

Preventing and combating femicide in Portugal: data collection and institutional responses

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Outline

- ONVG's work on gender-based violence
- Main challenges regarding research on femicide
- What is being done
- What needs to be done



The National Observatory of Violence and Gender - Portugal

- Academic organization
- ONVG's team, lead by prof. Manuel Lisboa, is responsible for the main studies on the prevalence of violence against women, domestic violence and gender-based violence in Portugal
- Multiple studies on the causes and consequences of VAW, DV and GBV
- Multiple collaborations with national government, local authorities, NGOs, international institutions, namely on the design of public policies



Main challenges regarding research on femicide

- No specific law on femicide
- Lack of administrative data
- Lack of in-depth studies on femicide in Portugal

What is being done

- Retrospective analysis of homicide in the context of domestic violence (Multisectoral team – government)
- Observatory of Murdered Women (UMAR – NGO)
- Qualitative analysis of femicide (ONVG)
- Brazil-EU Sector Dialogues (ONVG and CNMP)

What needs to be done

- Stabilize the concept of femicide
- Define the concept from an operative standpoint
- Define the adequate indicators for measuring femicide
- Produce official and systematic data
- Analyze the institutional response (namely legislation and procedures)
- In-depth study of femicide



Thank you!

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