

Statistical Framework for Measuring the Gender-Related Killing of Women and Girls (Femicide-Feminicide)



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Context



Total number of women killed by intimate partners or other family members

In 2021, around 45,000 women and girls worldwide were killed by their intimate partners or other family members. This means that, on average, more than five women or girls are killed every hour by someone in their own family.



45,000
worldwide

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- The challenge is to measure the gender-related motivation in the killings of women and girls
- Lack of information to identify and count gender-related killings (femicide/feminicide).
- Definition of femicide differs depending on the country.

Source: UNODC and UN Women (2022): [Global estimates of gender related killings of women and girls in the private sphere in 2021](#)

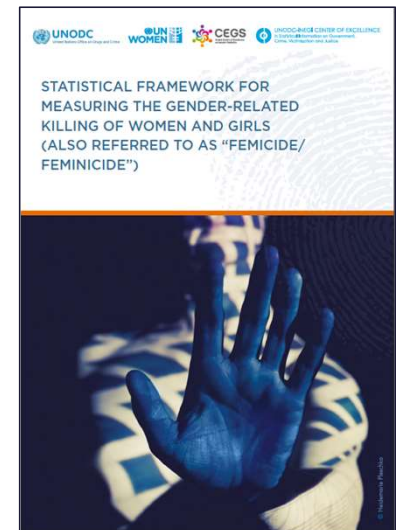
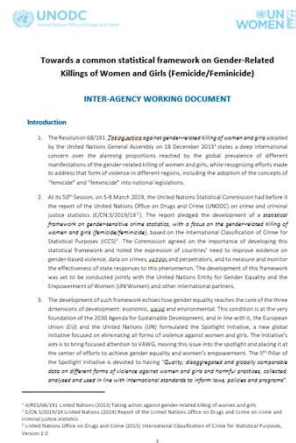
Development



2019: Request of the UN Statistical Commission to UNODC and UN Women to create a *statistical framework on gender-sensitive crime statistics with a focus on the GRKWG**.
Request reiterated by the Secretary General through its Executive Committee.

2019: Start of the technical work by UNODC and UN Women.
2021: Global consultations with 67 institutions from 54 countries.

2022: Finalization of the framework and endorsement by the UN Statistical Commission.
Framework available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.
Other languages to follow soon.

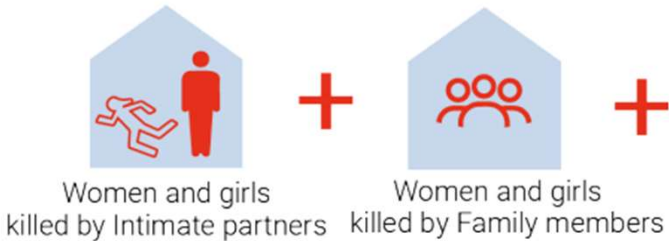


*Gender-related killing of women and girls (GRKWG)

Statistical definition



The data blocks for collecting and aggregating statistics on gender-related killings



Based on the evidence that killings by intimate partners or other family members are to a large extent based on gender-related factors.

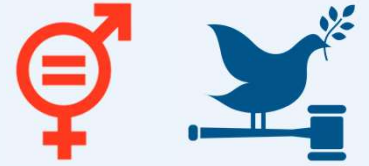
Women and girls killed by other known/unknown perpetrator where the homicide modus operandi meets at least one of these criteria

- Previous record of harassment/violence
- Illegal deprivation of her liberty
- Use of force and/or mutilation
- Body disposed of in a public space
- Hate crime
- Sexual violence was committed before
- Victim was working in the sex industry
- Victim of forms of illegal exploitation

Operational criteria to capture the gender-related factors



Next steps



- **Raise awareness.**
- **Pilot the framework in voluntary countries in all 5 continents**
- **Develop technical guidelines and training**
- **Provide technical assistance to relevant institutions to refine the recording of homicide: make the victim/perpetrator relationship + global characteristics of the gender-motivation a standard recording**
- **Report back to the UN Statistical Commission in 2025**



Thank you!

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Statistical framework available at:
<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/statistical-activities.html>