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and experience of the situation at the grassroots level. Civil society actors are thus crucial partners in our efforts both at the national and international levels.

Real change is possible only if all members of the community and the society at large are committed. Therefore, **the important role of men and boys** cannot be forgotten. Engaging men and boys in efforts to end violence against women and girls is necessary. Therefore, awareness-raising and education are key to identifying the problems and initiating change.

Prevention, protection and prosecution are the three elements at the core of the

authorities, service providers, professionals and the civil society. Piecemeal efforts are not sufficient. **We need a multisectoral, holistic, and well-coordinated response** to take on these challenges.

