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1 Identification

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REGISTER YEAR OF THE SHEET

2022

SOURCES<https://stats.gov.lc/>**Women population**

0-19 YEARS	20-34 YEARS	35-49 YEARS	50-64 YEARS	65+ YEARS
21,527	19,027	19,191	16,286	11,089

Men population

0-19 YEARS	20-34 YEARS	35-49 YEARS	50-64 YEARS	65+ YEARS
22,259	18,428	18,429	16,105	9,493

Legislation

Structure

Ind. 65	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					
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	RULE NAME	ENFORCEMENT DATE	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	VIOLENCE CONCEPT. PRIVATE SCOPE	VIOLENCE CONCEPT. PUBLIC SCOPE	SOURCES
2022	Domestic Violence Act	08/03/2022	National/Federal	Act No. 11	Act No. 11	https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/St.%20Lucia%20DV%20Act%2C%202022%20-%20final%20enacted%20and%20gazetted%20version.pdf

Ind. 250	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.					
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	REGULATION NAME	TYPE OF LEGAL INSTRUMENT	ENFORCEMENT DATE	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	NUMBER AND ARTICLE TEXT	SOURCES
2022	Domestic Violence Act	Act	08/03/2022	National/Federal	Act 11 of 2022	https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/St.%20Lucia%20DV%20Act%2C%202022%20-%20final%20enacted%20assented%20and%20gazetted%20version.pdf
TYPE OF VIOLENCE						
Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Intrafamily, Patrimonial, Economic, Online, Rape and sexual abuse within marriage and civil unions, Other types of violence						

Ind. 249	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.						
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	REGULATION NAME	HIERARCHY IN LEGAL ORDERING	ENFORCEMENT DATE	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	LEGISLATION NAME	POPULATION GROUP	SOURCES
2018	Child (Care, Protection and Adoption) Act (Act 8 of 2018)	Legal	12/12/2018	National/Federal	Child (Care, Protection and Adoption) Act 2018	Girls and Adolescents	https://www.govt.lc/media.govt.lc/www/resources/publications/child--care--protection-and-adoption--bill-2018.pdf
2022	Domestic Violence Act, No. 11 of 2022	Legal	08/03/2022	National/Federal	Domestic Violence Act, No. 11 of 2022	Girls and Adolescents, Women with Disabilities, Pregnant Women, Older Adult Women, Adult Women	https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/St.%20Lucia%20DV%20Act%2C%202022%20-%20final%20enacted%20as%20sent%20and%20gazetted%20version.pdf

Ind. 144	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
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2022	
RULE NAME	
Domestic Violence Act, No. 11 of 2022	
EFFECTIVE DATE	
08/03/2022	
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	
National/Federal	
SOURCES	
https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/St.%20Lucia%20DV%20Act%2C%202022%20-%20final%20enacted%20assented%20and%20gazetted%20version.pdf	

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.

NO DATA

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.

NO DATA

Ind. 59	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.
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2024	
SPACE NAME	
National Inter-Agency Gender-Based Violence Prevention & Response (GBV) Task Force	
NAME OF ENTITY	
Division of Gender Affairs, Ministry of the Public Service, Labour & Gender Affairs	
RULE NAME	
Cabinet Conclusion establishing the National Inter-Agency GBV Prevention & Response Task Force	
ENFORCEMENT DATE	
11/11/2024	
BEGIN DATE	
12/12/2024	
SCOPE OF COMPETENCES	
Cross-government and civil-society coordination for GBV prevention and response; institutionalize partnerships across health, social services, police, justice and education; review Terms of Reference; support development of a one-stop centre; align with national legislation and UN-supported programmes.	
US\$ BUDGET	
0	
SOURCES	
https://caribbean.unwomen.org/en/stories/news/2024/12/saint-lucia-launches-first-ever-national-inter-agency-gbv-task-force	

