

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Violence against women in Latin America and the Caribbean must be addressed comprehensively by States, taking into account factors of economic, social and cultural inequality that operate in society and in the power relations between men and women.

■ **20 countries** have laws on violence against women

but only **8 countries (40%)** allocate specific resources in their national budgets

IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY

The average costs of domestic violence among couples in the region vary between:



(Source: IDB, 2015)

Violence against women in private and public spheres hampers their autonomy

POLITICAL HARASSMENT

In **Bolivia**, the only country that has specific legislation against political harassment, there were

272 cases of political violence against councilwomen in **170** municipalities in 2014

(Source: ACOBOL, 2014)

In **Peru**, 4 out of every 10 female authorities were victims of political harassment of some kind in 2012.

(Source: National Jury of Elections, 2012)



HARASSMENT IN PUBLIC SPACES

The street

Lima

9 out of every 10 women between 18 and 29 years old have been victims of street harassment (2013)

Transportation

Bogota and Mexico City

6 out of every 10 women have experienced some kind of aggression or sexual harassment while using public transportation

Santiago, Chile

6 out of every 10 women have suffered some kind of sexual harassment in public spaces

The main victims appear to be girls and young women who use public transportation (2012)

Source: ECLAC, 2014

Recommendations

- Oversee the implementation of laws to prevent, penalize and eradicate violence against women.
- Legislate on political harassment to guarantee the egalitarian exercise of women's political rights.
- Move forward on specific legislation against abuse and sexual harassment in public spaces.



Source: ECLAC's Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean - <http://www.cepal.org/oig/default.asp?idioma=IN>

More information on: Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean - <http://www.cepal.org/12conferenciamujer/default.asp?idioma=IN>