

# The Shadow Pandemic Global

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# About The Shadow Pandemic



In April 2020, as the coronavirus took hold and lockdowns were introduced, a second pandemic became apparent: The Shadow Pandemic. For people experiencing domestic abuse, the confinement brought increased danger. The United Nations Population Fund predicted that for every 12 weeks of lockdown, there would be an extra 15 million cases of gender-based violence. This groundbreaking report takes a global look at rates of domestic abuse prior to COVID-19, how the pandemic has impacted those numbers and how the economic impact of domestic abuse is accounted for around the world.



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## Afghanistan

### Population Size:

37.17 million.<sup>1</sup> 51.7% male and 48.3% female.

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse:

87% of Afghan women are believed to have experience domestic abuse at least once.<sup>2,3</sup>

80% of women reported violence from their partners.<sup>4</sup>

Between March 2017 and March 2018, at least 270 women lost their lives due to domestic violence and honour killings in Afghanistan, as documented by the Independent Human Rights Commission.<sup>5,6</sup>

4,340 cases of domestic abuse against women registered in fiscal year 1396. Of these, 1,420 cases (32.7%), related to physical violence, 228 cases (5.3%) to sexual violence, 1,317 cases (30.3%) to verbal and psychological violence, 749 cases (17.3%) to economic violence, and 626 cases (14.4%) to other types of violence against women, which largely concerns unacceptable customs and traditions.<sup>7</sup>

No research on any other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Albania

### Population Size:

2.85 million.<sup>8</sup> 50.1% are male and 49.9% are female.

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

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<sup>1</sup> The World Bank, "Population, Total", ([data.worldbank.org](https://data.worldbank.org), 2019),

<<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>>. This figure is sourced from the United Nations ('UN') Population Division, World Population Prospects: 2019 Revision.

<sup>2</sup> Promundo, "Reflections on Gender, Patriarchy and Peace: Results from the International Men and Gender Equality Survey in Afghanistan", (2018), Report.

<sup>3</sup> Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission ('AIHRC'), "Summary of the Report on Violence Against Women: Fiscal Year 1396", (2017), Summary,

<<https://www.aihrc.org.af/media/files/Research%20Reports/Summerry%20report-VAW-2017.pdf>>.

<sup>4</sup> Radio Free Afghanistan, "Afghanistan: Nearly 6,500 Incidents of Violence Against Women Recorded in Past Year", ([gandhara.rferl.org](http://gandhara.rferl.org), 25 November 2019),

<<https://gandhara.rferl.org/afghanistan-nearly-6500-incidents-of-violence-against-women-recorded-in-past-year/30291305.html>>.

<sup>5</sup> H. Barr, "Afghan Government Ignoring Violence Against Women", ([hrw.org](http://hrw.org), 30 May 2018),

<<https://www.hrw.org/news/2018/05/30/afghan-government-ignoring-violence-against-women>>.

<sup>6</sup> R. Jewkes, J. Corboz and A. Gibbs, "Violence Against Afghan Women by Husbands, Mothers-in-Law and Siblings-in-Law/Siblings: Risk Markers and Health Consequences in an Analysis of the Baseline of Randomised Controlled Trial", ([journals.plos.org](http://journals.plos.org), 7 February 2019),

<<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0211361>>.

<sup>7</sup> AIHRC, (3).

<sup>8</sup> The World Bank, (1).

In response to a survey question posed by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe ('OSCE') in 2019, 'How common do you think violence against women by partners, acquaintances or strangers is in Albania?', 88% of respondents said that their perception was that violence is 'very common' or 'fairly common'.<sup>9</sup>

14,085 women aged 18-74 were surveyed on their experiences with any partner, past or present. 19% said they had experienced physical violence, 4% had experienced sexual violence and 19% had experienced physical and/or sexual violence.<sup>10</sup>

A survey of the national population by the Institute of Statistics in Albania ('INSTAT') in May 2019, revealed that 52.9% of women had experienced domestic violence.<sup>11</sup>

According to a UK Home Office Country Report, in 2013, 1 in 2 women in Albania had been exposed to at least one form of domestic violence during their lifetime. This is significantly higher than the average in Europe of 1 in 4. In 2014, out of the 1,189 cases reported to the police, only 476 resulted in convictions. In the period from January 2017 to August 2017, 2,963 cases of domestic violence were reported to the police. Of these, 962 did not result in a conviction while the other 2,001 cases, Protection Orders ('POs') were pursued. During this period, domestic violence led to 9 people being killed of whom 7 were female.<sup>12</sup>

May 2019: 1 in 2 women experienced domestic abuse.<sup>13</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

#### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

#### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

245 cases of domestic violence were reported by the Albanian State Police in March 2020. The numbers may be higher as women have tended to remain silent whilst in self-isolation with the perpetrator.<sup>14</sup>

Albania has not followed the global trend of an increase in calls for help from domestic abuse victims. In fact, the data suggests that there were 141 fewer domestic violence reports in March 2020, compared with March 2019. It is suggested that this is because addressing domestic abuse is "considered a luxury in the current state of survival".<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe ('OSCE'), "Well-Being and Safety of Women", (2019), OSCE-Led Survey on Violence Against Women, 26.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid*, 34.

<sup>11</sup> Institute of Statistics in Albania, ('INSTAT'), "2018 National Population Survey: Violence Against Women and Girls in Albania", (2019), Report.

<sup>12</sup> United Kingdom Home Office, "Country Policy and Information Note – Albania: Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women", (2018), Note.

<sup>13</sup> UN Women: Europe and Central Asia, "New Survey Reveals Violence Against Women Occurs Widely in Albania", ([eca.unwomen.org](https://eca.unwomen.org), 29 May 2019), <<https://eca.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2019/05/new-survey-reveals-violence-against-women-occurs-widely-in-albania>>.

<sup>14</sup> UN Development Programme ('UNDP'): Europe and Central Asia, "Amidst Coronavirus Pandemic, UNDP Rings the Alarm on Domestic Violence", ([eurasia.undp.org](https://eurasia.undp.org), 24 April 2020), <<https://www.eurasia.undp.org/content/rbec/en/home/stories/coronavirus-pandemic-albania-domestic-violence.html>>.

<sup>15</sup> UN Women: Albania, "Unpacking the Impact of Covid-19 on Women and Girls in Albania", ([albania.unwomen.org](https://albania.unwomen.org), 17 April 2020), <<https://albania.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2020/04/unpacking-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-women-and-girls-in-albania>>.

## Algeria

### Population Size:

43.05 million.<sup>16</sup> 50.5% are male and 49.5% are female.

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

1 in 4 Arab women, including Algerians, have experienced domestic violence.<sup>17</sup>

31.4% of women aged between 19-64 have regularly been subjected to threats of physical and/or psychological violence.<sup>18</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Andorra

### Population Size:

0.077 million<sup>19</sup>. 51.7% are male, 48.3% are female.

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

Council of Europe Violence against Women report due to be published in 2021.<sup>20</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research available.

## Angola

### Population Size:

32.83 million.<sup>21</sup> 49.5% are male, 50.5% are female.

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<sup>16</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>17</sup> Y. Allouche, "'Silent Pandemic': How Women in the Middle East and North Africa are Threatened Online", (*middleeasteye.net*, 13 July 2020), <<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/women-middle-east-north-africa-threats-harassment-abuse-sexism-online>>

<sup>18</sup> Minister for Family and Women of Algeria, "Violence Towards Women: National Study into Prevalence", (2007), Report. This report was cited by R. Manjoo, the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, "Mission to Algeria", (2011), 17<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council, 7.

<sup>19</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>20</sup> Council of Europe, "Council of Europe's Expert Group of Violence Against Women Visits Andorra", (*coe.int*, 7 February 2020), <<https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention/-/council-of-europe-s-expert-group-on-violence-against-women-visits-andor-1>>.

<sup>21</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019: 41.1% women face intimate partner violence - 32.3% physical, 27.3% emotional, 7.4% sexual.<sup>22</sup>

2018: 82.75% of all reported domestic violence cases were against women.<sup>23</sup>

2007: 78% of women reported having experienced violence since the age of 15. This would amount to roughly 12,931,737 women. In addition, the study showed that 62% of women living in poor suburbs around Luanda had experienced abuse in the past year.<sup>24</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Antigua and Barbuda

Population Size:

0.097 million.<sup>25</sup> 47.5% are male and 52.5% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2016: 40% of women reported experiencing physical abuse in intimate relationships.<sup>26</sup>

2015: 72% of domestic violence victims were women.<sup>27</sup>

2014: 6 cases of rape were reported to the Directorate of Gender Affairs ('DOGA'): 3 women and 3 men. With respect to adult domestic violence, reports to DOGA increased significantly. Of the 201 cases reported, 124 were women and 77 were men – a marked increase in male reporting when compared with the previous year.<sup>28</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Argentina

Population Size:

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<sup>22</sup> S. Yaya, M. Kunnuji and G. Bishwajit, "Intimate Partner Violence: A Potential Challenge for Women's Health in Angola", (*mdpi.com*, 18 March 2019), <<https://www.mdpi.com/2078-1547/10/1/21/htm>>.

<sup>23</sup> Angola Press, "Angola: Over 6,000 Cases of Domestic Violence Reported in Angola", (*allafrica.com*, 27 November 2018), <<https://allafrica.com/stories/201811280105.html>>.

<sup>24</sup> I. Strønen and M. Nangacovie, "Violence Against Women in the Context of Urban Poverty in Angola", (2016) 15(16) *Chr. Michelsen Institute Brief*, 4.

<sup>25</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>26</sup> United Nations Subregional Team for Barbados and the OECS, "Universal Periodic Review of Antigua and Barbuda: 2016", (2016), Review.

<sup>27</sup> R. Baksh, A. Wong, K. Norton and A. Hassett, "Domestic Violence in Antigua and Barbuda: Final Research Report", (2017), Report of Decides Caribbean.

<sup>28</sup> UN OHCHR, (51).

44.94 million.<sup>29</sup> 48.9% are male, 51.1% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

26.9% of women between the ages of 18-69 reported experiencing physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner at least once in their lifetime since the age of 16.

2.7% of women aged between 18-69 years reported experiencing physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in the last twelve months.<sup>30</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Increase by 67% in the number of calls made for help to the emergency line, compared to one year previous.<sup>31</sup>

Deaths of women (of those that are reported) have risen by 33% compared to the same period in 2018, and by almost 20% (40 to 49) when compared to the same period in 2019.<sup>32</sup>

## Armenia

Population Size:

2.96 million.<sup>33</sup> 46.5% is male, 53.5% is female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2020: 60% of women reported having experienced domestic violence at least once.<sup>34</sup>

2017: 25% of women reported having been the victim of violence from an intimate partner, however, this figure has been deemed to be underreported.<sup>35</sup>

2002: A report by the World Health Organisation estimated that a minimum of 10% and possibly as high as 69% of Armenian women had been physically assaulted by an intimate male partner at least once in their lives.<sup>36</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>29</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>30</sup> Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, "National Study on Violence Against Women, Based on the International Violence Against Women Survey", (2017), Report.

<sup>31</sup> L. Sigal, N. Miranda, A. Martinez and M. Machicao, "Another Pandemic: In Latin America, Domestic Abuse Rises During Lockdown", (*reuters.com*, 27 April 2020), <<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-latam-domesticviol/another-pandemic-in-latin-america-domestic-abuse-rises-amid-lockdown-idUSKCN2291JS>>.

<sup>32</sup> O. Lopez, "Killing of Women in Argentina Reaches 10-Year High in COVID-19 Lockdown", (*globalcitizen.org*, 20 May 2020), <<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/femicides-in-argentina-rising-under-covid-lockdown/>>.

<sup>33</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>34</sup> OSCE, "Bringing Security Home: Combatting Violence Against Women in the OSCE Region", (2009), Report. This report has been cited in M. Koltsova, "'Pass a Law, Even If It's a Bad One': How Armenia is Tackling Domestic Violence", (*opendemocracy.net*, 21 January 2020), <<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/armenia-domestic-violence-law/>>.

<sup>35</sup> A. Ishkanian, "Heated Debates Around Domestic Violence in Armenia", (*opendemocracy.net*, 3 November 2017), <<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/heated-debates-around-domestic-violence-in-armenia/>>.

<sup>36</sup> S. Shirinian, "Domestic Violence Against Women in Armenia", (2010), Report of the United Human Rights Council, 4.

Suspected increase but no figures have been provided.<sup>37</sup>

## Australia

### Population Size:

25.36 million.<sup>38</sup> 49.8% is male, 50.2% is female.

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019: 17% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual abuse from a partner, which equates to roughly 2,120,937.95 women; while 25% reported having experienced emotional abuse from a partner, which equates to roughly 3,182,680 women.<sup>39</sup> 1 woman is killed every 9 days and 1 man is killed ever 29 days by a partner.<sup>40</sup>

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

Violence against women and children costs an estimated USD \$11.38 billion per year.<sup>41</sup> In 2016, a CARE report, citing KPMG, stated that violence against women cost the Australian economy USD \$19.2 billion.<sup>42</sup>

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

38% increase in the number of calls to 1800 Respect, the National helpline.<sup>43</sup>  
42% increase in the number of first-time family violence reports being made to victim support practitioners.<sup>44</sup>  
5% increase in the number of cases reported to police in Western Australia.<sup>45</sup>

## Austria

### Population Size:

8.88 million.<sup>46</sup> 48.8% are male, 51.2% are female.

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

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<sup>37</sup> Council of Europe, "COVID-19 Crisis: Secretary General Concerned about Increased Risk of Domestic Violence", (*coe.int*, 30 March 2020), <[https://www.coe.int/en/web/yerevan/home/-/asset\\_publisher/KZTSm796kFrq/content/covid-19-crisis-secretary-general-concerned-about-increased-risk-of-domestic-violence?\\_101\\_INSTANCE\\_KZTSm796kFrq\\_viewMode=view/](https://www.coe.int/en/web/yerevan/home/-/asset_publisher/KZTSm796kFrq/content/covid-19-crisis-secretary-general-concerned-about-increased-risk-of-domestic-violence?_101_INSTANCE_KZTSm796kFrq_viewMode=view/)>.

<sup>38</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>39</sup> Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, "Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence in Australia: Continuing the National Story 2019", (*aihw.gov.au*, 5 June 2019), <<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/domestic-violence/family-domestic-sexual-violence-australia-2019/contents/table-of-contents>>.

<sup>40</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>41</sup> L. Puri, "The Economic Costs of Violence Against Women", (2016), Remarks by UN Assistant Secretary General.

<sup>42</sup> CARE International, "Counting the Cost: The Price Society Pays for Violence Against Women", Report, 13.

<sup>43</sup> H. Zwartz, "Amid Coronavirus Lockdowns, Use of Online Domestic Violence Reporting Tool Spikes", (*abc.net.au*, 22 May 2020), <<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-05-23/coronavirus-lockdown-domestic-violence-spikes-in-australia/12238962>>.

<sup>44</sup> T. Mills, "New Reports of Family Violence Spike in COVID-19 Lockdown, Study Finds", (*theage.com.au*, 8 June 2020), <<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/new-reports-of-family-violence-spike-in-covid-19-lockdown-study-finds-20200607-p55096.html>>.

<sup>45</sup> B. Shepherd, "Coronavirus Pressures See Extra Focus Placed on Family and Domestic Violence", (*abc.net.au*, 9 April 2020), <<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-09/coronavirus-family-and-domestic-violence-fears-grow/12136652>>.

<sup>46</sup> The World Bank, (1).

2014: 20% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence, which equates to roughly 909,312 women; while 17%, roughly 772,915 women, reported being subject to violence from their partners.<sup>47</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

2014: Estimated cost to the economy of €1.8 billion.<sup>48</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

On 19<sup>th</sup> May 2020, it was announced in the Austrian national news that, during the crisis, there had been a 9% increase in the number of reported cases of domestic abuse.<sup>49</sup>

## Azerbaijan

Population Size:

10.02 million.<sup>50</sup> 49.5% are male, 50.5% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2018: 74.9% of victims of domestic violence were women.<sup>51</sup>

2014: 14% of women, roughly 708,414 women, reported having experienced domestic violence.<sup>52</sup>

2006: 13% women aged 15-49 experience physical violence.<sup>53</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Bahamas

Population Size:

0.39 million.<sup>54</sup> 48.9% are male, 51.1% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2017: 33% of women in Latin America and the Caribbean are subject to violence from men.<sup>55</sup>

<sup>47</sup> GREVIO, "Baseline Report – Austria", (2016), Report, 11.

<sup>48</sup> European Institute for Gender Equality ('EIGE'), "Combatting Violence Against Women – Austria", (2016), Paper, 1.

<sup>49</sup> TVThek, "Crime Reduced by Half", (*tvthek.orf.at*), <<https://tvthek.orf.at>>.

<sup>50</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>51</sup> Meydan TV, "Femicide in Azerbaijan: To Recognise and Prevent Murder", (*meydan.tv*, 28 February 2020), <<https://www.meydan.tv/ru/article/femicid-v-azerbajdzhane-raspoznat-i-predotvratit-ubijstvo/?ref=homepage-news>>.

<sup>52</sup> Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ('OECD'), "Inequality – Violence Against Women", (*oecd-ilibrary.org*), <[https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/social-issues-migration-health/violence-against-women/indicator/english\\_f1eb4876-en?parentId=http%3A%2F%2Finstance.metastore.ingenta.com%2Fcontent%2Fthematicgrouping%2F7420b4b-en](https://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/social-issues-migration-health/violence-against-women/indicator/english_f1eb4876-en?parentId=http%3A%2F%2Finstance.metastore.ingenta.com%2Fcontent%2Fthematicgrouping%2F7420b4b-en)>.

<sup>53</sup> State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, "Demographic and Health Survey", (2006), Survey, xxviii.

<sup>54</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>55</sup> OECD, "Latin America and the Caribbean", (2017), Social Institutions and Gender Index Regional Report.

2009: 21% of students reported living in households in which domestic violence occurred.<sup>56</sup>  
Almost 80% of Bahamians were beaten as children as a form of punishment.<sup>57</sup>

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Bahrain

Population Size:

1.64 million.<sup>58</sup> 62.6% are male, 37.4% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2008: 30% of women, roughly 613,360 women, reported having experienced domestic violence.<sup>59</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

46% increase in abuse.<sup>60</sup>

## Bangladesh

Population Size:

163,05 million.<sup>61</sup> 50.6% are male, 49.4% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2014: 53% of women reported having experienced domestic violence.<sup>62</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

2009-2017: USD \$ 2.3billion.<sup>63</sup>

2010: USD \$2 billion or 2.10% of gross domestic product ('GDP').<sup>64</sup>

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<sup>56</sup> See S. Plumridge and W. Fielding, "Domestic Violence in the Homes of College Students", (2009) 15 *College of the Bahamas Research Journal*; UN OHCHR, "Mission to the Bahamas", (2018), Report of the Special Rapporteur Against Women, its Causes and Consequences for the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Human Rights Council, [16], "domestic violence within intimate partner relationships is still a largely private matter with low levels of reporting".

<sup>57</sup> K. Virgil, "Bahamas Ranks High for Tolerance of Violence to Women and Children", (*tribune242.com*, 14 June 2017), <<http://www.tribune242.com/news/2017/jun/14/bahamas-ranks-high-tolerance-violence-women-and-ch/>>.

<sup>58</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>59</sup> D. Ahmed, "Bahrain", (2008), Freedom House Report on Women's Rights in the Middle East and North Africa, 7.

<sup>60</sup> Gulf Daily News, "Domestic Violence Against Women in Bahrain Surge 46%", (*zawya.com*, 4 May 2020), <[https://www.zawya.com/mena/en/legal/story/Domestic\\_violence\\_against\\_women\\_in\\_Bahrain\\_surge\\_46-SNG\\_173704187/](https://www.zawya.com/mena/en/legal/story/Domestic_violence_against_women_in_Bahrain_surge_46-SNG_173704187/)>.

<sup>61</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>62</sup> OECD, (108).

<sup>63</sup> Care International, (88), 13.

<sup>64</sup> *Ibid*, 17.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

50% increase in the number of reports of domestic violence in refugee camps in Bangladesh.<sup>65</sup>

81% of Myanmar refugees had faced attacks from relatives.<sup>66</sup>

## Barbados

Population Size:

0.29 million.<sup>67</sup> 49.6% are male, 50.4% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2012: 9.6% of male and female respondents to the survey had experienced domestic violence.<sup>68</sup>

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Belarus

Population Size:

9.47 million.<sup>69</sup> 46.5% are male, 53.5% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2014: 30% of women, roughly 1,519,935 women, reported having experienced violence at home.<sup>70</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Belgium

Population Size:

<sup>65</sup> N. Smith and S. Uddin, "Pandemic has led to Rise in Rohingya Domestic Abuse Cases, Charity Warns", (*telegraph.co.uk*, 11 June 2020),

<<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/06/11/pandemic-has-led-rise-rohingya-domestic-abuse-cases-charity/>>.

<sup>66</sup> A. Islam, "COVID-19 Lockdown Increases Domestic Violence in Bangladesh", (*dw.com*, 12 May 2020), <<https://www.dw.com/en/covid-19-lockdown-increases-domestic-violence-in-bangladesh/a-53411507>>.

<sup>67</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>68</sup> Refworld, "Barbados: Domestic Violence, including Legislation, State Protection and Support Services (2008 – October 2012)", (*refworld.org*, 6 November 2012), <<https://www.refworld.org/docid/50b47bfc2.html#:~:text=A%202010%20UN%20Development%20Programme,16%20years%20of%20age%2C%20which>>.

<sup>69</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>70</sup> Refworld, "Belarus – Domestic Violence – More Than a Private Scandal", (*refworld.org*), <<https://www.refworld.org/pdfid/4565d52a4.pdf>>, Section 5 refers to CEDAW, "Concluding Observations on Belarus", (2004), Report A/59/38, [323].

11,484,055.<sup>71</sup> 49% are male, 51% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019-2020: 6% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner.<sup>72</sup>

2014: 24% of women reported having experienced domestic violence.<sup>73</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

€2.4 billion per year.<sup>74</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

"In Belgium, the Flemish Helpline reported a 70% rise in calls for help in the third week of lockdown compared to the first week; the calls involved almost double the number of potential victims of violence".<sup>75</sup>

## Belize

Population Size:

390,353.<sup>76</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

No research.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Benin

Population Size:

11,801,151.<sup>77</sup> 49.3% are male, 50.7% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019-2020: 13.9% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner.<sup>78</sup>

2013-2014: "28% of all women in sub-Saharan Africa reported experiencing violence ... at the hands of their partners or family. This includes women subjected to beatings, forced marriage at an early age, sexual assault, "honour" crimes and female genital mutilation".<sup>79</sup>

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<sup>71</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>72</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Belgium", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/belgium)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/belgium>>.

<sup>73</sup> OECD, (108).

<sup>74</sup> EIGE', "Combatting Violence Against Women – Belgium", (2016), Paper, 1.

<sup>75</sup> European Democrat Students, "Issue of Domestic Violence during the COVID-19 Crisis", (2020), Position Paper.

<sup>76</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>77</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>78</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Benin", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/benin)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/benin>>.

<sup>79</sup> See B. Lomborg, "Why Domestic Violence Costs More Than War", ([weforum.org](http://weforum.org), 19 September 2014), <<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2014/09/domestic-violence-cost-war-development-goals/>>.;

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Suspected increase in line with UNFPA projections.<sup>80</sup>

## Bhutan

Population Size:

763,092.<sup>81</sup> 53% are male, 47% are female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019-2020: 61% of women, roughly 218,778.5 women, reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner.<sup>82</sup>

"More than 4 in 10 children (43.6%) recalled physical violence at home, usually meted out by parents, relatives or siblings. In the home, sexual abuse was more prevalent against girls than for boys, usually committed by fathers, stepfathers, brothers-in-law or family friends".<sup>83</sup>

2017: "There were 25 men who were the victims of domestic violence and have come forward ... usually men do not come forward due to gender issues and ego".<sup>84</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

"The National Commission for Women and Children is seeing an increase in domestic violence cases in Bhutan in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission received 47 cases between January and April from Thimphu alone regarding women who needed immediate support like counselling, shelter and legal advice. Only 77 such cases were reported to the Commission in the whole of 2019".<sup>85</sup>

2020: "Royal Bhutan Police recorded 13 cases of domestic violence in March. The victims are 11 females and 2 males between 20 to 40 years of age".<sup>86</sup>

## Bolivia

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<sup>80</sup> UNFPA, "Millions More Cases of Violence, Child Marriage, Female Genital Mutilation, Unintended Pregnancy Expected due to the COVID-19 Pandemic", (*unfpa.org*, 28 April 2020), <<https://www.unfpa.org/news/millions-more-cases-violence-child-marriage-female-genital-mutilation-unintended-pregnancies>>.

<sup>81</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>82</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Bhutan", (*evaw-global-database.unwomen.org*), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/asia/bhutan?formofviolence=b51b5bac425b470883736a3245b7cbe6>>.

<sup>83</sup> UNICEF, "Bhutan", (*unicef.org*), <<https://www.unicef.org/bhutan/media/341/file>>.

<sup>84</sup> D. Pem, "Understanding and Fighting Domestic Violence in the Bhutanese Setting", (*thebhutanese.bt*, 26 May 2018), <<https://thebhutanese.bt/understanding-and-fighting-domestic-violence-in-the-bhutanese-setting/>>.

<sup>85</sup> South Asia Monitor, "Domestic Violence on the Rise in Bhutan", (*southasiamonitor.org*, 11 May 2020), <<https://southasiamonitor.org/bhutan/domestic-violence-rise-bhutan>>.

<sup>86</sup> The Bhutanese, "Domestic Violence Likely to Increase if the COVID-19 Situation Prolongs", (*thebhutanese.bt*, 25 April 2020), <<https://thebhutanese.bt/domestic-violence-likely-to-increase-if-the-covid-19-situation-prolongs/>>.

Population Size:

11,513,100<sup>87</sup>, 50.2% male and 49.8% female.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

58.5% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime, while 27.1% reported such in the last 12 months.<sup>88</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

2015: Violence against women cost Bolivia's economy USD \$2.1 billion, the equivalent of 6.46% of GDP.<sup>89</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Incidents have increased. In the period between 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Bolivia's public prosecutor's office recorded 545 cases of domestic violence.<sup>90</sup> The government is providing food aid valued at USD \$57 to mothers with low incomes and financial aid worth \$80 to low-income families with primary school children.<sup>91</sup> Whilst the provision of this aid does not specifically address the rise in domestic abuse, it could alleviate the additional financial pressures caused to already vulnerable groups during the pandemic.

