VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DURING THE LIFE CYCLE

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS CONCEPTS AND ANALYTICAL APPROACH

WHY IS IT URGENT TO GENERATE ROBUST EVIDENCE AGAINST WOMEN?

1. It is the outcome of a system that is based on unequal power relations between men and women.
2. Exposure to a series of specific hazards added to other forms of discrimination and social exclusion generate high and multiple forms of vulnerability.
3. There is an urgent need for gender-sensitive indicators, in order to characterize this reality and in designing effective public policies.

PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES LEGAL FRAMEWORK, INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND VICTIMATION

EVOLUTION OF THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OVER TIME

- 1997: Law 24-97 introduces modifications in the Criminal Code, the Criminal Procedural Code and the Code for the Protection of Children and Youth
- 2003: Law 88-03 institutes nationwide halfway house or shelters to serve as temporary safe haven for victims, which hinders further analysis.
- 2006: Supreme Court of Justice Resolution 5869-2006
- 2010: New Political Constitution of the Republic
- 2011: Law making justice more accessible to women victims of violence

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on international instruments and national legislation on violence against women, 2018.

5 IMPORTANT INFORMATION GAPS FOR MEASURING AND NOTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN THROUGHOUT LIFE

- Missing information about some crimes (missing women, trafficking and migration)
- Unknowning magnitud of cases not determined
- Inconsistencies
- Few disaggregations (sex, age, relationship with the perpetrator, etc.)
- Non-existent information on institutional performance in guaranteeing justice to victims

EVOLUTION IN REPORTS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE 2012-2018

Women are affected by a spiral of crimes jeopardizing their wellbeing and lives.

- Verbal and psychological aggression accounted for 63% of the cases.
- The remaining 37% were cases of physical aggression.


INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE

Domestic violence or intrafamily violence is physical, psychological, sexual or other abuse or aggression inflicted by individuals in the family, generally directed toward more vulnerable members: girls, women and older women.

EVOLUTION IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CASES OF INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE, 2012-2018

Verbal and psychological aggression are the main expressions of intrafamily violence in the Dominican Republic.

- Physical aggression usually accompanied by other types of violence resulting in multiple victimization.
- Physical violence against women is systemic and involves the violation of their human rights.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura, based on international instruments and national legislation on violence against women, 2018.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Sexual violence is defined as "any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic, or otherwise directed, against a person's sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting, including but not limited to home and work."

REPORTED SEXUAL CRIME BY TYPE IN 2018

The most reported crimes are sexual aggression and child seduction.

1. Physical and psychological violence: 6%
2. Property: 32%
3. Sexual violence: 33%
4. Child seduction: 33%
5. Sexual aggression: 21%

**Femicide/Feminicide**

Femicide/feminicide is “…the violent death of women based on gender, whether within the family, domestic partnership, or in any other interpersonal relationship; in the community, by any person, or perpetrated or tolerated by the State or its agents, by action or omission.”

Source: Committee of Experts on the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belem do Para Convention (MESECVI), 2008

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**Evolution of Intentional Homicide of Women Rate, 2011-2018**

The rate of intentional homicides involving women in the Dominican Republic is below the regional average.

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**Evolution of Crime Rate by Sex, 2010-2017**

In historical terms, in recent years, the reduction in the rate of intentional homicide of men is more significant than that of women.

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**Evolution in the Number of Homicides of Women and Feminicides, 2005-2016**

Feminicide reports a downward trend since 2011.

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**Percentage of Homicides of Women Involving a Weapon, 2011-2018**

Women are victims of more violent and cruel homicide than men.

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**Percentage of Homicides of Women by Circumstance, 2011-2018**

Almost 8 in 10 women are the victims of intentional homicide due to issues related to cohabitation.

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**Number of Women Victims of Intentional Homicide by Age, 2018**

At least 17 women lose their lives each month as a result of violence. Over 50% of them are ages 20 to 39.

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**Percentage of Homicides of Women Involving Women by Day of Occurrence, 2018**

In 2018, 22% of deaths of women due to homicide were concentrated on Sunday.