

Women and Child Protection Units — Namibia's Police-Based Response to Gender-Based Violence, and Its Capacity Strain

Gender Equality · Good practice · Namibia

Quality score: 59/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Namibia's police Women and Child Protection Units, the first opened in Windhoek's Katutura in 1993, now handle 18,500 gender-based-violence cases a year - but 2026 reporting finds them 'stretched beyond capacity', with forensic backlogs delaying prosecutions.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
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 2026-09-24

[Namibian Police Force \(NAMPOL\), Ministry of Safety and Security](#) — accessed 2026-09-24

[UNFPA Namibia - Gender-Based Violence](#) — accessed 2026-09-24

[Streamlinefeed - Namibia police data on 18,500 GBV cases](#) — accessed 2026-09-24

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