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1. Country name

Antigua & Barbuda

2. Name of the institution presenting the information:

Gender Department

3. Name of the authority responsible for the preparation of the country response:

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4. Name of the office or instance in charge of the preparation of the country response:

Gender Division



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Demographic Data



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Death data



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Birth Data



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Legislation



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Legislation - Structure



Indicator statement

Existence of spaces, mechanisms and tools with recognition and legal status for inter-institutional coordination between public entities and civil society organizations in function of the promotion and protection of the right to a life free of violence for women.

Year

2018

Space name

Support and Referral Centre

Name of the supervising entity

Support and Referral Centre

Name of the norm and/or regulation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Date of sanction/regulation

2017-05-04

Start date of operation

2015-02-01

Description of competencies

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, in recognition of the human rights violations perpetuated by the acts of Gender-based and Sexual Violence (GBSV) and Trafficking in Persons (TIP) established the SARC to provide a coordinated response to survivors of gender based and sexual violence. The SARC is mandated to provide medical, legal and psychosocial services to survivors and families experiencing gender based and sexual violence (GBSV). The SARC is a one stop location where female and male victims of rape and serious sexual assault along with domestic violence can receive medical care and counselling, and have the opportunity to assist the police investigation, including undergoing a forensic examination. The SARC contributes to enhanced investigation and enables health providers and support workers to access victims in an appropriate environment within a supportive framework and rapid response timeframe. Below are the key features of the SARC

- ? Availability of forensic examination 24 hours a day, within 4 hours in cases of immediate need.
- ? Facilities for self-referrals, including the opportunity to have a forensic examination and for the results to be stored or to be used anonymously through the Police Special Victims Unit.
- ? A Police Special Victims Unit specialized in responding to rape and sexual assault.
- ? Choice of gender of advocates and SARC workers.
- ? Crisis workers to support the victim, the examiner and the police prior to, during and immediately after the forensic examination.
- ? Immediate transfer to access to emergency contraception and drugs to prevent sexually transmitted infections including HIV.
- ? Dignity care items and shower facilities.
- ? Integral follow-up services including psycho-social support/counselling, sexual health, and support throughout the criminal justice process.
- ? Infrastructure to

ensure ongoing client care, staffing, training and maintenance including stocking of medical supplies and dignity care items. ? Child-friendly space for care and services to children of clients ? Ongoing Referrals and Case Management ? Emergency Accommodations. Additionally, the domestic violence act of 2015 makes provisions for the Directorate of Gender Affairs to be able to provide protection orders for persons in need. See excerpt from the act: 5. Application for protection order (1) An applicant may apply to the Court for an Interim Protection Order pursuant to section 6 in accordance with Form I in Schedule II, on the ground that the respondent has engaged in domestic violence. (2) The Clerk shall inform the applicant that they may seek assistance from the Directorate of Gender Affairs.

Budget in dollars

10000

Sources

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/>

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>



Indicator statement

Incorporation of the concept of gender-based violence in accordance with the definition of the Convention, into the violence legislation, both in the public and private spheres

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the norm and/or regulation

: THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (PREVENTION) ACT, 2010, No. 12 of 2010

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Date of sanction/regulation

2010-11-11

Concept of violence in the private sphere

: Act defines "trafficking in persons" means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receiving of a person by means of the threat or use of force or other means of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability, or of giving or receiving of payment or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation;

Concept of violence in the public sphere

Act defines "trafficking in persons" means the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring, or receiving of a person by means of the threat or use of force or other means of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability, or of giving or receiving of payment or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation;

Sources

: <https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2010-6.pdf>

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the norm and/or regulation

: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT, 2015, no.27 of 2015



Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Date of sanction/regulation

2015-03-17

Concept of violence in the private sphere

Does not address violence in terms of public sectors.

Concept of violence in the public sphere

o ??domestic violence? means: (1) any controlling or abusive behavior that harms the health, safety or well-being of the applicant or any child in the care of the applicant and includes but is not limited to the following? (a) physical abuse or threats of physical abuse; (b) sexual abuse or threats of sexual abuse; (c) emotional, verbal or psychological abuse; (d) economic abuse; (e) intimidation; (f) harassment; (g) stalking; (h) damage to or destruction of property; or (i) entry into the applicant?s residence without consent, where the parties do not share the same residence. (2) For the purposes of the definition of domestic violence, threats, intimidation, harassment or stalking include threats, intimidation harassment or stalking or and cyberstalking on the Internet or by electronic means.? (s.2, 2015) o (Private individuals) Between an applicant who has been in a relationship with the respondent in the following ways: they are or were married to each other, including marriage according to any law, custom or religion; (b) they cohabit or cohabited with each other in a relationship of some permanence; (c) they are the parents of a child or are persons who have or had parental responsibility for that child, whether or not at the same time; (d) they are family members related by consanguinity, affinity or adoption; (e) they would be family members related by affinity if the persons referred to in paragraph (b) were, or were able to be married to each other; or (f) they share or shared the same household or residence;

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>

Domestic violence Act (2015)

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the norm and/or regulation

The Sexual Offences Act, 1995.

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Date of sanction/regulation

1995-11-02



Concept of violence in the private sphere

o Criminalizes Rape-) A male person commits the offence of rape when he has sexual intercourse with a female person who is not his wife either - (a) without her consent where he knows that she does not consent to the intercourse or he is reckless as to whether she consents to it; or (b) with her consent where the consent - (i) is extorted by threats or fear of bodily harm to her or to another; or (ii) is obtained by impersonating her husband; or (iii) is obtained by false and fraudulent representations as to the nature of the act. (part II, .3, 1995) o Criminalizes sexual intercourse with a female under fourteen o Criminalizes sexual intercourse with a female between fourteen and sixteen o Criminalizes sexual intercourse with a minor employee* o Criminalizes indecent assault o Criminalizes abduction of a female

Concept of violence in the public sphere

o Criminalizes Rape-) A male person commits the offence of rape when he has sexual intercourse with a female person who is not his wife either - (a) without her consent where he knows that she does not consent to the intercourse or he is reckless as to whether she consents to it; or (b) with her consent where the consent - (i) is extorted by threats or fear of bodily harm to her or to another; or (ii) is obtained by impersonating her husband; or (iii) is obtained by false and fraudulent representations as to the nature of the act. (part II, .3, 1995) o Criminalizes sexual intercourse with a female under fourteen o Criminalizes sexual intercourse with a female between fourteen and sixteen o Criminalizes Sexual Assault by a husband in certain circumstances- 4. (1) A husband commits the offence of sexual assault when he has sexual intercourse with his wife without her consent by circumstances. force or fear where there is in existence in relation to them - (i) a decree nisi of divorce; (ii) a decree of judicial separation; (iii) a separation agreement; or (iv) an order for the husband not to molest his wife or have sexual intercourse with her o Criminalizes indecent assault o Criminalizes abduction of a female

Sources

: <https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/a1995-9.pdf>



Indicator statement

Legislation that criminalizes Femicide/Feminicide in both the public and private spheres; the violent death of women, whether it was incorporated as an autonomous crime or as an aggravating circumstance of homicide due to the circumstances of the crime or the relationship with the aggressor.

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the norm and/or regulation

Offences against the Person Act 1995

Date of sanction/regulation

1995-05-01

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Article number and text. Conceptualization of femicide/femicide

Antigua and Barbuda does not have specific legislation that criminalizes femicide. There is general legislation that speaks to homicide, such as the Offences against the Person Act. 1. This Act may be cited as the Offences against the short title. Person Act. PART I 2. Whosoever is convicted of murder shall suffer death Murder- as a felon. 3. (1) Upon every conviction for murder, the Court Sentence for shall pronounce sentence of death, and the same may be carried into execution, and all other proceedings upon such sentence, and in respect thereof, may be had and taken in the same manner, and the Court, before which the conviction takes place, shall have the same power, in all respects, as after a conviction for any other felony for which a prisoner may be sentenced to suffer death as a felon:

Is femicide/femicide considered an autonomous crime or an aggravated homicide?

No Information

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-300.pdf>



Indicator statement

Assistance protocols for justice officials, police, police stations, service providers, healthcare service providers, educators, public officials in relation to the different forms of violence.

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the institutions

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre

Protocol name

Memorandum of Understanding and Guidelines for provision of services within the Support and Referral Centre

Publication date

2017-03-08

purpose of the protocol

This MOU which encompassed and had the formal and full buy-in of the police force, national nursing entity, the Ministry of Legal affairs, two civil society entities, and the Ministry of Social Transformation, ensures that these relevant agencies form a multi-disciplinary sexual assault response team, that provides holistic, comprehensive and gender responsive services to survivors of gender based violence. The MOU lays out specific expectations and better practices in the care for survivors of violence, and has guidelines unique to the various stakeholder and actors providing critical services. The guidelines for service providing stakeholders include confidentiality procedures, database management, tips on maintaining dignity of survivors and engaging survivors without discrimination.

