

Uruguay's Comprehensive Law on Gender-Based Violence (Ley N° 19.580, 2017)

Gender Equality · Good practice · Uruguay

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Uruguay's Law 19.580 (2017) defines 20+ GBV forms — including femicide, obstetric and digital violence. Creates a GBV Observatory and specialised courts. 17,280 cases handled in 2022; courts remain under-resourced per the 2023 US State Department report.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
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	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Uruguay National Institute of Women – INMUJERES \(Ministry of Social Development\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Law 19.580 official text – IMPO Uruguay](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Cornell LII Gender Justice Resource – Ley N° 19580](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[OGP Uruguay – Gender-Based Violence Observatory \(UY0102\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[US State Dept 2023 Human Rights Report – Uruguay](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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