

Toughened Criminal Penalties for Bride Kidnapping (Ala Kachuu) — Kyrgyzstan's Article 154/155 Reform and Its Enforcement Gap

Gender Equality · Good practice · Kyrgyzstan

Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

In Jan 2013 Kyrgyzstan raised the maximum sentence for 'ala kachuu' bride kidnapping to 7 years (10 if a minor), backed by UN Women. But official data show only 1 in 1,500 abduction cases leads to conviction — a documented case of a strong law meeting weak enforcement.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
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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