

# NIRBHAYA FUND

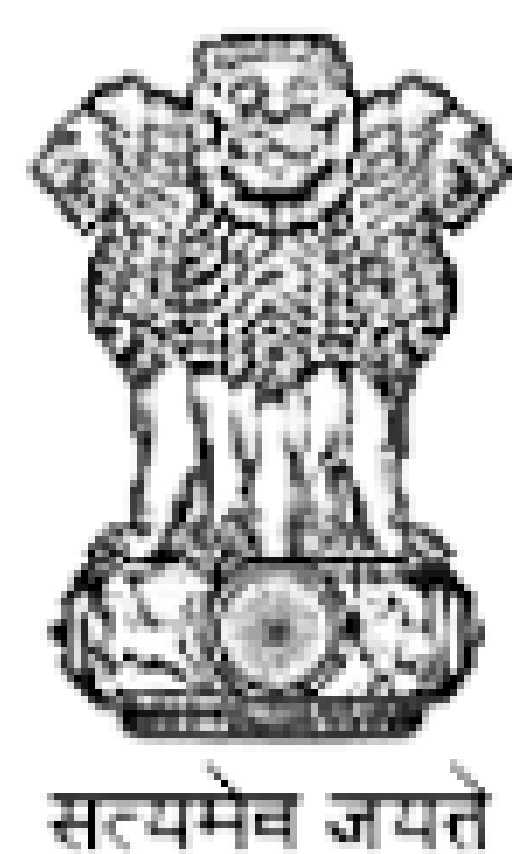
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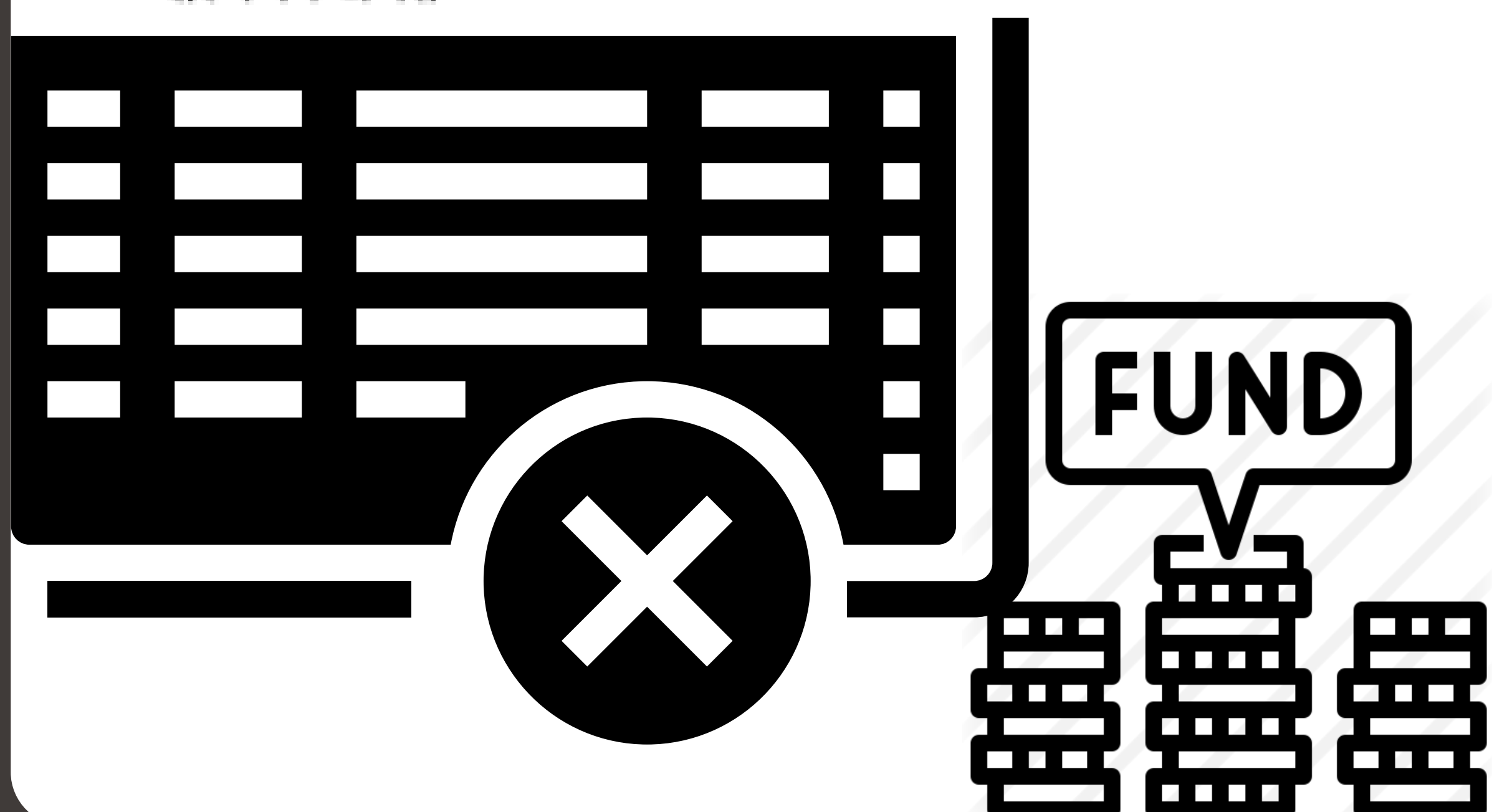
# About Nirbhaya Fund Framework

