, honour killings, forced prostitution/trafficking, threatening to marry another wife, refusing spouse to get an education, training or a job, belittling spouse, exercising God-given control over all activities, requiring obedience, marital rape, child marriage, forced suicide, psychological abuse, dowry killing, are 'hidden' or denied in some cultures.
- * Gender inequality is firmly entrenched in many migrants relocating in Australia, and prosecutions against abuses such as the ones listed above, are few (see FGM, forced marriage, honour killings, trafficking statements - Days 1,2,3,6).
- * Constraints produced by immigration policies are of significant concern where women depend on perpetrators for economic security and residency rights.
- * Scant evidence is available to indicate that criminal justice responses to family violence such as 'mandatory arrest', and 'pro-prosecution' are helpful for immigrant women, and may deter them from seeking assistance in crisis situations.

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfrL-rXGaQY>

HELPLINES:

For urgent assistance call the Police 000 (triple 0)

In Touch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence

1800 755 988



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Immigrant Women's Support Service	(07) 3846 3490
DV Connect Womensline	1800 811 811
DV Connect Mensline	1800 600 636
Project RESPECT	1800 737 732
Refugee and Immigration Legal Service	(07) 3846 9300



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