Type of violence

Non-consensual insemination, online, intrafamilial, sexual harassment in employment, educational or health institutions, psychological, sexual, labor, physical, patrimonial, economic, trafficking

scope of operation

All of the above

Sources

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/>

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre



Indicator statement

Existence of assistance protocols for the implementation of the different assistance and support services for women victims or survivors of violence in: -shelters, -legal advice services, -psychological support (individual, group, family), telephone support, - health care, -job training guidance, -training in human rights

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the institutions

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre

protocol name

Memorandum of Understanding and Guidelines for provision of services within the Support and Referral Centre and Crisis Hotline Protocol

Publication date

2017-09-05

service area

purpose of the protocol

This MOU which encompassed and had the formal and full buy-in of the Ministry of Legal affairs and the Legal Aid Department. The MOU lays out specific expectations and better legal practices in the care for survivors of violence, in terms of offering them legal support and engaging with them in a non-judgemental way and provides specific recommendations on how to make them feel supported, while protecting them and recognising their vulnerability amidst the pressures of the legal system. The Support and Referral Centre, within the Directorate of Gender Affairs also developed formal Crisis hotline protocols and the Directorate operates a 24 hour crisis hotline for survivors of gender based violence. The protocols cover professionalism, accessibility, responding to suicidal thoughts, confidentiality and limitations and trauma crisis intervention.

Type of violence

Political, Online, Domestic, Institutional, Psychological, Sexual, Workplace, Physical, Symbolic, Patrimonial, Economic, Obstetric

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/>



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Indicator statement

Legislation that explicitly bans the use of conciliation, mediation, probation, application of the criteria of opportunity, commutation of sentence or other methods intended to extra-judicially resolve cases of violence against women

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the norm and/or regulation

Domestic Violence Act - 5. The nature of the Domestic Violence Act, 2015, is that one cannot compel a person who has applied for a protection order to participate in mediation with the respondent. This effectively limits the use of mediation in domestic violence cases.

Effective date

2015-02-01

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Sources

Ministry of Legal Affairs



Indicator statement

Specific legislation that includes the legal interruption of pregnancy for therapeutic, eugenic reasons or for rape and/or incest, or the decriminalization of abortion, including administrative resolutions, health care and/or sexual violence protocols.

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the norm and/or regulation

THE INFANT LIFE (PRESERVATION) ACT 1937

Date of sanction/regulation

1937-12-08

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number and text of article

The Infant life [reservation Act of 1937 provides an exception for the legal interruption of pregnancy, in instances where it is done to preserve the life of the mother. Here is an excerpt from the act:1. This Act may be cited as the Infant Life short title- (Preservation) Act. 2. (1) Subject as hereinafter in this subsection Punishment for provided, any person who, with intent to destroy the life of a child capable of being born alive, by any wilful act causes a child to die before it has an existence independent of its mother, shall be guilty of felony, to wit, of child destruction, and shall be liable on conviction thereof on indictment to imprisonment for life with or without hard labour: Provided that no person shall be found guilty of an offence under this section unless it is proved that the act which child destruction. 2 CAP. 216) LAWS OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA Infant Life (Preservation) caused the death of the child was not done in good faith for the purpose only of preserving the life of the mother.

Causes for legal termination of pregnancy

No Information

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/cap-216.pdf>



Indicator statement

Special legislation that considers the differentiated impact or aggravates the crimes of violence committed against women girls and adolescents; adults and seniors; from ethnic diversity; rural; with disabilities; pregnant; of low socioeconomic status; with diverse sexual orientations; for their gender identity; with migrant status or victims of armed conflicts, refugees or displaced; deprived of their liberty.

Year of indicator report

2018

Name of the regulation and/or regulation

Domestic Violence Act, 2015 and The Disabilities and Equal Opportunity Act, 2017

Hierarchy in the legal system

Legal

Date of sanction/regulation

2015-02-01

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Population of women

Women with Disabilities, Women in unfavorable socioeconomic situations, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Adult Women, All of the Above, Victims of Trafficking, Women Deprived of Liberty, Pregnant Women, Women Living with HIV/AIDS

, Migrantes, Niñas y Adolescentes, Adultas Mayores

Text and article number of the reported Legislation

- a. Name of relevant law The Domestic Violence Act, 2015 is the primary law addressing violence against women in domestic settings. The Disabilities and Equal Opportunity Act, 2017 provides broader protections for persons living with disabilities (including women). protections against discrimination for persons living with disabilities. Enactment dates b. Date of Enactment for the Domestic Violence legislation is 2015. The enactment of the Disabilities and Equal Opportunity Act was 2017. c. Population Groups Addressed The Domestic Violence Act's definition of "domestic relationship" covers spouses, partners, family members, and household members, which includes women, girls, and elderly women. The Equal Opportunity Act prohibits discrimination based on status, including sex, marital status, and disability, which can offer protection to women with disabilities and those of different socioeconomic statuses.
- d. Sections/Articles: Key sections in the Domestic Violence Act 2015 include Section 2 definitions of "domestic violence" and "domestic relationship") and Section 3 (acts constituting domestic violence).
- e. The hierarchy in legal ordering This is legal/statutory because they are legislations enacted by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda.



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Sources

Ministry of Legal Affairs



Indicator statement

Existence of legislation that criminalizes violence against women based on gender: psychological; physical; sexual in its various forms; patrimonial; economic; institutional; in politics; symbolic, online, trafficking, forced prostitution; sexual harassment at work, education and health facilities, rape and sexual violence within marriage and civil unions, armed conflicts, other types of violence (specify) and others in violence legislation.

Year of indicator report

2018

Type of violence

Psychological, Sexual, Physical, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Other types of violence

Name of the regulation and/or regulation

The Sexual Offences Act, 1995

Date of sanction/regulation

1995-11-02

Hierarchical rank

Statute

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number and text of article

o Part 2- ? Section 3 Rape ? Section 4 Sexual assault by husband in certain circumstances ? Section 5 Sexual intercourse with a female under fourteen ? Section 14 Indecent assault

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/a1995-9.pdf>

Year of indicator report

2018

Type of violence

Psychological, Sexual, Physical, Financial, Domestic, Online

Name of the regulation and/or regulation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Date of sanction/regulation

2016-03-17



Hierarchical rank

Statute

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number and text of article

?Part ?, Section 2 (Interpretation)? defines domestic violence as ?(1) any controlling or abusive behaviour that harms the health, safety or well-being of the applicant or any child in the care of the applicant and includes but is not limited to the following? (a) physical abuse or threats of physical abuse; (b) sexual abuse or threats of sexual abuse; (c) emotional, verbal or psychological abuse; (d) economic abuse; (e) intimidation; (f) harassment; (g) stalking; (h) damage to or destruction of property; or (i) entry into the applicant?s residence without consent, where the parties do not share the same residence.?

Sources

: <https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>

Year of indicator report

2018

Type of violence

Psychological, Sexual, Physical, Financial, Forced Prostitution (According to the Rome Statute), Trafficking, Online

Name of the regulation and/or regulation

The Trafficking in Persons (Prevention) Act, 2010

Date of sanction/regulation

2010-11-11

Hierarchical rank

Statute

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number and text of article

2. Interpretation In this Act? The Trafficking in Persons (Prevention) Act, 2010 8 No. 12 of 2010 ?abuse of vulnerability? means any physical or psychological abuse that leads a person to believe that he has no reasonable alternative but to submit to exploitation, and includes taking advantage of the vulnerabilities of that person resulting from? (a) the person having entered or remained in Antigua and Barbuda illegally or without proper documentation; (b) the person?s pregnancy; (c) any disability of the person; (d) the person?s addiction to the use of any dependence-producing substance; (e) the person?s infancy; or (f) the person?s socio-economic circumstances;



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Sources

: <https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2010-6.pdf>



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Legislation - Process



Indicator statement

Number of state offices, secretariats or agencies specializing in treating with violence against women. Coverage by jurisdictions (national, state, provincial, local).

Year

2018

name of the organism

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Type of public body

Office

Scope of coverage

Local/Municipal

Description of competencies

The Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) is a division within the Ministry of Social Transformation and the Blue Economy. As the national gender machinery and focal agency for gender and development in Antigua & Barbuda, the DoGA's focal mandate is to empower women and promote gender equality nationally. We seek to raise public consciousness on gender and development by providing guidance and support to governmental departments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society, and faith-based organizations. We compile and disseminate information related to gender and development, create and interpret gender-responsive policies that suit the local context, and establish gender-responsive performance standards.

