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I. Acronyms

FGR: Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic

LEIV: Special Comprehensive Law for a Life Free of Violence for Women

LIE: Law on Equality, Equity and Eradication of Discrimination against Women

PEM: Office of the Special Prosecutor for Women

PGR: Attorney General's Office of the Republic

UIAEM: Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women

GBV: Gender-Based Violence

II. Glossary

The following definitions are taken according to the terminology used in: (a) Special Comprehensive Law for a Life of Violence for Women (LEIV) (Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, 2011a), (b) Law Against Domestic Violence (Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, 1996), (c) Law on Equality, Equity and Eradication of Discrimination against Women (LIE) (Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, 2011b), and (d) the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Discrimination (LIE, art. 6): it is classified as: a) direct, when on grounds of sex, the person or group concerned has been treated at a disadvantage compared to another; and (b) indirect, where, on grounds of sex, a rule, provision, criterion or practice results in disadvantages for women in relation to men, even if it does not express direct discrimination in its text.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV): is any threat or harmful act directed at a person or group based on actual or perceived sex, gender, gender identity or expression, sex characteristics, or sexual orientation, and/or lack of adherence to various socially constructed norms around masculinity and femininity. Although people of all gender identities may experience gender-based violence, women, girls, and LGBTQI+ people face a disproportionate risk of gender-based violence in all contexts due to their unequal status in society (USAID, 2023, p. 37).

Domestic violence (Law Against Domestic Violence, art. 3): any act or omission, direct or indirect, that causes harm, physical, sexual or psychological suffering or death to family members.

Violence against women (LEIV, art. 8): it is any action based on their gender, which causes death, harm or physical, sexual or psychological suffering to women in both the public and private spheres.

Sexual violence (LEIV, art. 9): is any conduct that threatens or violates a woman's right to



voluntarily decide her sexual life, including not only the sexual act but also any form of sexual contact or access, genital or non-genital, regardless of whether or not the aggressor is in a conjugal relationship, a couple, or a sexual relationship. social, occupational, affective or kinship with the female victim.

1. Executive summary

This report has been prepared by the Research Institute on Gender-Based Violence (IVG) within the framework of the project "LibrES: For an El Salvador without gender-based violence", funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) El Salvador, with the aim of providing relevant statistical information about gender-based violence (GBV) in El Salvador.

This report focuses on statistical data provided by the Attorney General's Office at the national, departmental, municipal, monthly, and age range levels (in consideration of available data and as the case may be), during the years 2015 - 2023; in order to establish a detailed overview of the situation of gender-based violence in El Salvador, especially taking into account the territories of the LibrES project. The areas of influence of the LibrEs project are: (a) Department of Santa Ana, municipalities: Santa Ana, Chalchuapa, Metapán, San Sebastián Salitrillo, Candelaria de la Frontera; (b) Department of La Libertad, municipalities: Colón, Santa Tecla, La Libertad, Chiltiupán; (c) Department of San Salvador, municipalities: Soyapango, San Salvador, Apopa, Ciudad Delgado, Ilopango, San Marcos; (d) Department of San Miguel, municipalities: San Miguel, Chinameca, Sesori, Ciudad Barrios, Chirilagua, San Luis de la Reina. The statistical data presented in this report have been obtained through public information requests to the Attorney General's Office (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e). The main results are presented below according to the sections that make up this report:

First, the statistical data on services provided through the call center of the Virtual Assistance Area to women for acts of violence and discrimination, at the national, departmental and municipal levels (2021 - 2023); they show that at the national level for the year 2021 and 2022, 323 and 145 cases of acts of violence and discrimination against women were registered, that is, a 55% reduction was made for 2022 in the number of cases. Also, at the national level from January to August 2023, 272 cases were registered, which are divided into 248 attentions belonging to non-referred cases and 24 referred from the Institutional Unit of Specialized Care for Women where the department and municipality of LibrES that has the highest number of attentions is San Salvador with 16 and 10, respectively. On a monthly basis, the three months in which there were the highest percentage increases in the number of cases, compared to the previous month, are: 123% in March, 460% in May and 125% in June.

Secondly, the data on records of acts of violence in the Virtual Assistance Area at the national, departmental and municipal levels, year 2023, show that a total of 17 cases of gender-based violence were registered at the national level; these are concentrated in the LibrES department and municipality of San Salvador, with 11 (representing 65% of the total) and 6 cases respectively. The three months with the highest increases in gender-based violence compared to the previous month were: 33% in October, 50% in November and 183% in December.

Thirdly, the care provided by the Virtual Assistance Area to women victims of domestic violence for the year 2023 can be summarized at the national level with 315 acts of violence, of which 276 were non-referred (representing 88% of the total cases) and 39 referred from the UIAEM.

Fourthly, the national data on the services provided by the Specialized Care Unit for Women in the face of acts of domestic violence against women in the period from 2015 to 2022; and from January to August 2023, they show that nationwide in this period, 14,808 services were provided to victims of domestic violence. The three years with the highest number of services provided are: 1,756 in 2018, 1,916 in 2019 and 1,773 in 2021; these years, in turn, presented increases compared to their previous years of 7%, 9% and 20%.

Next, the data related to attention provided by the Specialized Assistance Units for Women at the national level for women victims of gender-based violence, in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023, show that at the national level in this period, 5,617 services were provided to victims of gender-based violence. The three years where the largest increases or decreases were presented compared to the previous year are: 205% increase in 2016, 204% increase in 2022 and 71% decrease in 2023.

Similarly, the data related to attention provided by the Specialized Assistance Units for Women at the national level for women victims of discrimination, in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023; they state that at the national level in this period, 205 services were provided to victims of discrimination, in this sense, the three years where there were greater increases or decreases compared to the previous year are: increase of 94% in 2017, decrease of 55% in 2019 and decrease of 73% in 2023.