Nirbhaya Fund is a dedicated fund set up by the Government of India in **2013** which can be utilized for projects specifically designed to **improve the safety and security of women.**



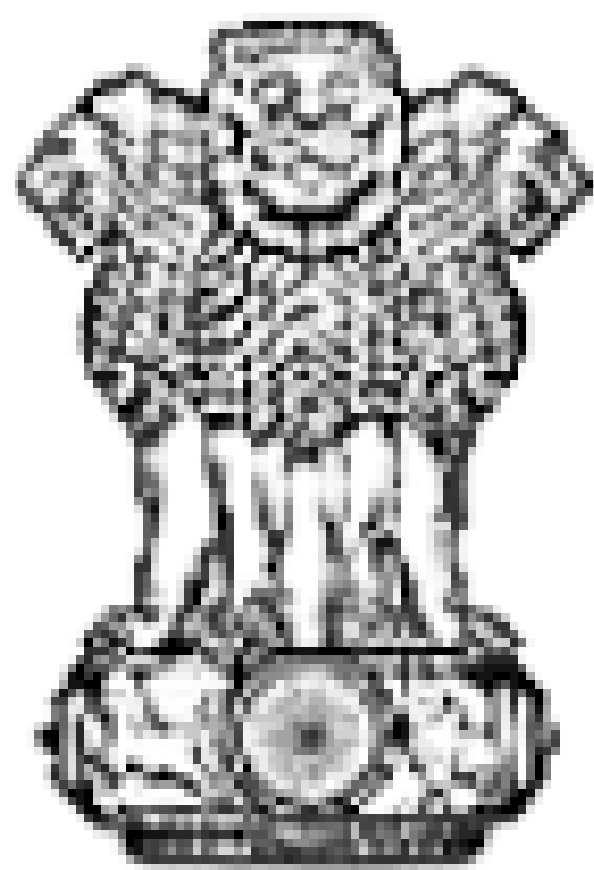
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It is a **non-lapsable corpus fund** administered by the Department of Economic Affairs of the Ministry of Finance.



As per this framework, the **Ministry of Finance through the Department of Economic Affairs** is the nodal Ministry for any accretion into and withdrawal from the corpus, and the **Ministry of Women & Child Development (WCD)** is the nodal authority for appraisal of the schemes/proposals received under Nirbhaya Fund.

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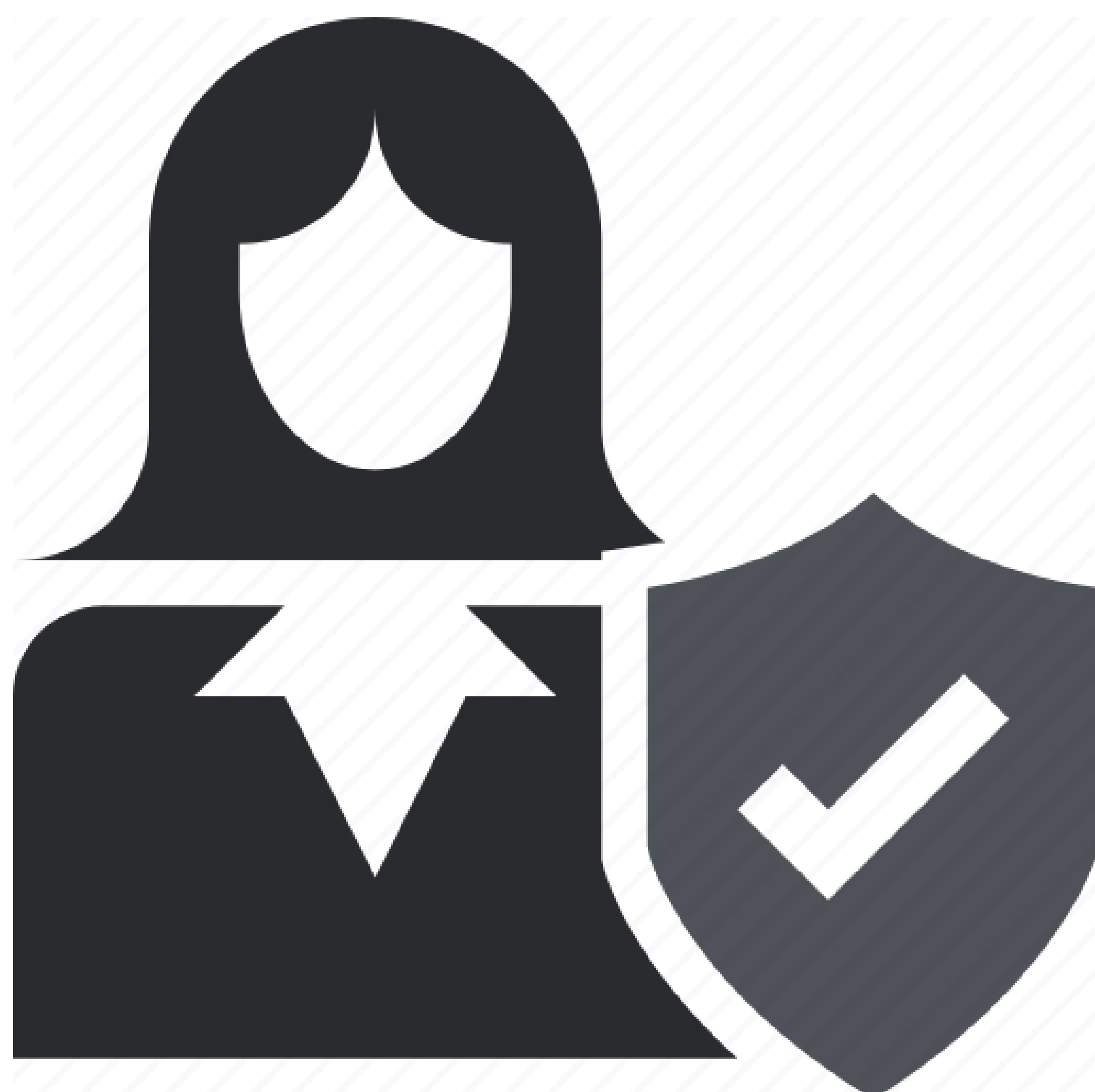
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**Funding to Non-Governmental Organisations is not envisaged under the framework.**