Number of male participants working in the body

1

Effective date

2018-01-01

Number of women participating in the organization

14

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

286576

number of offices

1



Sources

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/>

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>

https://ab.gov.ag/pdf/budget/2025_Antigua_Estimates.pdf

Year

2018

name of the organism

Women Against Rape

Type of public body

Special Instance

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Description of competencies

Women Against Rape (WAR) was established in 2008 and is a non-governmental organization formed in response to the unprecedented reported number of rape cases in Antigua and Barbuda in 2007 . The organisation promotes inclusive health parity and victim justice through advocacy, education and direct services geared towards direct services to women and families affected by sexual violence. WAR advocates for a coordinated response to prevention and management of gender based violence, including sexual violence, and the realization of gender equality in Antigua and Barbuda. Gender based violence (GBV); including sexual violence, refers to the range of abuses committed against individuals on the basis of gender, it is rooted in the unequal distribution of power between men and women placing women in a subordinate status in society. Gender inequality and GBV necessarily impacts individuals' full enjoyment of life, including access to health services, and is therefore is a pervasive human rights violation.

Number of male participants working in the body

0

Effective date

2008-01-08

Number of women participating in the organization

1

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

0

**number of offices**

1

Sources

<https://ngo.cpdngo.org/listing/women-against-rape-war-inc/>

Year

2023

name of the organism

Together We Must

Type of public body

Special Instance

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Description of competencies

TWM completes first six-month cycle of EMERGE, Antigua and Barbuda's first domestic violence intervention program for men

Antigua ? Together We Must (TWM), a legally registered non-profit organization in Antigua and Barbuda, recently completed its first six-month cycle of EMERGE, its model program for men who commit Domestic Violence; the first of its kind in the twin-island state. TWM's EMERGE is a homegrown therapeutic intervention that was supported by UN Women Caribbean through the Spotlight Initiative, a global multi-year partnership between the European Union and the United Nations to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls. The Spotlight Initiative grant funding was complemented by in-kind support from private and public sector companies and individuals, including APUA, ABSSB, Cool & Smooth, Edison Liburd, the Wishing Well Foundation, and Sir Richie Richardson, and others. EMERGE supports efforts to end violence against women and girls by delivering a domestic violence intervention program that provides:

- (1) case management services inclusive of a psycho-social assessment and the development of a tailored service plan that assists the EMERGE Member in identifying and accessing relevant social and other services in a coordinated manner;
- (2) psychological screening that also assessed each applicant's risk of recidivism;
- (3) individual counseling
- (4) a 12-week psychoeducation workgroup aimed at developing EMERGE Member's critical awareness of attitudes and beliefs that support the use of violence, while increasing their awareness of the effects of domestic violence
- (5) a peer support group where graduates meet informally to share ongoing experiences, discuss relevant topics and share supportive solutions to everyday challenges.

Over the initial program cycle, EMERGE served eleven (11) men. Of the 11; 4 completed all program components and graduated; 3 completed the program but were unable to complete the psychoeducational workgroup for different reasons; and 4 were removed from the program either for non-compliance with attendance and participation requirements, or by their free will. EMERGE graduates continue to engage in the peer support group. TWM's EMERGE initial program outputs can be seen here: [EMERGE outputs 2023.jpg](#) EMERGE's effectiveness in reducing

incidents of domestic violence and recidivism was evaluated through pre and post intervention testing (questionnaires and interviews) and updated arrest records on all applicants. TWM will continue to monitor applicant's success over the next 1-3 years. Government agencies, community groups, service organizations, churches, etc. are encouraged to refer persons to EMERGE. Interested men may also apply directly. The Agency Referral and Participant Application forms are available online via this link: <https://linktr.ee/togetherwemust>.

Number of male participants working in the body

0

Effective date

2022-06-08

Number of women participating in the organization

1

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

1

number of offices

1

Sources

<https://linktr.ee/togetherwemust>

<https://antiguanewsroom.com/antiguas-non-profit-together-we-must-completes-pioneering-program-to-address-domestic-violence-among-men/>



Indicator statement

Existence of administrative bodies to file complaints regarding violence against women in: educational institutions, public or private health centers, Work environment, Matters of violence against women in the political sphere, on social networks and virtual media, in public or private social media

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Antigua Planned Parenthood Association

Service area

Health centers

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of instances

0

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

APPA Briefing Document

Sources

https://upr-info.org/sites/default/files/documents/2021-10/ippf_upr39_atg_e_main.pdf

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Department of Labour

Service area

Educational institutions, Workplace, In the political sphere, Health centers

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of instances

0

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Employment (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Act, Antigua and Barbuda Labour Code and the Domestic Violence Act 2015, ILO Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190).



Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>

<https://www.ilo.org/resource/news/first-ratification-convention-no-190-caribbean>

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Directorate of Gender Affairs - Support And Referral Centre

Service area

No Information

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of instances

109

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Ministry of Education

Service area

Educational institutes

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of instances

0

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Education Act 2000. Child Justice Act 2015. The Childcare and Protection Act 2003. While specific reported cases of violence against children at the Ministry of Education in Antigua and Barbuda are not detailed in the search results, reports indicate a general concern about violence in and around schools. Antigua Observer Newspaper articles and Antigua Nice highlight incidents of student violence, including those involving weapons, and other news sources from Antigua and Barbuda mention the need for measures to address gang violence and its impact on schoolchildren. Specifically: The Antigua Observer Newspaper

reports on student violence and the need for sustained efforts to address it. Antigua Nice details an incident at Ottos Comprehensive School involving students armed with weapons. There's concern about the influence of gangs on young people and the need to address gang-related violence. The Ministry of Social Transformation is working on measures like developing legislation to make gang activity illegal. Antigua and Barbuda has legislation like the Childcare and Protection Act and the Child Justice Act aimed at protecting children. While specific reported cases of violence against children at the Ministry of Education in Antigua and Barbuda are not detailed in the search results, reports indicate a general concern about violence in and around schools. Antigua Observer Newspaper articles and Antigua Nice highlight incidents of student violence, including those involving weapons, and other news sources from Antigua and Barbuda mention the need for measures to address gang violence and its impact on schoolchildren. Specifically: The Antigua Observer Newspaper reports on student violence and the need for sustained efforts to address it. Antigua Nice details an incident at Ottos Comprehensive School involving students armed with weapons. There's concern about the influence of gangs on young people and the need to address gang-related violence. The Ministry of Social Transformation is working on measures like developing legislation to make gang activity illegal. Antigua and Barbuda has legislation like the Childcare and Protection Act and the Child Justice Act aimed at protecting children.

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<https://admin.theiguides.org/Media/Documents/Education%20Act%202008.pdf>

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-23.pdf>

https://www.oas.org/dil/The_Childcare_and_Protection_Antigua_and_Barbuda.pdf

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Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Office of the Ombudsman

**Service area**

Work environment

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of instances

0

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

The Ombudsman Act 1995

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/a1994-5.pdf>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_of_the_Ombudsman_\(Antigua_and_Barbuda\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_of_the_Ombudsman_(Antigua_and_Barbuda))

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Women Against Rape (WAR)

Service area

No Information

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of instances

5

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Sources

<https://ngo.cpdcnngo.org/listing/women-against-rape-war-inc/>

Year

2020

Name of the institutions

Vere Cornwall Bird International Airport (VCBIA)

Service area

**Scope of coverage**

Nacional/Federal

Number of instances

10

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Trafficking in Persons (Prevention) (Amendment) Act, 2018

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Trafficking-in-Persons-Prevention-Amendment-Act-2018.pdf>

Year

2022

Name of the institutions

Royal Police Force of Antigua & Barbuda

Service area**Scope of coverage**

Nacional/Federal

Number of instances

6221

Text corresponding to the reported Legislation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Sources

Royal Police Force of Antigua & Barbuda

Indicator statement

Existence of systematic education, training and awareness processes for public sector officials on the legal tools for sanctioning, protecting and promoting women's rights, particularly the right to a life free of violence. Exchange, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the training processes.

Year

2018

Name of the instance

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the process

Workshops & Training Sessions

Type of processes

n/a

Number of women participating in the organization

14

Number of male participants working in the body

1

Follow-up mechanisms

The Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) has implemented systematic education and training processes targeting public sector officials—including police, judiciary, and civil servants—to enhance the use of legal tools protecting women's rights and preventing violence. Key training initiatives include: Domestic Violence & Gender-Based Violence Training for Law Enforcement - police officers were trained on domestic violence legislation and gender-based violence (GBV), including legal frameworks, victim protection, and non-revictimization approaches. Capacity-Building Workshops for Public Servants and Justice Professionals DoGA organized workshops for police, judges, court staff, and civil service officials on gender sensitivity, victim-centred approaches, and effective service referral systems. Train-the-Trainer Programs within Government Institutions: Train-the-trainer models were implemented via the Office of Domestic Violence and Women's Office to mainstream gender perspectives across ministries swiftly and systematically

Description of exchange mechanisms

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Sources

n/a



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Legislation - Result



Indicator statement

Maternal Mortality rate in girls and adolescents from 10 to 19 years old on a national level.