Fifth, national data on legal, psychological, and social services provided to women victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence, in the years 2015 to 2019, show that at the national level in this period, 80,042 services were provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence; and for the period from 2020 to 2023, 83,347 legal services, 41,107 psychological services and 21,228 social services were provided.



Sixth, the data on psychosocial services to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence (psychological, social and sexual abuse assistance), in the period from April to August and from October to December 2023; show that at the national level in this period, 1,232 psychological services were provided to victims of domestic violence; 587 social services to victims of domestic violence; and 181 services to victims of sexual abuse.

Seventh, the final considerations provide relevant data concerning the LibrES departments in which there is evidence of a prevalence of services provided by the Specialized Attorney's Office for Women and the Specialized Attorney's Office for Psychosocial Care, in the Auxiliary Attorney's Offices of the PGR in the departmental headquarters of La Libertad, Santa Ana, San Salvador and San Miguel. This is reflected in the following data: in the period from 2015 to 2020, and from January to August 2023, the highest number of services provided to women victims of domestic violence in the LibrES departments and headquarters of the Auxiliary Prosecutors' Offices were: 1,628 in La Libertad, 1,688 in San Miguel and 3,415 in San Salvador. Likewise, in the period from 2020 to 2023, the LibrES departments and headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorney's Offices where a greater number of legal services were provided to women victims of domestic and sexual violence were: La Libertad (10,268) and Santa Ana (11,953). Added to the above, from April to December 2023, a greater number of psychological services were provided to women victims of domestic violence, according to age range in San Miguel (142) and San Salvador (246).

2. Introduction

The Research Institute on Gender-Based Violence (IVG) presents this report within the framework of the project "LibrES - For an El Salvador without Gender Violence". The objective is to provide a detailed statistical overview of gender-based violence in El Salvador in the period 2015 - 2023. This analysis aims to provide a comprehensive perspective of the situation of gender-based violence (GBV), both at the national level and in the specific areas of the LibrES project.

This fifth report highlights key statistics for the period 2015 - 2021, addressing three levels of analysis: national, municipal and monthly, based on Access to Public Information data from the Attorney General's Office of the Republic (PGR). In this regard, the data include the following figures: (a) services provided through the call center of the Virtual Assistance Area to women for acts of violence and discrimination, at the national, departmental and municipal levels (2021 - 2023); (b) services provided by the Virtual Assistance Area to women for acts of gender-based violence and domestic violence, at the national, departmental and municipal levels, year 2023; (c) national and departmental statistics on the services provided by the Specialized Assistance Unit for Women for

acts of domestic violence, gender-based violence and discrimination against women in the period from 2015 to 2022; and from January to August 2023; (d) national and departmental statistics on legal, psychological, and social services provided to women victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence at the national and departmental levels, years 2015 - 2023; and (e) psychosocial assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence (psychological, social and sexual abuse assistance), by Auxiliary Attorney Offices of the PGR in the period from April to August and from October to December 2023.

This report has a statistical approach based on the data collected and compiled by the Attorney General's Office of the Republic; in this sense, the functioning of this governmental entity is contextualized in order to facilitate the understanding of the results. Thus, article 2 of the Organic Law of the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of the establishes the nature of the PGR as: an institution that forms part of the Public Ministry, of a permanent and independent nature, with legal personality, administrative and financial autonomy, domiciled in the city of San Salvador and for the purposes of providing services it will have auxiliary attorney offices throughout the country (Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, 2021). In this regard, the headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorney Offices are as follows: (1) Ahuachapán, (2) Apopa, (3) Cabañas, (4) Chalatenango, (5) Cuscatlán, (6) La Libertad, (7) La Libertad Sur, (8) La Paz, (9) La Unión, (10) Metapán, (11) Morazán, (12) San Miguel, (13) San Salvador, (14) Santa Ana, (15) San Vicente, (16) Sonsonate, (17) Soyapango and (18) Usulután (Attorney General's Office [PGR], 2024d)

In the same way, the mission of the PGR is established in article 3, where it is responsible for:

providing advice, legal and psychosocial assistance to all persons who require it, ensuring the defense of the family, women, children and adolescents, persons with disabilities, the elderly and other population groups in vulnerable conditions; represent them judicially and extrajudicially in defense of individual freedom, the right to a life free of violence, property rights, labor rights; provide mediation and conciliation services, with a focus on Human Rights, inclusion and non-discrimination (Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, 2021).

In relation to the mission of the PGR and in order to carry out its functions, it has specialized attorney offices, which are: (1) Specialized Attorney's Office for Mediation and Conciliation, (2) Specialized Attorney's Office for Children and Adolescents, (3) Specialized Attorney's Office for Women (PEM), (4) Specialized Attorney's Office for Assistance to Vulnerable Populations, (5) Specialized Attorney's Office for Public Criminal Defense, (6) Specialized Labor Rights Attorney's Office, (7) Specialized Patrimonial Rights Attorney's Office, (8) Specialized Family Attorney's Office, and (9) Specialized Psychosocial Assistance Attorney's Office (PGR, 2024c). Thus, this report will only address the data requested from the Access to Public Information Unit of the PGR, which includes those related to the Specialized Attorney's Office for Women



(PEM) and the Specialized Attorney's Office for Psychosocial Care (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).

The Office of the Special Attorney for Women (PEM) is responsible for defending, guaranteeing and promoting equality and non-discrimination in the mandate of the PGR in articles 38 and 39 of the Law on Equality, Equity and Eradication of Discrimination against Women (LIE) (Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, 2011b); therefore, this is the body responsible for the Defense of Equality and Non-Discrimination and the Right to a Life of Violence for Women (PGR, 2024a). Similarly, the general objective of the PEM is

to develop mechanisms for the mainstreaming of the Principle of Equality and Non-Discrimination, as well as the Right to a Life Free of Violence for Women, in order to guarantee compliance with the Law on Equality, Equity and Eradication of Discrimination against Women (LIE) and the Special Comprehensive Law for a Life Free of Violence for Women (LEIV) (Legislative Assembly of El Salvador, 2011a, 2011b; PGR, 2024a).