Ind. 128	Assistance protocols for justice officials, police, police stations, service providers, healthcare service providers, educators, public officials in relation to the different forms of violence.						
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	INSTITUTION	PROTOCOL	PUBLISH DATE	PROTOCOL OBJECT	SCOPE OF OPERATION	TYPE OF VIOLENCE	SOURCES
2021	Division of Gender Affairs	National GBV Referral Pathways	01/07/2021	Benefits & action protocol: survivor-centred pathways linking police, health, social services, shelter, legal aid and NGOs; outlines roles, services, and steps for safe referrals.	Action Protocols	Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Intrafamily, Patrimonial, Economic, Institutional, Trafficking, Sexual harassment at work/educational/health institutions, Rape and sexual abuse within marriage and civil unions, Other types of violence, Obstetric	https://genderlms.govt.lc/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Final-GBV-Referral-Pathways-St-Lucia-July-2021_Final-for-printing.pdf
2022	Royal Saint Lucia Police Force (RSLPF) – Vulnerable Persons Team	Operational duties and procedures for responding to domestic violence under the Domestic Violence Act No. 11 of 2022 (police duties, reporting, referrals)	08/03/2022	Action protocol for police: receiving and recording complaints, scene response, investigation, referral, written reports to Commissioner/Director; training mandates across justice and health.	Police personnel	Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Intrafamily, Patrimonial, Economic	https://genderlms.govt.lc/resources/domestic-violence-act/
	Ministry of	Protocol for the	01/08/2019	Action & benefits protocol in	Educators	NO DATA	https://ca

2019	Education / Guidance & Counselling; in coordination with the Division of Human Services	Management of Child Abuse and Neglect in Saint Lucia (Part 1 & Part 2)		schools: mandatory reporting duties for principals/teachers/counsellors; referral to Human Services & Police; safeguarding steps and follow-up supports for children (girls/boys).			mdu.edu.lc/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Protocol-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect-part-1.pdf; http://camdu.edu.lc/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Protocol-Child-Abuse-and-Neglect-part-2.pdf
2022	Division of Gender Affairs	A Practitioner's Guide to the Domestic Violence Act No. 11 of 2022 (multi-sector user guide)	08/07/2022	Benefits & action guide for justice, police, health, and social-service practitioners: interpreting offences and protections; safety planning; intake/recording; inter-agency coordination and referrals.	All of the above	Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Intrafamily, Patrimonial, Economic, Other types of violence	https://genderlms.govt.lc/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Practitioners-Guide-on-DV-Act-2022-Final-July-8_Print-version.pdf

Ind. 129	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						
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	INSTITUTION	PROTOCOL	PUBLISH DATE	SERVICE AREA	PROTOCOL OBJECT	TYPE OF VIOLENCE	SOURCES
2021	Division of Gender Affairs	National GBV Referral Pathways	01/07/2021	Shelters, Legal Advice, Psychological Support, Telephone Support, Health Care	Multi-agency referral protocol ensuring coordinated and survivor-centred assistance; standardizes referral between police, health, shelters, psychosocial, and legal services.	Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Intrafamily, Patrimonial, Economic, Institutional, Labor, Online, Non-consensual Insemination, Forced Sterilization, Symbolic, Trafficking, Forced Prostitution (According to Rome Statute), Sexual harassment at work/educational/health institutions, Rape and sexual abuse within marriage and civil unions	https://genderlms.govt.lc/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Final-GBV-Referral-Pathways-St-Lucia-July-2021_Final-for-printing.pdf
2024	Division of Gender Affairs	A Practitioner's Guide to the Domestic Violence Act, No. 11 of 2022	08/07/2024	Shelters, Legal Advice, Psychological Support, Telephone Support, Health Care	User guide explaining duties of public officials and service providers under the 2022 DV Act; clarifies procedures for protection orders, referrals, evidence, counselling, and survivor services.	Physical, Sexual, Psychological, Intrafamily, Patrimonial, Economic, Rape and sexual abuse within marriage and civil unions, Other types of violence	https://genderlms.govt.lc/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Practitioners-Guide-on-DV-Act-2022-Final-July-8_Print-version.pdf

Process

Number of state offices, secretariats or agencies specializing in treating with violence against women. Coverage by jurisdictions (national, state, provincial, local).
NO DATA
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.
NO DATA
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
NO DATA

