



[HOME \(/\)](#) > [MEDIA \(/MEDIA\)](#) > [\\$18 MILLION TO REDUCE DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE](#)

\$18 million to reduce domestic and family violence

Friday, 19 September 2014
Media release

Minister Assisting The Prime Minister For Women, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash

Northern Territory Minister for Women's Policy, The Hon Bess Price

The Federal and Northern Territory Governments are providing \$18 million towards the Northern Territory Government's *Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy 2014-2017: Safety is Everyone's Right* (Strategy).

The Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, Senator the Hon. Michaelia Cash, and Northern Territory Minister for Women's Policy, the Hon Bess Price, said the investment would facilitate the implementation of a Territory-wide strategy.

"Domestic and family violence is an entrenched and devastating problem in some of the Northern Territory's Aboriginal communities, with severe physical, emotional and financial impacts, particularly for women and children," Minister Cash said.

"Under the Strategy, community leaders will be engaged to help develop local solutions to stop the violence.

"The Strategy will establish an integrated system of individual and local responses to improve the safety of women and children, as well as make perpetrators responsible for their actions and support them to change their offending behaviour.

"The Australian Government will continue to work with the Northern Territory Government to make Indigenous communities safer places for people to live, learn and work."

Minister Price said Indigenous women were 31 times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be hospitalised due to family violence.

“The safety and wellbeing of children is of particular concern in families that experience violence. We must work to protect children and break the cycle of domestic violence in the community,” Minister Price said.

“The *Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy* will work to address, reduce and prevent the unacceptably high level of domestic violence in the Northern Territory.”

The Federal Government has committed \$6 million over two years and the Northern Territory Government is providing \$12 million over the life of the Strategy.

The Australian Government’s investment in the *Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy* builds on its existing initiatives aimed at improving Indigenous community safety in the Northern Territory including:

- A \$4.1 million investment in 2014-15 to support women’s safe houses;
- \$68.1 million in 2014-15 for remote policing, night patrols, additional legal assistance, and a continuation of support for Australian Federal Police involvement in the Child Abuse Taskforce, as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory; and
- A \$2.5 million investment announced in the 2014-15 Budget to extend the Community Engagement Police Officer programme for four more years.

In June of this year, the Government launched the Second Action Plan under the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children, which is a comprehensive Australian-wide response to the national problem of domestic violence.

Type

- Any -

Start date

End date

[More information?](#)

[More information?](#)

[About this website \(/about-website\)](#) | [Accessibility \(/accessibility\)](#) | [Copyright \(/copyright\)](#) | [Disclaimer \(/disclaimer\)](#) | [Help \(/help\)](#) | [Privacy Statement \(/website-privacy-statement\)](#) | [Site map \(/sitemap\)](#)

Safety is Everyone's Right

Our Vision

A Territory that is free from domestic and family violence, where women and children are safe.

Aims of the Strategy

The Northern Territory Government's Strategy aims to increase the safety of women and their children, reduce rates of interpersonal trauma caused by exposure to domestic and family violence, increase accountability of perpetrators and establish integrated service delivery systems that are sustainable and adaptable.