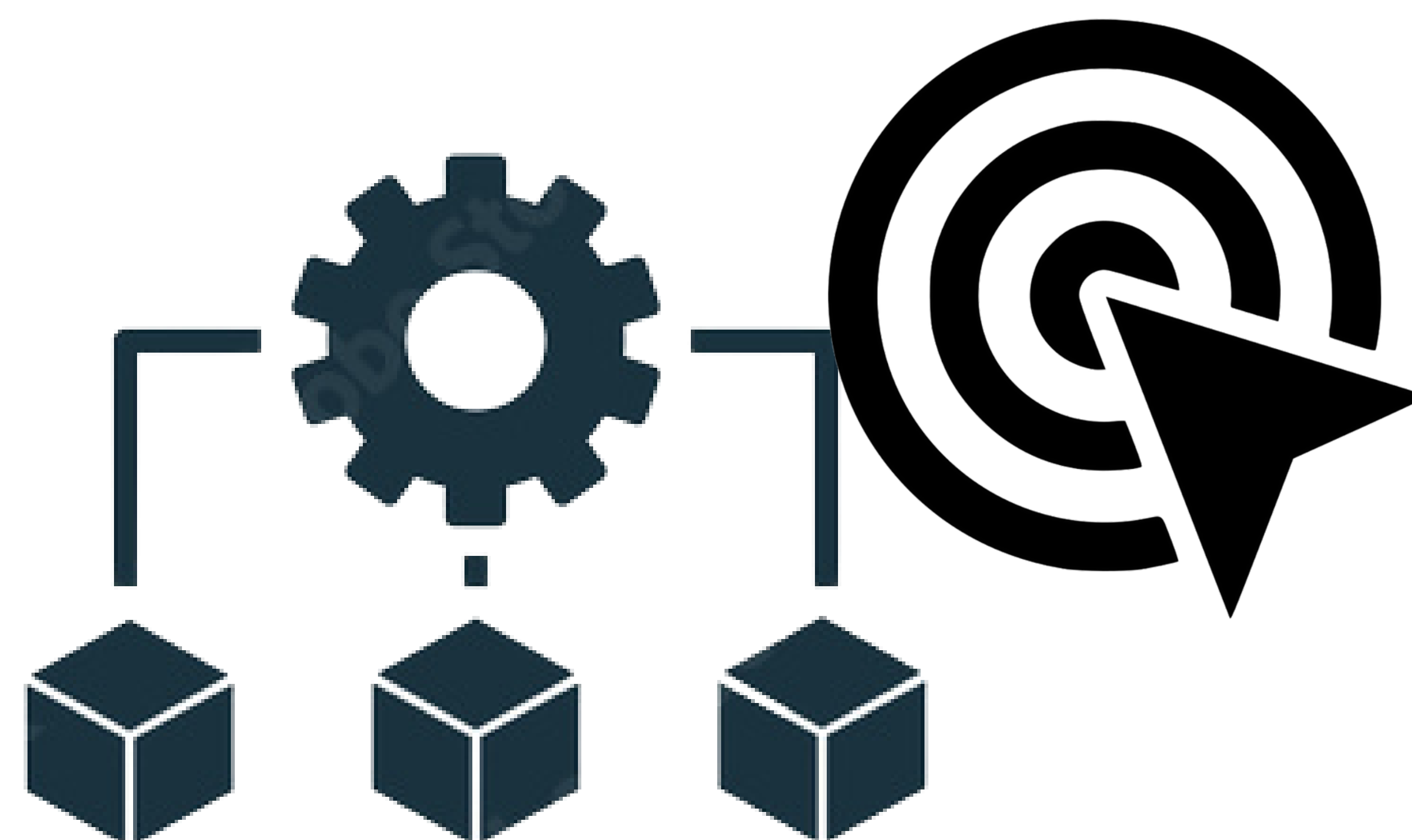
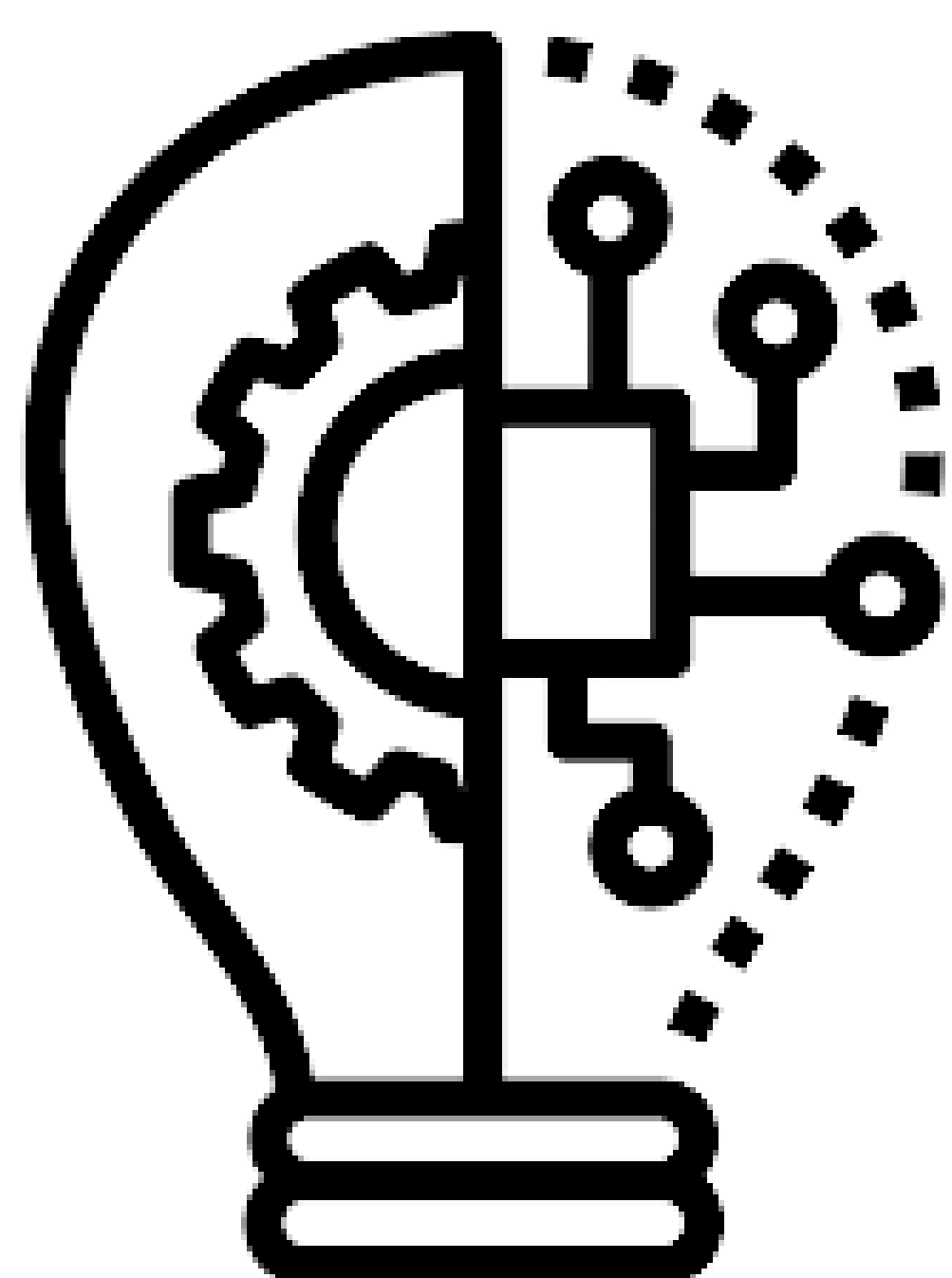