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Civil Registry

Age group of women served

0-19

Number of births

90

Number of maternal deaths

0

Sources

Civil Registry Department

Year

2019

Name of the institutions

Civil Registry

Age group of women served

0-19

Number of births

107

Number of maternal deaths

0

Sources

Civil Registry Department

Year

2020

**Name of the institutions**

Civil Registry

Age group of women served

0-19

Number of births

103

Number of maternal deaths

0

Sources

Civil Registry Department

Year

2021

Name of the institutions

Civil Registry

Age group of women served

0-19

Number of births

79

Number of maternal deaths

0

Sources

Civil Registry Department

Year

2022

Name of the institutions

Civil Registry

Age group of women served

0-19

Number of births

72



Number of maternal deaths

0

Sources

Civil Registry Department

Year

2023

Name of the institutions

Civil Registry

Age group of women served

0-19

Number of births

107

Number of maternal deaths

0

Sources

Civil Registry Department

Year

2024

Name of the institutions

Civil Registry

Age group of women served

0-19

Number of births

52

Number of maternal deaths

0

Sources

Civil Registry Department



Indicator statement

Number of registered marriages in which one or both contracting parties were under 18 years of age according to surveys or administrative records, disaggregated by sex.

Year

2020

Support-providing institution

Civil Registry

Number of marriages of women under 18 years

0

Number of marriages of men under 18 years

0

Sources

Civil Registry



Indicator statement

Proportion of underage girls (under 18 years of age) who have suffered sexual violence

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Geographic area name

National

Age group of women served

0-19

Type of aggressor

Friends

Area of residence

Urban

Name of the indigenous ethnicity

Black

Total number of national victims

5

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2019

Name of the institutions

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Geographic area name

National



Age group of women served

0-19

Type of aggressor

No information

Area of residence

No information

Name of the indigenous ethnicity

none

Total number of national victims

0

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2020

Name of the institutions

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Geographic area name

National

Age group of women served

0-19

Type of aggressor

Others

Area of residence

Urban

Name of the indigenous ethnicity

Black

Total number of national victims

3

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs



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Year

2021

Name of the institutions

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Geographic area name

National

Age group of women served

0-19

Type of aggressor

Others

Area of residence

Urban

Name of the indigenous ethnicity

Black

Total number of national victims

1

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2022

Name of the institutions

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Geographic area name

National

Age group of women served

0-19



Type of aggressor

Others

Area of residence

Urban

Name of the indigenous ethnicity

Black

Total number of national victims

1

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2023

Name of the institutions

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Geographic area name

National

Age group of women served

0-19

Type of aggressor

Friends

Area of residence

Urban

Name of the indigenous ethnicity

Black

Total number of national victims

2

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2024



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Name of the institutions

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Geographic area name

National

Age group of women served

0-19

Type of aggressor

Others

Area of residence

Urban

Name of the indigenous ethnicity

Black

Total number of national victims

1

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Monitoring reports on the knowledge, understanding and application of protocols and specific regulations on women's rights, as part of periodic evaluations to access incentives, or promotion within the public sector.

2.-Pregnancy, childbirth, interruptions and abortions rate in girls and adolescents (10-19 years of age) on a national level.

3.-Violence rate based on surveys: number of girls and women who declare having been victims of any form of violence by age range (psychological, physical, sexual, patrimonial, economic and others), divided between the total amount of women in those same ages, multiplied for 100.000.

4.-General observations



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National Plans



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National Plans - Structure



Indicator statement

Number of facilities that provide care and psychological support before, during, and after the legal process

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Antigua Planned Parenthood Association

Name of the service

The mission of the Antigua Planned Parenthood Association (APPA) is to ensure that the community is afforded good sexual reproductive health through education, counselling, and affordable family planning services. The APPA with the support of its donors The Mill Reef Fund, Population Service International, and the International Planned Parenthood Federation continues to offer safe, affordable Sex and Reproductive Health (SRH) services, including family planning, to the people of Antigua and Barbuda. Despite an 18% reduction in funding from Planned Parenthood Federation, the APPA remains committed to providing quality services such as training, educating, dispensing of contraceptives, and testing (pregnancy, HIV, paternity, cholesterol, blood pressure, PAP, and blood sugar).

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of men working in the service

0

Annual budget in dollars

0

Number of women working in the service

0

Funding source

Mixed

Sources

<https://plannedparenthoodab.org/about-us/>

Year

2018

**Name of the institutions**

Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre

Name of the service

Hospital/Health Care: At Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre, we pride ourselves on delivering high-quality healthcare through our state-of-the-art facilities and a dedicated team of over 600 employees, including more than 200 medical professionals. Our services encompass inpatient and outpatient care, emergency services, diagnostic imaging, and specialized treatments in areas such as cardiology, urology, ophthalmology, and more. Our mission is to enhance the health and well-being of our patients through compassionate care, advanced medical technologies, and continuous improvement in healthcare delivery. We are committed to maintaining a supportive and innovative environment for both our patients and our staff, ensuring that everyone receives the best possible care.

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of men working in the service

0

Annual budget in dollars

0

Number of women working in the service

0

Funding source

Public

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/No.-10-of-2023-The-Mount-St.-Johns-Medical-Centre-Amendment-Act-2023.pdf>

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the service

The Support and Referral Centre (SARC), a program under the Directorate of Gender Affairs in Antigua and Barbuda, functions as a comprehensive, one stop support hub for adult survivors (18+) of gender based violence (GBV). Here's a breakdown of the services they offer: Immediate Response & Screening: Intake & Assessment ? Collecting information about the incident and survivor?s needs and 24/7 Crisis Hotline ? Offering round the clock intake services and support communication. Emotional & Mental Health Support: Pre counselling ? Initial guidance before formal therapy begins & Crisis Counselling ? Immediate emotional support for urgent trauma response. Legal Assistance: Legal Referrals/Advice ? Help with legal procedures,

securing advocacy and representation. Safety & Protection Measures: Safety Planning ? Strategies to help survivors maintain physical and emotional safety & Emergency Accommodations ? Interim safe housing for survivors if home is unsafe. Referrals & Resource Coordination - Connecting survivors with additional services, Domestic shelters, Legal Aid & Advice Centre, Special Victims Support Unit (RPFAB), Social protection agencies and community support services. Data Management & Monitoring: National GBV Electronic Database ? Recording incidents to guide response, support, and future policy. In short, SARC delivers holistic, survivor centred support that addresses immediate safety, emotional well being, medical and legal needs, while also coordinating with broader social and protection systems to ensure sustained care.

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Number of men working in the service

1

Annual budget in dollars

286576

Number of women working in the service

14

Funding source

Public

Sources

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/>

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Women Against Rape (WAR)

Name of the service

Women Against Rape (WAR) was established in 2008 and is a non-governmental organization formed in response to the unprecedented reported number of rape cases in Antigua and Barbuda in 2007 . The organisation promotes inclusive health parity and victim justice through advocacy, education and direct services geared towards direct services to women and families affected by sexual violence. WAR advocates for a coordinated response to prevention and management of gender based violence, including sexual violence, and the realization of gender equality in Antigua and Barbuda. Gender based violence (GBV); including sexual violence, refers to the range of abuses committed against individuals on the basis of gender, it is rooted in the unequal distribution of power between men and women placing women in a subordinate status in society. Gender inequality and GBV necessarily impacts individuals' full enjoyment of life, including access to health services, and is therefore is a pervasive human rights violation.



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Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of men working in the service

0

Annual budget in dollars

0

Number of women working in the service

1

Funding source

Private

Sources

<https://ngo.cpdngo.org/listing/women-against-rape-war-inc/>



Indicator statement

Structural or temporary assistance measures for violence against women within the framework of measures to stop the spread of COVID-19

Year

2020

Name of the measure in the context of COVID-19

DoGA's COVID-19 Response: Measures to Address Violence Against Women

Launch date

2020-12-18

Institution developing the measure

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Diffusion mechanisms

Social media

Description of the measure

Cash-Transfer Support for GBV Survivors which was developed by Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) in collaboration with UNDP, Government of Canada, and UK aid. Provided financial assistance to survivors during lockdowns to ensure continued support access. Publicized via PSAs, infographics, and social media campaigns by DoGA and media partners. 16 Days of Activism?COVID Theme ?Orange the World? which was led by DoGA with support from UN agencies and ministries. Included public statements, daily media content, and digital materials. Highlighted the ?shadow pandemic? of increased domestic violence during COVID lockdowns and reinforced access to SARC and crisis hotline.

Sources

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/the-international-day-for-the-elimination-of-violence-against-women-and-girls-2020/>



Indicator statement

Name of the National Plan/Policy/Action/Strategy for the prevention, assistance and eradication of violence against girls and adolescents, adult women and older adults in its various manifestations. Scope and characteristics

Year

2018

Name of the national plan

National Strategic Action Plan

Name of the institution

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Institutions involved

Directorate of Gender Affairs & its Support & Referral Centre (SARC), Ministry of Legal Affairs (justice systems), Legal Aide, Magistrate Court, Family Court, Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, Ministry of Health, social services, Women Against Rape.