The Office of the Special Attorney for Psychosocial Care aims to ensure compliance with the institutional mission of providing legal and psychosocial care and alternative conflict resolution to all people, especially vulnerable populations (PGR, 2024b).

In addition, within the Office of the Special Attorney for Psychosocial Assistance, there is the Psychosocial Assistance Unit, whose general objective is to contribute to the constitutional precept entrusted to the PGR to ensure the defense of the family and individuals, especially to guarantee the protection of the interests of children and adolescents and other vulnerable population groups, considering the mainstreaming of the biopsychosocial approach to address social, cultural, and behavioral problems that require institutional intervention (PGR, 2024b).

3. Method

For this report, a quantitative analysis of data on gender-based violence was carried out, at the national, departmental, municipal, monthly levels, by age range (from the available data and as the case may be) and with a focus on the departments and municipalities of the LibRES Project. The study was based on statistical data from secondary sources provided by the Access to Public Information Unit of the Attorney General's Office (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e). This data covers the period of the years 2015 - 2023; it is held annually and monthly. The detailed process for the information requests, including the required information, can be found in the appendix to the report.

4. Results

4.1. Data on services provided through the call center of the Virtual Assistance Area to women for acts of violence and discrimination, at the national, departmental and municipal levels (2021 - 2023)

The PGR, through the Virtual Assistance Area, provides assistance to users (guidance and information) through virtual channels in order to facilitate access to justice, making use of technology to serve people from anywhere in the world. In this sense, a specific function of this unit is to assist to each user through the call center through email or social networks, hence, there are statistics related to these services with which the number of acts of violence and discrimination against women can be identified (PGR, 2022).

Since 2021, the PGR's Virtual Assistance Area has had a hotline for women victims of violence and discrimination. Therefore, there are no records prior to that year. For the years 2021 and 2022, 323 and 145 cases of acts of violence and discrimination against women were registered respectively for each year, reflecting a reduction in this period of 55% for 2022. Likewise, between January and August 2023, 272 cases were registered (Table 1) (PGR, 2023a).

Table 1. Services provided at the departmental and municipal level, by the Virtual Assistance Area on cases and complaints of acts of domestic violence and gender-based violence against women, by month, from January to August 2023

Department	Municipality	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total
La Libertad	Santa Tecla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Unión	Pasaquina	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
San Salvador	Ayutuxtepeque	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Cuscatancingo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Ilopango	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	San Marcos	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
	San Salvador	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	2	10
	Santo Tomás	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sonsonate	Izalco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Juayúa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Usulután	San Agustín	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Undetermined	Undetermined	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	5
Total UIAEM Derivatives		2	0	1	1	1	6	8	5	24
Total Non-Derivatives		15	13	28	4	27	57	47	57	248
Total General		17	13	29	5	28	63	55	62	272

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a).

Note 1: the services provided are presented without a breakdown of the type of cases of complaints of acts of domestic violence and gender-based violence, in the departments and municipalities, according to the information provided by the callers; the PGR prior to 2023, does not have records of cases and complaints of acts of domestic violence and gender-based violence, broken down by department and municipality (PGR, 2023a).

Note 2: In view of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and in times of confinement, the PGR created the call center 2231-9595 from the gender and inclusion unit, due to the identification of needs for advice and reporting of acts of violence in an emergent way. Currently, this center has been taken over by the virtual assistance unit (PGR, 2022).



In table 1, at the national level in this period, 272 cases are reported, which are divided into departments and municipalities according to the data provided by the people who called to request care. In these cases, 24 are referred by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women (UIAEM). The department and municipality of LibrES with the highest number of services provided is San Salvador with 16 and 10, respectively.

At the same time, 248 visits belong to non-referred cases, which are 91% of the total. There are three months with the highest number of cases: 63 in June, 55 in July and 62 in August. In addition to the above, the three largest percentage increases in the number of cases on a monthly basis, compared to the previous month, are: 123% in March, 460% in May and 125% in June.

4.1.1. Data on services provided by the Virtual Assistance Area to women for acts of gender violence and domestic violence at the national, departmental and municipal levels, year 2023

For the year 2023, the Virtual Assistance Area registered a total of 17 services provided to cases of gender violence¹ at the national level. All cases were referred by the UIAEM. These, in turn, are concentrated in the department and municipality of LibrES of San Salvador, with 11 (representing 65% of the total) and 6 cases respectively. In the same vein, the three months with the highest number of gender-based violence were: 3 in October, 4 in November and 6 in December; the gradual increase in acts of gender-based violence in these months is 33%, 50% and 183%, in the order mentioned above the previous month (see Table 2).

Table 2. Services provided to women by the Virtual Assistance Area on cases and complaints of acts of gender violence, at the departmental and municipal level, per month, in the year 2023

Department	Municipality	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Ahuachapán	San Pedro Puxtla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
La Libertad	Lourdes Colón	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Santa Tecla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
La Paz	Olocuilta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Santa Ana	Metapán	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	San Sebastián Salitrillo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
San Salvador	Apopa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Ilopango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Rosario de Mora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	San Salvador	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	6
	Soyapango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Undetermined		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total UIAEM Derivatives		0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	4	6	17
Total General		0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	3	4	6	17

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e). Note: since 2022, gender-based violence has been classified as a Crime against Women.

¹ The Attorney General's Office, in its information resolutions, defines gender violence as: crimes committed against women because they are women.

The services provided by the Virtual Assistance Area to women victims of domestic violence for the year 2023 is presented in Table 3. These can be summarized at the national level with a number of 315 acts of violence, of which 276 were non-Derived (representing 88% of the total cases) and 39 derived from the UIAEM. The department and municipality of LibrES with the highest number of cases is San Salvador, with 21 and 10 cases of domestic violence.

The three months with the highest number of cases of domestic violence were: 61 in June, 53 in July and 62 in August. There are percentage increases of these events of 126% for July and 17% for August, and a decrease of 13% in July, compared to the previous month.