## Bosnia and Herzegovina

Population Size:

3,301,100, 49.98% male and 51.02% female<sup>92</sup>.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

11% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime, while 34% reported having experienced such in the last 12 months.<sup>93</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Likely in line with UNFPA projections.<sup>94</sup>

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<sup>87</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>88</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Bolivia", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/bolivia-plurinational-state-of)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/bolivia-plurinational-state-of>>.

<sup>89</sup> Care International, (88). 13.

<sup>90</sup> RPP Noticias, "The Bolivian Region with the Most Cases of COVID-19 is also reporting the Highest Numbers of Domestic Violence", ([rpp.pe](https://rpp.pe/mundo/latinoamerica/coronavirus-la-region-boliviana-con-mas-casos-de-la-covid-19-reporta-el-mayor-numero-de-violencia-familiar-noticia-1258457?ref=rpp), 14 April 2020), <<https://rpp.pe/mundo/latinoamerica/coronavirus-la-region-boliviana-con-mas-casos-de-la-covid-19-reporta-el-mayor-numero-de-violencia-familiar-noticia-1258457?ref=rpp>>.

<sup>91</sup> UN OHCHR, "COVID-19 and Women's Human Rights: Guidance", ([ohchr.org](https://www.ohchr.org), 15 April 2020), <[https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Women/COVID-19\\_and\\_Womens\\_Human\\_Rights.pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Women/COVID-19_and_Womens_Human_Rights.pdf)>.

<sup>92</sup> World Bank: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL?locations=BA>.

<sup>93</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Bosnia and Herzegovina", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/europe/bosnia-and-herzegovina>>.

<sup>94</sup> OSCE, "Domestic Violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the Time of COVID-19", ([osce.org](https://www.osce.org), 27 April 2020), <<https://www.osce.org/mission-to-bosnia-and-herzegovina/450877>>.

## Botswana

### Population Size:

2,303,697.<sup>95</sup>

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

Over 67% of women reported having experienced some form of gender violence in their lifetime, while 44% of men admitted to having perpetrated violence against women.<sup>96</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No specific numbers but there have been reports of an increase in number, which would be in line with UNFPA projections.<sup>97</sup>

2020: It has been suggested that the effects of COVID-19 will cost the region of Sub-Saharan Africa between USD \$37 billion and \$79 billion in terms of output losses.<sup>98</sup>

## Brazil

### Population Size:

211,049,527.<sup>99</sup>

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019-2020: 3.1% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner.<sup>100</sup>

80% of domestic violence victims were women. The proportion of female victims was 3.2 times greater than male victims.<sup>101</sup>

No further research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

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<sup>95</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>96</sup> M. Machisa and R. van Dorp. "Gender Based Violence Indicators Study: Botswana", (2012), Report, 11.

<sup>97</sup> M. Kuhlmann, "COVID-19 Lockdown – Are Domestic Abuse Victims Safe at Home or Stuck at Home?", (*sundaystandard.info*, 13 April 2020), <<https://www.sundaystandard.info/covid-19-lockdown-are-domestic-abuse-victims-safe-at-home-or-stuck-at-home/>>.

<sup>98</sup> The World Bank, "COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Drives Sub-Saharan Africa Toward First Recession in 25 Years", (*worldbank.org*, 9 April 2020), <<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2020/04/09/covid-19-coronavirus-drives-sub-saharan-africa-toward-first-recession-in-25-years>>.

<sup>99</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>100</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Brazil", (*evaw-global-database.unwomen.org*), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/brazil?typeofmeasure=7f2ab1a69d06452493b8b98c2266df3b>>.

<sup>101</sup> K. Barbosa, B. Walker, N. Schuurman, S. Cavalcanti, E. Ferreira and R. Ferreira, "Epidemiological and Spatial Characteristics of Interpersonal Physical Violence in a Brazilian City: A Comparative Study of Violent Injury Hotspots in Familial vs. Non-Familial Settings, 2012-2014", (*journals.plos.org*, 7 January 2019), <<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0208304>>.

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Official reporting is down but The Brazilian Forum on Public Safety analysed more than 50,000 posts on Twitter of which 6,000 indicated domestic abuse had occurred, thereby representing a 431% increase.<sup>102</sup> Other research has suggested a 40-50% increase in the number of incidents of domestic abuse.<sup>103</sup>

## Brunei

Population Size:

438,130.<sup>104</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

No research.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Bulgaria

Population Size:

6,940,506.<sup>105</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2018: 33 women were murdered by their husbands, while 28 women were severely injured or disabled as a result of domestic violence.<sup>106</sup>

2017: 27 women were murdered by their husbands.

2016: 22 women were murdered by their husbands.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>102</sup> TeleSur, "Domestic Violence Increases 431% in Brazil Amid Lockdown", (*telesurenglish.net*, 20 April 2020), <<https://www.telesurenglish.net/news/Domestic-Violence-Drastically-Increase-in-Brazil-Amid-Lockdown---20200420-0019.html>>.

<sup>103</sup> E. Graham-Harrison, A. Giuffrida, H. Smith and L. Ford, "Lockdowns Around the World Bring Rise in Domestic Violence", (*theguardian.com*, 28 March 2020), <<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/mar/28/lockdowns-world-rise-domestic-violence>>.

<sup>104</sup> Worldometer, "Brunei Population (Live)", (*worldometers.info*), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/brunei-darussalam-population/>>.

<sup>105</sup> Worldometer, "Bulgaria Population (Live)", (*worldometers.info*), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/bulgaria-population/>>.

<sup>106</sup> Novinite, "Dramatic Increase in Murders of Women in Domestic Violence in Bulgaria", (*novinite.com*, 5 February 2019), <<https://www.novinite.com/articles/194972/Dramatic+Increase+in+Murders+of+Women+in+Domestic+Violence+in+Bulgaria>>.

The Bulgarian Fund for Women has reported that, since 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, when a lockdown was imposed in Bulgaria, 8 women have been killed by their partner.<sup>107</sup>

## Burkina Faso

Population Size:  
20,994,544.<sup>108</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

Violence in the home is very common.<sup>109</sup>

12% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime,<sup>110</sup> while 9% reported having experienced such in the last 12 months.<sup>111</sup>

2004: 56% of interviewees had been victims of sexual harassment.<sup>112</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Burundi

Population Size:  
11,947,373.<sup>113</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

Reporting in Burundi is low.<sup>114</sup>

23% of women and 6% of men reporting having experienced sexual violence.

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<sup>107</sup> S. Todorov, "Bulgaria Charity Warns Domestic Violence Worsening in Pandemic", (*balkaninsight.com*, 28 May 2020),

<<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/05/28/bulgaria-charity-warns-domestic-violence-worsening-in-pandemic/>>.

<sup>108</sup> Worldometer, "Burkina Faso Population (Live)", (*worldometers.info*),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/burkina-faso-population/>>.

<sup>109</sup> Refworld, "Burkina Faso: Domestic Violence, Including Possible Remedies, the Protection Offered by the State, and Refuge/Shelter for Victims; Whether an Educated Woman Can Live Alone in the City and Work", (*refworld.org*, 7 April 2004), <<https://www.refworld.org/docid/485ba856c.html>>.

<sup>110</sup> National Institute of Statistics and Demographics and ICF International, "Multiple Health and Demographic Indicators in Burkina Faso", (2012), Study.

<sup>111</sup> National Institute of Statistics and Demographics and ICF International, "Multiple Health and Demographic Indicators in Burkina Faso", (2012), Study.

<sup>112</sup> The Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality Task Force on Violence Against Women, "Background Study of the Inter-Agency Joint Programme on Violence Against Women", (2008), Study, 20.

<sup>113</sup> Worldometer, "Burundi Population (Live)", (*worldometers.info*),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/burkina-faso-population/>>.

<sup>114</sup> UNICEF, "Abuse, Impunity and Sexual Violence in Burundi", (*unicef.org*, 14 June 2018),

<<https://www.unicef.org/stories/abuse-impunity-and-sexual-violence-burundi>>.

48.5% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime,<sup>115</sup> while 27.9% reported experiencing such in the last 12 months.<sup>116</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

COVID-19 is deepening the level of violence against women.<sup>117</sup>

## Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)

Population Size:

26,481,933.<sup>118</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

26% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime,<sup>119</sup> while 22% reported experiencing such in the last 12 months.<sup>120</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Cabo Verde

Population Size:

556,960.<sup>121</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

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<sup>115</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Burundi", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/burundi)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/burundi>>.

<sup>116</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Burundi", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/burundi)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/burundi>>.

<sup>117</sup> European Network for Central Africa, "The COVID-19 Response Should Leave No One Behind: The Pandemic's Implications in the Great Lakes Region", (2020), Policy Report.

<sup>118</sup> Worldometer, "Côte d'Ivoire Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](https://www.worldometers.info)), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/cote-d-ivoire-population/>>.

<sup>119</sup> National Institute of Statistics and Demographics and ICF International, "Multiple Health and Demographic Indicators in Côte d'Ivoire", (2012), Study.

<sup>120</sup> National Institute of Statistics and Demographics and ICF International, "Multiple Health and Demographic Indicators in Côte d'Ivoire", (2012), Study.

<sup>121</sup> Worldometer, "Cabo Verde Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](https://www.worldometers.info)), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/cabo-verde-population/>>.

16.1% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime,<sup>122</sup> while 7.8% reported having experienced such in the last 12 months.<sup>123</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

*Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:*

No research.

*Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:*

No research.

## Cambodia

*Population Size:*

16,756,968.<sup>124</sup>

*Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:*

21% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime,<sup>125</sup> while 8% reported having experienced such in the last 12 months.<sup>126</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

*Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:*

No research.

*Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:*

No research.

## Cameroon

*Population Size:*

25,876,380.<sup>127</sup>

*Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:*

45% of the women interviewed reported having experienced physical violence, 20% sexual violence and 42% emotional violence from their husband or partner.<sup>128</sup>

In the 12 months prior to the survey, 68% of the women interviewed reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from their husband or partner; 42% responded

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<sup>122</sup> National Statistical Institute and Minister of Health, "Second Inquiry into Demographics and Reproductive Health in Cabo Verde", (2008), Report IDSR-II.

<sup>123</sup> National Statistical Institute and Minister of Health, "Second Inquiry into Demographics and Reproductive Health in Cabo Verde", (2008), Report IDSR-II.

<sup>124</sup> Worldometer, "Cambodia Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](https://www.worldometers.info)), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/cambodia-population/>>.

<sup>125</sup> Ministry of Women's Affairs, "National Survey on Women's Health and Life Experiences in Cambodia", (2015), Report.

<sup>126</sup> Ministry of Women's Affairs, "National Survey on Women's Health and Life Experiences in Cambodia", (2015), Report.

<sup>127</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>128</sup> Refworld, "Cameroon: Domestic Violence, Including Legislation; Protection Provided by the State and Support Services Available to Victims (2014-2016)", ([refworld.org](https://www.refworld.org), 21 April 2016), <<https://www.refworld.org/docid/5729a55e4.html>>.

that the frequency with which they experienced such was "sometimes", while for 26% it was "often".<sup>129</sup>

In the 12 months prior to the survey, 20% of the women interviewed reported having been forced to have sex with their partner, 29% had experienced physical violence and 33% were victims of emotional violence from their partner.<sup>130</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

*Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:*

No research.

*Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:*

No research.

## Canada

*Population Size:*

37,589,262.<sup>131</sup>

*Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:*

Since the age of 16, 50% of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence.

Women are at greater risk of experiencing abuse from a family member, with this accounting for 60% of senior survivors of family violence.<sup>132</sup>

67% of Canadians report having personally known at least 1 woman who has experienced physical and/ or sexual abuse.

Approximately every 6 days, 1 woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner. Out of the 83 police-reported intimate partner homicides in 2014, 67 of the victims, over 80%, were women.

On any given night in Canada, 3,491 women and their 2,724 children will sleep in shelters because it is not safe at home, while 300 women and children will be turned away because shelters are already full.

1980-2012: In this period, there were 1,181 cases of missing or murdered Aboriginal women in Canada, according to the RCMP<sup>133</sup>. However, according to grassroots organisations and the Minister of the Status of Women the number is much higher, closer to 4,000<sup>134</sup>.

Indigenous women are killed at 6 times the rate of non-Indigenous women.

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<sup>129</sup> Refworld, "Cameroon: Domestic Violence, Including Legislation; Protection Provided by the State and Support Services Available to Victims (2014-2016)", (*refworld.org*, 21 April 2016), <<https://www.refworld.org/docid/5729a55e4.html>>.

<sup>130</sup> Refworld, "Cameroon: Domestic Violence, Including Legislation; Protection Provided by the State and Support Services Available to Victims (2014-2016)", (*refworld.org*, 21 April 2016), <<https://www.refworld.org/docid/5729a55e4.html>>.

<sup>131</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>132</sup> Canadian Women's Foundation, "The Facts about Gender-Based Violence", (*canadianwomen.org*), <<https://canadianwomen.org/the-facts/gender-based-violence/>>.

<sup>133</sup> Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

<https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/missing-and-murdered-aboriginal-women-national-operational-overview>.

<sup>134</sup> The Guardian, September 2020:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/sep/07/canada-indigenous-women-and-girls-missing>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

Annual costs of intimate partner violence were calculated at \$CAN 1.16 billion in Canada.<sup>135</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Researchers at the University of Toronto uncovered a 20%-30% increase in rates of gender-based violence and domestic violence in some regions of the country.<sup>136</sup> One shelter in the Greater Toronto Area reported a 400% increase in the number of calls<sup>137</sup>. York Regional Police reported a 22% increase in domestic incidents since stay-at-home measures came into effect on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.<sup>138</sup>

## Central African Republic

Population Size:

4,745,185.<sup>139</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019: 11,777 cases of domestic violence were reported, which represents a 174% increase in numbers from 2014.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Since April, gender-based violence has increased by an estimated 10%, while reported injuries to women and children have increased by 69%, rape by 27% and other assaults by 45%.<sup>140</sup> Since the first case of COVID-19 was reported in the Central African Republic, 97% of the victims of gender-based violence have been female and 76% underage.<sup>141</sup>

The UNDP reports that there has been a 69% increase in violence.<sup>142</sup>

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<sup>135</sup> UN Women, "The Economic Costs of Violence Against Women", ([unwomen.org](https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2016/9/speech-by-lakshmi-puri-on-economic-costs-of-violence-against-women), 21 September 2016), <<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2016/9/speech-by-lakshmi-puri-on-economic-costs-of-violence-against-women>>.

<sup>136</sup> S. Anderson, "COVID-19: University of Toronto Researchers Seek to Protect Women from Abuse with Re-Tooled Safety App", ([utoronto.ca](https://www.utoronto.ca/news/app-built-u-t-researchers-re-tooled-protect-women-domestic-violence-during-covid-19), 26 May 2020), <<https://www.utoronto.ca/news/app-built-u-t-researchers-re-tooled-protect-women-domestic-violence-during-covid-19>>.

<sup>137</sup> CBC Canada, 27 April 2020:

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/domestic-violence-rates-rising-due-to-covid19-1.5545851>.

<sup>138</sup> R. Patel, "Minister Says COVID-19 is Empowering Domestic Violence Abusers as Rates Rise in Parts of Canada", ([cbc.ca](https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/domestic-violence-rates-rising-due-to-covid19-1.5545851), 27 April 2020), <<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/domestic-violence-rates-rising-due-to-covid19-1.5545851>>.

<sup>139</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>140</sup> UNDP, "In CAR, Violence Against Women is Surging Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, Study Finds", ([undp.org](https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/In_CAR_violence_against_women_surging_amid_COVID19.html), 14 July 2020), <[https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/In\\_CAR\\_violence\\_against\\_women\\_surging\\_amid\\_COVID19.html](https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/In_CAR_violence_against_women_surging_amid_COVID19.html)>.

<sup>141</sup> UNDP, "In CAR, Violence Against Women is Surging Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, Study Finds", ([undp.org](https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/In_CAR_violence_against_women_surging_amid_COVID19.html), 14 July 2020), <[https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/In\\_CAR\\_violence\\_against\\_women\\_surging\\_amid\\_COVID19.html](https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/news/2020/In_CAR_violence_against_women_surging_amid_COVID19.html)>.

<sup>142</sup> UNDP, "COVID-19: Socio-Economic Impact", ([undp.org](https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/coronavirus/socio-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html)), <<https://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/coronavirus/socio-economic-impact-of-covid-19.html>>.

## Chad

### Population Size:

15,946,876.<sup>143</sup>

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

Though under-reported, sexual and gender-based violence is widespread in Chad, including in the refugee and internally displaced person camps in Eastern and Southern Chad. Each year, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees ('UNHCR') is improving its ability to collect information on incidents of sexual and/or gender-based violence, resulting in an average 30% increase in the number of incidents reported year on year. Although the annual increase in reported incidents indicates that the UNHCR's awareness raising efforts have had a significant impact, under-reporting remains a challenge.<sup>144</sup>

2018: Child marriage and female genital mutilation was common with about 35% of women reporting having being beaten, raped or psychologically abused by their husbands.<sup>145</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Chile

### Population Size:

18,952,038.<sup>146</sup>

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2018: There were 64,361 complaints in Chile related to domestic violence, and of these, 76% of the violent incidents were against women.<sup>147</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

Intimate partner violence amounts to roughly 2.0% of GDP in Chile.<sup>148</sup>

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

70% increase in the number of calls made to helplines in the first weekend of lockdown.<sup>149</sup>

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<sup>143</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>144</sup> UNHCR, "Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Strategy 2012-2016: Chad", Report.

<sup>145</sup> L. Goering, "Violence Against Women Hampers Resilience Efforts in Chad", (*braced.org*, 21 June 2018), <<http://www.braced.org/news/1/Efforts-to-build-climate-resilience-in-Chad-turn-up-a-surprising-barrier-Violence-against-women>>.

<sup>146</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>147</sup> Under-Secretariat for Crime Prevention, "Domestic Violence", (2018), Report of the Centre for the Study and Analysis of Crime.

<sup>148</sup> World Health Organisation ('WHO'), "Violence and Injury Prevention: The Economic Dimensions of Interpersonal Violence", (*who.int*), <[https://www.who.int/violence\\_injury\\_prevention/publications/violence/economic\\_dimensions/en/](https://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/publications/violence/economic_dimensions/en/)>.

<sup>149</sup> Sigal, Miranda, Martinez and Machicao, (71).

## China

### Population Size:

1,397,715,000.<sup>150</sup>

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2011: 24.7% of married Chinese women had suffered some form of domestic violence from their husband.<sup>151</sup>

25% of women reported having experienced domestic violence.<sup>152</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

Domestic violence is reported to have tripled during the lockdown, with Blue Sky, an anti-domestic-violence non-profit based in Hubei province, receiving a total of 175 reports of domestic violence in February 2020, a tripling in the number of complaints from February 2019.<sup>153</sup>

## Colombia

### Population Size:

50,339,443.<sup>154</sup>

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

The number of cases of interpersonal violence in Colombia has oscillated over time.

2018: Approximately 116,120 incidents of interpersonal violence were registered.<sup>155</sup>

2017: 115,550 cases of interpersonal violence were recorded.<sup>156</sup>

2013: 158,800 cases observed in 2013.<sup>157</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

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<sup>150</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>151</sup> See All China Women's Federation and National Bureau of Statistics, "The Third Wave Survey on the Social Status of Women in China", (2011), Report; H. Yang, "China: Tackling Domestic Violence and its Effects in the Workplace", (*asiafoundation.org*, 22 January 2020), <<https://asiafoundation.org/2020/01/22/china-tackling-domestic-violence-and-its-effects-in-the-workplace/>>.

<sup>152</sup> P. Lu, "Two Years On: Is China's Domestic Violence Law Working", (*amnesty.org*, 7 March 2018), <<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2018/03/is-china-domestic-violence-law-working/>>.

<sup>153</sup> See Graham-Harrison, Giuffrida, Smith and Ford, (147); Campbell, "An Increasing Risk of Family Violence during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Strengthening Community Collaborations to Save Lives", (*ncbi.nlm.nih.gov*, 2 December 2020), <<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7152912/>>; J. Feng, "COVID-19 Fuels Domestic Violence in China", (*supchina.com*, 24 March 2020), <<https://supchina.com/2020/03/24/covid-19-fuels-domestic-violence-in-china/>>.

<sup>154</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>155</sup> Statista, "Number of Cases of Interpersonal Violence in Colombia from 2008-2019", (*statista.com*), <<https://www.statista.com/statistics/920654/number-interpersonal-violence-cases-colombia/>>.

<sup>156</sup> Statista, "Number of Cases of Interpersonal Violence in Colombia from 2008-2019", (*statista.com*), <<https://www.statista.com/statistics/920654/number-interpersonal-violence-cases-colombia/>>.

<sup>157</sup> Statista, "Number of Cases of Interpersonal Violence in Colombia from 2008-2019", (*statista.com*), <<https://www.statista.com/statistics/920654/number-interpersonal-violence-cases-colombia/>>.

Although from 2003-2004, and, therefore, likely to somewhat out of date, the only research available estimates that domestic abuse costs the Colombian economy roughly COL \$8.8 trillion, which amounts to 3.93% of Colombia's GDP, the health costs amount to 0.062% of GDP and the lost earnings and unemployment amount to 2.431% of GDP.<sup>158</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

130% increase to the number of calls made to women's hotlines in the first 18 days of national lockdown,<sup>159</sup> with 19 women being murdered in the first 21 days. Between 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2020, the 155 national women's domestic violence hotline received an average of 132 calls per day.<sup>160</sup>

Reports of domestic violence during lockdown have increased by 175% compared to the same period last year.<sup>161</sup>

## Comoros

Population Size:

850,886.<sup>162</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2009: 70% of women reported having been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence.

33% of women reported having been verbally, physically or sexually attacked by their partner.<sup>163</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Costa Rica

Population Size:

5,047,561.<sup>164</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

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<sup>158</sup> The World Bank, "The Costs of Violence", (2009), Report of the Social Development Department.

<sup>159</sup> T. Sandoval, "Domestic Violence: The 'Shadow Pandemic'", (*thebogatapost.com*, 10 May 2020), <<https://thebogatapost.com/domestic-violence-the-shadow-pandemic/46472/>>.

<sup>160</sup> Plan International, "Surge in Violence Against Girls and Women in Latin America and Caribbean", (*plan-international.org*, 19 May 2020), <<https://plan-international.org/news/2020-05-19-surge-violence-against-girls-and-women-latin-america-and-caribbean>>.

<sup>161</sup> Plan International, "Surge in Violence Against Girls and Women in Latin America and Caribbean", (*plan-international.org*, 19 May 2020), <<https://plan-international.org/news/2020-05-19-surge-violence-against-girls-and-women-latin-america-and-caribbean>>.

<sup>162</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>163</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Ratio of Women Subjected to Verbal, Physical or Sexual Violence", (*evaw-global-database.unwomen.org*), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/comoros/2009/ratio-of-women-subjected-to-verbal-physical-or-sexual-violence>>.

<sup>164</sup> The World Bank, (1).

2016: 25% domestic violence patients were seen at Caja hospitals with women accounting for 52% of all cases<sup>165</sup>. Of these, most victims were adolescents or adults between the age of 20-39. Of the male patients, most were children or adolescents under 19. The most common forms of violence among all adolescents, girls and boys, were sexual abuse and neglect.

Geographically, the highest rates of domestic violence were seen in rural areas. The Puntarenas canton of Quepos topped the list with 101 domestic violence cases per 10,000 inhabitants. Turrubares in San José province was second with 98 cases per 10,000 inhabitants, followed by Los Chiles in Alajuela and the Cartago cantons of Jiménez and El Guarco.<sup>166</sup>

2011 - 2012: According to the Costa Rican Department of Police Intelligence, during the first 3 months of 2012 alone, law enforcement received an average of 222 reports of domestic violence per day. This amounted to a total of 19,975 domestic violence cases; 5,195 cases more than was reported in the first 3 months of 2011.<sup>167</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

*Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:*

No research.

*Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:*

No research.

## Croatia

*Population Size:*

4,067,500.<sup>168</sup>

*Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:*

2014: There were approximately 13,067 reports of domestic violence made under the Misdemeanour Domestic Violence Law<sup>169</sup>. The incidence of domestic violence is actually higher, however, this number does not include either criminal-level domestic violence offences or unreported abuse.

2013: There were approximately 14,335 reports of domestic violence made under the Misdemeanour Domestic Violence Law<sup>170</sup>.

2012: 31% of women in Croatia reported having experienced frequent domestic violence, while 44% reported having experienced it occasionally<sup>171</sup>.

Femicides are also a serious problem in Croatia:

2013: 11 women were killed by their male partners.<sup>172</sup>

2012: 12 women were killed by their male partners.<sup>173</sup>

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<sup>165</sup> The Tico Times, 13 April 2016: <https://ticotimes.net/2016/04/13/costa-rica-increase-domestic-violence>.

<sup>166</sup> Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social, "Homepage", ([ccss.sa.cr](http://ccss.sa.cr)), <<https://www.ccss.sa.cr>>.

<sup>167</sup> US Embassy in Costa Rica, "Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault", ([cr.usembassy.gov](http://cr.usembassy.gov)),

<<https://cr.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/assistance-victims-domestic-violence-sexual-assault/>>.

<sup>168</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>169</sup> The Advocates for Human Rights, *Implementation of Croatia's Domestic Violence Legislation: Follow-Up Report, 2016*, [https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/croatia\\_final\\_report\\_2016.pdf](https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/croatia_final_report_2016.pdf).

<sup>170</sup> Ibid.

<sup>171</sup> Ibid.

<sup>172</sup> Ibid.

<sup>173</sup> Ibid.

2010-2020: 300 women have been murdered by their husbands, partners and/or relatives.<sup>174</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

2012: The estimated annual cost of gender-based violence against women in Croatia amounts to €1,913,814,248.<sup>175</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

In Croatia, police told the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network that the number of domestic violence cases was up from 94 in March 2019 to 120 in March 2020. The police proceeded to stress that the rise should not be interpreted as an “overall increase in violence” but was the result of efforts to educate police officers on how to identify such offences.