Scope of coverage

National/Federal

Group of women subject to guardianship

Adult Women, Older Adults

Description of the national plan

A multi-year strategy led by the Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) with support from the UN Trust Fund. It focused on: Prevention of gender-based violence (GBV) Improved service provision (hotline, crisis centers) Legal reform and enforcement Capacity building among police, judiciary, healthcare workers, social workers, and educators

Sources

<https://caribbean.unwomen.org/en/caribbean-gender-portal/antigua-and-barbuda>



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Incorporation of the prevention, punishment and eradication of violence in the national plans of other sectors such as Security, Education, Health, Labor, Migration, and Refuge and Asylum Sectors



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National Plans - Process



Indicator statement

Number of shelters, homes or other forms of housing care for women victims of violence

Year

2021

Affiliation institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation in collaboration with guest houses based on the availability of funds.

Shelter name

No Information, No Information

Housing service name

emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation

Scope of coverage

National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal

Group of women subject to guardianship

Rural, Rural, Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women, Rural, Rural

Type of violence

Sexual, Physical, Domestic, Psychological, Sexual, Physical, Domestic, Psychological

Total number of people including women and family members

16

Sources

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2022

Affiliation institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation in collaboration with guest houses based on the availability of funds.

**Shelter name**

No Information, No Information, No Information, No Information, No Information, No Information

Housing service name

emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation

Scope of coverage

National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal

Group of women subject to guardianship

Rural, Rural, Rural, Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women

Type of violence

Domestic, Psychological, Physical, Domestic, Psychological, Physical

Total number of people including women and family members

12

Sources

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2023

Affiliation institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation in collaboration with guest houses based on the availability of funds.

Shelter name

No Information, No Information

Housing service name

emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation, emergency accommodation

Scope of coverage

National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal

Group of women subject to guardianship

Rural, Rural, Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women, Rural

Type of violence

Psychological, Physical, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Intrafamilial

Nacional/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal,
National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal, National/Federal

Group of women subject to guardianship

Women with Disabilities, Women with Disabilities, Older Adults, Older Adults, Older Adults, Older Adults,
Older Adults, Older Adults, Older Adults, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Refugees and Displaced
Persons, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Refugees and Displaced
Persons, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Refugees and Displaced Persons, In unfavorable
socioeconomic situations, In unfavorable socioeconomic situations, In unfavorable socioeconomic
situations, In unfavorable socioeconomic situations, In unfavorable socioeconomic situations, In
unfavorable socioeconomic situations, In unfavorable socioeconomic situations, Rural, Rural, Rural, Rural,
Rural, Rural, Rural, Pregnant women, Pregnant women, Pregnant women, Pregnant women, Pregnant
women, Pregnant women, Pregnant women, All of the above, All of the above, All of the above, All of the
above, All of the above, All of the above, All of the above, Migrants, Migrants, Migrants, Migrants, Migrants,
Migrants, Migrants, Living with HIV/AIDS

, Living with HIV/AIDS ,

Living with HIV/AIDS ,

Living with HIV/AIDS ,

Living with HIV/AIDS ,

Living with HIV/AIDS ,

Living with HIV/AIDS

, Eurodescendants (Caribbean countries only)

, Indigenous Women, Indigenous Women, Indigenous Women, Indigenous Women, Indigenous Women,

Indigenous Women, Indigenous Women, Victims of Trafficking, Victims of Trafficking, Victims of Trafficking,

Victims of Trafficking, Victims of Trafficking, Victims of Trafficking, Victims of Trafficking, Adult Women,

Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women, Adult Women, By sexual

orientation

(lesbians and

bisexuals)

, By sexual orientation
(lesbians and
bisexuals)
, By sexual orientation
(lesbians and
bisexuals),
By sexual orientation
(lesbians and
bisexuals)

, Afro-descendants, Afro-descendants, Afro-descendants, Afro-descendants, Afro-descendants, Afro-
descendants, Afro-descendants, Women Deprived of Liberty, Women deprived of liberty, Women deprived
of liberty, Women deprived of liberty, Women deprived of liberty, Women deprived of liberty, Women
deprived of liberty, Women with disabilities, Women with disabilities, Women with disabilities, Women with
disabilities, Women with disabilities

Type of violence

Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law
unions, Economic, Property, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual
abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Patrimonial, Intrafamilial, Psychological,
Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic,
Patrimonial, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within
marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Property, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types
of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Property,
Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and
common-law unions, Economic, Property, Domestic, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence,
Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Property, Domestic,
Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law
unions, Economic, Property, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual
abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Patrimonial, Intrafamilial, Psychological,
Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic,
Patrimonial, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within
marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Property, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other
types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions,

Economic, Property, Domestic, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Property, Domestic, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Property, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Patrimonial, Intrafamilial, Psychological, Physical, Other types of violence, Rape, sexual abuse within marriage and common-law unions, Economic, Patrimonial, Intrafamilial

Total number of people including women and family members

112

Sources

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Indicator statement

Number of users assisted in the various services for: girls and adolescents; adult women and older women victims of violence considering ethnic diversity; Afro-descendants, Euro Descendants; rural; with disabilities; with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, in the situation of migrant, refugee, displaced person, pregnant; in a vulnerable socioeconomic situation or affected by an armed conflict situation or deprived of their freedom.

Year

2018

Name of the institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs

Affiliation entity

The Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) is the national gender machinery of Antigua and Barbuda, operating under the Ministry of Social and Urban Transformation guides and supports government agencies, NGOs, civil society and faith-based sectors in integrating gender-responsive policies, programmes, legislation, and standards. DoGA is responsible for raising gender awareness, consolidating data, applying gender-mainstreaming approaches across areas such as GBV, health, economic empowerment, education, climate change and human rights.

Service name

Intake, Referral, & Checklist (Action Plan, Follow-Up, Closure)

Purpose

The Support and Referral Centre (SARC), a key unit of DoGA, aims to deliver a fully integrated, client-centered response to adult survivors of gender-based and sexual violence. Through its one stop model, SARC provides immediate medical care, legal guidance, psychosocial counselling, safety planning, dignity kits, emergency accommodation and referrals?all accessible via a 24/7 crisis hotline. It also maintains the national electronic GBV database to enable coordinated, confidential, data-driven support.

Group of women subject to guardianship

Older Adults, Adult Women, Women with Disabilities, Rural Women

Type of violence

Physical, Domestic, Psychological, Sexual

Service creation date

2017-06-19

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

286576



Evaluation report

Antigua & Barbuda has progressively strengthened its capacity to collect and analyze data on users assisted in cases of violence against women and girls with the use of the National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database. In the reporting period, a total of 188 survivors accessed services at the Support And Referral Centre.

Total users served

109

Sources

National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database

Year

2019

Name of the institution

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Affiliation entity

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Group of women subject to guardianship

Adult Women

Type of violence

Physical, Domestic, Psychological, Sexual

**Service creation date**

2017-06-19

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

286576

Evaluation report

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Total users served

63

Sources

National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database

Year

2020

Name of the institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs

Affiliation entity

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**Group of women subject to guardianship**

Adult Women

Type of violence

Physical, Domestic, Psychological, Sexual

Service creation date

2017-06-19

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

286576

Evaluation report

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Total users served

110

Sources

National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database

Year

2021

Name of the institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs

Affiliation entity

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Service name

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**Group of women subject to guardianship**

Mujeres Adultas

Type of violence

Física, Intrafamiliar, Psicológica, Sexual

Service creation date

2017-06-19

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

286576

Evaluation report

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Total users served

121

Sources

National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database

Year

2022

Name of the institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs

Affiliation entity

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Service name

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Group of women subject to guardianship

Adult Women

Type of violence

Domestic, Psychological, Sexual

Service creation date

2017-06-19

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

286576

Evaluation report

Antigua & Barbuda has progressively strengthened its capacity to collect and analyze data on users assisted in cases of violence against women and girls with the use of the National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database. In the reporting period, a total of 167 survivors accessed services at the Support And Referral Centre.

Total users served

160

Sources

National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database



Indicator statement

Existence of support networks at the local level (community, national, regional) for the emergency assistance and follow up of the violence against women problematic. ? Established mechanisms for inter-institutional communication and coordination. - Number and type of institutions (public, private, nature of the institutional activities) that make up the support network.

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Name of the network

Referral Pathway

Name of the public institution

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the private institution

Women Against Rape (WAR)

Name of civil society organizations in the support network for women victims of violence

Women Against Rape (WAR)

Description of the service

The Support and Referral Centre (SARC) is a specialized unit within the Directorate of Gender Affairs in Antigua and Barbuda. It is designed to serve as a one-stop centre providing comprehensive, survivor-centered services to individuals who have experienced gender-based violence (GBV), including domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of abuse. SARC offers psychosocial support, case management, crisis intervention, and referrals to a network of partner agencies to ensure holistic care and protection for survivors. The centre also works to raise public awareness and improve coordination among service providers.

