

Nigeria Violence Against Persons Prohibition (VAPP) Act 2015 — GBV Criminalisation Across 34 States

Gender Equality · Good practice · Nigeria

Quality score: 59/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Nigeria's 2015 VAPP Act criminalises rape, FGM, coercive control and forced marriage. By mid-2024, 34 of 36 states had adopted it. Academic research finds declining FGM/C prevalence; enforcement remains uneven; a Senate repeal-and-re-enact bill has been pending since 2024.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
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 2026-06-23

[Federal Republic of Nigeria — National Assembly / State Houses of Assembly](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Partners Nigeria — VAPP Tracker \(adoption status by state\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[WFD — Impact of VAPP and Related Laws in 12 Nigerian States \(2023\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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