

# COVID- 19 AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# SUPPORTING MEMBERS IN NEED



The confinement imposed in many countries as a result of quarantine measures adopted to fight the spread of COVID-19 has brutally triggered the increase in cases of domestic violence.

TODAY, MORE THAN EVER, FIGHTING VIOLENCE IS AS VITAL AS FIGHTING THE SPREAD OF THE PANDEMIC AND UNIONS CAN HELP SAVE LIVES.

# HOW?

By providing institutional information, staying alert to members at risk and providing support.

## **IN SUMMARY**

## • Information:

Sending messages through different channels such as WhatsApp - SMS- Messenger to all members regarding where they can get help

## Staying alert:

Unions can designate a key word and share it through private messages to members. Members can use it to tell the union if they need help. They need to be shared through private channels to conserve their effectiveness.

## Support:

Setting up groups of volunteers to create helplines for members who require assistance and can communicate. They can help to listen, assess and guide members in need.