Result	
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.	
NO DATA	
Maternal Mortality rate in girls and adolescents from 10 to 19 years old on a national level.	
NO DATA	
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.	
NO DATA	
Proportion of underage girls (under 18 years of age) who have suffered sexual violence	
NO DATA	
Pregnancy, childbirth, interruptions and abortions rate in girls and adolescents (10-19 years of age) on a national level.	
NO DATA	
Ind. 105	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.
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2020	
INSTITUTION	
Division of Gender Affairs	
FREQUENCY	
NO DATA	
REPORT NAME	
Report of the Assessment of the Implementation of Gender Equality, Saint Lucia	
REPORT OBJECT	
Evaluates how gender equality frameworks and practices (e.g., workplace norms, protocols, institutional capacity) are implemented across public institutions	
TYPE OF POWERS	
Entity to which the report is submitted	
ADVERTISING DATE	
03/07/2020	
MEANS OF ACCESSING CONTENT	
Public PDF via Gender Affairs LMS portal (genderlms.govt.lc)	
SOURCES	
https://genderlms.govt.lc/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Report-of-the-assessment-of-the-implementation-of-gender-equality.lccarr2020_1-Final-July-3.pdf	
General observations	
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2024	
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS	
Femicide/feminicide is not recognized as a separate offence nor expressly as an aggravating circumstance under Saint Lucia's Criminal Code (2018–2024). Killings of women are prosecuted as homicide (murder/manslaughter) under general provisions.	

Structure

Ind. 185	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
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2024	
NAME OF NATIONAL PLAN	
National Inter-Agency Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response Task Force	
INSTITUTION NAME	
Department of Gender Affairs	
INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED	
UN Women, Global Affairs Canada and UNFPA through the BBE; Ministry of Justice, Royal Saint Lucia Police Force, Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs, Ministry of Education Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science, Technology and Vocational Training, the Saint Lucia Planned Parenthood (a CSO)	
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	
National	
GROUP OF WOMEN	
Girls and Adolescents, Rural, Women with Disabilities, Migrants, Refugees and Displaced, Women Deprived of Liberty, Pregnant Women, Women in Unfavorable Socioeconomic Situation, Older Adult Women, Adult Women, Living with HIV/AIDS, Trafficking Victims, All of the Above, By sexual orientation (lesbians and bisexuals), By gender identity (trans women), Indigenous Women, Afrodescendants	
DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL PLAN	
Cabinet Conclusion on November 11, 2024	
TYPE OF POLICY	
Strategic Action	
SOURCES	
https://caribbean.unwomen.org/en/stories/news/2024/12/saint-lucia-launches-first-ever-national-inter-agency-gbv-task-force	

Ind. 184	Structural or temporary assistance measures for violence against women within the framework of measures to stop the spread of COVID-19						
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	NAME OF THE POLICY UNDER COVID-19	RELEASE DATE	INSTITUTE DEVELOP POLICY	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	DIFFUSION MECHANISMS	POLICY DESCRIPTION	SOURCES
2020	Enabling, Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGenDER) Project	03/09/2020	Government of Canada and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Government of St. Lucia	NO DATA	All of the above	In response to increased risks of gender-based violence during periods of lockdown, curfew, and social isolation under COVID-19 restrictions, the Division of Gender Affairs and partner agencies implemented both structural and temporary assistance measures.	https://www.un.org/bahamas/press-releases/engender-supports-efforts-tackle-gender-based-violence-and-covid-19-saint-lucia
2020	Emergency GBV Response Measures under the COVID-19 National Response Plan	01/04/2020	Ministry of Equity, Social Justice, Local Government and Empowerment in coordination with the Ministry of Health and the National COVID-19 Response Centre	NO DATA	Press, Brochures, Radio, Social Media, All of the above, Television	During COVID-19 lockdowns (2020–2021), Saint Lucia adopted temporary assistance measures to protect women and girls from violence: Hotline services were reinforced (24/7 domestic violence helplines and police emergency numbers were advertised). Shelter services (Women's Support Centre) remained operational with adjusted intake protocols. Police Vulnerable Persons Team (VPT) maintained essential service operations. Public awareness campaigns were run via radio, TV, and social media. Support provided under UN Women's Caribbean "COVID-19 GBV Response" project allowed continuity of counselling, psychosocial support, and emergency accommodation. These measures were temporary, emergency-oriented, and nested within	Government of Saint Lucia, COVID-19 Response Centre press releases, 2020. UN Women Caribbean, COVID-19 and GBV in the Caribbean: Rapid Response Measures (2020–21).