Table 3. Services provided to women by the Virtual Assistance Area on cases and complaints of acts of domestic violence, by month in the year 2023

Department	Municipality	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Ahuachapán	San Pedro Puxtla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Santa Ana	Metapán	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	San Sebastián Salitrillo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
La Libertad	Lourdes Colón	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Santa Tecla	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
La Paz	Olocuilta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
La Unión	Pasaquina	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Ayutuxtepeque	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Apopa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Cuscatancingo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Ilopango	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
San Salvador	Rosario de Mora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	San Marcos	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	San Salvador	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	0	1	1	10
	Santo Tomás	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Soyapango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Sonsonate	Izalco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Juayúa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Usulután	San Agustín	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Undetermined		1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	7
Total UIAEM Derivatives		2	0	1	1	0	4	6	5	7	3	4	6	39
Total Non-Derivatives		15	13	28	4	27	57	47	57	28	0	0	0	276
Total General		17	13	29	5	27	61	53	62	35	3	4	6	315

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).



4.2. National and departmental data on the services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women for acts of domestic violence, gender-based violence and discrimination against women in the period of years from 2015 to 2022; and from January to August 2023

The Specialized Attorney for Women has the Institutional Unit of Specialized Care for Women (UIAEM), which provides services for women victims of domestic violence, gender violence and discrimination; in which they collect statistical data about the quantification of these services in this line. In order to provide national coverage, PGR has Auxiliary Attorney General's Offices which are in the departments and municipalities with the highest population density (PGR, 2022).

Table 4 shows data related to the services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women at the national level for women victims of domestic violence, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023. First of all, these figures show that at the national level in this period, 14,808 services were provided to victims of domestic violence, in addition, the three years where the highest number of services were presented are: 1,756 in 2018, 1,916 in 2019 and 1,773 in 2021; these years, in turn, presented increases compared to their previous years of 7%, 9% and 20%.

Second, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of services provided to women victims of domestic violence were: 1,628 in La Libertad, 1,688 in San Miguel, and 3,415 in San Salvador; in turn, La Libertad presented an increase compared to its previous year of 60% in 2018; San Miguel and San Salvador showed decreases compared to their previous year of 27% and 40% in 2023. It is important to mention that these data provide an overview related to part of the departments and municipalities of the LibrES Project.

Table 4. Services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women at the national level for women victims of domestic violence, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Ahuachapán	55	48	58	57	81	34	73	92	53	551
Cabañas	0	0	0	0	0	64	61	48	54	227
Chalatenango	84	64	63	57	67	50	42	38	30	495
Cojutepeque	157	123	146	123	115	0	0	0	0	664
Cuscatlán	0	0	0	0	0	85	109	108	58	360
La Libertad	122	127	134	214	247	227	222	171	164	1628
La Paz	0	0	0	0	0	50	71	56	52	229
La Unión	75	83	70	53	83	55	72	66	54	611

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Morazán	73	78	61	63	67	53	64	82	48	589
San Miguel	182	198	172	173	209	196	230	190	138	1688
San Salvador	418	433	397	385	425	305	367	427	258	3415
San Vicente	83	70	81	76	93	64	96	72	47	682
Santa Ana	93	92	90	122	150	117	108	98	66	936
Sensuntepeque	64	78	96	127	74	0	0	0	0	439
Sonsonate	122	103	100	101	102	87	107	92	90	904
Soyapango	0	0	26	72	72	33	56	67	53	379
Usulután	85	57	54	37	61	63	95	90	32	574
Zacatecoluca	90	89	92	96	70	0	0	0	0	437
Total	1703	1643	1640	1756	1916	1483	1773	1697	1197	14808

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).

Note 1: * In this indicator for the months of September to December 2023, there is no data provided by the headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the FGR.

Note 2: as of 2022, Gender-Based Violence is known as Crimes against Women (PGR, 2023b).

Table 5 shows data related to services provided by the Institutional Units of Specialized Care for Women at the national level for women victims of gender-based violence, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023. First, these figures show that at the national level in this period, 5,617 services were provided to victims of gender-based violence, additionally, the three years with the highest number of services provided are: 631 in 2017, 657 in 2019 and 1,628 in 2022. At the same time, the three largest increases or decreases compared to the previous year are: 205% increase in 2016, 204% increase in 2022 and 71% decrease in 2023.

Second, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorney Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of services provided to women victims of gender violence in this period were: 388 in Chalatenango, 1,277 in San Salvador and 1,416 in La Libertad; at the same time, these offices showed an increase of the following compared to their previous year: 900% in 2022, 172% in 2016 and 1,920% in 2016. These data provide an overview of the departments and municipalities of San Salvador and La Libertad which belong to the scope of the LibrES Project.

Table 5. Services provided by the Institutional Unit Specialized for Care for Women at the national level for women victims of gender-based violence, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Ahuachapán	15	31	22	20	24	11	9	10	15	157
Cabañas	0	0	0	0	0	15	5	10	5	35



Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Chalatenango	28	28	20	23	38	12	21	210	8	388
Cojutepeque	33	11	16	24	5	0	0	0	0	89
Cuscatlán	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	16	13	36
La Libertad	10	202	180	181	157	67	72	519	28	1416
La Paz	0	0	0	0	0	12	30	364	11	417
La Unión	1	37	27	27	14	26	30	35	11	208
Morazán	0	0	3	12	18	5	48	63	7	156
San Miguel	4	4	18	38	69	24	58	88	76	379
San Salvador	47	128	204	163	178	85	133	180	159	1277
San Vicente	6	17	5	16	11	20	7	17	14	113
Santa Ana	12	33	48	20	35	56	52	72	58	386
Sensuntepeque	3	2	6	5	33	0	0	0	0	49
Sonsonate	7	15	9	18	23	14	40	23	25	174
Soyapango	0	0	4	11	17	7	14	9	25	87
Usulután	9	27	23	18	14	16	11	12	14	144
Zacatecoluca	6	17	46	16	21	0	0	0	0	106
Total	181	552	631	592	657	372	535	1628	469	5617

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).
 Note 1: * In this indicator for the months of September to December 2023, there is no data provided by the headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the FGR.

