

Puerto Rico's 2021 State of Emergency on Gender-Based Violence

Gender Equality · Good practice · Puerto Rico

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Facing a 62% rise in gender-violence deaths, Puerto Rico's governor declared a state of emergency in January 2021, unlocking \$7M in funding, a victim-alert app and new police protocols — but the advisory committee lapsed in 2022 and femicides continued through 2023.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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