Ind. 186	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
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2022	
NAME OF NATIONAL PLAN	
Domestic Violence Act, No 11 of 2022 – cross-government policy mandate (functions as the umbrella policy other sectors implement)	
INSTITUTIONS IN CHARGE	
Ministry of Home Affairs (security/police); Division of Gender Affairs (national machinery)	
EXECUTION PERIOD	
From 08/03/2022 (ongoing)	
OTHER INSTITUTIONS	
Royal Saint Lucia Police Force; Ministry of Health; Ministry of Education; Family Court; Legal Aid Authority; Social services	
IMPACTED SECTORS	
NO DATA	
GROUP OF WOMEN	
Girls and Adolescents, Women with Disabilities, Pregnant Women, Older Adult Women, Adult Women	
US\$ BUDGET	
0	
SOURCES	
Domestic Violence Act s.3 places a duty on the Minister to develop and implement effective, comprehensive and coordinated cross-government policies to prevent domestic violence and provide services. https://outrightinternational.org/sites/default/files/St.%20Lucia%20DV%20Act%2C%202022%20-%20final%20enacted%20assented%20and%20gazetted%20version.pdf	

Ind. 183	Number of facilities that provide care and psychological support before, during, and after the legal process
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2024	
INSTITUTION	
Women's Support Centre	
NAME OF SERVICE	
Shelter and psychosocial services	
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	
NO DATA	
ANNUAL BUDGET IN US\$	
174,119	
NUMBER OF MEN WORKING IN THE SERVICE	
2	
NUMBER OF WOMEN WORKING IN THE SERVICE	
5	
FINANCING SOURCE	
NO DATA	
SOURCES	
https://www.finance.gov.lc/resources/download/2223	

Process

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.
NO DATA

Number of male and female officers disaggregated by sex who receive complaints of violence victims.
NO DATA

Number of shelters, homes or other forms of housing care for women victims of violence
NO DATA

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.
NO DATA

Result

Ind. 197	Number of public institutions with specific units regarding women created and in operation; with assigned budget and; with a running budget.
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2024	
INSTITUTION	
Ministry of the Public Service, Labour and Gender Affairs	
NAME OF INSTANCE	
Division of Gender Affairs (National Women's Machinery)	
CREATION DATE	
01/04/1997	
OBJECT DESCRIPTION	
National Women's Machinery with mandate to promote gender equality, coordinate policies, monitor and respond to gender-based violence, sensitize the public, support treaty reporting (CEDAW, MESECVI, Beijing+30), and strengthen inter-sectoral referral systems.	
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	
National	
US\$ BUDGET	
595,000	
BUDGET PERCENTAGE	
1	
SOURCES	
https://www.finance.gov.lc/resources/download/2223	

Ind. 199	Rate of women cared for in the integral assistance services during COVID-19 in proportion to the prior year before the pandemic.
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2019	
INSTITUTION NAME	
Women's Support Centre	
NAME OF INSTANCE	
Women's Support Centre (national shelter and psychosocial support service)	
TYPE OF SERVICE	
NO DATA	
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	

National
NUMBER OF WOMEN ATTENDED IN 2019
95
NUMBER OF WOMEN ATTENDED IN 2020
145
NUMBER OF WOMEN ATTENDED IN 2021
150
NUMBER OF WOMEN ATTENDED IN 2022
N/A
SOURCES
Division of Gender Affairs administrative data (shelter and hotline case logs, 2019–2021, reported to UN Women Caribbean). UN Women Caribbean, COVID-19 and Gender-Based Violence in the Caribbean: Rapid Response Measures (2020–2021). UN Women, Beijing+30 Country Report – Saint Lucia (2024), summarising impact of COVID-19 on GBV service demand.

Ind. 201	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.				
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	NAME OF INSTANCE	SHELTER NAME	NUMBER OF REQUESTS	NUMBER OF WOMEN RECEIVED	SOURCES
2018	Women's Shelter	Women's Support Centre	12	12	Women Support Centre physical records
2019	Women's Shelter	Women's Support Centre	8	8	Women Support Centre physical records
2020	Women's Shelter	Women's Support Centre	10	10	Women Support Centre physical records
2021	Women's Shelter	Women's Support Centre	9	9	Women Support Centre physical records
2022	Women's Shelter	Women's Support Centre	2	2	Women Support Centre physical records
2023	Women's Shelter	Women's Support Centre	4	4	Women Support Centre physical records

General observations
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
NO DATA