Budget allocation

286576

Names of institutions coordinating the support network

SARC utilizes a structured referral pathway to ensure that survivors of gender-based violence receive timely and appropriate services. The process typically follows these steps: Intake and Assessment: Upon arrival, the survivor is welcomed into a safe and confidential space. A trained case worker or counselor conducts an initial needs assessment. Immediate Support: If necessary, the survivor receives emergency

psychosocial support and crisis counseling. Referral Coordination: Based on the survivor's needs, SARC facilitates referrals to partner agencies which may include: Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda (Special Victims Unit), Family and Social Services Division, Ministry of Health (clinics, hospitals, mental health services), Legal Aid and Advice Centre, and Non-Governmental Organizations (e.g., Women Against Rape, Interact, etc.) Ongoing Case Management: Survivors are followed up regularly, and support is adapted as needed to ensure long-term safety and recovery.

Sources

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/>



Indicator statement

Number of male and female officers disaggregated by sex who receive complaints of violence victims.

Year

2018

Name of the institution

Police Special Victims Support Unit: The SARC collaborates with this unit within the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, which investigates sexual offenses and provides support to victims.

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Unit address

American Road, St. John's

Number of women

4

Number of men

3

Sources

<https://genderaffairs.gov.ag/>

Year

2018

Name of the institution

Support And Referral Centre through the Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

Local/Municipal

Unit address

St. John's

Number of women

4

Number of men

0



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Sources

Directorate of Gender Affairs



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National Plans - Result



Indicator statement

Number of public institutions with specific units regarding women created and in operation; with assigned budget and;with a running budget.

Year

2018

Name of the institutions

Women Against Rape

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Client Intake

Creation date

2012-06-26

Description of the object

The Organisation aims to promote justice for survivors of Gender Based Violence through advocacy, education and providing services such as crisis intervention and psychosocial support, to women and families affected by sexual violence.

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Budget in dollars for the reporting year

0

Percentage of the budget

0



Indicator statement

Rate of women cared for in the integral assistance services during COVID-19 in proportion to the prior year before the pandemic.

Year

2019

Institution name

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Utilites Subsidy to senior citizen age 80 years and over

Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of women served in 2019

47

Number of women served in 2020

19

Number of women served in 2021

29

Year

2020

Institution name

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Utilites Subsidy to senior citizen age 80 years and over

Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal



Number of women served in 2019

47

Number of women served in 2020

19

Number of women served in 2021

29

Year

2021

Institution name

Social Protection Bored

Name of the instance/hierarchy

GAP Vouchers

Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of women served in 2019

0

Number of women served in 2020

0

Number of women served in 2021

4600

Year

2021

Institution name

Social Protection Bored

Name of the instance/hierarchy

HAPI Program

Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional



Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of women served in 2019

13

Number of women served in 2020

3

Number of women served in 2021

3

Year

2021

Institution name

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Utilites Subsidy to senior citizen age 80 years and over

Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal, Nacional/Federal, Nacional/Federal

Number of women served in 2019

47

Number of women served in 2020

19

Number of women served in 2021

29

Year

2022

Institution name

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Utilites Subsidy to senior citizen age 80 years and over



Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of women served in 2019

47

Number of women served in 2020

19

Number of women served in 2021

29

Year

2023

Institution name

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Utilites Subsidy to senior citizen age 80 years and over

Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of women served in 2019

47

Number of women served in 2020

19

Number of women served in 2021

29

Year

2024

Institution name

The Directorate of Gender Affairs



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Name of the instance/hierarchy

Utilites Subsidy to senior citizen age 80 years and over

Type of service

Refugios, casas de albergue u otras fórmulas de atención habitacional

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of women served in 2019

47

Number of women served in 2020

19

Number of women served in 2021

29



Indicator statement

Population rate of women cared for in shelters, shelters and reception rates with respect to the total number of requests for reception by the affected women or by the established protection bodies.

Year

2020

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Emergency Accommodations

Name of the shelter

The Support and Referral Center through The Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation based on the availability of funds in the absence of a shelter

Number of requests

0

Number of women received

0

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2021

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Emergency Accommodations

Name of the shelter

The Support and Referral Center through The Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation based on the availability of funds in the absence of a shelter

Number of requests

2

Number of women received

2

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

**Year**

2022

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Emergency Accommodations

Name of the shelter

The Support and Referral Center through The Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation based on the availability of funds in the absence of a shelter

Number of requests

2

Number of women received

2

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2023

Name of the instance/hierarchy

Emergency Accommodations

Name of the shelter

The Support and Referral Center through The Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation based on the availability of funds in the absence of a shelter

Number of requests

1

Number of women received

1

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2024



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Name of the instance/hierarchy

Emergency Accommodations

Name of the shelter

The Support and Referral Center through The Directorate of Gender Affairs offers emergency accommodation based on the availability of funds in the absence of a shelter

Number of requests

1

Number of women received

1

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs



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Indicators without a Response

1.-General observations



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Access to justice



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Access to justice - Structure



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Access to justice



Indicator statement

Existence of nationwide toll-free telephone lines for women victims of violence

Year

2018

Line number

268-463-5555

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Functions / Competences

The Crisis Hotline is operated 24hours a day, seven days a week. It allows individuals to access immediate emergency support in cases of abuse and domestic violence

Legal basis

The 24 Hour Crisis Hotline

Source of funding

Público

Sources

n/a

Indicator statement

Existence of public comprehensive legal representation services, either public or state supported, specialized in the protection of the right to a life without violence.

Year

2018

Service name

Legal Aid Department

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Functions / Competences

Legal Aid is the Government-assisted Programme that offers advice and assistance to persons who cannot afford to pay the full legal cost of a lawyer in private practice. The Service is not free. There is no absolute entitlement to legal aid. Assistance is based on need, circumstances and available resources. Thus, the programme ensure that those who can afford to contribute towards their legal cost do so. The LAAC was set up to assist person of low income. Particularly women and children. The elderly also qualify for advice and assistance. Juvenile (youth), accompanied by an adult, are also eligible for legal assistance. The LAAC can help you if you have a problem in the following areas: Family Matters-domestic violence, Child Support, access to and custody of Children, adoption, divorce and maintenance. Juveniles-Children under the age of 18 years. Consumer Affairs Matters, Landlord and Tenant, Wills and Inheritance Matters, Affidavits, Power of Attorney, Deeds Poll, Notarising of documents, Writing of Letters, Citizenship and Passport forms.

Legal basis

The Legal Aid and Advice Centre in Antigua and Barbuda offers legal services to those who cannot afford private legal representation.

Source of funding

Mixto

Sources

https://legalaffairs.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=legal_aid.php



Indicator statement

Existence of free and comprehensive legal services for girls, adolescents, adult women, senior women, rural, and that cares for interculturality, accordingly with the legislation in force.

Year

2018

Name of the institution providing the service

Legal Aid & Advice Centre

Name of the free legal services

Any woman or man who interacts with the Directorate of Gender Affairs can be referred to the Legal Aid and Advice Centre, and therefore will be entitled to free legal representation in the Domestic Violence proceedings before the Family Court. While the Domestic Violence Act 2015 is silent on the right to free legal services, its aim is to provide for the greater protection for victims of domestic violence and to make provision for granting of protection orders, thus resulting in persons being able to live a life without violence.

Source of funding

Público

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Group of women subject to guardianship

Todas las Anteriores

Functions / Competences

Legal Aid is the Government-assisted Programme that offers advice and assistance to persons who cannot afford to pay the full legal cost of a lawyer in private practice. The establishment of the Legal Aid & Advice Centre through the OECS-CIDA Judicial and Legal Reform Project and Legal Aid's relationship with the Directorate of Gender Affairs provides for referrals to be done on behalf of victims of Domestic Violence. This makes the process easier for persons who have been abused to access legal representation. The services are done on a pro-bono basis based on the relationship between the two agencies, and has not been funded through any agencies and/or supported through any NGO's.