Note 2: as of 2022, Gender-Based Violence is known as Crimes against Women (PGR, 2023b).

Table 6 shows data related to services provided by the Institutional Units of Specialized Care for Women at the national level for women victims of discrimination, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023. First, these figures show that at the national level in this period, 205 services were provided to victims of discrimination, in addition to that, the three years where the highest number of services provided were presented are: 35 in 2017, 53 in 2018 and 24 in 2019; at the same time, the three largest increases or decreases compared to the previous year are: 94% increase in 2017, 55% decrease in 2019 and 73% decrease in 2023.

Second, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys General's Offices at the national level that presented the highest number of services provided to women victims of discrimination in this period were: 32 in Santa Ana, 43 in La Libertad and 48 in San Salvador; at the same time, these offices showed an increase of the following over the previous year: 1,100% in 2016, 800% in 2018 and 1,900% in 2017. These data provide an overview of the departments and municipalities of Santa Ana, La Libertad and San Salvador that belong to the scope of the LibrES Project.

Table 6. Services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women at the national level for women victims of discrimination, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*	Total
Ahuachapán	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Cabañas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chalatenango	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	6
Cojutepeque	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
Cuscatlán	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Libertad	0	0	2	18	10	7	2	4	0	43
La Paz	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
La Unión	2	0	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	10
Morazán	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	7
San Miguel	2	0	2	10	3	1	2	0	0	20
San Salvador	0	1	20	16	7	0	0	4	0	48
San Vicente	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Santa Ana	1	12	6	2	1	2	5	3	0	32
Sensuntepeque	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Sonsonate	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Soyapango	0	0	1	3	1	0	5	0	1	11
Usulután	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
Zacatecoluca	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	8
Total	22	18	35	53	24	15	19	15	4	205

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).
Note: *in this indicator for the months of September to December 2023, there is no data provided by the headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the FGR.

4.3. National and departmental data on legal, psychological, and social services provided to women victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence at the national and departmental levels, years 2015 - 2023

The Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women (UIAEM) develops its powers and responsibilities in relation to the reception of complaints from women who have been subjected to violence, based on: (a) the Law against Domestic Violence, (b) the Special Comprehensive Law for a Life Free of Violence for Women, (c) the Equality Act, Equity and Eradication of Discrimination against Women and (d) International Treaties; in order to adopt the necessary measures to achieve the full realization of women's rights (PGR, 2022).

In this regard, three specific functions of the Specialized Care Unit for Women are: (a) To provide legal assistance to women who face acts of violence or discrimination, providing them with judicial



or administrative accompaniment, or legal representation in the defense of the right to equality and non-discrimination and the right to live a life free from violence; (b) Provide crisis care and psychological follow-up to women aimed at strengthening their self-esteem in order to break the cycle of violence, (c) Provide social care and social follow-up to ensure continuity with the care process, verify compliance with the protection measures decreed in favor of women, coordinate with relevant institutions to provide shelters or shelters for women facing violence or promote the inclusion of women in support networks (PGR, 2022).

Thus, the assistance provided by the UIAEM, in terms of legal, psychological and social services, to women victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence, is quantified by means of statistical data, which are presented in Table 7.

Table 7 shows the data related to services provided by the UIAEM at the national level for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, in the years 2015 to 2019. On the one hand, these figures show that at the national level in this period, 80,042 services were provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Additionally, the three years with the highest number of services provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence are: 12,864 in 2017, 18,388 in 2018 and 29,355 in 2019. At the same time, the three largest increases in the number of services provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence compared to the previous year are: 30% in 2017, 43% in 2018 and 60% in 2019.

On the other hand, the type of assistance provided at the national level can be ordered according to the number of cases of women victims of domestic and sexual violence in this period, as follows: 38,775 legal services, 27,568 psychological services and 13,699 social services. At the same time, the years with the greatest increase in services provided compared to the previous year are: 80% in 2019 for legal, 66% in 2017 for psychological and 98% in 2018 in social services.

Table 7. Services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women, at the national level, for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, years 2015 to 2019

Assists	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Legal	5249	5693	5707	7913	14213	38775
Psychological	3209	3194	5297	6790	9078	27568
Social	1093	997	1860	3685	6064	13699
Total	9551	9884	12864	18388	29355	80042

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a)

Note: in the period from 2015 to 2019, the PGR did not register legal, psychological, and social services disaggregated by headquarters, that is, only a consolidated global data was made.

Table 8 shows the data related to the legal services provided by the UIAEM at the national level for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, in the years 2020 to 2023. On the one hand, these

figures show that at the national level in this period, 83,347 legal services were provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Apart from that, the three years with the highest number of legal services to victims of domestic and sexual violence are: 19,717 in 2020, 27,109 in 2021 and 21,087 in 2023. Likewise, the number of legal services to victims of domestic and sexual violence increased or decreased compared to the previous year: an increase of 37% in 2021, a decrease of 43% in 2022 and an increase of 37% in 2023.

On the other hand, the three offices of the Assistant Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of legal services provided to women victims of domestic and sexual violence in this period were: 10,268 in La Libertad, 11,953 in Santa Ana and 12,589 in Sonsonate; at the same time, these offices presented an increase or decrease with respect to their previous year of: 36% decrease in 2022, 69% decrease in 2022 and 167% increase in 2023. This data provides an overview of the departments and municipalities of La Libertad, Santa Ana and Sonsonate; the first two belong to the scope of the LibrES Project.