On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the Autonomous Women’s House of Zagreb stated that in February 2020 – March 2020, it had received 19 requests from women for admission to its shelter and was receiving around 10 calls every day.<sup>176</sup>

## Cuba

Population Size:

11,333,483.<sup>177</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2018: 29% of the women interviewed in a survey on sexual abuse acknowledged having been victims of sexual violence, with more than 30% of the cases occurring in the victim’s home, but 74.2% were never reported<sup>178</sup>. 26.7% of Cuban women had been victims of violence by their partners in the 12 months prior to the study. When surveyed, women disclosed experiencing psychological violence first, followed by economic, physical and were most hesitant to speak about sexual violence.<sup>179</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Cyprus

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<sup>174</sup> Autonomna ženska Kuća Zagreb and The Advocates for Human Rights, “Implementation of Croatia’s Domestic Violence Legislation”, (2016), Follow-Up Report.

<sup>175</sup> EIGE, “Estimating the Costs of Gender-Based Violence in the European Union”, (2014), Report.

<sup>176</sup> X. Bami, N. Dervisbegovic, M. Stojanovic, S. Marusic, M. Necsutu, S. Kajosevic, A. Vladislavljjevic, M. Barberá and S. Todorov, “COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse: When Home is Not The Safest Place”, (*balkaninsight.com*, 21 April 2020),

<<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/04/21/covid-19-and-domestic-abuse-when-home-is-not-the-safest-place/>>.

<sup>177</sup> The World Bank, (1).

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<sup>179</sup> IPS Cuba, “Danger in Cuba for Potential Rise in Violence Against Women”, (*havanatimes.org*, 7 April 2020), <<https://havanatimes.org/features/danger-in-cuba-for-potential-rise-in-violence-against-women/>>. The reference is to the National Gender Equality Survey, 2016.

Population Size:  
1,198,575.<sup>180</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2017: 1,680 cases of domestic abuse were reported by SPAVO, of which 89% were against female victims, 61% lived with the perpetrator and 88% reported that violence had occurred more than once.<sup>181</sup>

In 2012, it was reported that at least 28% of women in Cyprus have experienced some form of domestic violence, including economic violence, psychological violence, sexual violence, and physical violence<sup>182</sup>.

2014: The EU Agency for Fundamental Rights survey data showed that since the age of 15, 20% of women in Cyprus have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from a partner and/or a non-partner, and that 31% of people in Cyprus revealed that they knew a female victim of domestic violence within their circle of friends and family.<sup>183</sup>

2012: Cyprus conducted its first nationwide survey on the extent, frequency, forms and consequences of domestic violence against women in Cyprus.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in Cyprus could amount to €186 million per year.<sup>184</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

There have been estimates of a 30% increase in domestic and gender-based violence due to COVID-19.<sup>185</sup>

The Association for the Prevention and Handling of Family Violence stated that in the period from 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the day on which Cyprus confirmed its first COVID-19 case, to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, its help line had recorded 2,075 calls. Of these, it was able to answer 921 calls; the rest could not be answered because the lines were busy. In the above period, 15 requests were made to go to a safe house, 12 reports of domestic violence were made and 230 reports of violence in the family, which is 10 per day. This is about 47% higher than in previous months.<sup>186</sup>

## Czech Republic

Population Size:  
10,669,709.<sup>187</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

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<sup>180</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>181</sup> Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family, "Statistics – 2017", ([domviolence.org.cy](https://domviolence.org.cy)), <<https://domviolence.org.cy/en/statistika/>>.

<sup>182</sup> European Institute for Gender Equality, *Combating Violence Against Women: Cyprus:*

<http://www.familyviolence.gov.cy/upload/20161212/1481539042-14973.pdf>.

<sup>183</sup> EIGE, "Combatting Violence Against Women – Cyprus", (2018), Report.

<sup>184</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>185</sup> See Graham-Harrison, Giuffrida, Smith and Ford, (147).

<sup>186</sup> In-Cyprus, "Sharp Rise in Domestic Violence Amid COVID-19 Outbreak", ([in-cyprus.philenews.com](https://in-cyprus.philenews.com)), 2 April 2020), <<https://in-cyprus.philenews.com/sharp-rise-in-domestic-violence-amid-covid-19-outbreak/>>.

<sup>187</sup> The World Bank, (1).

2015: 0.45 per 100,000 women were murdered by their intimate partners and 0.26 per 100,000 women were murdered by family members, giving the country the 4<sup>th</sup> highest rate in Europe, behind Montenegro, Lithuania and Latvia.<sup>188</sup>

2014: 32% of women in the Czech Republic reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence since the age of 15, and 16% of people in the Czech Republic stated that they knew a woman within their area or neighbourhood who has been a victim of domestic violence.<sup>189</sup>

2013: 21 women in the Czech Republic were killed by their partners or former partners.<sup>190</sup>

2009-2013: 2,999 cases of rape were recorded, of which 1,867 persons were investigated and convicted.<sup>191</sup>

2007: 1,833 people (adult victims and children) were faced with the threat of domestic violence during this year.<sup>192</sup>

2003: 59% of Czech women reported having experienced violence at least once in their life.<sup>193</sup>

*Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:*

No research.

*Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:*

No research.

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

*Population Size:*

86,790,567.<sup>194</sup>

*Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:*

In the DRC, there are alarmingly high report of violence towards women with rape being used as a "weapon of war" in areas of conflict.<sup>195</sup>

Each year, approximately 30,000 women are subject to gender-based violence.<sup>196</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

*Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:*

No research.

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<sup>188</sup> Crime Prevention Department of the Ministry of the Interior, "Final Report of the Czech Republic on the National Activities within the Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence Against Women, Including Domestic Violence", (2009), Report.

<sup>189</sup> European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, "Survey", (2014), Report.

<sup>190</sup> European Institute for Gender Equality, *Combating Violence Against Women: Czech Republic*, [https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKewjpp4G14MPtAhXKsAKHXAUDM4OFjAAegOJARAC&url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeige.europa.eu%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2F2016.5470\\_mh0416656enn\\_pdfweb\\_20170215100606.pdf&usq=AOvVaw35XtctKBnOJsCj2EtVzMT](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKewjpp4G14MPtAhXKsAKHXAUDM4OFjAAegOJARAC&url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeige.europa.eu%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocuments%2F2016.5470_mh0416656enn_pdfweb_20170215100606.pdf&usq=AOvVaw35XtctKBnOJsCj2EtVzMT).

<sup>191</sup> Ibid.

<sup>192</sup> Ibid.

<sup>193</sup> Ibid.

<sup>194</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>195</sup> Refworld, "Democratic Republic of the Congo: domestic and Sexual Violence, including Legislation, State Protection and Services Available to Victims (2006 – March 2012)", ([refworld.org](http://refworld.org), 17 April 2012), <<https://www.refworld.org/docid/4f9e5e532.html>>.

<sup>196</sup> Reliefweb, "Gender-Based Violence in the DRC: Key Facts and Priorities of Humanitarian Actors", ([reliefweb.int](http://reliefweb.int), 24 May 2019), <<https://reliefweb.int/report/democratic-republic-congo/gender-based-violence-democratic-republic-congo-key-facts-and>>.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

The volume of calls to Lukasa's Forum of Women Citizens and Activists for Governance, Democracy and Development, increased by over 1,000%, having gone from 5 calls per week to 10 per day<sup>197</sup>. With only 2,082 social workers for 84 million people, Congolese authorities are poorly equipped to help survivors.<sup>198</sup>

## Denmark

### Population Size:

5,818,553.<sup>199</sup>

### Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark 2019-2022 action plan report: Every year, approximately 38,000 women and 19,000 men are victims of intimate-partner violence, and the numbers for psychological violence are estimated to be twice as high. Approximately 84,000 individuals are the victims of stalking every year, and in more than a quarter of these cases the victim is stalked by a partner or ex-partner. Women are the victims of physical and psychological intimate-partner violence, stalking and online harassment more often than men, and the violence against women is often more severe. The number of men who are victims of intimate-partner violence has been increasing since 2005. In 2017, 1,500 women and almost as many children stayed at a shelter. Of those women, 8% had more than one stay in 2017. Approximately 70% of women who stayed at a shelter in 2017 were under the age of 40. Almost 50% of women who stayed at a shelter in 2017 were of non-Western origin. Within the past year, 27.2% of young women aged 16-24 have been subjected to non-physical sexual harassment such as unwanted text messages, emails, online pictures or similar. For young men aged 16-24 the number is 6.7%<sup>200</sup>.

### Cost of Domestic Abuse To The Economy Each Year:

2016: The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in Denmark could amount to EUR 1.2 billion per year<sup>201</sup>.

### Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No exact stats but Council of Europe Secretary General Marija Pejčinović Burić has observed that the number of women seeking refuge in a women's shelters has increased in Denmark over the COVID-19 period<sup>202</sup>.

## Djibouti

### Population size:

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<sup>197</sup> World Economic Forum, COVID-19: Calls to abuse hotline in Congo spike during lockdown, <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/congo-hotline-helps-families-survive-abuse-in-congo>.

<sup>198</sup> Reliefweb, "Gender-Based Violence in the DRC: Key Facts and Priorities of Humanitarian Actors", ([reliefweb.int](https://reliefweb.int), 24 May 2019),

<<https://reliefweb.int/report/democratic-republic-congo/gender-based-violence-democratic-republic-congo-key-facts-and>>.

<sup>199</sup> The World Bank, (1).

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<https://um.dk/~media/UM/Danish-site/Documents/Ligestilling/Publikationer/2019/Voldshandlingsplan%20UK%20%20Web%20version%20%20154351%20E0006550011%203Kpdf%20FINAL.pdf?la=da>

<sup>201</sup> <https://eige.europa.eu/publications/combatting-violence-against-women-denmark>

<sup>202</sup>

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/covid-19-crisis-secretary-general-concerned-about-increased-risk-of-domestic-violence>

973, 560<sup>203</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Little information was found on the scope of domestic violence in Djibouti among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate within the time constraints of this response. The United States (US) Department of State's Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2016 reports that, in Djibouti, domestic violence against women is common, but few cases are reported (US 3 Mar. 2017)<sup>204</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Dominica

Population size:

71, 808<sup>205</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

A Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), noted that Dominica had not submitted reports to its research directorate. There is a lack of information about the number of cases in Dominica<sup>206</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Dominican Republic

Population size:

10,738, 958<sup>207</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

With a population of about 10 million, gender-based violence is the fourth leading cause of death among women in the Dominican Republic<sup>208</sup>. In the span of six years, 1,383 women and girls were killed<sup>209</sup> – 783 at the hands of a current or former partner. But, according to

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<sup>203</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>204</sup> <https://www.refworld.org/docid/4dd21e532.html>

<sup>205</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>206</sup> <https://www.refworld.org/docid/45f147edb.html>

<sup>207</sup> The World Bank, (1).

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[https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&q=cache:JAK0fOnNF74J:www.ghi.gov/documents/organization/185736.pdf+%&hl=en&gl=us&pid=bl&srcid=ADGEESh9tni-YotXH799xJHKjd7tzbqreQn3MNP1nCrIXVMwBSTIBhkeWjimCeeUp4FOg3Mtcw4o61alOI4YIm1p\\_Fj47O790aAPAlb1rFU62AOeE5YhB0XOt8o0IPDwr1vvt4o0mg&sig=AHIEtbRvQSAL\\_Jl11rc\\_f6hZhZ49jDTHgA](https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&q=cache:JAK0fOnNF74J:www.ghi.gov/documents/organization/185736.pdf+%&hl=en&gl=us&pid=bl&srcid=ADGEESh9tni-YotXH799xJHKjd7tzbqreQn3MNP1nCrIXVMwBSTIBhkeWjimCeeUp4FOg3Mtcw4o61alOI4YIm1p_Fj47O790aAPAlb1rFU62AOeE5YhB0XOt8o0IPDwr1vvt4o0mg&sig=AHIEtbRvQSAL_Jl11rc_f6hZhZ49jDTHgA)

<sup>209</sup>

<https://docs.google.com/a/theguardian.com/viewer?a=v&q=cache:3UiWOdQfKpkJ:www2.ohchr.org/english/bodie>

the NGO Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (Cladem) <sup>210</sup>, of 10,000 complaints in 2010, just 476 cases of violence against women received judgment, with only 66 convicted offenders." <sup>211</sup>. In the last year authorities have issued over 15,000 interim protection orders, made more than 1,000 arrests and inspected nearly 800 homes <sup>212</sup>. In 2010, 62,000 cases of violence against women were reported in the Dominican Republic. Just four per cent of these went on legal trial. <sup>213</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Ecuador

Population size:

17,373,662 <sup>214</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

The extent of domestic violence is difficult to estimate, due to differing definitions of abuse and due to problems with self-reporting in studies. In a 2008 survey, 32.4% of the women interviewed aged 15-49 said they had suffered physical or sexual violence by a current or former partner <sup>215</sup>

38.2% of the women interviewed justified wife beating in certain circumstances. The most common reason for justification was when the wife "is or is suspected of being unfaithful" with 29.9% of women justifying wife beating in this situation. <sup>216</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

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s/hrc/docs/ngos/AI\_2\_DominicanRepublic\_HRC104.pdf+&hl=en&gl=us&pid=bl&srcid=ADGEEsGijlawTCG8wzxZD48U9WM0C52q7tXI-Os1jca1ri8ZcqSykOfR4VfAzTzbeLRE6CBtJGUlvX0dAxGxFpgZbCn3UyByS-PZLawelCsuF0ONXBld1WemAkMSly0MoEK3Czhsqpo&sig=AHIEtbQpYJDrIY2-qy\_qizJVdkbhYy-ZoA

<sup>210</sup>

[https://docs.google.com/a/theguardian.com/viewer?a=v&q=cache:OW2OXNdN7SUJ:www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/docs/ngos/CLADEM\\_DominicanRepublic\\_CEDAW55PSWG\\_E.pdf+&hl=en&gl=us&pid=bl&srcid=ADGEEsJ399ZtrOhucVVd5KQlqaFarCrH0JPZhrKclIO4ePwF5xTgyGltZNC1qo39HtqZpUPcx7CBAaO6DgVLKvcvAcy9-sGI-\\_5W1JAulpNv-NnuimjO9BYDX8vMtxmTeoBGGORtdC&sig=AHIEtbSigL2eh-reUyCXpjWsoorfiF5oZw](https://docs.google.com/a/theguardian.com/viewer?a=v&q=cache:OW2OXNdN7SUJ:www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/docs/ngos/CLADEM_DominicanRepublic_CEDAW55PSWG_E.pdf+&hl=en&gl=us&pid=bl&srcid=ADGEEsJ399ZtrOhucVVd5KQlqaFarCrH0JPZhrKclIO4ePwF5xTgyGltZNC1qo39HtqZpUPcx7CBAaO6DgVLKvcvAcy9-sGI-_5W1JAulpNv-NnuimjO9BYDX8vMtxmTeoBGGORtdC&sig=AHIEtbSigL2eh-reUyCXpjWsoorfiF5oZw)

<sup>211</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2012/nov/23/dominican-republic-epidemic-domestic-violence#:~:text=With%20a%20population%20of%20about,a%20current%20or%20former%20partner>

<sup>212</sup> <https://lab.org.uk/dominican-republic-shocking-level-of-domestic-violence/>

<sup>213</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2012/07/201271291823868469.htm>

<sup>214</sup> The World Bank, (1).

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<https://web.archive.org/web/20150217024736/http://www2.paho.org/hq/dmdocuments/violence-against-women-lac.pdf>

<sup>216</sup>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20150217024736/http://www2.paho.org/hq/dmdocuments/violence-against-women-lac.pdf>

## Egypt

### Population Size:

100, 388, 073<sup>217</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Some 1.5 million Egyptian women report being subjected to domestic violence each year according to a NCW study. On average reported figures amount to 4000 cases per day. UN Women estimated that almost a third of Egyptian women experienced intimate partner physical or sexual violence in their lifetime <sup>218</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## El Salvador

### Population size:

6,453,553<sup>219</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 14.3%.

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 5.9%.

Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: Official National Statistics Not Available

<sup>220</sup>.

67% of Salvadoran women have suffered some form of violence in their lifetime, including sexual assault, intimate partner violence and abuse by family members, a 2017 national survey found. But only 6% of victims had reported abuse to authorities <sup>221</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Equatorial Guinea

### Population size:

<sup>217</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>218</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Egypt", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/egypt#1)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/egypt#1>>.

<sup>219</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>220</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – El Salvador", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/el-salvador?typeofmeasure=3ebd6d85ae4d4dfcab5553635944cfc9)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/el-salvador?typeofmeasure=3ebd6d85ae4d4dfcab5553635944cfc9>>

<sup>221</sup> <https://pulitzercenter.org/reporting/violence-against-women-el-salvador-driving-them-suicide-or-us-border>

1,335, 986 <sup>222</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

National data from Equatorial Guinea's first Demographic and Health Survey conducted by the Ministry of Health and Social Wellbeing in collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and Public Investments, was collected between July and November 2011, from a representative sample of 5,400 people, including 3,575 women between the ages of 15 and 49 years old, and 1,825 men between the ages of 15 and 59 from half of the households surveyed. The survey results indicated the following:

- 65 percent of women between 15 and 49 years old said they experienced some type of domestic violence, including physical, sexual and emotional violence;
- 57 percent of non-single women in relationships between the ages of 15 and 49 have experienced acts of physical or sexual violence in their relationship;
- 78 percent of women who are separated or divorced from their partners or husbands experienced domestic violence;
- 54 percent of the women surveyed experienced acts of domestic violence in the 12 months before the survey was conducted.<sup>223</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Eritrea

Population size:

3,213,972 <sup>224</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: Official National Statistics Not Available

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: Official National Statistics Not Available

Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: Official National Statistics Not Available<sup>225</sup>

According to one study, conducted in 2001 in the Central Region of Eritrea, 40% of women have been victims of domestic violence. Another regional study indicated that as many as 90% of women are subject to domestic violence.<sup>226</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

<sup>222</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>223</sup> <https://www.refworld.org/docid/53ecc39e4.html>

<sup>224</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>225</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Eritrea", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/eritrea?formofviolence=b51b5bac425b470883736a3245b7cbe6>According>

<sup>226</sup> <https://www.legal-tools.org/doc/1901b3/pdf/>

No research.

## Estonia

### Population size:

1,326,590<sup>227</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 20%

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 2%

Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 9%<sup>228</sup>

Cases of domestic violence made up 13.3 percent of registered criminal offenses last year, up from 9.8 percent in 2017.<sup>229</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in Estonia could amount to EUR 287 million per year. This figure was calculated according to the methodology used in EIGE's 2014 study (6), which Member States can replicate, as done by Estonia in 2016 (7)

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Eswatini

### Population size:

1,148,130<sup>230</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: Official National Statistics Not Available

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<sup>227</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>228</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Estonia", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/estonia>>

<sup>229</sup> <https://news.postimees.ee/6518262/domestic-violence-seen-as-a-crime-more-often#:~:text=Cases%20of%20domestic%20violence%20made,Estonians%20having%20become%20more%20violent.&text=Not%20every%20report%20of%20domestic%20violence%20graduates%20to%20criminal%20proceedings>. The 2014 European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights survey data results showed that: – since the age of 15, 33 % of women in Estonia have experienced physical and/or sexual violence and approximately 44 % of women have experienced some form of 'threatening' sexual harassment (8); – 39 % of people in Estonia said they knew a woman within their circle of friends and family who has been a victim of domestic violence. ; [https://www.google.co.uk/search?sxsrf=ALeKk03XdzEF3za3KQSYbi0YS3ORqyQJeg%3A1594645737071&ei=6VwMX537A5aFhbIP0ISX6Ao&q=estonia+domestic+violence+&oq=estonia+domestic+violence+&gs\\_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWIQAzIECCMQJzIGCAAQFhAeUJsZWJsZYPgaaABwAHgAgAGBAYgB3gGSAQMxLjGYAQCgAQGqAQQdnd3Mtd2l6&scIent=psy-ab&ved=0ahUKEwjdk82lpsrqAhWWQkEAHVDCBa0Q4dUDCAw&uact=5](https://www.google.co.uk/search?sxsrf=ALeKk03XdzEF3za3KQSYbi0YS3ORqyQJeg%3A1594645737071&ei=6VwMX537A5aFhbIP0ISX6Ao&q=estonia+domestic+violence+&oq=estonia+domestic+violence+&gs_lcp=CgZwc3ktYWIQAzIECCMQJzIGCAAQFhAeUJsZWJsZYPgaaABwAHgAgAGBAYgB3gGSAQMxLjGYAQCgAQGqAQQdnd3Mtd2l6&scIent=psy-ab&ved=0ahUKEwjdk82lpsrqAhWWQkEAHVDCBa0Q4dUDCAw&uact=5)

<sup>230</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women:  
Official National Statistics Not Available <sup>231</sup>  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:  
No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:  
No research.

## Ethiopia

Population size:  
112,078,730 <sup>232</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:  
Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 28%  
Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 20%  
Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: Official National Statistics Not Available. <sup>233</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:  
No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:  
Increase but no data. <sup>234</sup>

## Fiji

Population size:  
889, 953 <sup>235</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:  
Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 64%  
Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 24%  
Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 9%<sup>236</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

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<sup>231</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Swaziland", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/swaziland>>

<sup>232</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>233</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Ethiopia", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/ethiopia>>

<sup>234</sup> <https://africasacountry.com/2020/05/the-lesser-of-two-evils>

<sup>235</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>236</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Fiji", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/oceania/fiji>>

Last year, Professor Biman Prasad, Dean from the University of the South Pacific, calculated that the cost of domestic violence to the Fijian economy was around 6.6 percent of GDP <sup>237</sup>.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In Fiji, the national domestic violence helpline recorded a significant increase in calls in the month of April (around 527), compared to 87 in February and 187 in March. <sup>238</sup>

## Finland

Population size:

5,520, 314 <sup>239</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) - 47 percent of women in Finland have experienced physical or sexual violence from anyone at some point since the age of 15<sup>240</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Family violence emergency tasks have increased 13% over March and April compared to the same period last year. <sup>241</sup>

## France

Population size:

67,059,887 <sup>242</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 26 %

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 5 %

Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 9 % <sup>243</sup>

France has one of the highest rates of homicide due to domestic abuse with 149 women being killed by their spouses in 2019 <sup>244</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in France could amount to EUR 14 billion per year. This figure was calculated according to the methodology used in EIGE's 2014 study (6)?.

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<sup>237</sup>

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/opinion/2012/11/25/the-human-and-economic-cost-the-pacific-cannot-afford>

<sup>238</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/fiji/across-pacific-crisis-centres-respond-covid-19-amid-natural-disasters>

<sup>239</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>240</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual\\_violence\\_in\\_Finland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sexual_violence_in_Finland)

<sup>241</sup> <https://sccjrblog.wordpress.com/2020/05/12/gender-based-violence-in-a-pandemic/>

<sup>242</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>243</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – France", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/france>>

<sup>244</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-53487322>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:  
More than a 30% rise (10/04/2020) <sup>245</sup>

## Gabon

Population size:  
2,172,580<sup>246</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:  
Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime) 49% <sup>247</sup>.  
The 2012 national health and demographic survey had demonstrated that 21% of women had been victims of sexual violence, of which less than half sought help and assistance equated to approximately 28% increase by 2015 <sup>248</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:  
No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:  
No research.

## Gambia

Population size:  
2,347,710 <sup>249</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:  
Sample of 3,116 currently married women age (15 ~ 49 years) over 40% of women reported at least one form of IPV <sup>250</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:  
No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:  
No research

## Georgia

Population size:  
372,038,000 <sup>251</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

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<sup>245</sup> <https://www.france24.com/en/20200410-french-domestic-violence-cases-soar-during-coronavirus-lockdown>

<sup>246</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>247</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/GA.pdf> (2019)

<sup>248</sup> <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=15580&LangID=E> (February 2015)

<sup>249</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>250</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32419660/> (May 2020)

<sup>251</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime): 6% <sup>252</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Germany

Population size:

83,132,800 <sup>253</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

At least one woman is physically injured every hour on average at the hands of their partner in Germany, according to new figures released on Monday. In total, more than 114,000 women were victims of domestic violence, threats, stalking or coercion by their partners or ex-partners in 2018. Of these victims, 122 were killed that year — one every three days <sup>254</sup>. Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime): 22% <sup>255</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

EUR Cost of interpersonal violence against women: 17,372,437,805/ EUR

Cost of interpersonal violence: 19,450,310,003

EUR Cost of gender-based violence against women: 35,952, 585, 307

EUR Cost of gender-based violence: 41,188,792,633

<sup>256</sup>

The minister announced that the government will spend €30 million (\$33 million) each year over the next four years toward increasing the capacity of women's refuge shelters. There are currently only 350 women's shelters in Germany. <sup>257</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Researchers from the Technical University (TU) Munich and the Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (RWI) found from a representative sample that, 3.1% of were victims of physical violence during the period of strict contact restrictions and stay-at-home orders, 3.6% were raped by their partner and children were violently punished in 6.5% of all households. Of 3,800 women asked, 7.5% of women reported physical violence against themselves, 10.5% reported violence against children. <sup>258</sup>

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<sup>252</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/GE.pdf>

<sup>253</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>254</sup> <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-1-woman-per-hour-is-victim-of-domestic-violence/a-%2051396638> (November 2019)

<sup>255</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/DE.pdf> (2019)

<sup>256</sup> <https://eige.europa.eu/publications/estimating-costs-gender-based-violence-european-%20union-report> (page 142) (2012)

<sup>257</sup> <https://www.dw.com/en/germany-1-woman-per-hour-is-victim-of-domestic-violence/a-51396638> (November 2019)

<sup>258</sup> <https://movendi.ngo/news/2020/06/07/germany-domestic-violence-is-rising-during-quarantine/> ; source <https://www.sueddeutsche.de/wissen/quarantaene-haeusliche-gewalt-corona-1.4924908> (June 2020)

## Ghana

### Population size:

30,417,860 <sup>259</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime) 24% <sup>260</sup>

About 34% of 2,000 respondents had experienced IPV in the past year, with 21.4% reporting sexual and or physical forms. Past year experience of emotional and economic IPV were 24.6% and 7.4% respectively. <sup>261</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The economy is estimated to lose output equivalent to 5% of its female workforce not working annually due to VAWG. <sup>262</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

32% increase in the prevalence of abusive and violent behaviour at home. Government of Canada has pledged about US\$2M to support the national response on child protection and gender-based violence in Ghana. <sup>263</sup>

## Greece

### Population size:

10,716,320 <sup>264</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

54% increase in cases of domestic violence in 2011 and another increase of 22% in 2012.