The proposed projects under the Nirbhaya Fund should have the following features:



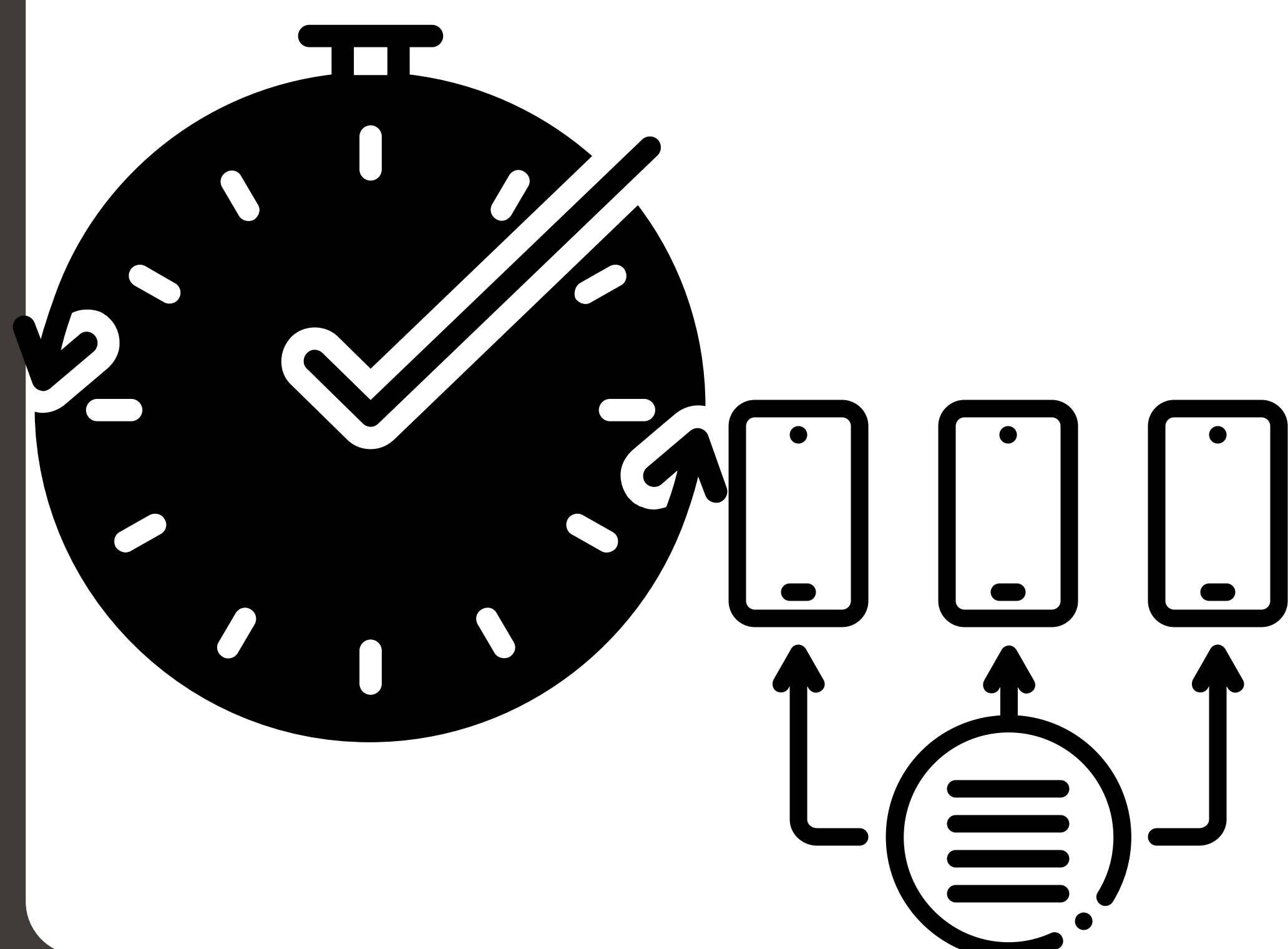
Direct impact on safety and security concerns of women

Optimum use of existing  
infrastructure



Innovative use of technology

No duplication of existing government  
schemes/programmes



Provision for real time intervention as  
far as possible.

# Why in News?

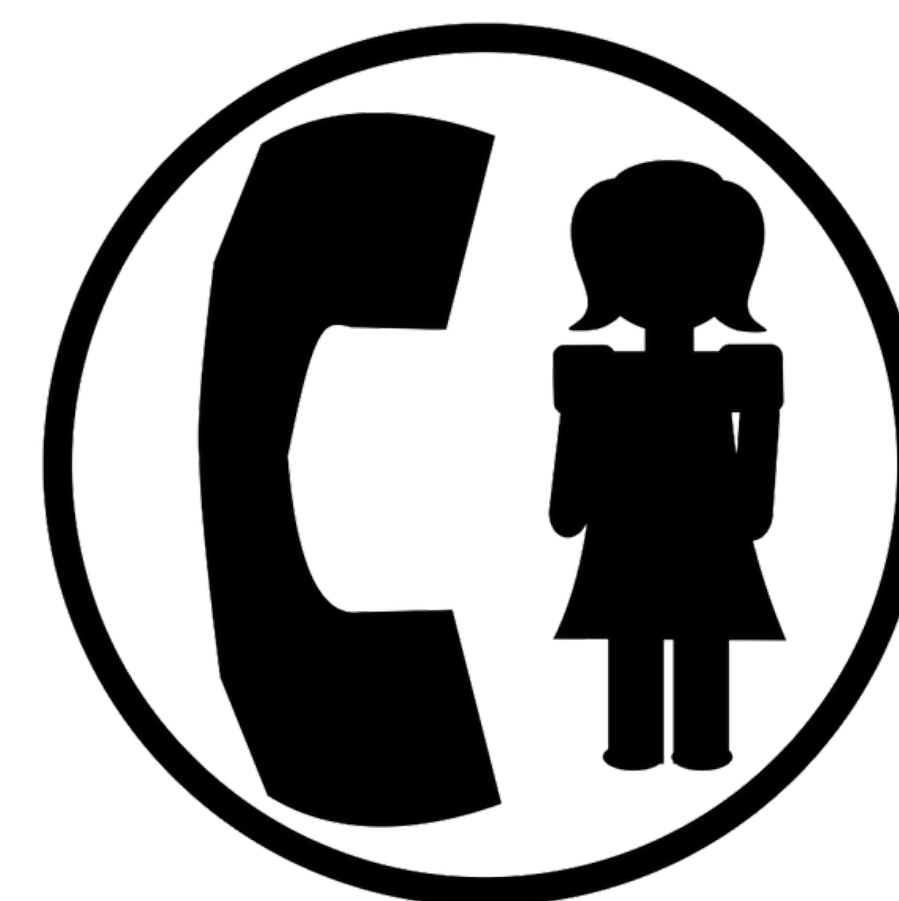
The Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development chaired a meeting of the Empowered Committee of Officers constituted under the Framework for Nirbhaya Fund.