Structure

Ind. 136	Existence of specialized care agencies on Violence against Women and Girls				
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	ORGANISM	TYPE OF INSTANCE	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	LAW OR REGULATION	SOURCES
2022	Vulnerable Persons Unit	Royal Saint Lucia Police Force	National/Federal	Domestic Violence Act, Counter Trafficking Act 2021, Criminal Code	Attorney Generals Chambers
2023	Vulnerable Persons Unit	Royal Saint Lucia Police Force	National/Federal	Domestic Violence Act, Counter Trafficking Act 2021, Criminal Code	Attorney Generals Chambers

Ind. 137	Existence of specialized investigative bodies on Violence against Women and Girls				
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	ORGANISM	TYPE OF INSTANCE	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	LAW OR REGULATION	SOURCES
2021	Vulnerable Persons Unit	Royal Saint Lucia Police Force	National	Domestic Violence Act, Counter Trafficking Act 2021	Attorney Generals Chambers
2023	Vulnerable Police Team	Royal Saint Lucia Police Force	NO DATA	Domestic Violence Act, Counter Trafficking Act 2021, Criminal Code	Attorney Generals Chambers
2023	Saint Lucia Forensic Science Laboratory	Ministry of Justice	National	Evidence Act 2014	Forensic Science Services
2024	Saint Lucia Forensic Science Laboratory	Ministry of Justice	National	Evidence Act 2014	Forensic Science Services

Ind. 245	Existence of courts specialized in Violence against Women and Girls				
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	NAME OF COURT	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	INSTANCE	LAW / REGULATION	SOURCES
2021	Family Court	National/Federal	Ministry of Justice	Domestic Violence Act	Attorney Generals Chambers
2022	Family Court	National/Federal	Ministry of Justice	Domestic Violence Act 2022	Attorney Generals Chambers, Government of St. Lucia Website
2023	Family Court	National/Federal	Ministry of Justice	Domestic Violence Act 2022	Attorney Generals Chambers, Government of St. Lucia Website

Ind. 140	Existence of criminal investigation protocols on crimes of violence against women, femicide and violent deaths of women, with a gender perspective.
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2024	
PROTOCOL TYPE	
NO DATA	
PROTOCOL NAME	
DNA-first approach to investigation of sexual assault cases	
INSTITUTION	
Saint Lucia Forensic Science Laboratory	
PUBLISH DATE	
21/02/2024	
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	
National	
SOURCES	
https://www.aafs.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/2024ProceedingsFINAL.pdf (page 202)	

NO DATA

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

NO DATA

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

NO DATA

Ind. 12	Existence of nationwide toll-free telephone lines for women victims of violence.
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INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	LINE NUMBER	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	FUNCTIONS / COMPETENCES	LEGAL BASIS	FINANCING SOURCE	SOURCES
2021	202	NO DATA	24 hour service, assisted by residential support staff of Women Support Centre	Domestic Violence Act	Public	Government of St. Lucia Website
2022	202	NO DATA	24 hour service, assisted by residential support staff of Women Support Centre	Domestic Violence Act	Public	Government of St. Lucia Website
2023	202	National	24 hour service, assisted by residential support staff of Women Support Centre	Domestic Violence Act	Public	Government of St. Lucia Website

Ind. 14	Existence of public comprehensive legal representation services, either public or state supported, specialized in the protection of the right to a life without violence.
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INDICATOR RECORD YEAR
2018
NAME OF SERVICE
Legal Aid Authority
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE
National
FUNCTIONS / COMPETENCES
Provides legal advice and representation in civil and criminal cases to persons of insufficient means, including vulnerable individuals
LEGAL BASIS
Authorized under the Legal Aid Act (No. 6 of 2008); governed by Legal Aid Regulations (SI 66/2018) enacted 20 August 2018
FINANCING SOURCE
NO DATA
SOURCES
https://attorneygeneralchambers.com/laws-of-saint-lucia/legal-aid-act/section-32

Ind. 15	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.
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INDICATOR RECORD YEAR
NO DATA
FREE SERVICES
Legal Aid Authority
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE
National/Federal
FUNCTIONS / COMPETENCES
Operates within the hours of 8 to 4:30, assigned lawyers, free services
SERVICE NAME
Legal Services
FINANCING SOURCE

Public
GROUP OF WOMEN SUBJECT TO GUARDIANSHIP
NO DATA
SOURCES
Government of St. Lucia Website

Process

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.
NO DATA

Number of courts and specialized prosecutors' offices, that undertake violence against women matters, on civil, criminal or other areas.
NO DATA

