

Juizados de Violência Doméstica e Familiar — Brazil's Special Domestic-Violence Courts under the Maria da Penha Law

Gender Equality · Good practice · Brazil

Quality score: 89/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Brazil's 2006 Maria da Penha Law created dedicated domestic-violence courts nationwide. Independent studies find it cut female domestic-homicide rates by roughly 9–19%, with the largest gains in smaller municipalities and among disadvantaged women.

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

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-27

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