Sources

https://legalaffairs.gov.ag/detail_page.php?page=legal_aid.php



Indicator statement

Existence of specialized care agencies on Violence against Women and Girls

Year

2018

Name of the organism

Directorate of Gender Affairs Support and Referral Center (SARC)

Type of instance

Oficina

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Law or regulation for its operation

Domestic Violence Act 2015

Name of the instance

Directorate of Gender Affairs Support and Referral Center (SARC)

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>

Year

2018

Name of the organism

Family and Social Services Division

Type of instance

Oficina

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Law or regulation for its operation

Antigua and Barbuda Domestic Violence Act 2015; Antigua and Barbuda Sexual Offences Act 1995; Childcare and Protection Act 2003

Name of the instance

Family and Social Services Division

**Sources**

https://www.oas.org/dil/The_Childcare_and_Protection_Antigua_and_Barbuda.pdf

Year

2018

Name of the organism

Sir Lester Bird Mount St. John's Medical Center Department of Social Work Services

Type of instance

Instancia Especial

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Law or regulation for its operation

The MSJMC Department of Social Work Services offers professional psychosocial needs assessments, interventions, and coordination of community resources by qualified, experienced staff. They work in collaboration with the other members of the medical team, for individuals and families to better face the challenges of a health crisis and to maximize recovery efforts. Social Services cover inpatient and outpatient care areas as well as the Emergency Department.. Services offered by the Department include: 1. Referrals for Community Services 2. Elderly Care Planning 3. Child Abuse & Molestation Counseling 4. Victims of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence 5. Counseling 6. Consultation with medical team regarding patients with high risk issues: a. Teenage Parents b. Substance Abuse Patients c. Patients exhibiting extreme stress or anxiety d. Abandoned & Homeless Patients

Name of the instance

Sir Lester Bird Mount St. John's Medical Center Department of Social Work Services

Sources

n/a

Year

2018

Name of the organism

Women Against Rape (WAR)

Type of instance

Instancia Especial



Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Law or regulation for its operation

Women Against Rape (WAR) was established in 2008 and is a non-governmental organization formed in response to the unprecedented reported number of rape cases in Antigua and Barbuda in 2007. The organisation promotes inclusive health parity and victim justice through advocacy, education and direct services geared towards direct services to women and families affected by sexual violence. WAR advocates for a coordinated response to prevention and management of gender based violence, including sexual violence, and the realization of gender equality in Antigua and Barbuda. Through individual service provision, and outreach/education using a health promotion framework we aim to increase the capacity of individuals and communities to take control over their lives and health. WAR also partners with organizations and stakeholders to push for the adoption of policy and legislation change that fosters the realization of gender equality. working towards gender equality and the elimination of violence in Antigua and Barbuda. The direct services WAR provides includes: counseling (psychological and spiritual), Post Exposure Prophylaxis counseling, Sexual Assault Response Training for Outreach Workers, Client Advocacy and Referrals to sensitive agencies (including: HIV VCT, legal counsel, and other government and private health services). Our broad based and targeted outreach activities include: educational talks and facilitated workshops at community/ faith based organizations and schools, facilitation and support of sexual health peer outreach workers, hosting of public symposiums and meetings on gender inequality and GBV, and a health sexuality radio show. WAR advocates for a cultural shift in values and attitudes, legislation, public policy, education and research that guarantees the respect and dignity and safety of vulnerable women including female sex workers and promotes health parity and victim justice through coordinated multiagency working and services. Vision We envision a society that thrives on social justice and peace and an Antigua and Barbuda that has a zero-tolerance approach to gender-based violence and a system, communities and families that protect and promote the rights of all vulnerable women and girls, so that they can safely pursue, their social, economic, emotional and intellectual lives. Objective To work towards achieving gender equality and the elimination of violence in Antigua and Barbuda.

Name of the instance

Woman Against Rape (WAR)

Sources

<https://ngo.cpdngo.org/listing/women-against-rape-war-inc/>



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Indicator statement

Existence of specialized investigative bodies on Violence against Women and Girls

Year

2018

Name of the organism

Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda Special Victims Unit

Type of instance

Instancia Especial

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Law or regulation for its operation

Sexual Offences Act 1995; Domestic Violence Act 2015

Name of the instance

Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda Special Victims Unit

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/a1995-9.pdf>



Indicator statement

Existence of unilateral divorce

Year

2018

Name of the regulation and/or law

The Divorce Act 1997, N0. 10 of 1997

Publication date

1997-03-11

Number and text of article

N0.7 Divorce Grounds

Number of divorces

0

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/a1997-10.pdf>



Indicator statement

Existence of legislation on protective measures, at the request of the victim or third parties or on an ex-officio basis, before and during administrative and/or judicial proceedings

Year

2018

Name of the norm and/or regulation

Antigua and Barbuda Domestic Violence Act 2015 No.27 of 2015. Part 11 Protection Orders

Publication date

2016-03-17

Effective date

2015-11-18

Name of the institution/hierarchy

Instancia Especial

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Protection measures

PROTECTION ORDERS 5. Application for protection order (1) An applicant may apply to the Court for an Interim Protection Order pursuant to section 6 in accordance with Form I in Schedule II, on the ground that the respondent has engaged in domestic violence. (2) The Clerk shall inform the applicant that they may seek assistance from the Directorate of Gender Affairs. (3) The application referred to in subsection (1) shall be made by way of an affidavit in which shall be stated? (a) the facts on which the application is based; (b) the nature of the order applied for; (c) the name of the police station at which the applicant is likely to report any breach of the protection order. (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, an application made pursuant to subsection (1) may be brought on behalf of the applicant by any other person, who has a material interest in the well-being of the applicant, including a police officer, a social worker or advocate, save and except that the application shall be brought with the consent of the applicant, except in circumstances where the applicant is- (a) a child; (b) physically or mentally incapacitated by unsoundness of mind or a disability; (c) unconscious; or (d) under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. (e) uncooperative but there exists credible information on which the case may be pursued (5) Pursuant to subsection (4) (a) a child may apply for a protection order through? (a) a person with whom the child normally resides or resides with on a regular basis or any adult member of his or her household; or a parent or guardian or a person who is in loco parentis to the child. (6) The application referred to pursuant to subsection (1) may be brought outside the ordinary hours of the Court or on a day which is not an ordinary day for the sitting of the Court. (7) The application made pursuant to subsection (1) may be accompanied by supporting affidavits of persons who have knowledge of the matter concerned. (8) The applicant may

request that his or her physical address be omitted from the protection order. (9) The application and affidavits shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Court who shall forthwith submit the application and the affidavits to the Court. (10) In considering the application made pursuant to subsection (1), the Court? (a) may require further oral evidence or evidence by affidavit; and (b) shall record any oral evidence referred to in paragraph (a).

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>



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Indicator statement

Existence of actions for constitutional relief (protection, custody), relevant for the defense of women and girls rights.

Year

2018

Name of the judicial or administrative decision

Domestic Violence Act 2015, No. 27 of 2015

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Type of constitutional action

Acciones de Protección

Date of entry into force

2016-03-17

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>



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Indicator statement

Existence of courts specialized in Violence against Women and Girls

Year

2019

Name of the court

Sexual Offences Model Court

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Name of the law

Antigua and Barbuda Domestic Violence Act 2015, No. 27 of 2015

Name of the instance

Sexual Offences Model Court

Sources

https://jurist.ccj.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Final_Booklet-ilovepdf-compressed.pdf



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Existence of criminal investigation protocols on crimes of violence against women, femicide and violent deaths of women, with a gender perspective



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Access to justice - Process



Indicator statement

Number of women victims of sexual offences by age, ethnicity, and socioeconomic situation.

Year

2018

Institution name

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Locality

Antigua

Age group

Todas

Socioeconomic level of victims

Quintil I

Name of indigenous ethnicity

Antiguan

Total number of national victims

127

Sources

Support and Referral Centre Database

Year

2019

Institution name

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Locality

Antigua

Age group

Todas



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Socioeconomic level of victims

Quintil I

Name of indigenous ethnicity

Antiguan

Total number of national victims

129

Sources

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Year

2022

Institution name

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Locality

Antigua

Age group

Todas

Socioeconomic level of victims

Quintil I

Name of indigenous ethnicity

Antiguan

Total number of national victims

170

Sources

Support and Referral Centre Database

Year

2023

Institution name

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Support and Referral Centre



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Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Locality

Antigua

Age group

Todas

Socioeconomic level of victims

Quintil I

Name of indigenous ethnicity

Antiguan

Total number of national victims

91

Sources

Support and Referral Centre Database



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Indicator statement

Number of users who access to free legal services, either public or private, and with or without state subsidy.

Year

2022

Line number

1

Age group

35-49

Type of violence

Total number of national victims

20

Institution name

Antigua and Barbuda Legal Aid and Advice Centre

Sources

Antigua and Barbuda Legal Aid and Advice Centre



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Indicator statement

Number of users who access to free legal services, either public or private, and with or without state subsidy.

Year

2023

Name of the institutions

Antigua and Barbuda Legal Aid and Advice Centre

Type of violence

Psicológica, Sexual, Física, Patrimonial, Económica, Intrafamiliar

Age of users

35-49

Financing origin

Público

Number of users

15

Sources

Antigua and Barbuda Legal Aid and Advice Centre



Indicator statement

Existing training processes on women's rights for the personnel of the Courts of Justice and the Public Prosecutor's Office (judges, prosecutors, public defenders, lawyers and legal operators, police, administrative authorities related to the assistance of the complaint, and workers of national machineries), coverage, topics, and scope.

Year

2018

Organism name

Judicial Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project

Training name

Sexual Assault Sensitivity Training

Target population

Fiscales

Thematic coverage

Sexual Assault, Pre-Trial Case Management, and Effective prosecution of sexual offences were some of the trainings that took place. In 2019, Antigua and Barbuda established the first Sexual Offences Model Court in the Caribbean region. In 2018, leading up to this, with support from the Judicial Reform and Institutional Strengthening Project (JURIST) a series of trainings were held with the police, senior judicial officials such as prosecutors, judges and well as court clerks, NGOs, and the gender bureau staff.