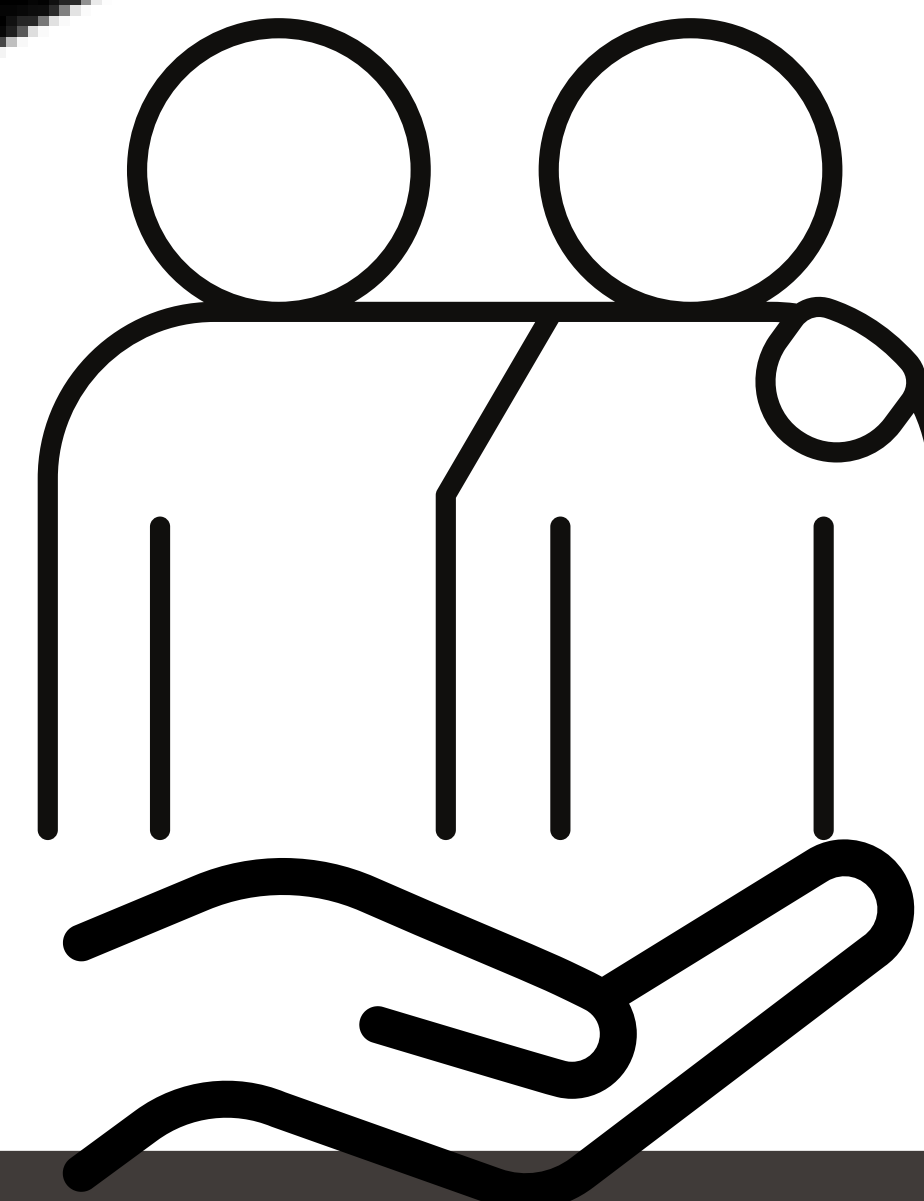
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# Initiatives under Nirbhaya Fund

