

**BARRIERS, REMEDIES AND GOOD
PRACTICES FOR WOMEN'S ACCESS TO
JUSTICE IN GEORGIA**

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Gender Gaps in Access to Justice

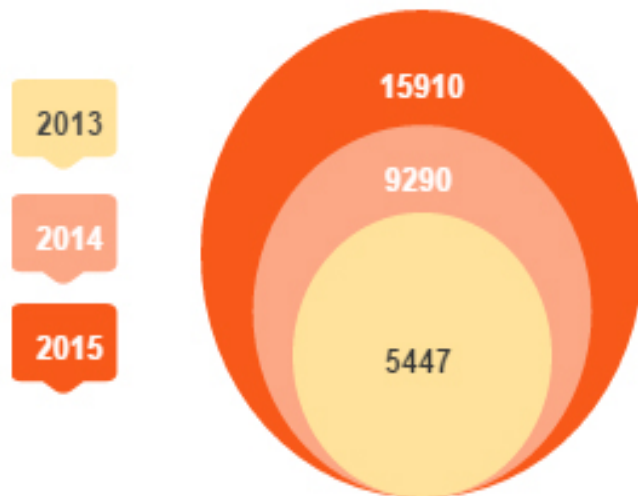
- Legal framework
- Problems of implementation of laws
- Socio-economic and cultural barriers

Analysis of the national legal frameworks

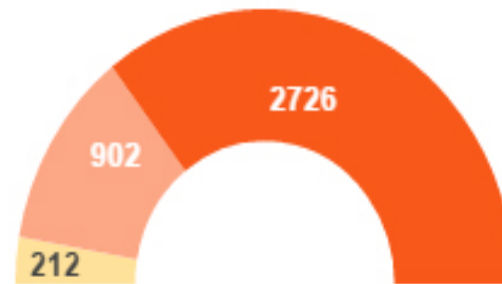
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Law on **Domestic Violence**
- Family Law and Property Rights
- Labor Law
- **Antidiscrimination** Law
- **Gender Equality** Law
- The negative impact of gender-neutral legislation

Recent statistics on implementation of legislation on domestic violence

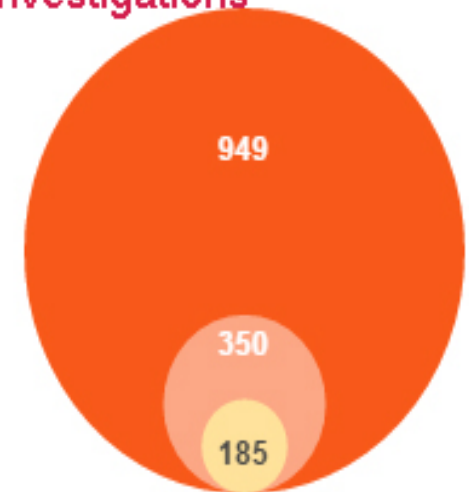
hotline calls



restraining orders



investigations



Major socio-economic and cultural barriers for women

- 92% believe that the most important role of women in life is taking care of the family.
- 63% believe that a good wife should obey her husband even if she disagrees with him.
- 68% consider having sexual relations before marriage as an unacceptable behaviour for women.
- 56% think that parents' house should be given completely/major part to a son.

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Gender Responsiveness of the Justice System

- Access to Legal Aid
- Access to Courts
- Women initiating cases to the courts
- Lack of trust of population in law enforcement and justice system
- Women in Judiciary
- Gender bias among legal professions
- Teaching Women's Rights at Universities
- Gender Training for Legal Professionals

National good practices to promote equal access of women to justice

- Parliamentary overview of the Executive
- Gender Equality Department of the Public Defender's Office
- Introduction of typology of domestic crimes in Criminal Code of Georgia
- Legal Aid Reform

Recommendations

to improve women's access to justice

- GoG should increase awareness of women in women's human rights through short-term and long-term educational activities.
- Lack of trust in judiciary and law enforcement should be addressed by GoG through effective awareness raising campaigns
- Gender sensitivity of justice system should be increased through professional development programs and in educational institutions.

Recommendations

to improve women's access to justice

- Gender impact analysis of various laws and policies should be conducted.
- Gender sensitive legislation and policies should be developed to overcome low participation of women in social, economic and political life.
- GoG has to combat stereotypes and harmful traditions, which violate women's rights.
- Collection of sex-disaggregated data must be introduced in the justice system to collect and analyse relevant information.