

Family Support Unit — Sierra Leone Police's Nationwide One-Stop Model for Gender-Based Violence Response

Gender Equality · Good practice · Sierra Leone

Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Sierra Leone Police's Family Support Unit, founded in 1999 and formalised by the 2007 Domestic Violence Act, has grown to roughly 80 stations nationwide handling thousands of GBV and child-protection cases a year, though independent research documents persistent access barriers.

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	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[Sierra Leone Police — Family Support Unit](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[UNICEF Sierra Leone — FSU story](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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