Table 8. Legal services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women, at the national level, for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR, years 2020 to 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Ahuachapán	784	831	483	408	2506
Cabañas	471	438	320	666	1895
Chalatenango	679	805	774	731	2989
Cuscatlán	657	833	716	750	2956
La Libertad	2838	3211	2044	2175	10268
La Paz	311	643	346	338	1638
La Unión	653	700	616	771	2740
Morazán	504	645	523	965	2637
San Miguel	2442	3161	2529	1485	9617
San Salvador	2168	2211	1532	4033	9944
San Vicente	754	965	695	748	3162
Santa Ana	3534	5399	1700	1320	11953
Sonsonate	2629	4430	1506	4024	12589
Soyapango	603	1746	500	1514	4363
Usulután	690	1091	1150	1159	4090
Total	19717	27109	15434	21087	83347

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).

Table 9 shows the data related to psychological services provided by the UIAEM at the national level for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, in the years 2020 to 2023. In the first place, these figures show that at the national level in this period, 41,107 psychological services were



provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Also, the three years with the highest number of psychological services to victims of domestic and sexual violence are: 11,128 in 2020, 12,788 in 2021 and 10,181 in 2023. Thus, the number of psychological services to victims of domestic and sexual violence increased or decreased compared to the previous year: an increase of 15% in 2021, a decrease of 45% in 2022 and an increase of 45% in 2023.

Second, the three offices of the Assistant Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of psychological services provided to women victims of domestic and sexual violence in this period were: 5,221 in La Libertad, 6,307 in San Salvador and 8,909 in San Miguel; in turn, these venues presented an increase or decrease compared to their previous year of: an increase of 61% in 2023, an increase of 65% in 2021 and a decrease of 50% in 2022. These data provide an overview of the departments and municipalities of La Libertad, San Salvador and San Miguel, since they belong to the scope of the LibRES Project.

Table 9. Psychological services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women, at the national level, for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR, years 2020 to 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Ahuachapán	211	210	320	320	1061
Cabañas	772	56	0	581	1409
Chalatenango	449	548	409	944	2350
Cuscatlán	475	656	526	1332	2989
La Libertad	1646	1396	834	1345	5221
La Paz	255	390	400	262	1307
La Unión	0	0	0	103	103
Morazán	0	0	0	118	118
San Miguel	3256	3157	1584	912	8909
San Salvador	1083	1785	1326	2113	6307
San Vicente	394	896	424	0	1714
Santa Ana	1398	2152	606	762	4918
Sonsonate	1189	1542	581	1389	4701
Soyapango	0	0	0	0	0
Usulután	0	0	0	0	0
Total	19717	27109	15434	21087	83347

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).

Table 10 shows the data related to social services provided by the UIAEM at the national level for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, in the years 2020 to 2023. In the first place, these

figures show that at the national level in this period, 21,228 social services were provided to victims of domestic and sexual violence. In addition, the three years with the highest number of social services to victims of domestic and sexual violence are: 5,994 in 2020, 7,082 in 2021 and 4,841 in 2023. Similarly, the number of social services to victims of domestic and sexual violence increased or decreased compared to the previous year: an increase of 18% in 2021, a decrease of 53% in 2022 and an increase of 46% in 2023.

Second, the three offices of the Assistant Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of social services provided to women victims of domestic and sexual violence in this period were: 2,797 in Soyapango, 4,130 in La Libertad and 9,394 in San Salvador. In this sense, these venues presented an increase or decrease compared to their previous year of: an increase of 279% in 2021, an increase of 95% in 2023 and an increase of 60% in 2021. These data provide an overview of the departments and municipalities of Soyapango, Libertad and San Salvador, since they belong to the scope of the LibrES Project.

Table 10. Social services provided by the Institutional Unit for Specialized Care for Women, at the national level, for women victims of domestic and sexual violence, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR, years 2020 to 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Ahuachapán	0	0	0	0	0
Cabañas	0	0	0	0	0
Chalatenango	0	0	0	0	0
Cuscatlán	0	0	0	0	0
La Libertad	1206	1287	554	1083	4130
La Paz	29	719	468	245	1461
La Unión	0	0	0	0	0
Morazán	0	0	0	0	0
San Miguel	833	0	0	0	833
San Salvador	1877	3009	1766	2742	9394
San Vicente	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Ana	1735	878	0	0	2613
Sonsonate	0	0	0	0	0
Soyapango	314	1189	523	771	2797
Usulután	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5994	7082	3311	4841	21228

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).



4.4. Data on psychosocial services to victims of domestic violence and sexual violence (psychological, social and sexual abuse assistance), by Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR in the period from April to August and from October to December 2023

The Psychosocial Care Unit provides primary and secondary preventive psychosocial care through the treatment process, with the objective of providing psychological and social care for the benefit of the user population; in addition, through family education and social outreach, it contributes to solving family problems and social violence (PGR, 2022). The Psychological Care Unit was founded according to agreement 77 of 2023, dated March 1, therefore, as of the month of April, statistical data is available about psychological assistance provided by this unit to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Table 11 shows the data related to psychological services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to victims of domestic violence, at the national level and in age ranges, from April to December 2023. In the first place, these figures show that at the national level in this period, 1,232 psychological services were provided to victims of domestic violence; of these 880 were to women and 352 to men.

The three age ranges in which the highest number of psychological services for women victims of domestic violence were registered: 93 in 12-18 years, 200 in 18-30 years and 481 in 30-60 years; next, the three age ranges where the number of psychological services for women victims of domestic violence increased compared to their previous range are: 72% in 8-12 years, 115% in 18-30 years and 141% in 30-60 years. Similarly, the three age ranges with the highest number of psychological services for male victims of domestic violence are: 51 in 8-12 years, 61 in 18-30 years and 195 in 30-60 years; in addition to this, the three age ranges where the number of psychological services for male victims of domestic violence increased compared to their previous range are: 104% in 8-12 years, 205% in 18-30 years and 220% in 30-60 years.