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Number of women

100

Number of men

78

Monitoring mechanisms

There is a Multi-sectoral stakeholder committee as part of the court's make-up, comprising various stakeholders from government and civil society to ensure the sexual offences model court is sustainable and the principles emphasized during the training can be maintained.

Impact and/or consideration

These trainings and the eventual establishment of the sexual offences model court have had a significant impact on the perceptions, attitudes and approaches towards sexual assault service provision by key stakeholders nationally. There is a more robust understanding of gender responsive and client centred principles and survivors of gender based violence can go through the legal and judicial process with more dignity and respect for the trauma they have faced.



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Sources

<https://jurist.ccj.org/model-guidelines-for-dealing-with-sexual-offences/somc/training/>



Indicator statement

Number of courts and specialized prosecutors' offices, that undertake violence against women matters, on civil, criminal or other areas.

Year

2018

Type of instance

Instance/jurisdiction name

The courts that deal with violence against women matters on civil, criminal and other cases are the high court, the Magistrate's court, family court and sexual offences model court.

Attaching institution

Ministry of Legal Affairs

Area of competence

Penales

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Sources

Ministry of Legal Affairs

Legal basis



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Number of women who have filed violence complaints at the Police stations.

2.-Database records with relevant jurisprudence from federal and state courts, on violence against women, including documentation of cases, testimonies and mechanisms to protect those who provide testimonies.



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Access to justice - Result



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Number and percentage of criminal cases for femicide/feminicide, murder, or violent death of women, including offence on attempt; in relation to the number and percentage of judgments (convictions and/or acquittals) for femicide, murder issued.

2.-Number and percentage of cases heard by the Criminal Courts (ordinary and specialized) for different crimes of violence against women in relation to the number and percentage of sentences (convictions and / or acquittals) handed down by the courts (ordinary and specialized) disaggregated by sex, age, race and ethnicity, in the year of the report.

3.-Number and percentage of complaints of violence withdrawn by the victim with respect to the total complaints of violence in the last year

4.-General observations



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Information and Statistics



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Information and Statistics - Structure



Indicator statement

Regulations covering the State's obligation to keep administrative records (police, judiciary, prosecutors' offices, public defenders' offices, social services, health services, etc.) on cases of violence against girls, adolescents, and adult and older women in its various forms

Year

2018

Name of the law

CEDAW Report

Publication date

2017-12-06

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Purpose of the law

Aimed at ensuring comprehensive documenting, monitoring, and protection for women and girls against all forms of violence, including domestic violence, sexual violence, trafficking, and gender-based abuse by establishing mechanisms for monitoring, enforcement, and redress.

Obligated institutions and/or specific mandates

The state is to establish and maintain administrative records. Law enforcers must record reports, carry out investigations, and perform enforcement actions. The court is to document protection orders, hearings and judgement, as well as orders must be served properly, and violations are to be documented and prosecuted. Prosecutors and public defenders are to track case progress and outcomes. Social support and health services are to record and document incident reports, support, and referrals. The confidentiality and data security of victims in record should be secure. Data is to be integrated across agencies for case tracking and analysis. The data is to be regularly compiled and analyzed to ensure policies and responses remain informed

Sources

<https://docstore.ohchr.org/SelfServices/FilesHandler.ashx?enc=I7S0qHj9mUo%2FxuoJssSs5U7gvWJ71CibTRI3NaAqwOIKewE%2BJnhzY2PbiZ0OwU8GXNczacJAYvVpH%2B7zAGQvVQ%3D%3D>

Year

2018

**Name of the law**

Domestic Violence Act, 2015

Publication date

2016-03-17

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Purpose of the law

Aimed at providing greater protection for victims of domestic violence, as well as establish procedures for the granting and enforcing of protection orders and to promote the safety, well being and rights of individuals affected by domestic violence particularly women and girls.

Obligated institutions and/or specific mandates

The State is instructed provide protection and support to victims, including access to counselling and court orders. Detailed administrative records should be maintained across police, courts, social services and health agencies on domestic violence cases. It is to be ensured that police responses to all complaints, including investigation, reporting and victim assistance is prompt. Police power to arrest offenders , seize weapon and execute warrants to prevent domestic violence is to be exercised. Court proceedings are to be conducted efficiently and orders and hearings are to be placed on record. Breach of penalties by offender should be enforced through fines and imprisonment, and violations of protection orders should be investigated. The coordination between agencies for comprehensive case management and victim protection is also to be ensured. Data is to be collected and analyzed on domestic violence incidents to inform law enforcement. Public awareness of victim's right's, reporting mechanisms and available support services is to be promoted. the Supporting regulations to ensure effective implementation and administration of the Act is to be developed.

Sources

<https://laws.gov.ag/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/a2015-27.pdf>

Year

2024

Name of the law

Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action Report

Publication date

2024-06-06

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal



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Purpose of the law

Aimed at promoting progress towards gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, identifying challenges and guide policy actions in advancing women's rights.

Obligated institutions and/or specific mandates

The State is instructed to maintain comprehensive, disaggregated, secure, and confidential records of cases related to violence against women and girls. Data is to be regularly updated and analyzed to inform policies, prevention and response strategies. Sectors should collaborate to standardize recordkeeping and report procedures. Data systems should be linked to facilitate the tracking of cases through reporting, investigation, prosecution and adjudication stages.

Sources

https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2024-09/b30_report_antigua_and_barbuda_en.pdf



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Indicator statement

Number and characteristics of public-sector institutions producing or generating statistical information on violence against women

Year

2018

Name of the institution

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Area of competences

Data Collections

Unit name

Support And Referral Centre

Publications made in the reporting year

188

Sources

National Gender Based & Sexual Violence Electronic Database



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Information and Statistics - Process



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Periodic statistical reports on violence against women



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Information and Statistics - Result



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Regular publication of statistics and studies carried out on violence against women

2.-General observations



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Diversity



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Diversity - Structure



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Legislation enacted that prohibits and classifies as violence, non-consensual medical, scientific or social experiments, interventions or treatments, including the non-consensual administration of drugs and other violations of the physical and mental integrity of women with disabilities

2.-Public policies aimed at removing barriers to facilitate access to justice for women within vulnerable groups: physical, social, economic, cultural-attitudinal, of information, communication



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Diversity - Process



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Diversity - Result



Indicator statement

Number of women with disabilities cared for by accessible social and support services for victims of violence, by type and reach of the service

Year

2024

Institution name

The Directorate of Gender Affairs

Scope of coverage

Nacional/Federal

Service name

Protection Order

Service type

Protection Order

Age group of women served

50-65

Types of disabilities

Visual

Number of women

2

Sources

The Support and Referral Center (The Directorate of Gender Affairs)



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Indicator statement

Rate of violence and hate crimes against women within vulnerable groups

Year

2024

Institution providing information

The Directoraten of Gender Affairs

Population of women

Mujeres con Discapacidad

Age group of women served

50-65

Total national victims

2

Sources

The Support and Referral Center (The Directorate of Gender Affairs)



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Indicator statement

Number of women with disabilities who have suffered physical, psychological or sexual violence by age, and type of disability

Year

2024

Institution providing information

Support andv Referral Center (The Directorate of Gender Affairs)

Types of disabilities

Visual

Age group of women served

50-65

Type of violence

Física

Total national victims

2

Sources

Support andv Referral Center (The Directorate of Gender Affairs)



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Indicator statement

General observations

General observations of the module

The clients where very cooperative



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Budget



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Budget - Structure



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Indicators without a Response

1.-National budget law with identification of funds allocated for Women's Mechanisms



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Budget - Process



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Indicators without a Response

1.-Periodic accountability reports on financial management of resources allocated for access to justice for women victims of violence



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Budget - Result



Indicator statement

Percentage of budget execution assigned of the total budget assigned to the National Women's Mechanisms and / or the agencies on which these services depend

Year

2021

Name of the mechanism/linked institutions

Directorate of Gender Affairs

Execution percentage

23

Budget in dollars for the reporting Year

9

Sources

Directorate of Gender Affairs



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Indicator statement

Percentage of the budget assigned and executed with respect to services for violence victims in its different aspects: telephone assistance, legal and health care.

Year

2020

Name of the mechanism/linked institutions

Directorate of Gender Affairs, Justice & Legal Affairs

Type of service

Acompañamiento Psicológico

Budget allocation

137999998

Amount of budget execution

138000000

Sources

The Directorate of Gender Affairs



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Indicator statement

General observations

General module observations

Overall, the Government of Antigua and Barbuda has invested in women's empowerment, gender equality, and gender-based violence. The government has invested significantly in the Directorate of Gender Affairs in relation to staffing, the Support and Referral Centre, and initiatives geared towards addressing the needs and concerns of women and girls.