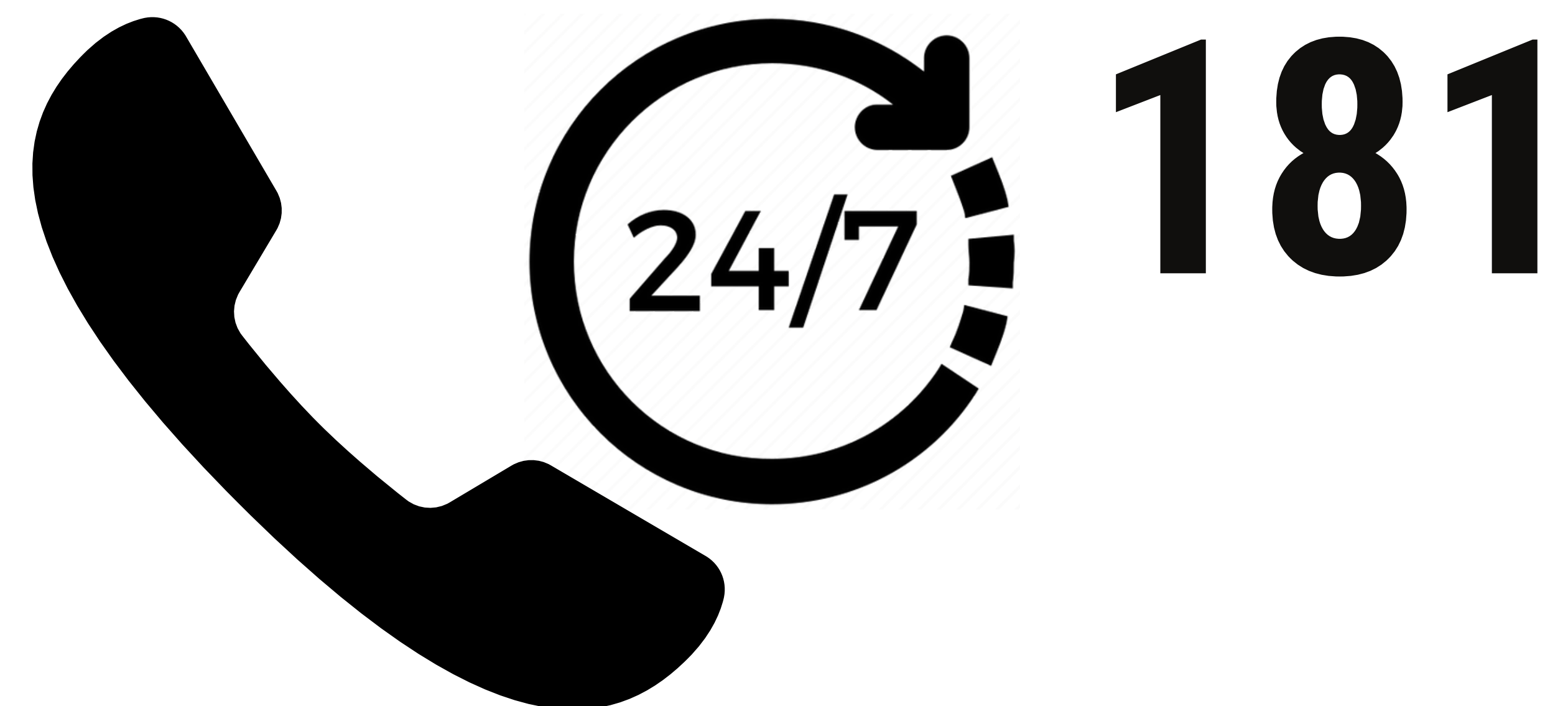
The Nirbhaya fund is primarily meant to implement three initiatives through coordination between the WCD Ministry and the central government as well as state and union territory administrations: **One-Stop Centres (OSC), Universalisation of Women Helpline (WHL), and Mahila Police Volunteers (MPV).**



The OSCs are meant to **help women who are victims of violence** by providing a range of services such as police, medical aid, legal aid and counselling, and psychological support under one roof.

