

Collecting and Using Data to Demand Effectiveness of Policies against Violence against Women

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Data collection system on violence against women are not yet in place in countries of South Eastern Europe, but significant initiatives towards this goal are been endorsed as part of national strategies in the abovementioned countries.

In compliance with our lasting programs, we collect and use information in different ways. Our web page contains various sections providing information related to violence against women and women human rights in general. The incidence of violence in the lives of women is hard to measure, given the private or hidden nature of most violent acts and the cultural barriers that keep women from reporting the crime.

Based on proposals for international indicators on violence against women and county level priorities it is important to develop framework of indicators on violence against women in the region of South Eastern Europe, Macedonia included.