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Empowering, Supporting and Healing

- Community-based NGO

- Supports and advocates for victims of gender-based violence, discrimination and inequality, including the LGBTQI+ community and other persons in vulnerable situations

- Services include free counselling, free legal aid, women's empowerment sessions, skills training, referrals for free sexual health testing, a food pantry, clothing distribution, and provision of temporary shelter for persons in acute situations of vulnerability

We respectfully recommend that the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

1. Amend the Criminal Code to establish a gender-neutral and comprehensive definition of rape that protects all victims equally, and to broaden the scope of rape to include penetration of the vaginal, anal, or oral orifice by any object or body part

2. Adopt comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation explicitly prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and amend the Domestic Violence Act to explicitly prohibit such discrimination in the implementation of the Act and ensure that LGBTI persons can access protection, reporting mechanisms, and effective remedies on an equal basis

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