The vast majority of the victims were women. 10 women were killed in domestic violence incidents in 2011, 5 in 2012, and 8 in the first 11 months of [2013]. Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2013 states that "data on prosecutions, convictions, and prison sentences for rape and domestic violence were unavailable" (US 27 Feb. 2014, 24). A report published by the UN Committee against Torture also expresses concern about "the absence of comprehensive and disaggregated data on complaints, investigations, prosecutions and convictions of cases." (UN 27 June 2012, para 28). <sup>265</sup>

The Hellenic Police (ELAS) reportedly received more than 28,000 complaints of domestic violence between 2010 and 2018. <sup>266</sup>

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<sup>259</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>260</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/GH.pdf> (2019)

<sup>261</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30024948/> (2018)

<sup>262</sup>

<https://www.intechopen.com/books/public-health-in-developing-countries-challenges-and-opportunities/the-health-and-economic-costs-of-violence-against-women-and-girls-on-survivors-their-families-and-co>

<sup>263</sup>

[https://www.unicef.org/appeals/files/UNICEF\\_Ghana\\_COVID19\\_Situation\\_Report\\_No\\_3\\_\\_1\\_15\\_May\\_2020.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/appeals/files/UNICEF_Ghana_COVID19_Situation_Report_No_3__1_15_May_2020.pdf) (May 2020)

<sup>264</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>265</sup>

<https://www.refworld.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/rwmain?page=search&docid=53b137394&skip=0&query=domestic%20violence&coi=GRC>

<sup>266</sup>

<https://www.ekathimerini.com/251820/article/ekathimerini/news/warnings-of-possible-%20spike-in-domestic-violence> (April 2020)

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

EUR Cost of interpersonal violence against women 2,405,567,883

EUR Cost of interpersonal violence 2,693,291,614

EUR Cost of gender-based violence against women 4,978,367,774

EUR Cost of gender-based violence 5,703,427,338 <sup>267</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

The Bicommunal Technical Committee on Gender Equality reports that DOMESTIC VIOLENCE incidents have increased by 58% since the lockdown, from mid-March to 22 April <sup>268</sup>.

April 2020 the calls for domestic violence incidents quadrupled from 166 to 648 in comparison to the previous month <sup>269</sup>.

## Grenada

Population size:

112,000 <sup>270</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

There is a lack of data to describe the prevalence of domestic abuse in Grenada. However, there are regional studies that suggest that 1 in 3 women experience DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. <sup>271</sup>

1,630 reported cases of sexual offences during the period 2000 to 2010 <sup>272</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

\$3,374,419 assigned to a 4-year plan <sup>273</sup>.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Guatemala

Population size:

16,604,030 <sup>274</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

<sup>267</sup> <https://eige.europa.eu/publications/estimating-costs-gender-based-violence-european-union-report> (page 142) (2012)

<sup>268</sup> <https://www.financialmirror.com/2020/05/07/covid19-domestic-abuse-spikes-in-lockdown-divided-cyprus/> (May 2020)

<sup>269</sup>

<https://www.equalitylaw.eu/downloads/5135-greece-significant-increase-of-domestic-violence-during-the-lockdown-n-105-kb> (May 2020)

<sup>270</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>271</sup>

<https://www.refworld.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/rwmain?page=search&docid=4784def51e&skip=0&query=domestic%20violence&coi=GRD>

<sup>272</sup> <https://www.caribank.org/newsroom/news-and-events/combating-domestic-violence-grenada-lacc-experience> (Nov 2018)

<sup>273</sup> <http://mptf.undp.org/document/download/23673> (Page 171-173 table) (Oct 2019)

<sup>274</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime) 18% <sup>275</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

800 complaints of psychological and physical violence against women were received by the Public Ministry in the three weeks of lockdown. Complaints include psychological physical and sexual violence. <sup>276</sup>

## Guinea

Population size:

12,771,250 <sup>277</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime) 80% <sup>278</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In Guinea, data indicates a 4.5 percent increase in cases of gender-based violence since before the epidemic including twice as many rapes. <sup>279</sup>

## Guinea-Bissau

Population size:

1,920,920 <sup>280</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

There were no statistics available on the number of abusers who were prosecuted, convicted, or punished for rape, but the problem appeared to be persistent. <sup>281</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>275</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/GT.pdf> (2019)

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<https://www.prensalibre.com/ciudades/quiche/violencia-contra-de-la-mujer-se-incrementa-en-quiche-durante-la-cuarentena-por-el-coronavirus>

<sup>277</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>278</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/GN.pdf> (2019)

<sup>279</sup> <https://theconversation.com/sexual-and-gender-based-violence-during-covid-19-lessons-from-ebola-137541> (May 2020)

<sup>280</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>281</sup>

<https://www.refworld.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/rwmain?page=search&docid=517e6e2d62&skip=0&query=domestic%20violence&coi=GNB> (April 2013)

No research.

## Guyana

Population size:  
782,770<sup>282</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Between 1 and 2 out of every 3 women in Guyana have been victims of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (one of the highest rates among the Commonwealth Caribbean). Nearly 40% of women had experienced abuse. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE is the leading cause of injury in Guyana for women between the ages of 15 and 44)<sup>283</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:  
No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:  
No research

## Haiti

Population size:  
11,263,080<sup>284</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

The prevalence of IPV victimization was 32.5% with the majority reporting emotional (24.7%) followed by physical (16.8%) and sexual (10.5%) violence<sup>285</sup>.

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime) 21%<sup>286</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:  
No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research. However, the Haitian Secretary of State on Disability Soinette Désir reports that COVID-19 has worsened the situation of women and girls with disabilities, who are experiencing sexual violence at greater rates and suffering some of the economic hardships mentioned above as well. As the practice of sheltering in place spreads, we anticipate increased intimate partner and sexual violence, just as has been seen in other parts of the world<sup>287</sup>. (5)

## Honduras

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<sup>282</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>283</sup> Stabroek News 20 Feb. 2011).

<https://www.refworld.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/rwmain?page=search&docid=50aa28bf2&skip=0&query=domestic%20violence&coi=GUY> (October 2012)

<sup>284</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>285</sup> <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31928293/> (Jan 2020)

<sup>286</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/HT.pdf> (2019)

<sup>287</sup> May 2020 <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/5/take-five-emanuela-paul-on-covid-19>

Population size: 9,746,120<sup>288</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime): 22%. In 2012, 74% of complaints received by the Statistical Observatory of the Office of the Public Prosecutor were related to domestic violence<sup>289</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research but it is acknowledged that the confinement by COVID-19 has forced women in Honduras, where 406 were killed in 2019 and more than 70 this year, to lock themselves up at home with their main aggressor, their partner, a situation that threatens the lives of many, especially victims of macho violence, according to experts. EPA-EFE/Gustavo Amador<sup>290</sup>.

## Hungary

Population size:

9,769,950<sup>291</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime) 21%<sup>292</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Reported domestic violence incidents in Hungary have doubled since the start of the COVID-19 lockdown<sup>293</sup>.

## Iceland

Population size:

361,310<sup>294</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Prevalence of domestic violence against women (lifetime) 22%. According to CEDAW (2016), the number of cases of violence against women has increased<sup>295</sup>.

A study by the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health traced admissions to the emergency department of Reykjavik's main hospital and documents the prevalent and methods of domestic abuse. The prevalence was 1.69 per 1000 women in the capital area over the

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<sup>288</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>289</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/HN.pdf> (2019)

<sup>290</sup> <https://www.thecairoreview.com/essays/in-close-proximity-to-their-abusers/> (April 2020)

<sup>291</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>292</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/HU.pdf> (2019)

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<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2020/05/hungary-blocking-of-domestic-violence-treaty-further-exposes-women/> (May 2020)

<sup>294</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>295</sup> <https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/IS.pdf> (2019)

research period. The majority of women were shown to have minor physical injuries of a superficial nature, located on the upper body. Although a low percentage of women were admitted, the associated cost for visits and admissions was substantial. The total cost for the hospital relating to IPV was €783,330<sup>296</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No country-wide research. Domestic violence suspected to have played a role in deaths of 2 women in April. There has been a slight increase in reports in the capital area, Suðurnes, and Northeast Iceland<sup>297</sup>.

## India

Population size:

1,366,000,000<sup>298</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Cruelty by Husband or His Relatives" accounted for 32% of all crimes against women registered by the police in 2018 (Police registered 103,272 such cases in 2018), around 33% of women have experienced spousal violence - physical, sexual or emotional<sup>299</sup>.

Every 3rd woman in India faces some form of DV according to National Family Health Survey (2015-16)<sup>300</sup>

In India, violence experienced by heterosexual women parallels violence experienced by LBT individuals, especially in the family and marriage, with the main difference being that violence is also directed against LBT sexual identities and practices<sup>301</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Estimated cost of work absenteeism related to domestic violence and abuse per annum: \$880m. Estimated cost of lost economic output related to presenteeism, US\$ million per annum: \$1174mn (5% productivity loss)<sup>302</sup>.

Indian women can lose an average of at least five paid work days for each incident of intimate partner violence. This fact would mean the affected woman would get 25 per cent less of her salary each time an incident of violence happens<sup>303</sup>.

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<sup>296</sup> <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1403494820916093>

<sup>297</sup> <https://www.icelandreview.com/society/two-deaths-in-iceland-raise-concerns-of-rise-in-domestic-violence/> (April 2020)

<sup>298</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>299</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-5284630> In 2015-16

<sup>300</sup> <http://rchiips.org/nfhs/nfhs-4Reports/India.pdf>

<sup>301</sup> [https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/386-1\\_0.pdf](https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/386-1_0.pdf)

<sup>302</sup>

[https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg\\_report\\_workplace\\_impacts\\_of\\_domestic\\_violence\\_and\\_abuse.pdf](https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg_report_workplace_impacts_of_domestic_violence_and_abuse.pdf) (pg 11)

<sup>303</sup>

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2016/9/speech-by-lakshmi-puri-on-economic-costs-of-violence-against-women>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

National Commission for Women: Between 23 March and 16 April 2020 - roughly the first three weeks of the lockdown - the commission received 239 complaints of domestic violence. This was a significant jump from the 123 complaints it received in the month leading up to the lockdown<sup>304</sup>.

NCW: registered 587 domestic violence complaints between March 23 and April 16 - a significant surge from 396 complaints received in the previous 25 days between February 27 and March 22. One in six new complaints of domestic violence was made over a relaunched WhatsApp number.

The National Commission for Women (NCW) registered an increase of at least 2.5 times in domestic violence complaints since the nationwide lockdown, according to official data<sup>305</sup>.

The Childline India helpline received more than 92,000 SOS calls asking for protection from abuse and violence in 11 days<sup>306</sup>.

## Indonesia

Population size:

270625568<sup>307</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

406,178 cases of violence against women in 2019 (71% of cases were domestic abuse)<sup>308</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

The Jakarta Legal Aid Foundation of the Indonesian Women Association for Justice (LBH Apik) said it recorded 59 cases of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault and online pornography from March 16 to 30. Seventeen of the 59 cases involved domestic abuse. "This is the highest number of domestic violence cases we've ever recorded [in a period of two weeks],"<sup>309</sup>

## Iran

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<sup>304</sup> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-52846304>

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<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/ncw-records-sharp-spike-in-domestic-violence-a-mid-lockdown/article31835105.ece>

<sup>306</sup>

[https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/govt-helpline-receives-92000-calls-on-abuse-and-violence-in-11-days/articleshow/75044722.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/govt-helpline-receives-92000-calls-on-abuse-and-violence-in-11-days/articleshow/75044722.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

<sup>307</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>308</sup>

<https://jakartaglobe.id/news/violence-against-women-in-indonesia-is-systemic-and-the-government-is-not-doing-enough-to-unravel-it-rights-activists>

<sup>309</sup>

<https://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2020/04/07/jakarta-records-spike-in-domestic-violence-reports-during-work-from-home-period.html>

Population size:

82,913,906<sup>310</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Differing statistics depending on study:

5.4% of women had experienced physical abuse, 20% had experienced emotional abuse, and around 10% had experienced sexual abuse<sup>311</sup>

32%, 49%, and 33% for physical, emotional, and sexual violence, respectively<sup>312</sup>

37%, 52%, and 11% of Iranian women have experienced intimate partner physical, emotional, and sexual violence, respectively<sup>313</sup>

45%, 59%, and 32% have experienced intimate partner physical, emotional, and sexual violence, respectively<sup>314</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Increased during COVID-19<sup>315</sup>.

## Iraq

Population size:

39309783<sup>316</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

The Iraq Family Health Survey (IFHS) of 2006/7 found that one in five Iraqi women are subject to physical domestic violence. A 2012 Planning Ministry study found that at least 36 percent of married women reported experiencing some form of psychological abuse from their husbands, 23 percent verbal abuse, 6 percent physical violence, and 9 percent sexual violence<sup>317</sup>.

According to the UN, 46 percent of married women in Iraq have survived some form of abuse at home, of which a third report physical and sexual assault<sup>318</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

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<sup>310</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>311</sup> Ansari et al (2012)

<sup>312</sup> Fallah et al (2015)

<sup>313</sup> Bagrezaei et al (2017)

<sup>314</sup> Nasiri et al (2017)

<sup>315</sup>

[https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/voa-news-iran/activist-irans-coronavirus-lockdown-fueling-domestic-violence-against-increase-in-calls-to-hotline:](https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/voa-news-iran/activist-irans-coronavirus-lockdown-fueling-domestic-violence-against-increase-in-calls-to-hotline)

<https://www.irna.ir/news/83745579/%D8%B2%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%86-%D9%88-%D8%AE%D8%B4%D9%88%D9%86%D8%AA-%D8%AE%D8%A7%D9%86%DA%AF%DB%8C-%D9%82%D8%B1%D9%86%D8%B7%DB%8C%D9%86%D9%87-%D8%AA%D8%AD%D9%85%D9%84-%D9%BE%D8%B0%DB%8C%D8%B1%D8%AA%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D8%B3%D8%AA-%DB%8C%D8%A7-%DA%A9%D8%B1%D9%88%D9%86%D8%A7>

<sup>316</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>317</sup> [http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2008/pr02/2008\\_iraq\\_family\\_health\\_survey\\_report.pdf](http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2008/pr02/2008_iraq_family_health_survey_report.pdf)

<sup>318</sup> <https://en.qantara.de/content/locked-in-by-virus-iraq-hit-with-new-pandemic-domestic-abuse>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

The head of Iraq's community police, Brigadier General Ghalib Atiyah, told journalists that its log of domestic violence cases has increased by an average of 30 percent since the curfew came into force – with some areas seeing as high as a 50-percent spike<sup>319</sup>.

## Ireland

### Population size:

4,941,444<sup>320</sup>.

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

UN Violence against women records Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime at 15 % and Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women at 3%<sup>321</sup>.

In 2018, there were 16,994 disclosures of domestic violence against women noted during 19,089 contacts with Women's Aid Direct Services. There were 11,112 incidents of emotional abuse, 3,816 incidents of physical abuse and 1,540 incidents of financial abuse disclosed. In the same year, 528 incidents of sexual abuse were disclosed to our services including 226 rapes<sup>322</sup>.

The Women's Aid National Helpline responded to 15,835 calls in 2018. 1 in 7 women in Ireland compared to 1 in 17 men experience severe domestic violence and Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 5%<sup>323</sup>.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The estimated economic cost of domestic violence to the Irish economy is €2.2 billion a year. This is based on the Council of Europe (COE) figure that domestic violence costs each member state €555 per citizen (amounting to a total cost of €33 billion for the whole COE) annually in policing, health bills, lost productivity and court procedures<sup>324</sup>.

Estimated cost of work absenteeism related to domestic violence and abuse per annum: \$29m and estimated cost of lost economic output related to presenteeism, US\$ million per annum: \$75mn (5% productivity loss)<sup>325</sup>.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Increase in calls to domestic violence hotline<sup>326</sup>.

New figures provided by An Garda Síochána show gardaí have dealt with 5,592 cases of individuals who have been the subject of domestic abuse since Operation Faoiseamh, the Garda's dedicated domestic violence operation during lockdown, was launched on April 1.

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<sup>319</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/22/iraq-urgent-need-domestic-violence-law>

<https://en.gantara.de/content/locked-in-by-virus-iraq-hit-with-new-pandemic-domestic-abuse>

<sup>320</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>321</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Ireland", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/europe/ireland#1>>

<sup>322</sup> <https://www.womensaid.ie/about/policy/natintstats.html>

<sup>323</sup> National Crime Council and ESRI, Domestic Abuse of Women and Men in Ireland, 2005

<https://www.womensaid.ie/about/policy/natintstats.html>

<sup>324</sup> [https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg\\_report\\_workplace\\_impacts\\_of\\_domestic\\_violence\\_and\\_abuse.pdf](https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg_report_workplace_impacts_of_domestic_violence_and_abuse.pdf) (pg 11)

<sup>325</sup>

<https://www.irishpost.com/news/domestic-violence-figures-rise-amid-lockdown-ireland-coronavirus-used-weapon-182535>

<sup>326</sup>

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/coronavirus-in-ireland-25-increase-in-domestic-abuse-during-lockdown-klm36k6jk>

The figures represent a 25 per cent increase in the number of domestic abuse incidents recorded by gardaí over the same period in 2019.<sup>327</sup>

## Israel

### Population size:

9,053,300<sup>328</sup>.

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Figures released by the charity group Women's International Zionist Organization (WIZO) show that 10,000 restraining orders are issued each year, and the police open an average of 60 domestic violence cases on a daily basis<sup>329</sup>.

Statistics show that there are over 200,000 battered women in Israel and half a million children exposed to domestic violence each year<sup>330</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Increase of tens of percentage points in reports of suicidal intentions expressed by domestic violence victims. Data provided by ERAN – a non-profit organization that provides emotional first aid on the phone and online – shows that 729 domestic violence-related calls and emails were received from March to May, compared to 537 from January to March, an increase of 35.8 percent<sup>331</sup>.

## Italy

### Population size:

60297396<sup>332</sup>.

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

UN Violence against women - Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 19 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 6%<sup>333</sup>.

13.6% of women have suffered violence from a partner or ex-partner, according to national statistics bureau Istat Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence: 5%<sup>334</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

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<sup>327</sup>

<sup>328</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>329</sup> <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israels-gun-control-policy-perpetuates-domestic-violence-against-women>

<sup>330</sup> <https://naamat.org/discover-naamat/womens-services/domestic-violence-support/>

<sup>331</sup>

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-suicide-cases-linked-to-rise-in-domestic-violence-in-wake-of-coronavirus-crisis-1.8835250>

<sup>332</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>333</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Italy", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/europe/italy>>

<sup>334</sup>

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-italy-violence/in-italy-support-groups-fear-lockdown-is-silencing-domestic-abuse-victims-idUKKBN21M0PK>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Estimated cost of work absenteeism related to domestic violence and abuse per annum: \$146m<sup>335</sup>.

Estimated cost of lost economic output related to presenteeism, US\$ million per annum: \$658m (5% productivity loss)

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Citing official data, a parliamentary committee into violence against women said last week that reports to police of domestic abuse dropped to 652 in the first 22 days of March, when Italy went into lockdown, from 1,157 in the same period of 2019. Telefono Rosa, Italy's largest domestic violence helpline, said calls fell 55% to 496 in the first two weeks of March from 1,104 in the same period last year. Difficulty in asking for help<sup>336</sup>.

## Jamaica

Population size:

2948279<sup>337</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence: 278 %

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 7%<sup>338</sup>.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force reports an average murder rate for women as 13 per 100,000 females — higher than the 10 murders per 100,000 threshold for epidemics established by the World Health Organization. One in four Jamaican women have suffered physical violence at the hands of their partner, according to the 2016 Women's Health Survey. In some communities, rates are reportedly as high as 60 per cent. Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence: 23%<sup>339</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Drop in cases & calls <sup>340</sup>

## Japan

Population size:

126264931 <sup>341</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

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<sup>335</sup>[https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg\\_report\\_workplace\\_impacts\\_of\\_domestic\\_violence\\_and\\_abuse.pdf](https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg_report_workplace_impacts_of_domestic_violence_and_abuse.pdf) (pg 11) :

<sup>336</sup>

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-italy-violence/in-italy-support-groups-fear-lockdown-is-silencing-domestic-abuse-victims-idUKKBN21M0PK>

<sup>337</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>338</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Jamaica", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/americas/jamaica#1>>

<sup>339</sup> [http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/editorial/putting-a-stop-to-domestic-violence\\_187120?profile=1096](http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/editorial/putting-a-stop-to-domestic-violence_187120?profile=1096)

<sup>340</sup> <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20200412/domestic-abuse-caution-experts-wary-gender-based-violence-during-covid>

<sup>341</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Japan's National Police Agency released data from 2018 showing 77,480 calls to local police related to domestic violence and gender-based matters. police took action against 9,088 cases of domestic violence across Japan — an increase of 666 cases from the previous year.<sup>342</sup>

After the National Police Agency changed its policies on domestic violence in 2011, there has been a dramatic surge in the number of reported cases, from 28,158 in 2009 to 49,533 in 2013. A significant portion of women suffered physical violence and an important proportion among them also suffer from psychological violence. However, because of cultural norms, many women do not report the abuse. In 2015, a government report stated that 10 percent of women had been victims of harassment or stalking, and 29 percent among them said that they feared for their lives. Of 3,544 respondents to a government survey, 11 percent of women said that they had experienced harassment from the opposite sex, while 4 percent of men admitted the same. Of all those surveyed, just 10 percent of women reported the cases to the police and only 3 percent of men.<sup>343</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Jordan

Population size:

10101694<sup>344</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

UN Violence against women records - Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 19 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner

Violence in the last 12 months: 138 %<sup>345</sup>

7,000 cases in 2019<sup>346</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Kazakhstan

Population size:

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<sup>342</sup> <https://thediplomat.com/2019/04/japans-domestic-violence-cases-reach-all-time-high/>

<sup>343</sup>

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2016/02/12/commentary/world-commentary/huge-public-impact-domestic-violence>

<sup>344</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>345</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Jordan", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/asia/jordan>>

<sup>346</sup> <https://www.jordantimes.com/news/local/7000-cases-domestic-violence-reported-2019>

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Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

UN Violence against women reports Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 165 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 47 % Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 15 % <sup>348</sup>

Domestic violence impacts an estimated 34 % of women and 28 % of children (as victims and witnesses) <sup>349</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Kenya

Population size:

52573973 <sup>350</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

2014: 45% of women 15-49 have experienced physical violence, and 14% experienced sexual violence <sup>351</sup>. UN Violence against women reports Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 407 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 255 % <sup>352</sup>. Percentage of men experiencing physical and/or sexual IPV in last 12 months 49% Percentage of men experiencing physical and/or sexual IPV over their lifetime 21% <sup>353</sup>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Estimated cost of work absenteeism related to domestic violence and abuse per annum: \$50m

Estimated cost of lost economic output related to presenteeism, US\$ million per annum: \$128m (5% productivity loss)

<sup>354</sup>

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<sup>347</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>348</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Kazakhstan", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/asia/kazakhstan>>

<sup>349</sup>

<https://www.iphronline.org/kazakhstan-ngos-call-for-improved-protection-of-women-at-risk-of-domestic-violence-during-the-covid-19-crisis.html>

<sup>350</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>351</sup> <https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/fr308/fr308.pdf>

<sup>352</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Kenya", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/africa/kenya>>

<sup>353</sup>

[https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg\\_report\\_workplace\\_impacts\\_of\\_domestic\\_violence\\_and\\_abuse.pdf](https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg_report_workplace_impacts_of_domestic_violence_and_abuse.pdf) (pg 6)

<sup>354</sup>

[https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg\\_report\\_workplace\\_impacts\\_of\\_domestic\\_violence\\_and\\_abuse.pdf](https://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodcom/images/homepage/kpmg_report_workplace_impacts_of_domestic_violence_and_abuse.pdf) (pg 11)

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

National Council on Administration of Justice: "significant spike in sexual offences"<sup>355</sup>.

## Kiribati

Population size:

117606<sup>356</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

UN Violence against women reports Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 68 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 36 % Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 10 %<sup>357</sup>

More than 68 per cent of women aged 15 to 49 years who had been in a partnership had experienced physical or sexual violence.<sup>358</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

## Kuwait

Population size:

4207083<sup>359</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

IPV against women in Kuwait City is reported by 71% for women who are physically abused, 81% for women who are sexually abused, 89% for women who are psychologically abused, 75% for women based on cultural and religious factors, and 65% for women battering (2).

No research on male victims or other gender identities.<sup>360</sup>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Kyrgyzstan

Population size:

6456900<sup>361</sup>

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<sup>355</sup> <http://ncaj.go.ke/statement-on-justice-sector-operations-in-the-wake-of-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/08/tackling-kenyas-domestic-violence-amid-covid-19-crisis>

<sup>356</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>357</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Kiribati", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/oceania/kiribati>>

<sup>358</sup> <http://www.savekiribati.com/domestic-violence.php>

<sup>359</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>360</sup> <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0886260520916280> (Abstract)

<sup>361</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

6,145 domestic violence cases registered by the police in 2019 <sup>362</sup>

7,178 cases registered for the entirety of 2018 by police <sup>363</sup>

UN violence against women reports Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 266 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 171 % Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 1 % <sup>364</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Deputy Minister of labour and social development Aliza Soltonbekova confirmed rise in domestic abuse cases, but no figures <sup>365</sup>.

## Laos

Population size:

7,169,455 <sup>366</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

"In the current study, 45% of women surveyed indicated that their spouses have been violent in some form towards them, revealing the high incidence of domestic violence in the areas surveyed." <sup>367</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

1.7% of GDP <sup>368</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Latvia

Population size:

1,912,789 <sup>369</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Of women, 5% in last 12 months, 32% lifetime <sup>370</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

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<sup>362</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/03/05/grim-news-kyrgyzstan-domestic-violence>

<sup>363</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/05/28/kyrgyzstan-pressure-builds-protect-women-and-girls>

<sup>364</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Kyrgyzstan", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/asia/kyrgyzstan>>

<sup>365</sup> [https://24.kg/obschestvo/148822\\_vsvyazi\\_skarantinom\\_uvelichilis\\_faktyi\\_semeynogo\\_nasiliya/](https://24.kg/obschestvo/148822_vsvyazi_skarantinom_uvelichilis_faktyi_semeynogo_nasiliya/) ;

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/08/women-risk-domestic-violence-during-kyrgyzstans-lockdown>

<sup>366</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>367</sup> <https://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/ngocontribute/CUSO.pdf>

<sup>368</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>369</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>370</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Latvia", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/europe/latvia>>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in Latvia could amount to EUR 442 million per year. (European Institute for Gender Equality (2014). Estimating the costs of gender-based violence in the European Union, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.), 3.2% of GDP <sup>371</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Lebanon

Population size:

6,855,713 <sup>372</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

A domestic violence advocacy group ABAAD says that one in four women in Lebanon is subject to some kind of sexual assault and an average of 13 women report sexual assaults to the police every month. <sup>373</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

5.6% of GDP <sup>374</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

At least doubled, but potentially much more. Abaad, a local NGO, reports twice as many calls made in first 4 months of 2020 than in the whole of 2019 <sup>375</sup>.