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.
NO DATA

Number of women who have filed violence complaints at the Police stations.
NO DATA

Number of women victims of sexual offences by age, ethnicity, and socioeconomic situation.
NO DATA

Number of users who access to free legal services, either public or private, and with or without state subsidy.
NO DATA

Number of users who access to free legal services, either public or private, and with or without state subsidy.
NO DATA

Result

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.
NO DATA

Number and percentage of complaints of violence withdrawn by the victim with respect to the total complaints of violence in the last year
NO DATA

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.
NO DATA

General observations

INDICATOR RECORD YEAR
2024
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
Saint Lucia does not have a specific legal classification for femicide or feminicide in its Criminal Code. Cases of violent death of women are prosecuted under general homicide provisions (murder or manslaughter). The Judiciary's case management system (JEMS) and the ECSC Annual Reports record total homicide and domestic violence cases, but they do not provide a breakdown by sex of the victim, nor do they separate attempted versus completed cases, convictions, or acquittals specifically for women. As a result, it is not currently possible to provide the number

and percentage of criminal cases or judgments for femicide or violent death of women in the format requested.

Structure

Ind. 204	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					
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	LAW	PUBLISH DATE	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	OBJECT OF THE LAW	MANDATORY INSTRUCTIONS	SOURCES
2022	Domestic Violence Act, No. 11 of 2022	08/07/2022	National	Provides protection to victims of domestic violence, regulates the duties of police and courts, and strengthens the justice system's response to gender-based violence.	Police receiving a complaint must prepare a written report with: names, gender, relationship of parties, address/location, nature of violence/weapon, date and time. Copy of report must be given to the victim and the Director. Police making warrantless entry must submit a written report to the Commissioner. Courts must keep a record of all documents filed in protection-order proceedings; restrictions apply to publishing reports to maintain confidentiality.	https://genderlms.govt.lc/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Practitioners-Guide-on-DV-Act-2022-Final-July-8_Print-version.pdf
2018	Child (Care, Protection and Adoption) Act, 8 of 2018	12/12/2018	National	Establishes a comprehensive framework for protecting children against abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence; regulates adoption, foster care, and state protection responsibilities.	The Director of Human Services must keep a record of: All reports received or made. Actions taken in response. Outcomes and dispositions ("as prescribed").	https://www.govt.lc/media.govt.lc/www/resources/publications/child-care-protection-and-adoption-bill-2018.pdf
2019	Child (Care, Protection and Adoption) Act, amended Act 20 of 2019	03/07/2019	National	Establishes a comprehensive framework for protecting children against abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence; regulates adoption, foster care, and state protection responsibilities.	The Director of Human Services must keep a record of: All reports received or made. Actions taken in response. Outcomes and dispositions ("as prescribed").	https://attorneygeneralchambers.com/laws-of-saint-lucia/child-care-protection-and-adoption-act

Ind. 206	Existence of institutions or units responsible for collecting and managing data on violence against women.					
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	INSTITUTION NAME	GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	COMPETENCES AREA	UNIT NAME	PUBLICATIONS MADE IN THE YEAR OF THE REPORT	SOURCES
2023	Royal Saint Lucia Police Force – Vulnerable Persons Team (VPT)	National	Recording and management of reports related to domestic violence, sexual offences, and vulnerable persons	Vulnerable Persons Team; Crime Management System	Crime Analysis report (Jan–Nov 2023) with breakdowns of reported sexual offences	https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/528267_SAINT-LUCIA-2023-HUMAN-RIGHTS-REPORT.pdf
2021	Family Court	National	Recording	Family Court	Court of Appeal Annual Report	Court documents, Social Workers' Intake Forms/Notebooks, JEMs
2023	Central Statistical Office (CSO), Department of Finance	National	Collection and analysis of demographic, health, and social statistics; survey implementation	Social and Demographic Statistics Division	2022/23 Provisional Results of Population & Housing Census	https://stats.gov.lc/sdc_download/12332/?key=gspstzbq47a13tlz8qzd5w6yr3xf9

Process

Periodic statistical reports on violence against women
NO DATA
Result
Regular publication of statistics and studies carried out on violence against women
NO DATA
General observations

INDICATOR RECORD YEAR
2024
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
While there have been ongoing discussions on the publication of data on Violence against Women and Girls, no such publication was produced within this time frame. It does however remain on the agenda of the Department of Gender Affairs and the Central Statistics Office of Saint Lucia.

