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# Third Action Plan

## Culturally and linguistically diverse women

Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) women can be less likely to report violence. They also experience more barriers in accessing support services and are less likely to leave a family violence situation than other Australian women.

The Third Action Plan responds to what we heard from participants of the 29 kitchen table conversations held with CALD women, and the CALD roundtable in 2016, about how to improve our efforts to reduce domestic and family violence in these communities.

Under the Third Action Plan, initiatives will build on activities undertaken in the First and Second Action Plans to reduce domestic and family violence within CALD communities.

## Key national actions

* Supporting community-driven initiatives to change attitudes towards violence and gender equality.
* Engaging community and faithleaders to help change community attitudes about gendered violence and gender inequality.
* Supporting vulnerable women recovering from violence, and assist them to rebuild their independence.
* Supporting the development of innovative work between specialist CALD and mainstream organisations with a particular focus on improving support for CALD women in regional areas.
* Developing appropriate visa arrangements for temporary residents experiencing violence.
* Progressively designing, trialling and evaluating innovative models of perpetrator interventions to understand what works and to tailor initiatives targeted at CALD men.

### More information

For more information on the priority areas or the Third Action Plan, visit the [National Plan website](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CKurt%5CDropbox%5CWork%20in%20progress%5CSocial%20Services%5CAction%20plan%5Cplan4womenssafety.dss.gov.au).