## Lesotho

Population size:

2,125,268 <sup>376</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

The study shows that 86% of women experienced some form of violence at least once in their lifetime, including partner and non-partner violence. Forty percent of men perpetrated violence against women (VAW) at least once in their lifetime. <sup>377</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

10.4% of GDP <sup>378</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>371</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>372</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>373</sup> <https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/its-time-talk-about-violence-against-women-lebanon>

<sup>374</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>375</sup> Al Jazeera: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/04/domestic-abuse-cases-soar-lebanon-coronavirus-lockdown-200416233054044.html>

<sup>376</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>377</sup>

<https://genderlinks.org.za/csw-newsletter/lesotho-third-highest-prevalence-of-intimate-partner-violence-2015-06-10/>

<sup>378</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

Two weeks into the lock down, 18 cases of sexual assaults had been reported in the country, which represented an increase.<sup>379</sup>

## Liberia

### Population size:

4,937,374<sup>380</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Survey data from 2013 found that 19-26 percent of women and girls have reported having been raped by a stranger, and that 70-73 percent of married women have been sexually assaulted by their husbands, according to Nicola Jones, a research fellow at the ODI.<sup>381</sup> No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

22.7% of GDP<sup>382</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Libya

### Population size:

6,777,452<sup>383</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

The most recent official study of domestic violence in Libya remains the Libyan National Family Health Survey of 2014, conducted by the Statistics and Census Department of the Ministry of Planning, which does not comprehensively cover other forms of violence against women. The survey found that 8.2 percent of women in Libya faced domestic violence, 79 percent of which is verbal violence.<sup>384</sup> No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

19.6% of GDP<sup>385</sup>, some say as high as 35% of GDP<sup>386</sup>.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In the first weeks of the lock down, three women were reported murdered by their partners across the country which represented an increase<sup>387</sup> although year on year statistics have not been published.

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<sup>379</sup> <https://lesotho.unfpa.org/en/news/covid-19-lock-down-exacerbates-gender-based-violence-cases-lesotho>

<sup>380</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>381</sup> IRIN, Tackling Liberia's high rape rate, 18 July 2014, available at: <https://www.refworld.org/docid/53cfa1e94.html>

<sup>382</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>383</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>384</sup> Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies: <https://cihrs.org/libya-must-uphold-its-obligation-to-protect-women/?lang=en>

<sup>385</sup> (<http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>)

<sup>386</sup> <http://visionofhumanity.org/global-peace-index/ten-countries-with-the-highest-economic-impact-of-violence/>

<sup>387</sup> <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/north-africa-west-asia/libyas-forgotten-half-between-conflict-and-pandemic-women-pay-the-higher-price>

## Liechtenstein

### Population size:

38,019 <sup>388</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

26% of those surveyed in Liechtenstein responded that they had experienced violence in their own partner relationships at least once <sup>389</sup>.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Lithuania

### Population size:

2,786,844 <sup>390</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

4% of women have experienced domestic violence in the last 12 months, 24% have experienced it in their lifetime <sup>391</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

3.2% of GDP <sup>392</sup>.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Domestic killings doubled in Lithuania during quarantine <sup>393</sup>

## Luxembourg

### Population size:

619,896 <sup>394</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

3% of women in the last 12 months, 22% in their lifetime <sup>395</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

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<sup>388</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>389</sup> p2: [https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/LIE/INT\\_CEDAW\\_NGO\\_LIE\\_48\\_9499\\_E.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/LIE/INT_CEDAW_NGO_LIE_48_9499_E.pdf)

<sup>390</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>391</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Lithuania", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/lithuania>>

<sup>392</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>393</sup> <https://www.lrt.lt/en/news-in-english/19/1177111/domestic-killings-double-in-lithuania-during-quarantine>

<sup>394</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>395</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Luxembourg", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/luxembourg>>

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in Luxembourg could amount to € 113 million per year.<sup>396</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research. of further increase in domestic violence<sup>397</sup>

## Madagascar

Population size:

26,969,307<sup>398</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

30% of women have experienced domestic violence in the last 12 months<sup>399</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

2.5% of GDP<sup>400</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Malawi

Population size:

18,628,747<sup>401</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

24% of women have experienced physical violence in last 12 months, 32% have experienced physical violence in their lifetime and 42% have experienced child marriage<sup>402</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

7% of GDP<sup>403</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Malaysia

Population size:

31,949,777<sup>404</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

<sup>396</sup> European Institute for Gender Equality (2014). Estimating the costs of gender-based violence in the European Union, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg

<sup>397</sup> <https://www.tageblatt.lu/headlines/kein-pardon-aber-jede-nur-moegliche-hilfe/>

<sup>398</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>399</sup> <https://www.intrahealth.org/vital/madagascar-health-workers-can-help-survivors-violence-break-silence>

<sup>400</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>401</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>402</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Malawi", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/malawi>>

<sup>403</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>404</sup> The World Bank, (1).

This first nation-wide primary prevalence study shows that domestic violence is a real issue among women with husbands or with long term partners or ever married or ever had partners in Malaysia with a prevalence of 8%<sup>405</sup>  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

2.7% of GDP<sup>406</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

The ministry's Talian Kasih hotline had seen a 57 per cent increase (or 1,893 calls) from women in distress up to March 26<sup>407</sup>

## Maldives

Population size:

530,953<sup>408</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Commonly known statistics publicized in the Maldives on VAW suggest that 1 in every 3 women aged 18-59 may have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence.<sup>409</sup>  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Mali

Population size:

19,658,031<sup>410</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women: 26.9% in last 12 months, 35.5% lifetime, 51.5% child marriage<sup>411</sup>  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

6.2% of GDP<sup>412</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

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<sup>405</sup> <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEw iqhvmO7LDqAhVMRBUIHTC9DCcQFjABegQIDBAD&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sciencedirect.com%2Fscience%2Farticle%2Fpii%2FS1877042813025767%2Fpdf%3Fmd5%3Db357d0f9eb60e96a0a2dc687de634b1e%26pid%3D1-s2.0-S1877042813025767-main.pdf&usg=AOvVaw1KsekFokadbDQOyhXGIFhZ>

<sup>406</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

<sup>407</sup> <https://www.nst.com.my/news/exclusive/2020/04/581233/mco-linked-domestic-violence-rises>

<sup>408</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>409</sup> [https://www.unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/RS\\_No108/No108\\_15\\_IP\\_Maldives\\_2.pdf](https://www.unafei.or.jp/publications/pdf/RS_No108/No108_15_IP_Maldives_2.pdf)

<sup>410</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>411</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Mali", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/mali>>

<sup>412</sup> <http://economicsandpeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/The-Economic-Cost-of-Violence-Containment.pdf>

## Malta

### Population size:

502,653<sup>413</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women: 4% in last 12 months, 15% lifetime<sup>414</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in Malta could amount to EUR 90 million per year.<sup>415</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Marked increase noted<sup>416</sup> but no concrete research.

## Marshall Islands

### Population size:

4,525,696<sup>417</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 51 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 18 %<sup>418</sup>

Percentage of women who reported experience of physical or sexual violence, or both, by an intimate partner in their lifetime: 51%

Percentage of women who reported experience of physical or sexual violence, or both, by an intimate partner in the 12 months prior to the survey: 18%<sup>419</sup>

Approximately 58% of men and 56% of women generally accept that violence against women is a normal part of marital relationships and 36% of RMI women have experienced either physical or sexual violence, with spouses being the most common perpetrator of both. About 22% of all RMI women report experiencing physical violence in the previous 12 months. Among women who have experienced physical violence, 72% reported that a current husband or partner committed physical violence against them, while 21% reported that they had experienced violence by a former husband/partner.<sup>420</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>413</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>414</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Malta", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/europe/malta>>

<sup>415</sup> European Institute for Gender Equality (2014). Estimating the costs of gender-based violence in the European Union, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg

<sup>416</sup> <https://timesofmalta.com/articles/view/how-domestic-abuse-got-worse-during-lockdown.791105>

<sup>417</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>418</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Marshall Islands", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/oceania/marshall-islands>>

<sup>419</sup> <https://pacificwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Section-1-FSM-EVAW-Final-Report-July2018.pdf>

<sup>420</sup> <https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/countries/fiji/co/republic-of-the-marshall-islands>

No research.

## Mauritania

### Population size:

4,525,696<sup>421</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Local NGOs noted the incidence of both reported and unreported rape continued to be high. National statistics on arrests and prosecutions for rape were unavailable, but the Association of Female Heads of Families (AFCF) reported 1,273 rapes between January and September, a marked increase compared with the 412 cases reported for all of 2014.

Domestic violence was also a serious problem. Spousal abuse and domestic violence are illegal, but there are no specific penalties for domestic violence. The government did not enforce the law effectively, and convictions were rare. Most cases went unreported. No reliable government statistics on prosecutions, convictions, and sentences for domestic violence were available. In the course of the year, the AFCF identified 2,375 (a 10 percent increase compared with 2014) minor victims of domestic violence and provided legal assistance to 1,775 of them.<sup>422</sup>

Almost four in ten women (38%) in Mauritania believe that a husband has the right to exercise physical or moral violence against his wife in certain situations. The proportion of women who approve of this violence is higher in the poorest households (47%), and among the least educated women (48%).<sup>423</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Mauritius

### Population size:

1,265,711<sup>424</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

In Mauritius, this figure is even higher and reveals that 1 out of 4 women is a battered woman or victim of some sort of domestic violence.<sup>425</sup>

Corroborating existing evidence, women tend to be over-representative of victims of the physical and sexual forms of abuse. As a matter of fact, the percentage of women who are victims of physical abuse is 5.9% as compared to 1.9% for men. Rather similarly, male

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<sup>421</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>422</sup> <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5716123a6.html>

<sup>423</sup> [https://mics-surveys-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/MICS4/West%20and%20Central%20Africa/Mauritania/2011/Summary/Mauritania%202011%20MICS%20Summary\\_French.pdf](https://mics-surveys-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/MICS4/West%20and%20Central%20Africa/Mauritania/2011/Summary/Mauritania%202011%20MICS%20Summary_French.pdf)

<sup>424</sup> The World Bank, (1).

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[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/419785/MAR\\_2015\\_DOMESTIC\\_VIOLENCE\\_PACK.docx#:~:text=VIOLENCE%20IN%20MAURITIUS-,Domestic%20violence%20in%20Mauritius,some%20sort%20of%20domestic%20violence](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419785/MAR_2015_DOMESTIC_VIOLENCE_PACK.docx#:~:text=VIOLENCE%20IN%20MAURITIUS-,Domestic%20violence%20in%20Mauritius,some%20sort%20of%20domestic%20violence)

victims of sexual forms of domestic abuse make up only 0.2% of the sample as compared to 1.4% for female victims. For emotional forms of abuse, there seems to be just a marginal difference between males and females. Other characteristics of victims of the various forms of abuse are that they tend to be over-representative of the lower educational achievement; lower income as well as lower occupational status backgrounds.

The most predominant form of GBV experienced by women and perpetrated by men in Mauritius occurs within intimate partnerships. Figure 17 shows that 23.8 % of women interviewed in the study reported experience of some form of GBV at least once in their lifetime while 22.9% of men reported ever perpetrating GBV in their lifetime.<sup>426</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

A referral pathway was established between the helpline run by the Ministry of Health and the Child Help Line which allowed a direct referral of protection related cases, including sexual and gender-based violence. A total of 169 “serious” calls were received since the beginning of the epidemic. (May 2020)<sup>427</sup>

## Mexico

Population size:

127,575,529<sup>428</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women experiencing Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in their lifetime:  
246%

Women experiencing physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months:  
95%<sup>429</sup>

Government figures released in November 2019, showed murders of women increased more than 10% in the previous year, with 809 women killed between January and October 2019 specifically because of their gender, compared with 726 in the same period of 2018. A 2017 report by the National Institute for Statistics and Geography found about 66% of women over 15 in Mexico had experienced some form of violence at least once and 44% had been abused by a partner. Security Minister Alfonso Durazo said on Monday almost 125,000 women had been victims of violence in Mexico in 2019<sup>430</sup>.

According to a gender violence study from 2016, the region holds 14 of the 25 countries with the highest rates of femicides (Small arms survey, 2016)<sup>431</sup>

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[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/MUS/INT\\_CEDAW\\_CSS\\_MUS\\_32569\\_E.pdf](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/MUS/INT_CEDAW_CSS_MUS_32569_E.pdf)

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[https://www.unicef.org/appeals/files/UNICEF\\_Mauritania\\_COVID-19\\_Situation\\_Report\\_No\\_6\\_\\_16\\_31\\_May\\_2020.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/appeals/files/UNICEF_Mauritania_COVID-19_Situation_Report_No_6__16_31_May_2020.pdf)

<sup>428</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>429</sup> UN Women, “Global Database on Violence Against Women – Mexico”, ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/americas/mexico>>

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<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/11/mexico-commits-to-zero-tolerance-of-violence-against-women-amid-rise-in-killings/>

<sup>431</sup> <https://datapopalliance.org/domestic-violence-in-mexico-in-times-of-covid-19>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Domestic abuse is expected to grow by 92% during the quarantine period .<sup>432</sup>

Prior to the beginning of the social distancing measures, the 911 emergency number registered 21,727 violence against women related calls for the month of February 2020. Just three weeks after the social distancing measures were announced, federal authorities estimated that violence against women had increased between 30% to 100%. Within this context, domestic violence demonstrated to be one of the most concerning matters of COVID-19. Almost two months after the registration of the first COVID-19 case in Mexico, the Shelter Network observed an increase of 5% in women's admissions and 60% in guidance via telephone, social networks, or email. Additionally, centres linked to the RNR are at 80% or 110% of their capacity, especially in entities such as Guanajuato, the State of Mexico, and Chiapas .<sup>433</sup>

## Micronesia

Population size:

113,815<sup>434</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 33 %

Women Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 24 % .<sup>435</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Physical and/or sexual violence by partners - Almost one in three ever-partnered women in the FSM (32.8%) have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a partner at least once in their life. - Nearly one in four ever-partnered women (24.1%) experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a partner in the 12 months preceding the interview. This figure was the highest among women aged 15-24 (34.7%). - Nearly 29% of ever-partnered women have experienced physical violence by a partner in their lifetime. The most common acts of physical violence were being slapped or having something thrown at them. - 6.3% of ever-pregnant women experienced physical partner violence in pregnancy and in almost half of the cases women were punched in the abdomen. - Slightly over 18% of ever-partnered women have experienced sexual violence by a partner in their lifetime and the most common act of sexual violence was being forced to have sexual intercourse.

Impact of partner violence on women's health - Two in five women who ever experienced partner violence (41%) were injured at least once in their lifetime due to the violence.<sup>436</sup>

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<sup>432</sup> <https://datapopalliance.org/domestic-violence-in-mexico-in-times-of-covid-19>

<sup>433</sup> <https://datapopalliance.org/domestic-violence-in-mexico-in-times-of-covid-19>

<sup>434</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>435</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Micronesia", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/oceania/micronesia-federated-states-of>>

<sup>436</sup> <https://pacific.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/FSMFHSSReportweb.pdf>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Moldova

Population size:

2,657,637<sup>437</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 34 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 94 %<sup>438</sup>

A national study in 2011 found that 63.4% of women in Moldova aged 15 or older had experienced physical, psychological, or sexual violence from an intimate partner over their lifetimes<sup>19</sup>. The number of protection orders is steadily increasing; in 2014 there were 920 protection orders compared to 448 in 2013 and only 23 in 2011. In 2014 2374 domestic cases were investigated as criminal offenses, compared to 471 in 2011.<sup>20</sup> Official statistics of MIA also point to the fact that in 2014 there were 2374 victims registered, of which 2088 were women, 78 were children and 285 were men. About 30 women were killed as a result of domestic violence.<sup>439</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In Moldova, in the first three months of 2020 police registered 267 offences related to domestic violence compared to 231 over the same period of last year. Police protection orders were applied in 173 cases in the first three months of 2020, up from 157 in the first quarter of 2019, Dorel Nistor, head of the Community Interaction Section of Moldova's General Police Inspectorate, told BIRN.<sup>440</sup>

## Monaco

Population size:

38,964 (2019)<sup>441</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

33 cases of violence against women in 2019 recorded by the police.

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<sup>437</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>438</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Moldova", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <  
<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/europe/republic-of-Moldova>>

<sup>439</sup> <https://www2.unwomen.org/-/media/field%20office%20moldova/attachments/publications/2016/report%20costing%20of%20violence%20-%20en.pdf?la=en&vs=2637>

<sup>440</sup> <https://balkaninsight.com/2020/04/21/covid-19-and-domestic-abuse-when-home-is-not-the-safest-place/>

<sup>441</sup> The World Bank, (1).

1 in 2 cases are committed at the home of the victim or perpetrator<sup>442</sup> .

Statistics show that less than 40% of women who are experiencing violence actually seek help. Those who do tend to turn to friends and family members, and very few seek the help of police.<sup>443</sup>

The average age of female victims of violence committed in Monaco was 37 years, while the average age of perpetrators was 42. Nearly 60% of cases involved physical abuse, and 25% involved sexual abuse. The other incidents involved psychological abuse or harassment. 1 in 2 incidents occurred in the home of the victim or perpetrator. 58% of violent acts were committed by the victim's spouse or former spouse. 74% of violent incidents committed in Monaco in 2019 resulted in a complaint being filed<sup>444</sup> .

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

*According to Céline Cottalorda, Monaco's authorities are yet to report any significant rise in cases. "Since the start of confinement, social services have not been aware of any specific situations of domestic violence, nor has the Association for the Assistance of Victims of Criminal Offenses (AVIP)," said Ms Cottalorda. "Police have also not seen an increase in the number of cases." But it is unlikely that Monaco is immune to the phenomenon<sup>445</sup> .*

Three situations of minor violence have been recorded during lockdown. Of these three cases, no complaints were filed. "The social service, the police and the charities working in Monaco have noted a drop in calls."<sup>446</sup> .

## Mongolia

Population size:

3,225,167<sup>447</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 312%

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<sup>442</sup> Comité Droits des Femmes (Principauté de Monaco) & IMSEE Monaco Statistics, "Violences faites aux femmes à Monaco en 2019"

(January 2020), <<https://www.imsee.mc/Publications/Violences-faites-aux-femmes-a-Monaco>>

<sup>443</sup> C. Tanti, "Monaco readies for increase in domestic violence" (monacolife.net, 31 March 2020), <<https://monacolife.net/lockdown-a-living-nightmare-for-abuse-victims/>>

<sup>444</sup> Comité Droits des Femmes (Principauté de Monaco), "Information published on violence against women in Monaco during 2019", (14 January 2020),

<<https://en.gouv.mc/A-la-Une-du-Portail/Information-published-on-violence-against-women-in-Monaco-during-2019>>

<sup>445</sup> C. Tanti, "Monaco readies for increase in domestic violence", (31 March 2021),

<<https://monacolife.net/lockdown-a-living-nightmare-for-abuse-victims>>

<sup>446</sup> "Domestic violence and lockdown: where do we stand?", (Monaco Tribune, 30 April 2020),

<<https://www.monaco-tribune.com/en/2020/04/domestic-violence-and-lockdown-where-do-we-stand/>>

<sup>447</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women:  
127%<sup>448</sup>.

Among ever-partnered women, 57.9% have experienced one or more of the following types of violence in their lifetime: physical, sexual, emotional and economic violence, and controlling behaviours; and 31.2% have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetime.

Life-time rates of any forms of partner violence are highest in the regions of Khenti, Darkhan-Uul, Umnugobi, Ulaanbaatar, and Govisumer, while life-time rates of physical and/or sexual partner violence are highest in Darkhan-Uul, Umnugobi, Gobisumber, Bulgan and Khovd.

Non-partner violence is prevalent among young people. Since age 15, 17.3% of women have experienced non-partner physical violence during their lifetime and 4.5% experienced it during the last 12 months; 1 in 10 women experienced child sexual abuse before the age of 15; 1 in 4 women, regardless of her social and economic status, agreed that a husband is justified in beating his wife if she is unfaithful.

<sup>449</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:  
No research, but calls for further research into this<sup>450</sup>.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No country-wide research. Police records for the capital city of Ulaanbaatar indicated a 63% increase in reported cases of domestic violence, with 3,100 during the first quarter of 2020 compared to 1,900 reported during the first quarter of 2019. Most of these cases included physical violence (77%), about 90% were committed in a household setting, and women constituted 93% of the victims.<sup>451</sup>

## Montenegro

Population Size:  
622,137<sup>452</sup>

Number of people who have experienced domestic abuse per annum:

Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18–74 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months: 4.8%<sup>453</sup>.

Regarding the crimes of domestic violence, in 2018, the courts had a total of 232 cases. Out of that number, 147 cases were resolved in a timely manner, 136 cases – with conviction, 6

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<sup>448</sup> UN Women, “Global Database on Violence Against Women – Mongolia”, (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/asia/mongolia>>  
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<https://mongolia.unfpa.org/en/publications/breaking-silence-equality-2017-national-study-gender-based-violence-mongolia>

<sup>450</sup> <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/463116/eawp-014-womens-voices-action-mongolia.pdf>

<sup>451</sup> <https://www.adb.org/news/adb-help-address-and-prevent-domestic-violence-mongolia-amid-covid-19>

<sup>452</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>453</sup> UN Women, “Global Database on Violence Against Women – Montenegro”, (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/montenegro>>

by acquittal, 2 cases were resolved by a judgment dismissing the charge, while in 2 cases a decision on dismissal was made.<sup>454</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

#### Cost to the country's economy:

17.9 million EUR cost to the economy due to the consequences of partner violence, which reflects negatively on the productivity of employed women. Therefore, the annual loss is about 0.5% of the GDP. The cost for the next ten years is estimated to be 241 million EUR.<sup>455</sup>

#### Estimated increase due to COVID-19:

In Montenegro, Maja Raicevic, head of the Centre for Women's Rights, said on April 5 that in March calls to her NGO reporting domestic violence were up 20 per cent on the previous month.<sup>456</sup>

## Morocco

#### Population size:

36,471,769<sup>457</sup>

#### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

A 2018 report on gender-based violence records nearly 12,233 cases of violence against women in 2018 against 10,959 in 2017. The findings show that 48.95 % of the reported cases of violence were psychological, while 24.42% were socio-economic violence. Meanwhile, sexual violence and physical violence represented 4.68% and 5.7 %, respectively. The majority of women victims of violence, according to the report, were housewives with "little education." The findings show that 48.95% of the reported cases of violence were psychological, while 24.42% were socio economic violence. Meanwhile, sexual violence and physical violence represented 4.68% and 5.7 %, respectively.<sup>458</sup>

Morocco's High Commission for Planning (HCP) conducted a six-month survey to study the circumstances and consequences of violence against women and girls. The survey found that out of 13.4 million women aged between 15 and 74, more than 7.6 million have experienced at least one act of violence in the previous 12 months. The HCP reports that 58 % of women, representing 5.1 million women experience violence in Moroccan cities, while 55% of women experience violence in rural areas, or 2.5 million women. The survey argues that the proportion of women who have experienced at least one act of violence has decreased by 6 %, from 63% to 57 % "if we consider only the 2009 target population of women aged 18 to 64 years," the HCP reported. According to the HCP, sexual and economic violence has increased alarmingly compared to psychological and physical violence. The HCP survey finds that the prevalence of psychological and physical violence

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<sup>454</sup>Montenegro Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, "Report of Montenegro on the Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 AGENDA)", (May 2019), <[<sup>455</sup> IPSOS, "Violence in Family and Violence against Women", \(2017\), <\[https://cssplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IPSOS\\\_family-violence-presentation\\\_ENG-final-2.pdf\]\(https://cssplatform.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/IPSOS\_family-violence-presentation\_ENG-final-2.pdf\)> \(see slide 55\)](https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/64/national-reviews/montenegro.pdf?la=en&vs=5449%20(see%20page%2073)>(see page 73)</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

<sup>456</sup> "COVID-19 and Domestic Abuse: When Home is not the Safest Place" (Balkan Insight, 21 April 2020), <<https://balkaninsight.com/2020/04/21/covid-19-and-domestic-abuse-when-home-is-not-the-safest-place/>>

<sup>457</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>458</sup> <https://www.morocoworldnews.com/2019/11/287516/morocco-alarming-increase-violence-women/>

dropped by almost 9 points. The statistics show that the physical and psychological violence dropped from 58% to 49%.<sup>459</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Between March 20 and April 20, the first month of the lockdown, Moroccan prosecutors registered 892 complaints of physical, sexual, economic, and psychological abuse of women, the prosecution office explained.<sup>460</sup>

## Mozambique

Population Size:

30,366,036<sup>461</sup>

Number of people who have experienced domestic abuse per annum

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence against women in the last 12 months: 16%. This is the proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18-49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months.<sup>462</sup> 20,000 cases of domestic violence were reported in a year but NGOs believed the number of victims to be much higher.<sup>463</sup> No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost to the country's economy:

No evidence.

Estimated increase due to COVID-19:

No evidence.