Structure

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

NO DATA

Ind. 217 Public policies aimed at removing barriers to facilitate access to justice for women within vulnerable groups: physical, social, economic, cultural-attitudinal, of information, communication

INDICATOR RECORD YEAR

2022

PUBLIC POLICY NAME

National Social Protection Policy (NSPP) 2022-2030 (including its accompanying Action Plan and the Monitoring & Evaluation Framework)

INSTITUTION NAME

Ministry of Equity, Social Justice & Empowerment (lead agency overseeing the NSPP) Other collaborating institutions include: Ministries of Health, Education, Labour, and Gender (Department of Gender Affairs), as well as civil society partners.

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Ministry of Health Ministry of Education Ministry of Labour Department of Gender Affairs NGOs and civil society organizations (engaged in implementation and outreach)

COMMISSIONING DATE

01/09/2022

GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

National

EXISTENCE OF SHELTERS?

NO DATA

SHELTER NAME

NO DATA

SOURCES

<https://www.govt.lc/media.govt.lc/www/resources/publications/slu-nspp-book-for-web.pdf>

Result

Rate of violence and hate crimes against women within vulnerable groups

NO DATA

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

NO DATA

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

NO DATA

General observations

INDICATOR RECORD YEAR

2024

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

While it is recognized that women with disabilities access services within our organizations, information related to this population is not currently captured through any standardized or dedicated data collection tool.

Structure

Ind. 227	National budget law with identification of funds allocated for Women's Mechanisms
INDICATOR RECORD YEAR	
2024	
MECHANISM LAW	
Mechanism Law/Budget Framework: Appropriation Act / National Budget 2024/25	
PUBLISH DATE	
20/04/2024	
NAME OF THE PUBLIC POLICY OR ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN	
Funding supports policy coordination, GBV prevention and response, programme monitoring, and national gender equality mechanisms.	
COMPETENCES AREA	
National Women's Machinery (coordination and advocacy across gender equality and GBV sectors).	
FOLLOWING UP BUDGET MECHANISM	
Identifiable line item within the Estimates, tracked through the Ministry's financial annual and quarterly reports.	
US\$ BUDGET	
595,000	
SOURCES	
https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2024-09/b30_report_saint_lucia_en.pdf	

Process

Periodic accountability reports on financial management of resources allocated for access to justice for women victims of violence
NO DATA

Result

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
NO DATA

Percentage of the budget assigned and executed with respect to services for violence victims in its different aspects: telephone assistance, legal and health care.
NO DATA

General observations

INDICATOR RECORD YEAR
2024
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
Saint Lucia does not have a stand alone "Women's Mechanism Law" or a dedicated statutory budget line in the way some larger countries do, for example through national gender equality acts with explicit financing provisions. Instead, gender related funding and actions are incorporated into the overall national budget through the Ministry of the Public Service, Labour and Gender Affairs, within which the Division of Gender Affairs functions as the national women's machinery. In practice, while identifiable allocations are made annually for the Division of Gender Affairs within the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, the Government of Saint Lucia does not disaggregate or monitor execution at the level of percentage assigned and executed for the women's mechanism versus percentage assigned and executed for services for violence victims as separate budget categories. Both sets of activities including institutional strengthening of the Division of Gender Affairs and provision of GBV victim services are funded through the same budget framework and executed in coordination with partner ministries and civil society. In addition, sectoral ministries such as Health, Education, and Justice often implement activities that directly contribute to the prevention and response to gender based violence. For example, training health personnel to assist survivors in emergency situations is financed under the Ministry of Health's budget rather than recorded under the Division of Gender Affairs. Although such expenditures are not captured as part of the official allocation to the Division of Gender Affairs, they should be considered part of the overall national response to gender based violence.

Accordingly, Saint Lucia cannot provide separate percentages for one, execution of the budget assigned to the Division of Gender Affairs and two, execution of the budget assigned to victim services. What can be confirmed is that allocations for the Division of Gender Affairs are included in the national budget on an annual basis, and those resources are used to support both the institutional functioning of the Division of Gender Affairs and the coordination and delivery of services for victims and survivors of violence, alongside complementary contributions made by other sectoral ministries.