

Sexual Offences Courts — South Africa's Specialised Courts for Sexual-Violence Cases

Gender Equality · Good practice · South Africa

Quality score: 70/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

South Africa's Wynberg pilot court hit an 80% conviction rate in 1993. By 2005, 26 dedicated Sexual Offences Courts averaged 64% convictions (vs 47% in regular courts) and halved case time — then a moratorium closed them until re-establishment in 2013.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	1/1
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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