

INFORMATION AND STATISTICS ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



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The Committee of Experts of the MESECVI¹ recommends that States improve their collection of information and statistics in order to combat violence against women.



HOW DO WE IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION?

- Include a specific budget in national plans.
- Conduct surveys.
- Keep records in entities receiving complaints and in the courts.
- Collect and publish the disaggregated data: quantify the number of victims, prosecutions initiated, decisions obtained, the number of complaints and femicides, while preserving women's privacy.

Why improve the collection of information and statistics?

In order to understand the scope and magnitude of the problem, and thereby be able to analyze and monitor existing public policies, laws, programs, and measures, or design new initiatives.

Challenges: To improve and expand the collection of data and statistics from a human rights and diversity approach, in order to obtain a complete picture of violence against women.

WHAT DOES THE BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION SAY?

The States Party agree to undertake progressively specific measures, including programs: h) to ensure research and the gathering of statistics and other relevant information relating to the causes, consequences, and frequency of violence against women, in order to assess the effectiveness of measures to prevent, punish, and eradicate violence against women and to formulate and implement the necessary changes.

Additional source and resources: Second Follow-Up Report on the Recommendations of the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI, available at <http://www.oas.org/en/mese cvi/docs/MESECVI-SegundoInformeSeguimiento-EN.pdf>

¹ Follow-up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Belém do Pará Convention."