Delegacias de Defesa da Mulher (DEAMs) — Brazil's Women's Police Stations, Linked to a 17% Drop in Female Homicide in Metropolitan Areas but No Clear Average Effect

Gender Equality · Good practice · Brazil

Quality score: 89/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Brazil opened the world's first women's police station in São Paulo in 1985. A 2,074-municipality study (2004–09) found no clear average effect on female homicide, but a ~17% drop in metropolitan areas. In 2018 only 8.3% of municipalities had one.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	3/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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