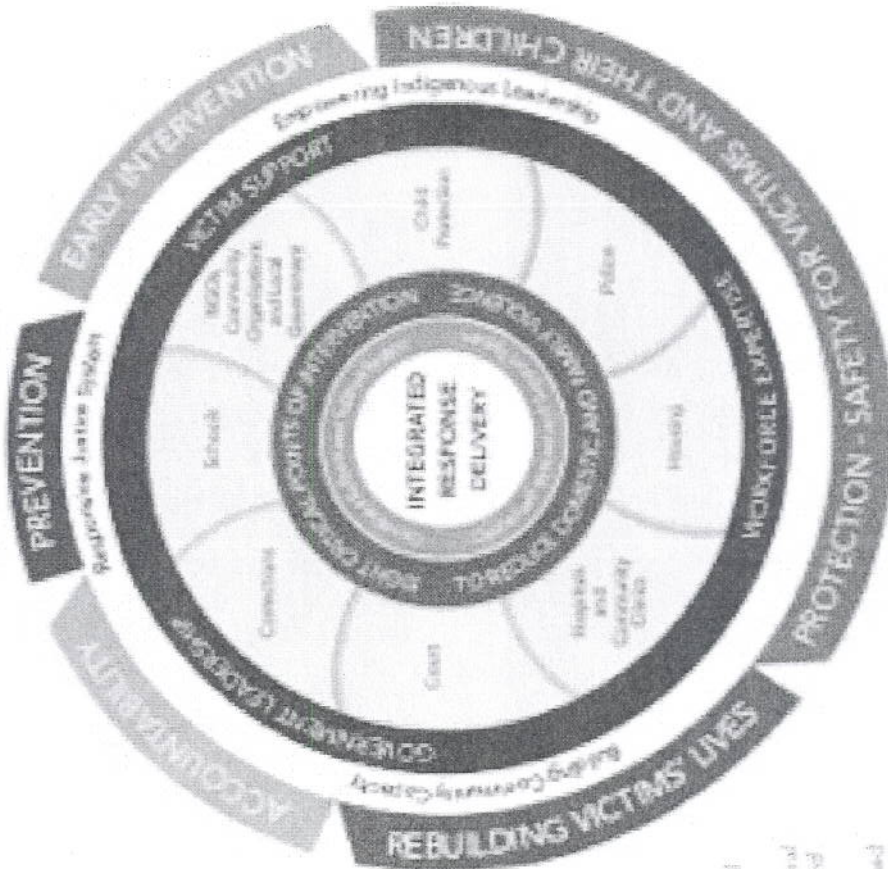
An Integrated Response led by the Northern Territory Government

The key to the Domestic and Family Violence Reduction Strategy is an integrated response that delivers the right mix of support, engagement, help, and resources to victims.

An integrated response will be achieved by monitoring and across Eight Critical Points of intervention and service of all every contact between a victim and a frontline service team. It is government and NGO services' rights in the system, receiving appropriate support and, where needed, a referral to a relevant organisation.

Key Components of the Strategy

- The Domestic Violence Response Strategy
- A centralised national system - Support, risk - to identify victims, and resources
- The Family Safety Framework - to protect high risk victims from further harm
- Specialised support services for victims and their children - to protect and help victims rebuild their lives
- A Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Framework
- Indigenous Men's Leadership Groups that prevent, respond and speak out against violence towards women and children
- Building the capacity of frontline workers across the Eight Critical Points of intervention through improved information sharing and domestic violence training
- Engaging all relevant perpetrator programs and evidence based and working with National Standards
- Recovering of domestic and family violence perpetrators



For further information contact the Domestic Violence Directorate on ph 08925 7611

The Strategy is closely aligned with the *Country of the Future* Blueprint and the *National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children 2010-2022*. The five key goals of the Strategy are:

1. Prevention

- Develop an evidence based Prevention Framework for the Northern Territory
- Support Indigenous leaders to drive domestic and family violence prevention
- Build community capacity

2. Early intervention

- Intervene early to prevent violence
- Develop and train models to improve and strengthen Police responses
- Improve responses to children exposed to domestic violence, with Indigenous children as a priority

3. Protection - safety for victims

- Enhance the first point of contact for victims
- Build the expertise and capacity of the workforce to identify and respond effectively to domestic and family violence, including sexual assault

4. Rebuilding the lives of victims and their children

- Support and assist specialist domestic violence and sexual assault services to deliver specialist services
- Support culturally responsive services
- Adopt a strengths based approach to rebuilding victims' lives

5. Accountability and positive change for perpetrators

- Reduce recidivism
- Establish mechanisms to increase system accountability
- Develop evidence-based offender change programs