

Seychelles' Domestic Violence Act, 2020: Closing the Complaint-Withdrawal Loophole

Gender Equality · Good practice · Seychelles

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

In June 2020 Seychelles replaced its 2000 family-violence law with a Domestic Violence Act covering psychological, economic and sexual abuse and barring victims from withdrawing police complaints, after Commonwealth-backed research found gender-based violence cost 4.6% of GDP.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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