



# DEFENSE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL OPERATIONS (DIMO)

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“Gender-Based Violence: A Leadership Course”  
Mobile Education Team (MET)

## Background:

This course aims to consider best practices for the reduction of gender-based violence in both civilian and military settings as a critical step in improving the health and well-being of women along with overall political and economic development.

## Program Scope:

The course uses case-based examples of successful intervention in GBV in several contexts to show how successes can lead to clear-cut societal improvements in women's health; rule of law; and, in the stability, security and progress of a society. Topics include discussion of specific populations (civilians in war, displaced and migrating populations, commercial sex workers, human trafficking in women and girls, homeless and institutionalized individuals). Special emphasis is placed on military applications including both protection of women and girls during war/peacekeeping operations and the safety of female troops and aid workers. National issues in health policy, economics, justice, human rights, voting and governmental representation are intersected with GBV both as course didactics and daily group exercises.



## Course Objectives:

The goal of this course is to empower healthcare policy makers and implementing authorities to establish effective, evidence-based programs to combat GBV. Specifically, the objectives are to provide the participants with insight into the varied global manifestations of GBV and gender inequality, and to demonstrate case-based solutions for developing a corrective action plan. Course objectives align US national action plan and internationally recommended solutions to this culturally contextual yet world-wide problem with the intent to improve women's health, gender equality and national stability through reduction of GBV.

**Target Audience:** Political decision-makers from the Ministries of Defense, Health, and Justice as well as medical / social program authorities working in women's health, care of displaced populations or gender programs. GBV advocacy groups would be welcome, as would military officers involved with mitigating the effect of GBV on their national fighting force or military personnel involved with peacekeeping forces.

**Course Duration:** 5 days;

**Class Size:** Maximum class size is 50, classroom setting.

**How Offered:** Mobile Education Team (MET)

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