## Myanmar

Population size:

54,045,420<sup>464</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 17 %

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<sup>459</sup>

<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2019/12/288723/moroccan-unemployed-least-educated-women-domestic-violence/>

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<https://www.moroccoworldnews.com/2020/05/301269/moroccos-prosecution-office-calls-for-domestic-violence-hotline/>

<sup>461</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>462</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Mozambique", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/mozambique>>

<sup>463</sup> "Mozambique 2018 Human Rights Report", (Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2018),

<<https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Mozambique-2018.pdf>> (see page 13)

<sup>464</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 11 %  
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In its 2018 report, the Mission found that ethnic Rakhine women and girls were subjected to rape and other forms of sexual violence by Tatmadaw forces, especially high ranking officers, between 2011 and up until the “clearance operations” against the Rohingya that began on 25 August 2017. 220 incidents of sexual and gender-based violence have primarily taken place in the context of forced labour 221 or in heavily militarized areas.<sup>466</sup>

Breaking the Devil’s Silence: Sexual Violence in Myanmar report. In 2015-16, a demographic and health survey took place across the states and regions, and it included questions on sexual violence. The study interviewed 632 girls aged 15- 19 and found that 1 percent of that age group had experienced sexual violence in their lifetime, with 0.7 percent responding that they had experienced sexual violence in the past 12 months. In 2014, a qualitative study by Gender Equality Network that included interviews with 40 women from Yangon, Mandalay and Mawlamyine showed the seriousness of the problem, as half of the sample said they were raped or sexually assaulted in the past.

Behind the Silence Violence Against Women and their Resilience Myanmar report. An oft-cited report by the Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs, reportedly conducted in all states and divisions across Myanmar, says that between 4 to 21 percent of women reported experiencing mental violence and between 3 to 15 percent of women reported experiencing physical violence (Kyu 2004).<sup>4</sup> Another randomized household survey conducted in Mandalay asked behaviour specific questions and found that 69 percent of women reported experiencing psychological, physical and/or sexual violence in the past twelve months. The prevalence of women’s reported experiences of only physical violence in the past twelve months was 27 percent (Kyu and Kanai 2005).<sup>5</sup> A community-based screening survey in Yangon found that 19 percent of women reported experiencing violence directly, and 53 percent knew women within their communities or families who experienced violence (NCA, DSW and MMCWA 2013). In the ethnic Palaung region, survey results showed that 90 percent of participants had ‘experienced or seen physical violence within families in their communities’, and 62 percent of respondents experienced or witnessed physical violence within the family on a daily basis (PWO 2011). The wide variance of prevalence is likely due to use of different methodologies and different definitions of violence against women across [studies](#).<sup>467</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Namibia

Population size:

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<sup>465</sup> UN Women, “Global Database on Violence Against Women – Myanmar”, (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/asia/myanmar>>

<sup>466</sup> [https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/FFM-Myanmar/sexualviolence/A\\_HRC\\_CRP\\_4.pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/FFM-Myanmar/sexualviolence/A_HRC_CRP_4.pdf)

<sup>467</sup>

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/319182486\\_Sexual\\_Violence\\_in\\_Myanmar\\_Women\\_COMPILATION\\_REPORT](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/319182486_Sexual_Violence_in_Myanmar_Women_COMPILATION_REPORT)

2,494,530 <sup>468</sup>.

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 267%

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 202% <sup>469</sup>

The Namibia Demographic Health Survey (2013) indicates that 33 per cent of ever married women aged 15-49 years have experienced physical, sexual, and/ or emotional violence from their partner. Thirty two per cent (32%) of adolescent girls aged 15-19 and 35% of young girls aged 20-24 have experience physical violence from a partner. During 2012-2016, the Namibian Police identified five (5) top prevalent violence reported in the country as assault grievous bodily harm (22,174 reported cases); assault common (18,054); rape (2,839); attempted murder (1,138) and murder (734). This is exacerbated by condoning society's attitude towards SGBV. Twenty-eight per cent (28%) of women and 22 per cent (22%) of men aged 15-49 justified beating as an acceptable way for a husband to discipline his wife (NDHS: 2013).<sup>470</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Nauru

Population size:

12,581 <sup>471</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 22%

Lifetime Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence: 15% <sup>472</sup>

Physical and/or sexual violence by partners:

- Nearly half of ever-partnered women (48.1%) who participated in the survey experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a partner at least once in their lifetime and 22.1% experienced such violence in the 12 months preceding the interview.
- Nearly half of ever-partnered women (46.6%) who participated in the survey experienced physical partner violence at least once in their lifetime and 20.6% indicated experiencing such violence in the 12 months preceding the interview.
- The most commonly mentioned act of physical partner violence was being slapped or having something thrown at them (84.1%).

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<sup>468</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>469</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Namibia", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/africa/namibia>>  
<sup>470</sup>

<https://namibia.unfpa.org/en/topics/gender-based-violence-3#:~:text=The%20Namibia%20Demographic%20Health%20Survey,emotional%20violence%20from%20their%20partner>

<sup>471</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>472</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Nauru", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/oceania/nauru>>

- Among ever-pregnant women who reported experiences of physical and/or sexual partner violence, 25.4% experienced physical violence in at least one pregnancy.
- One-fifth of ever-partnered women (20.6%) experienced sexual violence by a partner at least once in their lifetime and 9.9% said to experience such violence in the 12 months prior to the interview.
- The most commonly reported act of sexual partner violence was being coerced to have sex when she did not want to because she was afraid of what her partner might do if she refused (30.2%<sup>473</sup>).

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Nepal

Population size:

28,608,710<sup>474</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 25 %

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in the last 12 months: 112%<sup>475</sup>

National-level data derived from various sources show that GBV and IPV are a latent problem in Nepal. According to the Nepal Demographic and Health Survey (DHS) 2011, 22% of women had experienced violence since they were 15 years of age and among them 12% had experienced sexual violence (Government of Nepal, 2012b). Similarly, Lammichhane et al. (2011) conducted a cross-sectional study in 2009 among 1,296 young married women in four major ethnic groups and found that more than half (51.9%) reported having ever experienced some type of violence from their husband. Data from the DHS 2011 show that 84% of perpetrators in cases of domestic violence are the husband. The same report also shows that overall, one-third of married women in Nepal experience domestic violence from their spouse. Other data from the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers (2012) on rural districts found that estimates of IPV ranged from 30% to 81% depending on the district and type of IPV assessed (Government of Nepal, 2012a).

<sup>476</sup>

Of 1800 eligible participants, 455 (25.28%) were exposed to IPV. In multivariate analyses, low caste, wife employment, income stress, poor marital communication, quarrelling, husband drunkenness, exposure to IPV as a child, in-law violence, and gender inequitable normative expectations were associated with IPV.<sup>477</sup>

<sup>473</sup> [https://asiapacific.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/Nauru\\_family\\_health\\_support\\_survey\\_report\\_2014.pdf](https://asiapacific.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/Nauru_family_health_support_survey_report_2014.pdf)

<sup>474</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>475</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Nepal", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/asia/nepal>>

<sup>476</sup> <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/resource-documents/11381.pdf> (2011 DHS survey referenced above [https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR257/FR257\[13April2012\].pdf](https://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/FR257/FR257[13April2012].pdf))

<sup>477</sup> <https://bmcwomenshealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12905-019-0715-4>

According to the Demographic and Health Survey, 28% of women reported lifetime exposure to physical and/or sexual IPV, and half of these women (14%) reported exposure in the prior 12 months. However, only 23% report help-seeking (Ministry of Health and Population (MOHP) [Nepal], New Era et al., 2012);<sup>478</sup>

A 2012 study by the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers indicated that 48 % of respondents had experienced violence and 28 % in the past 12 months [8]. However, in another study in Dang and Surkhet indicated 81 % incidence while 51 % incidence in another study done in Nepal [18, 20]. Wide variation in the prevalence across studies stressed the importance of conducting additional studies on similar topic because of contextual variability of violence. Sexual violence reported in this study is remarkably lower than other similar studies [9] and it might be due to the underreporting in rural settings where people generally don't complain about male members at any cost because of cultural norms and are scared to expose their personal issues. Comparable findings were found in a study conducted in Kathmandu, where corresponding figures for physical, psychological and sexual violence were 16.7, 35.5 and 3.6 % respectively [14]. Results of our study largely corroborate the findings from Nepal and all over the world such as in India, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Iran etc [24–27].<sup>479</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

The Women's Rehabilitation Centre in Nepal, reported 465 cases of GBV between March 24 and May 29, 2020. The number is likely to grow after more organizations make their GBV data public. A study published in the Kathmandu Post writes: "Every ten minutes, a woman somewhere in Nepal dials 1145, the helpline operated by the National Women Commission (NWC), seeking assistance. The majority of these calls are made by survivors of domestic violence who are either looking to report incidents of abuse or calling to inquire about the support services offered by the group."<sup>480</sup>

## Netherlands

Population size:

17.1 million<sup>481</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

In 2017, the Dutch Statistics Agency (CBS), reported that 1.7% of women aged 15 or older reported being the victim of one or more forms of domestic abuse. For men, the number was 2.5%<sup>482</sup>

25% of ever-partnered women aged 18-74 experienced intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. 5% of ever-partnered women aged 18-74 experienced intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. 12 % of ever-partnered women aged 18-74 experienced sexual violence perpetrated by someone other than an intimate partner at least once in their lifetime. (Source: European Union Agency

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<sup>478</sup> <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S027795361830073X>

<sup>479</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4799562/>

<sup>480</sup> <https://thediplomat.com/2020/06/how-covid-19-worsens-gender-inequality-in-nepal/>

<sup>481</sup> Worldometer, "Netherlands Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/netherlands-population/>>

<sup>482</sup> <https://dutchreview.com/culture/society/violence-against-women-in-the-netherlands-where-to-find-help/>

for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.)<sup>483</sup>

45% of the Dutch population have been victims of any form of physical and sexual violence in the home (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) 2014,<sup>484</sup>

200,000 victims of serious domestic violence every year. Over 63,000 cases are reported to the police every year. Every year, around 13,000 victims in the Netherlands use women's shelters. (Source: Blijf Groep, NGO that supports victims of domestic violence)<sup>485</sup>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Kindertelefoon, a Dutch non-profit organisation helping children (anonymously) to deal with various problems, reported a 50 percent surge in calls most of them related to domestic and sexual abuse and violence in the 2 weeks after the Netherlands entered into a semi-lockdown in mid-March<sup>486</sup>.

## New Zealand

Population size:

4.8 million<sup>487</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

50% of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) deaths occurred at the time of actual or intended separation. In the four years from 2009 to 2012, 76% of intimate partner violence-related deaths were perpetrated by men, 24% were perpetrated by women. It is worth noting also that IPV-related deaths include the deaths of new (male) partners of women, by the woman's ex-partner<sup>488</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Family violence is estimated to cost the country between NZ\$4.1bn and \$7bn a year.<sup>489</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>483</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Netherlands", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/europe/netherlands#1>>

<sup>484</sup> [https://cdn.atrria.nl/e-publications/IAV\\_B00111689.pdf](https://cdn.atrria.nl/e-publications/IAV_B00111689.pdf)

<sup>485</sup> <https://www.blijfgroep.nl/artikelen/cijfers-en-feiten-over-huiselijk-geweld/>

<sup>486</sup> <https://www.volkskrant.nl/columns-opinie/de-kindertelefoon-hoort-veel-kinderen-al-vastlopen~ba403590/>

<sup>487</sup> Worldometer, "New Zealand Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/new-zealand-population/>>

<sup>488</sup> Family Violence Death Review Committee. (2014). Fourth Annual Report: January 2013 to December 2013. Wellington, Health Quality and Safety Commission.

<http://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/mrc/fvdr/publications-and-resources/publication/1600/>.

<sup>489</sup>

[https://glenninquiry.org.nz/uploads/files/ECONOMIC\\_COSTS\\_OF\\_CHILD\\_ABUSE\\_INTIMATE\\_PARTNER\\_ABUS\\_E2.pdf](https://glenninquiry.org.nz/uploads/files/ECONOMIC_COSTS_OF_CHILD_ABUSE_INTIMATE_PARTNER_ABUS_E2.pdf) 1995 assessment = \$nZ 5.3 billion: see p 16 ;

<http://www.oas.org/ext/DesktopModules/EasyDNNNews/DocumentDownload.ashx?portalid=11&moduleid=1698&articleid=25&documentid=22>

Police figures comparing the week before the lockdown show a 22 percent increase in investigations.<sup>490</sup> Mirroring the police figures are those from Women's Refuge, showing a 20 percent increase in calls related to domestic violence<sup>491</sup>

## Nicaragua

### Population size:

6.6 million<sup>492</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 23%

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in the last 12 months: 8%

Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: Official National Statistics Not Available

<sup>493</sup>

Over 32,000 complaints of domestic violence and sexual abuse in Nicaragua in 2012<sup>494</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Productivity loss of \$29.5 million<sup>495</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Niger

### Population size:

24.2 million<sup>496</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

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<sup>490</sup>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/11/new-zealand-domestic-violence-services-to-get-200m-as-lockdown-takes-toll>

<sup>491</sup> <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/415553/domestic-violence-calls-to-police-increase-in-lockdown>

<sup>492</sup> Worldometer, "Nicaragua Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info))

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/nicaragua-population/>>

<sup>493</sup> Source: Instituto Nacional de Información de Desarrollo, Ministerio de Salud, 2014. Encuesta Nicaragüense de Demografía y Salud (ENDESA) 2011-2012. Managua, Nicaragua

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/nicaragua>>

<sup>494</sup> <https://www.amnestyusa.org/violence-against-women-when-will-nicaragua-wake-up/>

<sup>495</sup> Morris, S., N. Devlin, et al. (2007). Economic analysis in health care, Wiley Morrison, A., and M. B. Orlando.

(1999). "The Socioeconomic Costs of Domestic Violence: Chile and Nicaragua." In Too Close To Home: Domestic Violence in the Americas, ed. A.R.Morrison and M.L. Biehl. Washington, DC: Inter-American Development Bank and

<<https://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Gender/Duvvury%20et%20al%202013%20Intimate%20Partner%20Violence%20Economic%20Costs%20and%20Implications%20for%20Growth%20and%20Development%20Jan%2009%202014.pdf>>

<sup>496</sup> Worldometer, "Niger Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info))

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/niger-population/>>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Nigeria

Population size:

206.2 million <sup>497</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

23% of women have been victims of physical or sexual violence by a previous husband and 17.3% by another relative <sup>498</sup>

2018 Nigeria Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS), approximately 31 percent of women aged between 15 and 49 had experienced some form of physical violence since age 15, and 14 percent had experienced physical violence in the 12 months preceding the survey. In a 2017 report, Nigeria's Gender Based Violence Sub-Sector Working Group (GBVSWG) indicates that "[o]ne in four ever-married women have reported having experienced at least one type of domestic violence such as physical, emotional or sexual violence by their husband or partner" <sup>499</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Reports only for North East Nigeria. The report shows that women may experience a greater risk of gender-based violence. Intimate partner violence may increase due to heightened tension in the household with food insecurity and quarantine measures. Stringent movement restrictions may prevent women from leaving their home at moments of violence or to move to places of refuge. However, there is a lack of statistical analysis available. <sup>500</sup>

## North Korea

Population size:

25.7 million <sup>501</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

70% of North Korean women are routinely abused by their husbands. <sup>502</sup>

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<sup>497</sup> Worldometer, "Nigeria Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/nigeria-population/>>

<sup>498</sup> <https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/library/publications/2018/sdg-report-fact-sheet-sub-saharan-africa-en.pdf?la=en&vs=3558>

<sup>499</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/1227121/download>

<sup>500</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/North%20East%20Nigeria%20%20Protection%20concerns%20in%20the%20context%20of%20the%20COVID-19%20crisis.pdf>

<sup>501</sup> Worldometer, "North Korea Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/north-korea-population/>>

<sup>502</sup> Source: Um, Mee Young, Hee Jin Kim, and Lawrence A. Palinkas. "Correlates of Domestic Violence Among North Korean Refugee Women in South Korea." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 33, no. 13. 2016. 2037-2058 (<https://jpia.princeton.edu/news/gender-and-migration-north-korea>)

Rate of IPV against women by North Korean refugees was 57.1%<sup>503</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## North Macedonia

Population size:

2 million<sup>504</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Police Data in 2004 reported 2,434 complaints of domestic violence of which 1,000 victims were wives, 460 parents, and 175 were children and other family members (aunts, uncles, and husbands) in big families with members spanning several generations<sup>505</sup>.

Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women (ESE) in 2006 showed that every second Macedonian women was a victim of psychological violence, every sixth experienced physical abuse, whereas 10% reported sexual violence at home.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

NGO Organization of Women of the City of Skopje reported a 7% increase in the number of calls to their helpline<sup>506</sup>.

## Norway

Population size:

5.4 million<sup>507</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

In 2018, a total of 3509 cases of ill-treatment in family relations were reported. 64% of the victims of domestic violence, including domestic violence, were women<sup>508</sup>.

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[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324940807\\_Intimate\\_Partner\\_Violence\\_Against\\_Women\\_Among\\_North\\_Korean\\_Refugees\\_A\\_Comparison\\_With\\_South\\_Koreans](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324940807_Intimate_Partner_Violence_Against_Women_Among_North_Korean_Refugees_A_Comparison_With_South_Koreans)

<sup>504</sup> Worldometer, "North Macedonia Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/north-macedonia-population/>>

<sup>505</sup> Source: Tozija F, Gjorgjev D, Jordanova Peshevska D, Raleva M. Violence Against Women in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. *Entre Nous the European Magazine for Sexual and Reproductive Health*. UNFPA (2005). p. 24–5 ; <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2020.00033/full#B8>

<sup>506</sup>

<https://eca.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/5/take-five-resources-to-protect-survivors-must-remain-available-be-during-the-crisis>

<sup>507</sup> Worldometer, "Norway Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/norway-population/>>

<sup>508</sup> <https://gender.no/topics/crime--violence>

27% of ever-partnered women aged 20-55 years experienced lifetime prevalence of physical IPV against them and 9% of these had experienced serious physical violence <sup>509</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Oman

Population size:

5.1 million <sup>510</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Pakistan

Population size:

220.9 million <sup>511</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Ever-partnered women aged 15-49 reported Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 24.5 %.

Women who have experienced physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 14.5 % <sup>512</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>509</sup> Source: Neroien AI, Schei B. Partner violence and health: results from the first national study on violence against women in Norway. Scand J Public Health. 2008;36(2):161–168. doi: 10.1177/1403494807085188 ; <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6123959/#CR5>

<sup>510</sup> Worldometer, "Oman Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/oman-population/>>

<sup>511</sup> Worldometer, "Pakistan Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/pakistan-population/>>

<sup>512</sup> Source: National Institute of Population Studies - NIPS/Pakistan and ICF. 2019. Pakistan Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18. Islamabad, Pakistan, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: NIPS and ICF  
<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/asia/pakistan?formofviolence=fac5fe48636e4d3882bbd2ebbf29bd60>

"Government officials reported a 25% increase in domestic violence incidents during the lockdown across the eastern Punjab province, with authorities registering 3,217 cases between March and May"<sup>513</sup>

## Palau

### Population size:

18 million<sup>514</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Ever-partnered women aged 15-64 reported Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime at 25%.

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women reported at 8%<sup>515</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Palestine

### Population size:

5.1 million<sup>516</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

61.7% of ever married women in the Palestinian Territory were exposed to psychological violence, 23.3% exposed to physical violence, and 10.9% exposed to sexual violence at least once by husband during the year 2005. 25.6% of men in the Palestinian Territory were exposed to psychological abuse, and 4.2% exposed to physical abuse at least once by the wife during the year 2005.<sup>517</sup>

In the Gaza Region, approximately, 15 per cent of married women experienced incidents of sexual abuse by husbands over the previous year. More than half of these experienced it repeatedly (3+ times)<sup>518</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

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<sup>513</sup> <https://www.dw.com/en/pakistani-women-trapped-between-coronavirus-and-domestic-violence/a-54107216>

<sup>514</sup> Worldometer, "Palau Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/palau-population/>>

<sup>515</sup> Source: Carlued Leon and Umerang A, 2014. Belau Family Health and Safety Study National Research Project on Violence against Women in Palau

(<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/oceania/palau>)

<sup>516</sup> Worldometer, "Palestine Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/state-of-palestine-population/>>

<sup>517</sup> Source: Palestinian National Authority Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics: Domestic Violence Survey (December, 2005- January, 2006)

([https://www.cepal.org/mujer/noticias/paginas/7/42837/domestic\\_violence\\_Palestine.pdf](https://www.cepal.org/mujer/noticias/paginas/7/42837/domestic_violence_Palestine.pdf))

<sup>518</sup> Source: UN Women (2017). Navigating through Shattered Paths: NGO Service Providers and Women Survivors of Gender-Based Violence: An Assessment of GBV Services in Gaza.

([https://palestine.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures#\\_ftnref2](https://palestine.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures#_ftnref2))

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

A tally combined by Tal'at, an independent political feminist movement that organised the campaign, 11 Palestinian women have been killed as a result of domestic violence so far this year, with five of the fatalities occurring since the implementation of the lockdown in early March

Assiwar (a women's support NGO) reported that the number of calls received in recent weeks risen by 30%.

Palestinian Working Women Society for Development (PWWSD) counselling hotline received 924 calls between March 22 and April 15.<sup>519</sup>

## Panama

Population size:

4.3 million<sup>520</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Lifetime Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence: 14.4 % of ever-partnered women aged 15-49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their life.

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 10.1 %<sup>521</sup>.

Between 2014–2015, a population-based study of women 15–49 years of age at the country level reported a lifetime prevalence of IPV of 34.0% and a 6.2% prevalence of sexual violence<sup>522</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Papua New Guinea

Population size:

8.9 million<sup>523</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

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<sup>519</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/04/20/domestic-abuse-against-palestinian-women-soars/>

<sup>520</sup> Worldometer, "Panama Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info))

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/panama-population/>>

<sup>521</sup> Source: De León Richardson, RC et al. 2011. Encuesta Nacional de Salud Sexual y Reproductiva (ENASSER) Panama 2009: Informe Final. Panama: Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud. (<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/panama?formofviolence=b51b5bac425b470883736a3245b7cbe6>)

<sup>522</sup> Source: De Leon R, Chamorro F, Flores H, Mendoza A, Martínez L. Encuesta nacional de salud sexual y reproductiva. Panama: Gorgas Memorial Institute for Health Studies. Available from: [https://panama.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/ENASSER%202014-2015-%20version%2030%20abril\\_0.pdf](https://panama.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/ENASSER%202014-2015-%20version%2030%20abril_0.pdf)

<sup>523</sup> Worldometer, "Papua New Guinea Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info))

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/papua-new-guinea-population/>>

67% of women suffer from domestic abuse .<sup>524</sup>  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Police Minister Bryan Kramer:" said 647 cases of domestic violence were reported in Port Moresby in June alone" .<sup>525</sup>

## Paraguay

Population size:

7.1 million <sup>526</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Over 13,000 reported cases of domestic violence in 2017—the highest rate on record <sup>527</sup>  
Ever-partnered women aged 15-44 years experiencing once in a lifetime Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence: 20.4 % Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 8% <sup>528</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Peru

Population size:

32510453 <sup>529</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

One in three women in Peru are likely to suffer physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime <sup>530</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

<sup>524</sup>

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2015/dec/16/women-domestic-violence-abuse-papua-new-guinea> ; <https://www.odi.org/sites/odi.org.uk/files/odi-assets/publications-opinion-files/9886.pdf>  
<sup>525</sup>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-07-04/murder-of-19yo-png-mum-sparks-uprising-against-domestic-violence/12412656>

<sup>526</sup> Worldometer, "Paraguay Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/paraguay-population/>>

<sup>527</sup> <https://www.cfr.org/blog/women-around-world-week-11>

<sup>528</sup> Source: Bott S, Guedes A, Ruiz-Celis AP, Mendoza JA. Intimate partner violence in the Americas: A systematic review and reanalysis of national prevalence estimates. Based on data from: Centro Paraguayo de Estudios de Población (CEPEP). 2009. Encuesta Nacional de Demografía y Salud Sexual y Reproductiva 2008: Informe Final. Asunción, Paraguay: CEPEP.

(<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/americas/paraguay?formofviolence=8515cf150ea5492dae288009fb662484>)

<sup>529</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>530</sup> <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/articles/confronting-violence-against-women-and-furthering-womens-rights>

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

4,000 calls to the domestic violence hotline in the first few days of lockdown<sup>531</sup>  
Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) reported an increase in gender-based violence cases since the start of the coronavirus quarantine.<sup>532</sup>

## Philippines

Population size:

108116615<sup>533</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 148 %

Women who have experienced physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 55 %<sup>534</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Poland

Population size:

37974874<sup>535</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 13%.

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 2%. Based only on complaints filed with police, in 2016 almost 67,000 women in Poland were victims of domestic violence. According to the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, around 4 million Polish women and girls have experienced physical or sexual violence since the age of 15<sup>536</sup>.

Human Rights Watch reports Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 2%<sup>537</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in Poland could amount to EUR 8 billion per year.

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<sup>531</sup> <https://www.soschildrensvillages.org.uk/news/latest-news/blogs/peru-domestic-violence>

<sup>532</sup> <https://www.laffcharity.org.uk/2020/05/08/rise-of-domestic-violence-in-peru-during-the-covid-19-lockdown/>

<sup>533</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>534</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Philippines", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/asia/philippines>>

<sup>535</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>536</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Poland", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/europe/poland>>

<sup>537</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/12/03/poland-no-friend-women>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In March 2020, the number of calls on our helpline for victims of domestic violence went up by 50%,” says a coordinator at the Women’s Rights Centre (CPK), an NGO that supports victims.<sup>538</sup>

## Portugal

Population size:

10269417<sup>539</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

UN Violence against women reports Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 19% Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 5%.  
Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence against women: 1%<sup>540</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Portugal has experienced a decrease in the reports of domestic violence by 26 percent in comparison to the same period in 2019<sup>541</sup>.

## Qatar

Population Size:

2,832,067.<sup>542</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

No research.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Republic of Korea

Population size:

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<sup>538</sup>

<https://notesfrompoland.com/2020/04/13/locked-down-with-a-violent-partner-domestic-violence-soars-in-poland-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<sup>539</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>540</sup> UN Women, “Global Database on Violence Against Women – Portugal”, (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/europe/portugal>>

<sup>541</sup> <https://euobserver.com/coronavirus/148221>

<sup>542</sup> The World Bank, (1).

