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### **Foreword**

This publication is designed to inform the development of a citywide crime prevention strategy in Nairobi. Its beneficiaries are national government agencies as well as the Nairobi City Council, the police, the judiciary, and civil society organisations that promote women's safety at the local level. The City of Nairobi, like many other cities of the

world, recognises women's contributions as an essential and indisputable component of sustainable development. Women are a vulnerable group. With respect to violence, the evidence is revealing and irrevocable: not only are women particularly affected by many forms of violence, but often these happen inside what should be the most secure environment - their own homes.

Urban violence against women presents itself in the public and private domain, and is closely linked with issues of housing, human rights, and sustainable development in general. Cities cannot develop to their full potential when the rights of half of their populations are being violated.

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