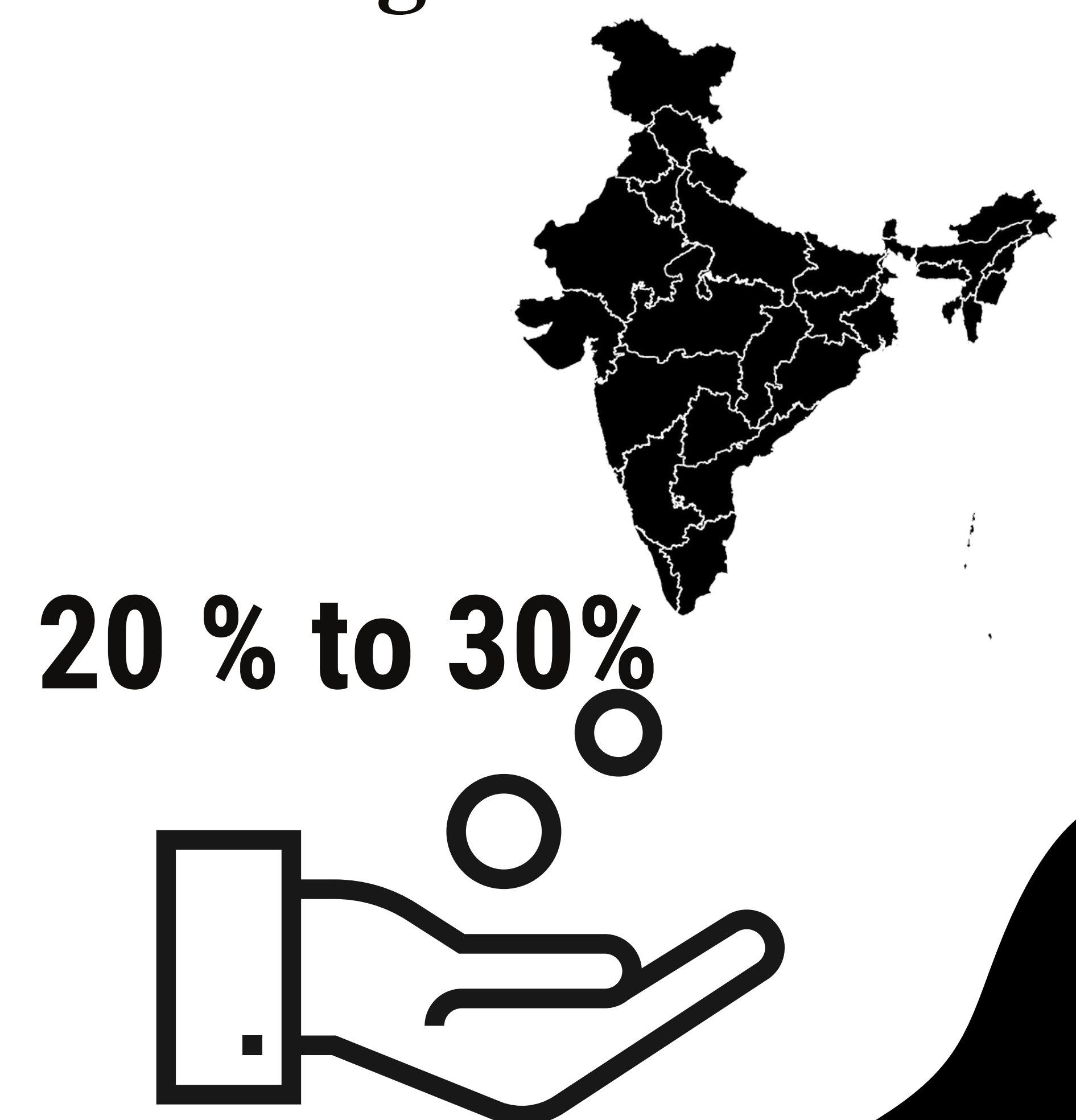


The WHL scheme oversees a **toll-free 24X7 helpline** — available at **181** — for women seeking immediate support and information in cases of violence.

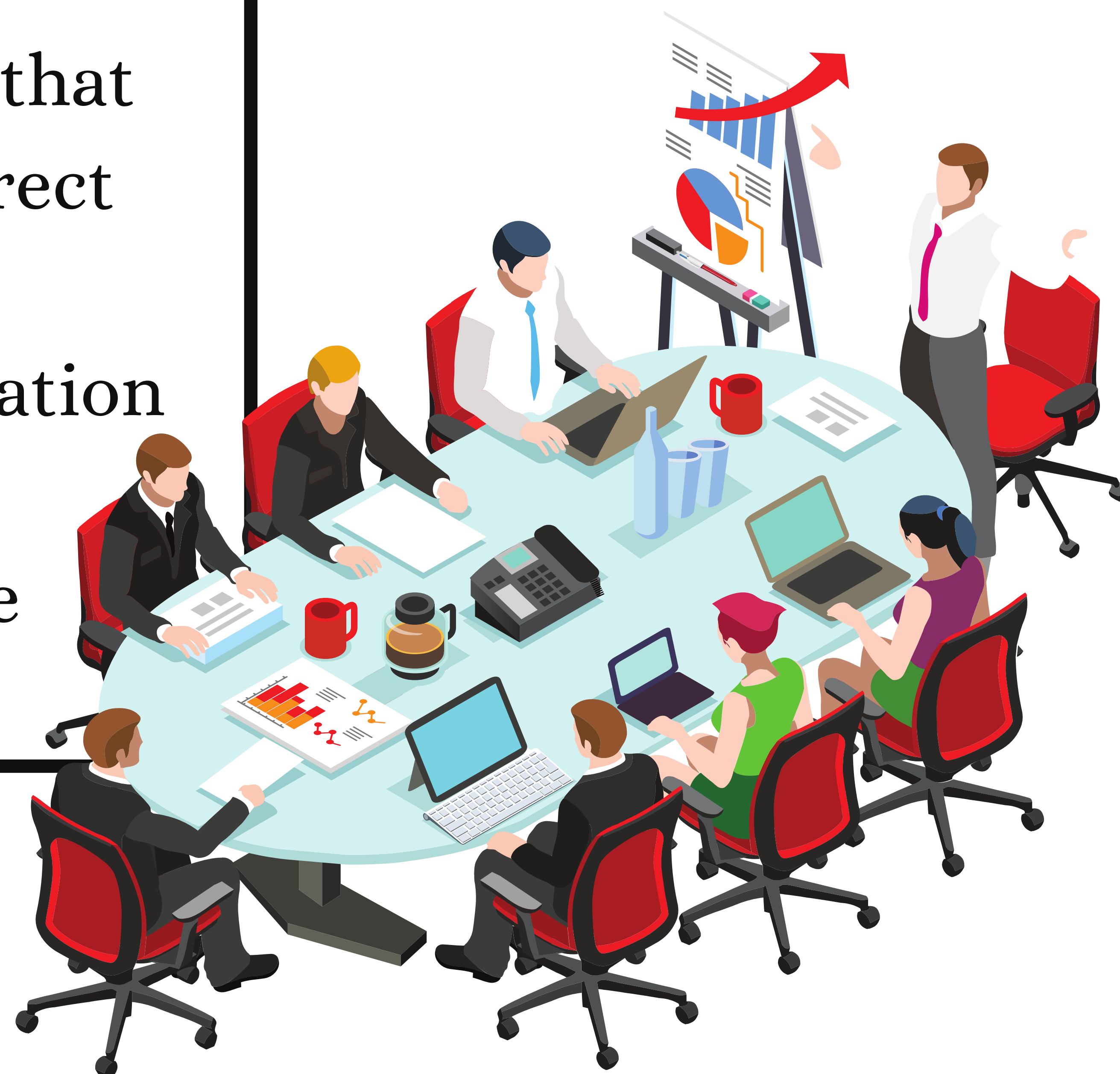


The MPV scheme, implemented by the WCD Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs, seeks to **identify volunteers who can act as a link between police and society** at large and help report incidents of violence against women.

However, the report noted that many of the states have not yet utilised the total funds allocated to them under One Stop Centers and Women Helpline schemes. Only 20 to 30 per cent of the fund has been utilised by the majority of the states



The committee recommended that the WCD Ministry organise direct meetings with the state governments and UT administration quarterly to monitor the expenditure of funds on the schemes.



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