51.2 million <sup>543</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: Official National Statistics Not Available

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: Official National Statistics Not Available <sup>544</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Romania

Population size:

19356544 <sup>545</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Lifetime Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence: 24%

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 6%

Lifetime Non-Partner Sexual Violence: 2% <sup>546</sup>

A total of 36,245 cases of domestic violence had been reported to the police in 2017 <sup>547</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

2.3% more complaints have been filed by women who reported they had been attacked by their partners or that they had abused their children. <sup>548</sup>

## Russia Federation

Population size:

144373535 <sup>549</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

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<sup>543</sup> Worldometer, "South Korea Population (Live)", (worldometers.info)

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/south-korea-population/>>

<sup>544</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Republic of Korea", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<[https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/asia/republic-of-korea\(pg 10 para 24\)>](https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/asia/republic-of-korea(pg%2010%20para%2024)>).

<sup>545</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>546</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Romania", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/europe/romania>>

<sup>547</sup> <https://www.romania-insider.com/police-statistics-increase-domestic-violence-romania>

& <https://rm.coe.int/state-report-on-romania/16809b9fa>

<sup>548</sup>

<https://www.romaniajournal.ro/society-people/law-crime/crime-rate-during-the-coronavirus-lockdown-felonies-down-domestic-violence-and-abuse-up/>

<sup>549</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Russian State Duma: Domestic violence in c.10% of Russian families. Seventy percent of those surveyed report that they have experienced or are experiencing domestic violence: 80% are women, with children and elderly people coming behind. Moreover, in 77% of surveyed cases, physical, psychological and economic violence go together. More than 35% of victims did not go to the police for assistance, citing shame, fear and mistrust.<sup>550</sup>  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Russian Human Rights Commissioner: Complaints and reports made to Russian non-governmental organisations spiked from roughly 6,000 in March to more than 13,000 in April.<sup>551</sup>

## Rwanda

Population size:

12.9 million<sup>552</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

20.7% of women in last 12 months, 37.1% lifetime<sup>553</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Saint Kitts and Nevis

Population size:

53,206<sup>554</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

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<sup>550</sup> <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/russia-domestic-violence-law/>

<sup>551</sup>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/05/russia-domestic-violence-cases-more-than-double-under-lockdown>

<sup>552</sup> Worldometer, "Rwanda Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info)), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/rwanda-population/>>

<sup>553</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Rwanda", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/rwanda>>

<sup>554</sup> Worldometer, "Saint Kitts and Nevis Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info)), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/saint-kitts-and-nevis-population/>>

## Saint Lucia

Population size:

183,600<sup>555</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

2010 report by UN Development Program, 11,000 male and female adults were interviewed, 9.7% had experienced some form of physical violence by a member of their household <sup>556</sup>.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Population size:

110,900<sup>557</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Samoa

Population size:

198.4 thousand <sup>558</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

60% of women <sup>559</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research but an increase reported in the press <sup>560</sup>.

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<sup>555</sup> Worldometer, "Saint Lucia Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/saint-lucia-population/>>

<sup>556</sup> <https://www.refworld.org/docid/568e2bd14.html>

<sup>557</sup> Worldometer, "Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/saint-vincent-and-the-grenadines-population/>>

<sup>558</sup> Worldometer, "Samoa Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/samoa-population/>>

<sup>559</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/sep/03/family-abuse-epidemic-uncovered-in-samoa>

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<https://www.rnz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/415826/increase-in-family-violence-in-samoa-during-lockdown-says-ngo>

## San Marino

Population size:

33,932 <sup>561</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## San Tome and Principe

Population size:

219.2 thousand <sup>562</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

26% of women <sup>563</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Saudi Arabia

Population size:

34.8 million <sup>564</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

1 in 3 women <sup>565</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Highest ever recorded no. of cases during the lockdown. <sup>566</sup>

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<sup>561</sup> Worldometer, "San Marino Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/san-marino-population/>>

<sup>562</sup> Worldometer, "Sao Tome and Principe Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/sao-tome-and-principe-population/>>

<sup>563</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Sao Tome and Principe",  
([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)),  
<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/africa/sao-tome-and-principe>>

<sup>564</sup> Worldometer, "Saudi Arabia Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/saudi-arabia-population/>>

<sup>565</sup> <https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-020-8156-4>

<sup>566</sup> <https://english.alarabiya.net/en/variety/2016/03/02/Domestic-violence-cases-on-the-rise-in-Saudi-Arabia>

## Senegal

### Population size:

16,829, 364<sup>567</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 21.5 %<sup>568</sup>.

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 12.2 %<sup>569</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The cost of lost productivity due to forms of violence from 2006 – 2015 was 2,923,494<sup>570</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research reported.

## Serbia

### Population size:

8, 730, 837<sup>571</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

54.2% of women experience domestic abuse<sup>572</sup>. No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Thus, calculated total costs for Serbian society in 2009, would have amounted to between RSD 1.6 and 4.1 billion (EUR 16.8 – 43.9 million)<sup>573</sup>.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Official figures have not been released but there have been COVID-19 response projects in partnership with UN Women.<sup>574</sup>

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<sup>567</sup> Worldometer, “Senegal Population (Live)”, (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/senegal-population/>>

<sup>568</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 15-49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. Source: Agence Nationale de la Statistique et de la Démographie - ANSD/Sénégal, et ICF. 2018. Sénégal : Enquête Démographique et de Santé Continue - EDS-Continue 2017. Rockville, Maryland, USA : ANSD et ICF

<sup>569</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 15-49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. Source: Agence Nationale de la Statistique et de la Démographie - ANSD/Sénégal, et ICF. 2018. Sénégal : Enquête Démographique et de Santé Continue - EDS-Continue 2017. Rockville, Maryland, USA : ANSD et ICF.

<sup>570</sup> <http://www.sciencepublishinggroup.com/journal/paperinfo?journalid=287&doi=10.11648/j.wjph.20200502.1>

<sup>571</sup> Worldometer, “Serbia Population (Live)”, (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/serbia-population/>>

<sup>572</sup> <https://www.balkanicaucaso.org/eng/Areas/Serbia/Domestic-violence-in-Serbia-the-law-is-not-enough-94265>

<sup>573</sup> <https://www.womenngo.org.rs/en/news/458-the-cost-of-domestic-violence-against-women-in-serbia>

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<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/4/feature-serbian-survivors-of-domestic-violence-sew-face-masks-for-covid-19-response>

## Seychelles

Population size:

98,462<sup>575</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research but more than 5,400 cases were registered at Family Tribunal between 2009 and 2019.<sup>576</sup>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

In 2016, domestic abuse cost 4.6% of GDP.<sup>577</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Sierra Leone

Population size:

8,008,141<sup>578</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Singapore

Population size:

5,859,029<sup>579</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 6%<sup>580</sup>

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<sup>575</sup> Worldometer, "Seychelles Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/seychelles-population/>>

<sup>576</sup> <https://thecommonwealth.org/media/news/commonwealth-secretariat-welcomes-new-domestic-violence-law-seychelles>

<sup>577</sup> *ibid*

<sup>578</sup> Worldometer, "Sierra Leone Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/sierra-leone-population/>>

<sup>579</sup> Worldometer, "Singapore Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/singapore-population/>>

<sup>580</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18-69 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. Source: Bouhours, B., Cheong, C.W., Bong, B. and Anderson, S., 2013. International Violence Against Women Survey: Final Report on Singapore

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 1%<sup>581</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

22% year-on-year increase in domestic abuse cases reported to the police.<sup>582</sup>

## Slovak Republic

Population size:

5,460, 136<sup>583</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Lifetime Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence: 23 %<sup>584</sup>

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 6 %<sup>585</sup>

In 2003, 59 % of Czech women reported having experienced violence at least once in their life<sup>586</sup>

The 2014 European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights survey data results showed that 32 % of women in the Czech Republic have experienced physical and/or sexual violence since the age of 15, and 16 % of people in the Czech Republic said they knew a woman within their area or neighbourhood who has been a victim of domestic violence<sup>587</sup>

During the period 2009—2013, 2 999 cases of rape were recorded, of which 1,867 persons were investigated and convicted<sup>588</sup>

In 2013, 21 women in the Czech Republic were killed by their partners or former partners<sup>589</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

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<sup>581</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18-69 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. Source: Bouhours, B., Cheong, C.W., Bong, B. and Anderson, S., 2013. International Violence Against Women Survey: Final Report on Singapore.

<sup>582</sup> <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/courts-crime/coronavirus-more-cases-of-family-violence-during-circuit-breaker-police-to>

<sup>583</sup> Worldometer, "Slovakia Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/slovakia-population/>>

<sup>584</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18–74 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. Source: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union

<sup>585</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18–74 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. Source: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.

<sup>586</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/files/exchange\\_of\\_good\\_practice\\_es/cz\\_comments\\_paper\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/files/exchange_of_good_practice_es/cz_comments_paper_en.pdf)

<sup>587</sup> European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (2014). Violence Against Women: An EU Wide Survey, Main Results. Publication Office of the European Union: Luxembourg

<sup>588</sup> [http://www.vlada.cz/assets/ppov/rovne-prilezitosti-zen-a-muzu/dokumenty/Beijing\\_Declaration\\_National\\_review.pdf](http://www.vlada.cz/assets/ppov/rovne-prilezitosti-zen-a-muzu/dokumenty/Beijing_Declaration_National_review.pdf)

<sup>589</sup> Joint Eurostat and UNODC data (2013)

The European Institute for Gender Equality has estimated that the cost of intimate partner violence against women in the Czech Republic could amount to EUR 2 billion per year. This figure was calculated according to the methodology used in EIGE's 2014 study <sup>590</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Slovenia

Population size:

2,078,992 <sup>591</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 13 % <sup>592</sup>

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 2 % <sup>593</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research. Currently reports to the police have not shown any increase but this is likely because victims are in survival mode until the end of the lockdown. Once they are free to move again, they will have more opportunity to seek help.

## Soloman Islands

Population size:

690,167 <sup>594</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Lifetime Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence: 64 % <sup>595</sup>

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 42 % <sup>596</sup>

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<sup>590</sup> European Institute for Gender Equality (2014). Estimating the costs of gender-based violence in the European Union. Publication Office of the European Union, Luxembourg

<sup>591</sup> Worldometer, "Slovenia Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/slovenia-population/>>

<sup>592</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18–74 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. Source: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.

<sup>593</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18–74 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. Source: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.

<sup>594</sup> Worldometer, "Soloman Islands Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/solomon-islands-population/>>

<sup>595</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 15–49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. Source: Secretariat of the Pacific Community, 2009. Solomon Islands Family Health and Safety Study: A study on violence against women and children. Noumea, New Caledonia.

<sup>596</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 15–49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. Source: Secretariat of the Pacific Community, 2009. Solomon Islands Family Health and Safety Study: A study on violence against women and children. Noumea, New Caledonia.

1,248 people, a third of all employees, from nine companies, participated in a survey on 'How problems at home affect employees at work'. This survey was conducted in 2018. One in three of surveyed employees experienced domestic or sexual violence in the 12 months preceding the survey. Overall, 44 percent of respondents (49 percent of women and 38 percent of men) reported that they had experienced some form of violence in their lifetime. In addition, 6 percent of participants who did not report experiencing violence themselves, said that they had close family that had. For many who reported violence, occurrence is regular—a quarter said violence occurs at least once monthly.

31 percent of participants said they believed that domestic and sexual violence is sometimes acceptable, with men more likely to have this opinion than women (36 percent and 27 percent respectively).

Eighty-four percent of participants recognised the potential.

(13 percent) or actual (71 percent) effects of domestic and sexual violence on workplaces.

Of those who reported experiencing domestic or sexual violence, 81 percent reported at least one workplace impact. This represents 35 percent — or one in three — of all employees who participated in the survey.

Sixty-three percent of women and 55 percent of men who experienced domestic or sexual violence reported that at times this causes them to feel anxious, depressed, or ashamed when they are at work; 34 percent reported feeling unsafe at work at least 'sometimes' (men, 32 percent; women, 35 percent); and one in five said that they are currently working in the same workplace as the person who was or is abusive.<sup>597</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Somalia

Population size:

15,980,169<sup>598</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

With just over 50% of sexual violence perpetrators living in the same house as the survivor or are neighbours with the survivor, COVID-19 restrictions place women and children at significant risk. In Mogadishu, over 100 cases of sexual violence were documented between the end of January and mid-April 2020. We saw 13 cases documented in less than 72 hours. Nearly 65% of the all the cases we have worked on involve child survivors, most of which

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<sup>597</sup> <https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/36087fa5-b699-453d-a558-f7a79e08906e/Survey+report+Solomon+Islands+impact+of+violence+on+workplace.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>

<sup>598</sup> Worldometer, "Somalia Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info)), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/somalia-population/>>

are girls. Over 600 cases have been documented by SWDC in the first quarter of 2020 alone, which has doubled compared to the last quarter of 2019.<sup>599</sup>

## South Africa

### Population size:

59,452,221<sup>600</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 21.3 %<sup>601</sup>.

Women who have experienced physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 8.7%<sup>602</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In the first week of the lockdown, Police Minister Bheki Cele stated that police had received more than [87,000](#) gender-based complaints<sup>603</sup>

## South Sudan

### Population size:

11, 218,944<sup>604</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Some 65 percent of women and girls in South Sudan have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetimes, and roughly a third of women have experienced sexual violence from a non-partner, often during attacks or raids, according to UNICEF. Reliable data is difficult to find.<sup>605</sup>

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<https://www.saferworld.org.uk/resources/news-and-analysis/post/884-gender-and-covid-19-responding-to-violence-against-women-and-children-in-somalia>

<sup>600</sup> Worldometer, "South Africa Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/south-africa-population/>>

<sup>601</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18+ experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. Source: National Department of Health - NDoH, Statistics South Africa - Stats SA, South African Medical Research Council - SAMRC, and ICF. 2019. South Africa Demographic and Health Survey 2016. Pretoria, South Africa, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: NDoH, Stats SA, SAMRC, and ICF.

<sup>602</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18+ experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. Source: National Department of Health - NDoH, Statistics South Africa - Stats SA, South African Medical Research Council - SAMRC, and ICF. 2019. South Africa Demographic and Health Survey 2016. Pretoria, South Africa, and Rockville, Maryland, USA: NDoH, Stats SA, SAMRC, and ICF.

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<https://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/saps-received-87-000-gender-based-violence-calls-during-first-week-of-lockdown-cele-46024648>

& <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/gender-based-violence-declaration-south-africa/> &

<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/south-africa-ramaphosa-7-pledges-tackle-violence/>

<sup>604</sup> Worldometer, "South Sudan Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/south-sudan-population/>>

<sup>605</sup> <https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/feature/2020/05/06/coronavirus-south-sudan-women-abuse-gender-violence> ;

<https://www.unicef.org/southsudan/media/2071/file/UNICEF-South-Sudan-GBV-Briefing-Note-Aug-2019.pdf>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

There have been a significant number of COVID-19 cases. The country is already facing a civil war, refugee camps and significant numbers of displaced peoples all of which exacerbates the spread of a pandemic. Therefore, it is challenging to accurately gather the impact of COVID-19 on domestic abuse cases specifically.

## Spain

Population size:

46,758,240<sup>606</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Women who have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their lifetime: 13 %<sup>607</sup>

Women who have experienced physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women: 2 %<sup>608</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In the first two weeks of April alone there was a 47% increase in calls to Spain's domestic violence helpline over the same period last year. The number of women contacting support services, which have been designated as essential by the government, by email or on social media is said to have increased by as much as 700%. There has been a sharp drop in complaints to the police. A local NGO, Fundación Ana Bella, suggests that this is because a survivor needs the support of family and friends to make a formal complaint and this support network is not available when they are living under lockdown.

## Sri Lanka

Population Size:

21,430,507.<sup>609</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Sri Lanka police reported a daily average of 60 complaints of domestic violence in 2018.

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<sup>606</sup> Worldometer, "Spain Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/spain-population/>>

<sup>607</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18–74 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence at least once in their lifetime. Source: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union

<sup>608</sup> Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 18–74 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months. Source: European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.

<sup>609</sup> Worldometer, "Sri Lanka Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/sri-lanka-population/>>.

The Demographic and Health Survey of 2016 found that nearly one in every five 'ever-married' women interviewed reported experiencing intimate partner violence in the previous year.

A WHO review in 2018 found that IPV ranged from 18-72% in different populations and geographic areas of Sri Lanka.<sup>610</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research available

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No specific evidence but the literature refers to a general increase due to the lockdown.

## Sudan

Population size:

44,051,394<sup>611</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Evidence not available.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Evidence not available

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Evidence not available

## Suriname

Population size:

587,447<sup>612</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

32% reported experiencing at least one act of physical or sexual interpersonal violence in their lifetime.

6% reported at least one act during the twelve months prior to the survey.

Physical abuse was more common than sexual (27% v 13%). Emotional violence was the most common form.

The data suggests that abuse is rarely one-off. 45% of respondents reported experiencing domestic abuse many times in their lifetime as opposed to a few times or once.

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No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

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<sup>610</sup> <https://www.magzter.com/article/Newspaper/Daily-Mirror-Sri-Lanka/Unsafe-Homes-Sri-Lankas-Covid-19-Response-Must-Address-Violence-Towards-Women-And-Children>

<sup>611</sup> Worldometer, "Sudan Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/sudan-population/>>

<sup>612</sup> Worldometer, "Suriname Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/suriname-population/>>

<sup>613</sup> [https://publications.iadb.org/publications/english/document/National\\_Women's\\_Health\\_Survey\\_for\\_Suriname\\_en.pdf](https://publications.iadb.org/publications/english/document/National_Women's_Health_Survey_for_Suriname_en.pdf)

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Sweden

Population size:

10,101,057<sup>614</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in last 12 months for women = 5%<sup>615</sup>.  
46% of women since age of 15<sup>616</sup> and 8-11% of men by partner/spouse in 2013<sup>617</sup>.  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

In 2004, the socio-economic costs of intimate partner violence was estimated at between SEK 2 695 million and SEK 3 300 million a year.<sup>618</sup>

A 2006 report, "Kostander för våld mot kvinnor" by the National Board of Health and Welfare estimated that men's violence against women in Sweden costs approximately SEK three billion per year. The calculations included both direct and indirect costs for various sectors of society. The direct costs amount to between SEK 2–2.5 billion for various measures including healthcare, legal services and social services. The indirect costs are estimated at between SEK 720–760 million and include the value of loss of production and the value of voluntary work.<sup>619</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Switzerland

Population size:

8,656,428<sup>620</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

19,669 reported domestic offences in 2019, up 6% from year before in which 18,522 offences were reported.<sup>621</sup>

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<sup>614</sup> Worldometer, "Sweden Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/sweden-population/>>

<sup>615</sup> <https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/europe/sweden> - European Union

Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2014. Violence against Women: An EU-wide Survey.

Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union

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<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/-/media/files/un%20women/vaw/country%20report/europe/sweden/sweden%20srva.pdf?vs=3057>

<sup>617</sup> <https://sahlgrenska.gu.se/english/research/news-events/news-article/male-victims-of-partner-violence-outnumber-females.cid1185940> - citing two BMJ studies:

<https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1471-2458-12-945> and

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/2/6/e002055.long>

<sup>618</sup> <https://rm.coe.int/168059aa22>

<sup>619</sup> p.20, [https://www.coe.int/t/pace/campaign/stopviolence/Source/sweden\\_analysis\\_costofviolence\\_en.pdf](https://www.coe.int/t/pace/campaign/stopviolence/Source/sweden_analysis_costofviolence_en.pdf)

<sup>620</sup> Worldometer, "Switzerland Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/switzerland-population/>>

<sup>621</sup> <https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/en/home/statistics/crime-criminal-justice/police/domestic-violence.html>

Around 75% of perpetrators were men, around 70% of victims were women <sup>622</sup>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

In 2013, the Federal Office for Gender Equality, estimated a cost of CHF 164-287 million per year <sup>623</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

The national figures do not yet show an increase in domestic violence. Calls in Biel have so far decreased but other victim support organisations have reported an increase. <sup>624</sup>

But it would seem likely in line with other countries [also UNFPA projections] that the numbers have increased. <sup>625</sup>

## Syria

Population size:

17,513,063 <sup>626</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Official statistics are difficult to find. It is estimated 46,500 women to suffer from GBV as a result of the conflict <sup>627</sup>

Study by UN Development Fund for Women is the first to explore the different types of violence experienced by women in Syria. It found that the number of abused women is more than 1 in 4. <sup>628</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Tajikistan

Population size:

9,543,886 <sup>629</sup>

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<https://www.watson.ch/schweiz/coronavirus/157473663-in-quarantaene-verpruegelt-frauenhaeuser-erhalten-weg-en-corona-mehr-anfragen>

<sup>623</sup> <https://rm.coe.int/168059aa22>

<sup>624</sup> [https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/abuse\\_coronavirus-is-a-nightmare-for-domestic-violence-victims/45666140](https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/abuse_coronavirus-is-a-nightmare-for-domestic-violence-victims/45666140)

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<https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/disease-prevention/alcohol-use/news/news/2020/06/the-rise-and-rise-of-interpersonal-violence-an-unintended-impact-of-the-covid-19-response-on-families>

<sup>626</sup> Worldometer, "Syria Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info)),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/syria-population/>>

<sup>627</sup> <https://www.ippf.org/stories/when-national-crisis-leads-domestic-conflict-how-syrian-family-planning>

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[https://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0425/p04s01-wome.html#:~:text=the%20Monitor%20Daily-,Study%20reveals%20domestic%20abuse%20is%20widespread%20in%20Syria,may%20be%20victims%20of%20violence.&text=This%20country's%20only%20shelter%20for%20abused%20women%20is%20largely%20a%20secret.\)](https://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0425/p04s01-wome.html#:~:text=the%20Monitor%20Daily-,Study%20reveals%20domestic%20abuse%20is%20widespread%20in%20Syria,may%20be%20victims%20of%20violence.&text=This%20country's%20only%20shelter%20for%20abused%20women%20is%20largely%20a%20secret.)) p.21-25 of [https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/SYRIA%20CRISIS%20\\_%20MORE%20THAN%20NUMBER%20GBV%20ENG%20\\_0.pdf](https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/SYRIA%20CRISIS%20_%20MORE%20THAN%20NUMBER%20GBV%20ENG%20_0.pdf) lists stats

<sup>629</sup> Worldometer, "Tajikistan Population (Live)", ([worldometers.info](http://worldometers.info)),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/tajikistan-population/>>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

19% of women suffered physical or intimate sexual partner violence in the last year<sup>630</sup>

A third to a half of women in Tajikistan regularly encounter some form of violence in the family, either by their husbands or other members of the husband's family<sup>631</sup>

According to a UN Women study, at least one in five women are affected by domestic abuse<sup>632</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research available.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research available.

## Tanzania

Population size:

59,784,221<sup>633</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence against women in the last year = 29.6% .<sup>634</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Nearly 3 in 10 female and 1 in 7 men reported at least one experience of sexual violence prior to the age of 18. Almost 3 in 4 children, both male and female, experienced physical violence prior to age 18. Approximately 1 in 4 children, both male and female, experienced emotional violence prior to age 18 .<sup>635</sup>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

The estimated productivity loss associated with partner violence amounted to 1.2 percent of Tanzania's GDP. However, agricultural self-employment was not included in this study. If it had been, the percentage would have been higher. Each percentage point of partner violence costs just over 10 billion Tzs or almost US\$8 million and amounts to 0.04 percent of Tanzania's GDP."<sup>636</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

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<sup>630</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Tajikistan", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/asia/tajikistan#1>> (pg 10 para 24)

<sup>631</sup> <https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/-/media/files/un%20women/vaw/country%20report/asia/tajikistan/tajikistan%20srvaaw.pdf?vs=1600>

<sup>632</sup> <https://www.rferl.org/a/domestic-violence-tajikistan/30188502.html>

<sup>633</sup> Worldometer, "Tanzania Population (Live)", (worldometers.info), <<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/tanzania-population>>

<sup>634</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Tanzania", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/united-republic-of-tanzania>>

<sup>635</sup> [https://www.unicef.org/media/files/VIOLENCE\\_AGAINST\\_CHILDREN\\_IN\\_TANZANIA\\_REPORT.pdf](https://www.unicef.org/media/files/VIOLENCE_AGAINST_CHILDREN_IN_TANZANIA_REPORT.pdf)

<sup>636</sup>

<https://www.worldbank.org/content/dam/Worldbank/document/Gender/Vyas%202013.%20Estimating%20the%20Association%20between%20women's%20earning%20and%20partner%20violence%20in%20Tanzania.%20Nov%202013.pdf>

Reporting has reduced by 30% because of fear, isolation and restrictions on mobility and information .<sup>637</sup> However, there is no research on the increase in cases or cost.

## Thailand

### Population size:

69,804,955<sup>638</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

367 domestic violence cases reported in the headlines in the first 7 months of 2018 .<sup>639</sup>

According to the Women and Men Progressive Movement, domestic violence in 2018 rose by 35.4 percent, compared with 2016. Official statistics report 25,000 but the reality thought to be in the hundreds of thousands.<sup>640</sup>

UNICEF estimated in 2006 that the range of children exposed to domestic violence was between 903,000 and 2.6 million.<sup>641</sup>

No research found on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Direct medical costs = 1.3 billion

Indirect costs were 14.4 billion Thai baht or 0.4% of the total Thai GDP<sup>642</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Domestic violence has almost doubled since the onset of Covid-19, according to the Social Development and Human Security Ministry.

Beginning of February and the end of April: nearly 500 incidents of domestic abuse and violence were recorded on the ministry's hotlines. Considerable year on year increase. The actual rate of domestic violence is likely to be far higher due to low levels of reporting.<sup>643</sup> .