Second, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of psychological services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to women victims of domestic violence in this period were: 111 in San Vicente, 142 in San Miguel and 246 in San Salvador; these offices showed an increase compared to their previous range of: (a) San Vicente 167% in 8-12 years, 125% in 12-18 years and 142% in 30-60 years, (b) San Miguel 100% in 8-12 years, 208% in 18-30 years and 95% in 30-60 years, and (c) San Salvador 120% in 8-12 years, 475% in 18-30 years and 283% in 30-60 years.

Third, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of psychological services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to male victims of domestic violence in this period were: 23 in San Vicente, 54 in San Miguel and 169

in San Salvador; these offices showed an increase or decrease with respect to their previous range of: (a) San Vicente increased by 200% in 8-12 years, 267% in 12-18 years and 600% in 30-60 years, (b) San Miguel decreased by 60% in 12-18 years, increased by 150% in 18-30 years and increased by 100% in 30-60 years, and (c) San Salvador increased by 40% in 8-12 years, decreased by 100% in 12-18 years, 100% increase in 18-30 years and 174% increase in 30-60 years. These data provide an overview of the departments of San Vicente, San Miguel and San Salvador: the last two belong to the scope of the LibrES Project.

Table 11. Psychological services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit for victims of domestic violence, at the national level, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the Attorney General's Office, by sex and age range, from April to December 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR *	Women						Men						Total General
	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years old	30 - 60 years	Total	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years old	30 - 60 years	Total	
Ahuachapán	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Apopa	0	2	0	2	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cabañas	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cojutepeque	0	1	0	4	7	12	0	0	0	0	5	5	17
La Libertad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Libertad Sur	0	0	0	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
La Paz	0	0	1	3	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
La Unión	2	3	13	12	35	65	2	8	0	1	13	24	89
Metapán	0	5	0	28	37	70	0	0	0	4	5	9	79
San Miguel	7	14	12	37	72	142	10	10	4	10	20	54	196
San Salvador	5	11	8	46	176	246	5	7	0	42	115	169	415
San Vicente	3	8	18	24	58	111	1	3	11	1	7	23	134
Santa Ana	3	5	4	8	12	32	1	0	2	2	5	10	42
Santa Tecla	0	0	1	2	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	7
Sensuntepeque	0	1	0	2	5	8	0	0	0	0	4	4	12
Sonsonate	0	0	3	1	5	9	0	0	0	0	4	4	13
Soyapango	0	3	5	11	36	55	1	1	1	1	2	6	61
Usulután	18	14	21	9	16	78	4	16	2	0	8	30	108
Zacatecoluca	0	0	6	8	7	21	0	4	0	0	7	11	32
Total General	39	67	93	200	481	880	25	51	20	61	195	352	1232

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).

Note 1: * This indicator does not include data for September 2023

Note 2: The Psychosocial Care Units are in the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR, which are in the 14 departments of the country and in 3 municipalities with the highest population density.



Table 12 shows the data related to social services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to victims of domestic violence, at the national level, by sex and in age ranges, from April to December 2023. First, these figures show that at the national level during this period, 587 social services were provided to victims of domestic violence; of these, 386 were for women and 201 for men.

Subsequently, the three age ranges with the highest number of social services for women victims of domestic violence are: 12 in 12-18 years, 98 in 18-30 years and 267 in 30-60 years; in addition, the three age ranges where the number of social services for women victims of domestic violence increased compared to their previous range are: 140% in 12-18 years, 717% in 18-30 years and 172% in 30-60 years.

Likewise, the three age ranges with the highest number of social services for male victims of domestic violence are: 11 in 12-18 years, 32 in 18-30 years and 145 in 30-60 years; in addition to this, the three age ranges where the number of social services for male victims of domestic violence increased compared to its previous range are: 57% in 12-18 years, 191% in 18-30 years and 353% in 30-60 years.

On the one hand, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of social services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to women victims of domestic violence in this period were: 65 in La Libertad, 77 in San Salvador and 152 in Santa Tecla. These sites showed an increase compared to their previous range of: (a) La Libertad of 100% in 8-12 years, 250% in 18-30 years and 657% in 30-60 years, (b) San Salvador of 100% in 12-18 years, 1,150% in 18-30 years and 92% in 30-60 years, and (c) Santa Tecla of 600% in 12-18 years, 500% in 18-30 years and 138% in 30-60 years.

On the other hand, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of social services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to male victims of domestic violence, in this period were: 37 in La Libertad, 67 in Santa Tecla and 78 in San Salvador; these offices showed an increase or decrease with respect to their previous range of: (a) La Libertad increased by 300% in 8-12 years, decreased by 50% in 12-18 years and increased by 1,300% in 30-60 years, (b) Santa Tecla increased by 100% in 12-18 years, 167% in 18-30 years and 138% in 30-60 years, and (c) San Salvador decreased by 100% in 8-12 years, increased by 100% in 12-18 years, 1,100% increase in 18-30 years and 433% increase in 30-60 years. These data provide an overview of the departments of La Libertad and San Salvador, and the municipality of Santa Tecla, which belong to the scope of the LibrES Project.

Table 12. Social services provided by the Unit for Psychosocial Care for Victims of Domestic Violence, at the national level, by headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR, by sex and age range, from April to December 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR*	Women						Men						Total General
	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years	30 - 60 years	Total	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years	30 - 60 years	Total	
Ahuachapán	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Apopa	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cabañas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cojutepeque	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Libertad	1	2	2	7	53	65	1	4	2	2	28	37	102
La Libertad Sur	0	1	0	2	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
La Paz	0	0	0	8	7	15	0	0	0	1	1	2	17
La Unión	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Metapán	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Miguel	0	0	1	1	8	10	0	0	1	0	0	1	11
San Salvador	1	1	2	25	48	77	1	0	1	12	64	78	155
San Vicente	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Ana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Tecla	2	1	7	42	100	152	4	3	6	16	38	67	219
Sensuntepeque	0	0	0	2	9	11	0	0	1	0	1	2	13
Sonsonate	0	0	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	6
Soyapango	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Usulután	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	7
Zacatecoluca	0	0	0	7	22	29	0	0	0	1	10	11	40
Total General	4	5	12	98	267	386	6	7	11	32	145	201	587

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e)

Note: * This indicator does not include data for September 2023

Table 13 shows the data related to the services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to victims of sexual abuse, at the national level and in age ranges, from April to December 2023. These figures show that nationwide in this period, 181 services were provided to victims of sexual abuse; of these, 140 were for women and 41 for men.

