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“Collecting data on VAW through the criminal procedure : ensuring accountability; improve efficiency”

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Introduction :

Types of data generated

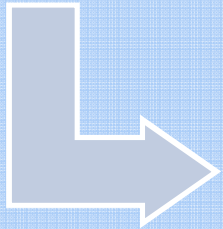
- Data based on victimization surveys
- Data from national statistics agencies
- Qualitative data
- **Administrative data**

Set up systems to **track VAW cases** across the criminal justice system:

- **Police** (complaint withdrawn; case investigated; arrest made; case reported to prosecutor...)
- **Prosecutor** (charges dropped; alternative dispute resolution proposed ; cases sent to court...)
- **Judge** (acquittal; conviction – jail, probation, fine, compensation)

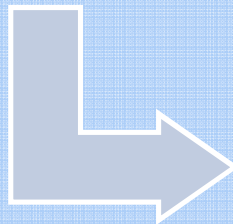
Police

- Complaint withdrawn
- Case investigated
- Restraining order issued
- Arrest made
- Case reported to prosecutor



Prosecutor

- Charges dropped or withdrawn
- Alternative dispute resolution request
- Case sent to the court



**Court of
first
instance**

- Acquittal
- Fine
- Probation
- Jail
- Compensation

Ensuring accountability + Improving efficiency

- **Transparency** of the criminal justice sector
- Identification of **attrition points** in the Justice chain
- **Tackling impunity** of VAW crimes

Best practice:

Tracking attrition in reported rape cases across Europe (Lovett & Kelly, 2009)

- Identification of **country-specific** attrition points
- Clarifying who is influencing **decision-making** when cases are discontinued
- Finding the **reasons** why cases are discontinued

CASE PROGRESS AND ATTRITION

Phase of legal process	Case progress	Average
Investigation	Victim interviewed	96%
	Suspect identified	82%
	Suspect interviewed	65%
Charge	Suspect charged	38%
Court	Referred to court	22%
	Tried at court	19%
	Acquittal	5%
	Conviction	14%

PRIMARY DECISION-MAKER INFLUENCING ATTRITION

Victim	22%
Police	15%
Prosecutor / Investigating judge	56%
Judge / Jury	5%
Unknown	2%

WHY CASES ARE DISCONTINUED BEFORE THE COURT

Insufficient evidence	30%
Offender not identified	18%
Victim withdrawal of complaint	17%
No evidence of sexual assault	9%
Does not complete initial process	6%
False allegation	6%
Retraction	3%
Offender not located	2%
Other	4%
Unknown	6%



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