## Timor-Leste

### Population size:

1,319,174<sup>644</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in last 12 months = 46%<sup>645</sup>

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<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/new-data-shows-decrease-women-being-able-report-incidents-domestic-violence-fragile-and-112-gaps-in-policies-and-laws-that-perpetuate-gbv-in-tanzania.html>

<sup>638</sup> Worldometer, "Thailand Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://books.worldometers.info/world-population/thailand-population/>>

<sup>639</sup> <https://www.nationthailand.com/national/30352831>

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<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2019-11-24/Domestic-violence-cases-on-the-rise-in-Thailand-LSirxiEjmw/index.html>

<sup>641</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/media/files/BehindClosedDoors.pdf>

<sup>642</sup> p.33, ch.3 pt.1 of 'Family Problems and Family Violence, Reliable Assessment and the ICD-11' (Springer Publishing Company, 2013) Heather M Foran et al

([https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=gUw5WSY9oVoC&pg=PA38&lpg=PA38&dq=%22thailand%22+domestic+violence+cost+to+economy&source=bl&ots=f9ymcUymEa&sig=ACfU3U1dyVfTz\\_ILD1ULzqtGvrHNbrSRaw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjFpZDuur3qAhWTonEKHcjYCwYQ6AEwCXoECAkQAQ#v=onepage&q=%22thailand%22%20domestic%20violence%20cost%20to%20economy&f=false](https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=gUw5WSY9oVoC&pg=PA38&lpg=PA38&dq=%22thailand%22+domestic+violence+cost+to+economy&source=bl&ots=f9ymcUymEa&sig=ACfU3U1dyVfTz_ILD1ULzqtGvrHNbrSRaw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjFpZDuur3qAhWTonEKHcjYCwYQ6AEwCXoECAkQAQ#v=onepage&q=%22thailand%22%20domestic%20violence%20cost%20to%20economy&f=false))

<sup>643</sup> <https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/1914484/abuse-on-rise-amid-outbreak>

<sup>644</sup> Worldometer, "Timor-Leste Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/timor-leste-population/>>

<sup>645</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Timor Leste",

([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/asia/timor-leste>>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No specific statistics, broadly in line with global increase. Restrictions on movement due to COVID-19 is likely to cause an increase in domestic abuse .<sup>646</sup>

## Togolese Republic

Population size:

8,284,390<sup>647</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

There is no official reporting mechanism for the Togolese Republic. Due to societal views and the acceptability of a man to beat his wife, the numbers of cases is likely to be much higher than any records would show .<sup>648</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Tonga

Population size:

105,706<sup>649</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women= 19%<sup>650</sup>

Estimates suggest that between 5000-10,000 women in Tonga are survivors of domestic abuse each year which translates to between 31-62.

May 2020, the Police Commissioner stated that on average 23 women per month reported an incident of physical and sexual assault to the police. The majority of these victims were assaulted in the domestic environment. These statistics do not include psychological or emotional abuse.<sup>651</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

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<https://asiafoundation.org/2020/04/01/coronavirus-dispatches-april-1/?fbclid=IwAR2P7eEC8qYF20oUmUIvqB72ZLWLb0M-JdfwacZeE3zaUyCo3fkemSffvxk>

<sup>647</sup> Worldometer, "Togo Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/togo-population/>>

<sup>648</sup> p.110 footnote 155

<<http://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/179631474899157168/pdf/Togo-SCD-Final-2016-09222016.pdf>> No research. on other gender identities.

<sup>649</sup> Worldometer, "Tonga Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),  
<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/tonga-population/>>

<sup>650</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Tonga", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),  
<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/fr/countries/oceania/tonga>>

<sup>651</sup> <https://mfftonga.files.wordpress.com/2012/12/tonga-vaw-report-final-2012.pdf>

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

WHO calculated the annual cost of violence against women to Tonga's economy is TOP\$18.3 million.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Women's crisis centres recorded a 54 per cent increase in the number of cases coming in during that period. It is expected that as lockdown is eased more cases will become apparent .<sup>652</sup>

## Trinidad and Tobago

Population size:

1,399,617<sup>653</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

In the last 12 months, 6% reported physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence. However, many cases go unreported .<sup>654</sup>

The Crime and Problem Analysis (CAPA) Branch of the Trinidad & Tobago Police Service (TTPS) reported approximately 11,441 cases of domestic abuse between 2010-2015. 75% of these related to female victims. During the same period, 131 homicides related to domestic abuse occurred of which 56% were female .<sup>655</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Cost of domestic abuse to individuals, the state, and businesses is approximately \$8,250 to \$12,500 per person .<sup>656</sup>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

On 9 April 2020, the Commissioner of Police shared data confirming a rise in domestic abuse cases. In February 2019, 39 reports were made whereas in February 2020 there were 73 reports. In March 2020, there were 96 reports. In total in 2019, 232 were reported whereas already in 2020 there had been 558. However, the increase in reports may, in addition to COVID-19, be related to the January 2020 launch of a Gender-Based Violence Unit which encouraged disclosures .<sup>657</sup>

## Tunisia

Population size:

11,822,170<sup>658</sup>

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<https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2020/06/across-the-pacific-region-crisis-centres-respond-to-increased-cases-of-violence>

<sup>653</sup> Worldometer, "Trinidad & Tobago Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/trinidad-and-tobago-population/>>

<sup>654</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Trinidad & Tobago", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/americas/trinidad-and-tobago>>

<sup>655</sup> [http://www.opm-gca.gov.tt/Gender/GenderInitiatives/DomesticViolenceReport\(s\)](http://www.opm-gca.gov.tt/Gender/GenderInitiatives/DomesticViolenceReport(s))

<sup>656</sup> p.3 of document last paragraph outlines cost categories, according to a study by Day, McKenna and Bolus (2005)

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<https://globalvoices.org/2020/04/10/stay-at-home-orders-accompanied-by-rise-in-domestic-violence-in-trinidad-tobago/>

<sup>658</sup> Worldometer, "Tunisia Population (Live)", (worldometers.info),

<<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/tunisia-population/>>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

The Centre for Research, Studies, Documentation and Information on Women (CREDIF) conducted studies in 2010 and 2016, polling 3,873 women between the ages of 18 and 64. The results indicated that the rate of violence against women rose from 20% in 2010 to 75% in 2016. The rate of domestic abuse increased from 47% in 2010 to 60% in 2016. Surveys by the Ministry of Women, Family and Children have shown that more than 90% of children are victims of domestic violence in Tunisia. Only 17% of domestic violence victims report attacks. 73% of respondents did not expect anything from the institutions and services in place.<sup>659</sup>  
No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Since the quarantine was introduced on 23 March and the 30 April, there was a five-fold increase in reported cases of violence according to Tunisian minister in charge of women's affairs Shiri Laabidi based on calls to the ministry's 24/7 hotline.<sup>660</sup>

## Turkey

### Population size:

84,365,141<sup>661</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women= 11% but this is likely to be underreported.<sup>662</sup> Statistics show that domestic violence against women in Turkey has jumped to 75 percent in the last 15 years.<sup>663</sup> . Women constitute 82 percent of all domestic violence victims, children, 6 percent; and the rest are men."<sup>664</sup>

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

1,804 domestic violence incidents were recorded in Istanbul in March 2019 which increased to 2,493 cases in March 2020. This amounts to a 38.2% increase year on year.<sup>665</sup> There is No research. on the country as a whole, likely in line with UNFPA projections.

## Turkmenistan

### Population Size

5,942,089<sup>666</sup>

<sup>659</sup> <https://thearabweekly.com/despite-initiatives-tunisi-as-domestic-violence-persists>

<sup>660</sup>

<https://english.alaraby.co.uk/english/indepth/2020/4/30/tunisia-opens-new-womens-shelter-as-lockdown-violence-surges>

<sup>661</sup> <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/turkey-population/>

<sup>662</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Turkey", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/asia/turkey>>

<sup>663</sup> <https://english.aawsat.com/home/article/2008761/turkey-over-300-women-victims-domestic-violence-2019>

<sup>664</sup> <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/over-856-000-domestic-violence-injunctions-issued-in-27-months-143313>

<sup>665</sup> <https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/crimes-decrease-domestic-violence-increases-in-istanbul-153623>

<sup>666</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Number of people who have experienced domestic abuse per annum

Official National Statistics Not Available<sup>667</sup>

Underreporting is high due to the social legitimacy of domestic abuse and the accompanied impunity. Women are unaware of their rights.<sup>668</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost to the country's economy

No research.

Estimated increase due to COVID-19

No research.

## Tuvalu

Population size:

2020: 10,580<sup>669</sup>

2019: 11,646<sup>670</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Last report was conducted in 2007. It found 41 per cent of women between the ages of 15-49 have experienced violence by a husband or other intimate partner.<sup>671</sup>

Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 15-49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in 12 months prior to the survey: 25 %.<sup>672</sup>

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months against women= 25%<sup>673</sup>

A 2007 Demographic Health Survey found that 47 per cent of women had experienced physical or sexual violence in their lifetime<sup>674</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

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<sup>667</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Turkmenistan", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/es/countries/asia/turkmenistan>> & GOV.UK, "Turkmenistan - Country of Concern" (21 January 2015)<<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/turkmenistan-country-of-concern/turkmenistan-country-of-concern#womens-rights>> [accessed on 14 November 2020]

<sup>668</sup> Social Institutions & Gender Index (SIGI), "Turkmenistan" (2019) <<https://www.genderindex.org/wp-content/uploads/files/datasheets/2019/TM.pdf>> (see page 3-4)

<sup>669</sup> Communauté de Pacifique: Statistics for Development Division, Tuvalu <<https://sdd.spc.int/tv>> [accessed on 14 November 2020]

<sup>670</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>671</sup> Australian Aid & Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development, "Beijing 25+ National Review Report: Tuvalu" (2019) <<https://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/64/national-reviews/tuvalu.pdf?la=en&vs=758>> (see page 23)

<sup>672</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Tuvalu", ([evaw-global-database.unwomen.org](http://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org)), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/oceania/tuvalu#2>>

<sup>673</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>674</sup> UNICEF (Pacific Office, Suva), "Situation Analysis of Children in Tuvalu" (December 2017) <<https://www.unicef.org/pacificislands/media/1266/file/Situation-Analysis-of-Children-Tuvalu.pdf>> (see page 73)

## Uganda

### Population size:

2019 - 44,269,594<sup>675</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 15-49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months: 30 % .<sup>676</sup>

In 2014, a total of 3,006 cases of domestic violence were investigated compared to 3,426 cases in 2013 giving a decrease of 12.2% .<sup>677</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Estimate of the annual economic burden of domestic violence in Uganda = UGX 77.5 billion. This represents 0.25% of GDP in 2011. A recent study used well tested interpolation and statistical technics to monetize the cost of the response to Domestic Violence (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) in Uganda: it estimated that health care providers spend about UGX 18.3 billion annually to deal with the effects of GBV, police UGX 19.5 billion while the local councils spend UGX 12.7 billion. This does not account for the loss of productivity or other longer-term impacts of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. (Uganda Case Study 2012-2017) (5). Total cost of service providers addressing = UGX 21.9 billion. About 9% of violent incidents forced women to lose time from paid work (approximately 11 days a year/half a month's salary) .<sup>678</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

March 30 - April 28: 3,280 GBV cases reported to police.<sup>679</sup>

The Uganda police force, has recorded more than 3000 cases of domestic violence with 6 deaths in a space of one month of the lockdown .<sup>680</sup>

## Ukraine

### Population size:

2019 - 44,385,155<sup>681</sup>

2016 - 44,439,000<sup>682</sup>

2016 including Crimea - 44,624,000<sup>683</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

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<sup>675</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>676</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Uganda", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org), <<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/en/countries/africa/uganda/na/national-gender-based-violence-data-base>>

<sup>677</sup> Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development, "The National Policy on Elimination of Gender Based Violence in Uganda" (August 2016)<<http://ngbvd.mglsd.go.ug/docs/2838GBV%20POLICY%2031st%2007%202019%20Final..pdf>> (page 15)

<sup>678</sup> UN Women, "The economic costs of violence against women" (21 September 2016) <<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2016/9/speech-by-lakshmi-puri-on-economic-costs-of-violence-against-women>>

<sup>679</sup> Xinhua, "Domestic Violence against women increases in Uganda amid COVID-19: minister" (28 April 2020) <[http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-04/28/c\\_139015384.htm](http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-04/28/c_139015384.htm)>

<sup>680</sup> CEDOVIP <<https://www.cedovip.org/index.php/news-events/latest-news>>

<sup>681</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>682</sup> WHO: Ukraine <<https://www.who.int/countries/ukr/en/>>

<sup>683</sup> UN, "Country Profile: Ukraine"

<[http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx/\\_Images/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Ukraine](http://data.un.org/CountryProfile.aspx/_Images/CountryProfile.aspx?crName=Ukraine)>

MP Iryna Lutsenko claims: 165,000 women report on Domestic Violence cases annually (to law enforcement). But number of victims are 5x higher .<sup>684</sup>

Based on the extrapolation of the GBV survey data onto the entire population of Ukraine, the estimated number of women aged 15-49 years suffering from physical and sexual violence is 1.1 million annually .<sup>685</sup>

According to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) led Survey on Violence against Women in 2019 76% reported experiencing physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in the last 12 months .<sup>686</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

#### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

UNFPA: With latency adjustments, the economic costs of violence against women totalled up to \$208 million in 2015, or 0.23% of Ukraine's GDP. This simulated estimate is nearly 20 times as high as the estimate based only on the registered violence cases (\$10.8 million in 2015)<sup>687</sup>

#### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

National Hotline on Combatting Domestic Violence: 26% increase in calls (in the first 2 weeks of quarantine). In April, 113% increase in clients, in comparison to early March.<sup>688</sup>

## United Arab Emirates

#### Population size:

9,770,529 (2019)<sup>689</sup>

#### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No exact data found as the UAE does not regularly publish crime statistics. However, in 2018, the Dubai Foundation for Women and Children reported assisting with 1,027 cases which included 526 reports of domestic violence. In 58% of cases, there was an element of financial abuse<sup>690</sup> .

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

#### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

#### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

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<sup>684</sup> UNIAN, "Domestic violence now criminal offense in Ukraine" (7 December 2017)

<<https://www.unian.info/society/2285764-domestic-violence-now-criminal-offense-in-ukraine.html>>

<sup>685</sup> UNFPA, "Economic Costs of Violence Against Women in Ukraine" (2017)

<[http://un.org.ua/images/documents/4489/Economic%20Costs%20of%20Violence\\_2017\\_3.pdf](http://un.org.ua/images/documents/4489/Economic%20Costs%20of%20Violence_2017_3.pdf)>

<sup>686</sup> UN Women, "Global Database on Violence Against Women – Ukraine", (evaw-global-database.unwomen.org),

<<https://evaw-global-database.unwomen.org/pt/countries/europe/ukraine>>

<sup>687</sup> UNFPA, "Economic Costs of Violence Against Women in Ukraine" (2017)

<[http://un.org.ua/images/documents/4489/Economic%20Costs%20of%20Violence\\_2017\\_3.pdf](http://un.org.ua/images/documents/4489/Economic%20Costs%20of%20Violence_2017_3.pdf)>

<sup>688</sup> UNFPA, "News: When quarantine is unsafe: Domestic violence survivors seek help in Ukraine" (15 April 2020)

<<https://www.unfpa.org/news/when-quarantine-unsafe-domestic-violence-survivors-seek-help-ukraine>>

<sup>689</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>690</sup> "Domestic violence laws strengthened in the UAE for greater protection" Hassan Elhais (25 December 2019)

<<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=3d6494fb-2c51-44a9-ae15-f30c8e0090ee>>

## United Kingdom

### Population size:

66,834, 405 (2019)<sup>691</sup>

### Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

In England and Wales, year ending March 2019, an estimated 2.4 million adults aged 16 to 74 years experienced domestic abuse in the previous 12 months .<sup>692</sup>

In Scotland, the police recorded 60,641 incidents of domestic abuse in 2018-19, of which 83% of victims were female.<sup>693</sup>

In Northern Ireland: There were 31,682 domestic abuse incidents recorded in 2018/19, of which 69% of victims were female.<sup>694</sup>

### Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

Domestic violence alone costs approximately \$32.9 billion in England and Wales .<sup>695</sup>

### Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 crisis, the difficulties faced by domestic abuse victims has been exposed, as well as the government strengths and failures to tackle a rise in numbers. "The pandemic has exposed longstanding flaws in the UK government's approach to domestic violence," said Hillary Margolis, senior women's rights researcher at Human Rights Watch.<sup>696</sup>

The UK government introduced emergency funding for victims, "Communities Secretary announces £76 million extra funding to support survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and vulnerable children and their families and victims of modern slavery", specifically £28 million for domestic services.<sup>697</sup>

The charity Refuge reported on May 27 that average weekly calls and contacts to the National Domestic Abuse Helpline for England and Wales had risen by 66 percent and visits to the website – where people can request a safe time to be contacted – had jumped by 950 percent compared with levels before the pandemic.

## United States of America

### Population size:

328, 239, 523 (2019)<sup>698</sup>

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<sup>691</sup> The World Bank, (1)

<sup>692</sup> 1.6 million women and 786,000 men). Office of National Statistics.

<<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/domesticabuseinenglandandwalesoverview/november2019>>

<sup>693</sup> <https://www.gov.scot/publications/domestic-abuse-scotland-2018-2019-statistics/pages/2/>

<sup>694</sup>

<https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/domestic-abuse-statistics/2018-19/domestic-abuse-incidents-and-crimes-in-northern-ireland-2004-05-to-2018-19.pdf>

<sup>695</sup>

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2016/9/speech-by-lakshmi-puri-on-economic-costs-of-violence-against-women>

<sup>696</sup> <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/06/08/uk-failing-domestic-abuse-victims-pandemic>

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[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/emergency-funding-to-support-most-vulnerable-in-society-during-pandemic#:~:text=An%20unprecedented%20%C2%A376%20million,today%20\(2%20May%202020](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/emergency-funding-to-support-most-vulnerable-in-society-during-pandemic#:~:text=An%20unprecedented%20%C2%A376%20million,today%20(2%20May%202020)

<sup>698</sup> The World Bank, (1).

*Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:*

In the United States, as many as one in four women and one in nine men are victims of domestic violence.<sup>699</sup>

*Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:*

Annual costs of intimate partner violence were calculated at \$5.8 billion in the United States of America<sup>700</sup>

However, 'the national economic cost of domestic and family violence is estimated to be over 12 billion dollars per year'.<sup>701</sup>

*Estimated % change due to COVID-19:*

The LSE wrote a blog post featuring a study that investigated US data and that found that 'calls between 2019 and 2020, before and after March 9 (controlling for various state and seasonal trends), we estimate that domestic violence was about 10.2 percent higher during the last few weeks of March in 2020 compared with the same weeks in 2019'. 'Our estimates suggest that the pandemic has led to about 3.3 more domestic violence calls per city every day. If the entire United States experienced a similar increase, the result would be about 1,350 more domestic violence calls each day.'<sup>702</sup>

## Uruguay

*Population size:*

3,461,734 (2019)<sup>703</sup>.

*Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:*

In 2018, according to the Ministry of Interior 39,950 reports of domestic violence<sup>704</sup>.

Also 'according to a 2018 United Nations study, Uruguay has Latin America's second-highest rate of killings of women by current or former partners.'<sup>705</sup>

A separate study found that 40,000 cases were reported in 2019 and gender-based violence is the second most-reported crime in Uruguay.<sup>706</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

*Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:*

No research.

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<sup>699</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK499891/>

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<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2016/9/speech-by-lakshmi-puri-on-economic-costs-of-violence-against-women>

<sup>701</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK499891/> by Martin R. Huecker and William Smock

<sup>702</sup> Study: Leslie, Emily and Wilson, Riley, Sheltering in Place and Domestic Violence: Evidence from Calls for Service during COVID-19 (May 14, 2020). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3600646> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3600646>.) LSE Blog:

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2020/06/11/the-covid-19-pandemic-is-linked-to-a-ten-percent-increase-in-domestic-violence-cases-across-the-country>

<sup>703</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>704</sup> United States Department of State, "Uruguay 2019 Human Rights Report"

<<https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/URUGUAY-2019-HUMAN-RIGHTS-REPORT.pdf>>

<sup>705</sup> D. Cariboni, "Uruguay's 'shadow pandemic' of violence against women is out of control" (Open Democracy, 10 June 2020)

<<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/5050/uruguays-shadow-pandemic-of-violence-against-women-is-out-of-control/>>

<sup>706</sup> D. Cariboni, "Uruguay's 'shadow pandemic' of violence against women is out of control" (Open Democracy, 10 June 2020)

<<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/5050/uruguays-shadow-pandemic-of-violence-against-women-is-out-of-control/>>

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

In the first 45 days of lockdown, police reports of violence against women decreased by 8% compared to the same period last year. However, calls to a gender-based violence hotline increased by 80% during the first two months of lockdown. Therefore, it is likely that cases have increased but people are seeking help via remote methods rather than by going to the police .<sup>707</sup>

## Uzbekistan

Population size:

33,580,650 (2019)<sup>708</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

No research.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No full research except that according to the ministry of interior affairs, 527 protection orders were issued from January to April 2020" .<sup>709</sup>

## Vanuatu

Population size:

299,882 (2019)<sup>710</sup>

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

Physical and/or Sexual Intimate Partner Violence in the last 12 months: 44%. Proportion of ever-partnered women aged 15-49 years experiencing intimate partner physical and/or sexual violence in the last 12 months<sup>711</sup> .

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Venezuela

Population size:

28,515,829 (2019).<sup>712</sup>

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<sup>707</sup> S. Demirdjian, "Los feminismos vuelven a movilizarse contra la violencia machista en el quinto aniversario del Ni Una Menos" (La Diaria Feminismos, 3 June 2020) <<https://ladiaria.com.uy/feminismos/articulo/2020/6/los-feminismos-vuelven-a-movilizar-se-contra-la-violencia-machista-en-el-quinto-aniversario-del-ni-una-menos/>>

<sup>708</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>709</sup> <https://cabar.asia/en/uzbekistan-domestic-abuse-during-coronavirus-continues>

<sup>710</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>711</sup> Source: Vanuatu Women's Centre, 2011. The Vanuatu National Survey on Women's Lives and Family Relationships. Port Vila, Vanuatu.

<sup>712</sup> The World Bank, (1).

Number of people experiencing domestic abuse each year:

In 2005, Amnesty international, recorded that 36,777 women reported abuse by partners or former partners to NGOs. This was an average of one woman every 15 minutes.<sup>713</sup> No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of domestic abuse to the economy each year:

No research.

Estimated % change due to COVID-19:

Save the Children reported a 33% increase in demand for support for gender-based violence between March and May, with cases of sexual assault against children and psychological and physical violence against women by their partners. An increase of almost 80% in calls to their helplines and 62% in psychological first aid consultations reflect the situation that Venezuelan families are experiencing.<sup>714</sup>

## Vietnam

Population Size:

2019: 96,462,106.<sup>715</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

Research carried out by the United Nations in Vietnam shows that over the 10 years from 2009 to 2019, 33% of married women have been the victims of domestic violence.<sup>716</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

Domestic violence survivors earn roughly 35% less than women who have not abused. The total direct/ indirect costs of domestic violence on a woman's monthly income amounts to close to 21% of their income.

2010: The direct cost of domestic violence in Vietnam amounted to around 1.4% of GDP, while total productivity losses and potential opportunity costs caused by domestic violence amounted to around 3% of GDP.<sup>717</sup> The total loss in earnings due to violence against women amounted to roughly 1.41% of GDP.<sup>718</sup>

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Yemen

Population Size:

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<sup>713</sup>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/press-releases/2008/07/venezuela-ending-domestic-violence-e28093-facts-and-figures-20080716/>

<sup>714</sup> <https://latinamericanpost.com/33506-covid-19-increases-domestic-violence-in-venezuela>

<sup>715</sup> The World Bank, (1).

<sup>716</sup> Việt Nam News, "Campaigners Say Domestic Violence is on the Rise", (*vietnamnews.vn*, 28 August 2019), <<https://vietnamnews.vn/society/534693/campaigners-say-domestic-violence-is-on-the-rise.html>>.

<sup>717</sup> UN Women, Unite and Australian Aid, "The Costs of Violence – Understanding the Costs of Violence Against Women and Girls and its Response: Selected Findings and Lessons Learned from Asia and the Pacific", (2013), Report.

<sup>718</sup> *Ibid*, 12.

2019: 29,161,922.<sup>719</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

There was limited data available, however, a report by the UK Aid Department for International Development found that 92% of women interviewed during the 2013 National Demographic Health Survey considered violence against women to be common in the home.<sup>720</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

No research.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research but it is likely to be a cause of an increase in cases.<sup>721</sup>

## Zambia

Population Size:

2019: 17,861,030<sup>722</sup>

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

2019-2020: 26.7% of women reported having experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner<sup>723</sup>.

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:

2010: USD \$474 million, amounting to roughly 2.27% of GDP<sup>724</sup>.

Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:

No research.

## Zimbabwe

Population Size:

14,645,468<sup>725</sup>.

Number of People Experiencing Domestic Abuse Each Year:

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<sup>719</sup> The World Bank, (1).

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[https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwi\\_iZuU9MbtAhV8XhUIHdeEBgMQFjAGegQICRAC&url=http%3A%2F%2Fiati.fcdo.gov.uk%2Fiati\\_documents%2F36022579.odt&usg=AOvVaw2nSri5ylRpF0Bn0f7ybU5w](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwi_iZuU9MbtAhV8XhUIHdeEBgMQFjAGegQICRAC&url=http%3A%2F%2Fiati.fcdo.gov.uk%2Fiati_documents%2F36022579.odt&usg=AOvVaw2nSri5ylRpF0Bn0f7ybU5w)

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[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/TJK/INT\\_CEDAW\\_CSS\\_TJK\\_32597\\_E.pdf/bl ogs.lse.ac.uk, 2 June 2020\), <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/wps/2020/06/02/women-leaders-covid-19-response-from-the-grassroots-to-government-p erspectives-from-yemen/>](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/Treaties/CEDAW/Shared%20Documents/TJK/INT_CEDAW_CSS_TJK_32597_E.pdf/bl ogs.lse.ac.uk, 2 June 2020), <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/wps/2020/06/02/women-leaders-covid-19-response-from-the-grassroots-to-government-p erspectives-from-yemen/>)

<sup>722</sup> <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/zambia-population/>

<sup>723</sup> <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0235203>

<sup>724</sup> [https://www.care-international.org/files/files/Counting\\_the\\_costofViolence.pdf](https://www.care-international.org/files/files/Counting_the_costofViolence.pdf)

<sup>725</sup> <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/zimbabwe-population/>

78% of women who had experienced violence claimed it was at the hand of their husband or partner.<sup>726</sup>

No research on male victims or other gender identities.

*Cost of Domestic Abuse to the Economy Each Year:*

No research.

*Estimated % Change due to COVID-19:*

The Musasa Project, a local NGO, says it has already documented at least 782 cases of abuse in just 13 days, compared to an average of 500 per month.<sup>727</sup>

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[https://www.independent.co.uk/news/long\\_reads/zimbabwe-women-domestic-violence-election-gender-equality-rights-rape-mugabe-emmerson-a8539616.html](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/long_reads/zimbabwe-women-domestic-violence-election-gender-equality-rights-rape-mugabe-emmerson-a8539616.html)

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<https://www.rfi.fr/en/international/20200414-it-is-going-to-escalate-locked-down-zimbabwe-records-spike-in-gender-violence>