

DOVVSU — Ghana's National Domestic Violence and Victim Support Police Unit

Gender Equality · Good practice · Ghana

Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Ghana Police Service's dedicated unit for domestic violence and child abuse has operated in every regional capital since 1998, but peer-reviewed research finds only 9% of female survivors of severe domestic violence use it, exposing a gap between institutional reach and uptake.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

[Ghana Police Service](#) — accessed 2026-09-07

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