The three age ranges where the highest number of services for women victims of sexual abuse were registered are: 13 in 8-12 years, 47 in 18-30 years and 72 in 30-60 years; the three age ranges where the number of services for women victims of sexual abuse increased or decreased compared to their previous range are: decreased by 77% in 12-18 years, increased by 1,467% in 18-30 years and 53% in 30-60 years.



Likewise, the three age ranges with the highest number of services for male victims of sexual abuse are: 6 in 12-18 years, 7 in 18-30 years and 23 in 30-60 years; in addition to this, the three age ranges where the number of assists for male victims of sexual abuse increased compared to its previous range are: 100% in 12-18 years, 17% in 18-30 years and 229% in 30-60 years.

On the one hand, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to women victims of sexual abuse in this period were: 24 in Metapán, 25 in Santa Tecla and 39 in San Salvador; these offices showed an increase or decrease with respect to their previous range of: (a) Metapan increased by 100% in 8-12 years, decreased by 100% in 12-18 years, increased by 100% in 18-30 years, decreased by 43% in 30-60 years, (b) Santa Tecla decreased by 100% in 12-18 years, increased by 100% in 18-30 years and increased by 129% in 30-60 years, and (c) San Salvador increased by 100% in 8-12 years, 100% decrease in 12-18 years, 100% increase in 18-30 years and 47% increase in 30-60 years.

On the other hand, the three offices of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to male victims of sexual abuse in this period were: 6 in San Salvador, 8 in San Vicente and 18 in Santa Tecla; these sites presented an increase or decrease compared to their previous range of: (a) San Salvador an increase of 100% in 18-30 years and an increase of 400% in 30-60 years, (b) San Vicente an increase of 100% in 8-12 years, an increase of 400% in 12-18 years, a decrease of 100% in 18-30 years and an increase of 100% in 30-60 years, and (c) Santa Tecla an increase of 100% in 8-12 years, 100% decrease in 12-18 years, 100% increase in 18-30 years and 225% increase in 30-60 years. These data provide an overview of the departments of Metapán and San Salvador, and the municipality of Santa Tecla, since these belong to the scope of the LibRES Project.

Table 13. Services provided by the Unit for Psychosocial Care for Victims of Sexual Abuse at the National Level by the headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the Attorney General's Office, by sex and age range, from April to December 2023

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR *	Women						Men						Total General
	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years	30 - 60 years	Total	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years	30 - 60 years	Total	
Ahuachapán	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Apopa	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cabañas	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cojutepeque	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR *	Women						Men						Total General
	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years	30 - 60 years	Total	0 - 8 years	8 - 12 years	12 - 18 years	18 - 30 years	30 - 60 years	Total	
La Libertad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Libertad Sur	0	0	0	2	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
La Paz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
La Unión	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Metapán	0	2	0	14	8	24	0	0	0	2	0	2	26
San Miguel	1	2	0	1	2	6	1	1	1	0	0	3	9
San Salvador	0	2	0	15	22	39	0	0	0	1	5	6	45
San Vicente	0	1	1	1	7	10	0	1	5	0	2	8	18
Santa Ana	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Santa Tecla	1	1	0	7	16	25	0	1	0	4	13	18	43
Sensuntepeque	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sonsonate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soyapango	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Usulután	1	5	0	2	3	11	1	0	0	0	2	3	14
Zacatecoluca	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total General	5	13	3	47	72	140	2	3	6	7	23	41	181

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on data provided in the PGR's request for access to public information (PGR, 2023a, 2023b, 2023c, 2023d, 2023e).
Note: * This indicator does not include data for September 2023

5. Final thoughts

About the final considerations, the statistical data provided in this report focus on the services provided by the Office of the Special Attorney for Women and the Office of the Special Attorney for Psychosocial Care in the Auxiliary Offices of the Attorney General's Office at the departmental headquarters. Below are the most relevant results focused on the LibrES project according to the number of cases registered by the PGR.

First, the three departments of LibrES and headquarters of the Assistant Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level in the period from 2015 to 2022, and from January to August 2023, in which there was evidence of a greater number of services provided to women victims of domestic violence, were: 1,628 in La Libertad, 1,688 in San Miguel and 3,415 in San Salvador; these sites represent 11%, 11% and 23% of the total cases, respectively, to form 45%. In turn, La Libertad presented an increase compared to its previous year of 60% in 2018; San Miguel and San Salvador showed decreases compared to their previous year of 27% and 40% in 2023. Likewise, these sites showed a higher number of cases respectively: 247 in 2019 (13% of the total for the year), 230 in 2021 (13% of the total for the year) and 433 in 2016 (26% of the total for the year).



Secondly, the department and municipality of LibrES with the highest number of cases of care provided by the Virtual Assistance Area to women victims of domestic violence for the year 2023, is San Salvador with 21 (representing 54% of the total UIAEM cases) and 10 acts of domestic violence (representing 48% of the total cases in San Salvador). In addition to this, the municipality of San Salvador has had a higher number of cases in: 2 in July, 2 in August and 3 in September.

Thirdly, for the period from 2020 to 2023, the departments of LibrES and headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented the highest number of legal services provided to women victims of domestic and sexual violence, in this period were: 10,268 in La Libertad and 11,953 in Santa Ana; these sites represent 12% and 14% of the total cases, respectively, to form 26%. At the same time, these locations showed a decrease compared to their previous year of: 36% in 2022 and 69% in 2022. Next, these sites showed a higher number of cases respectively: 3,211 in 2021 (12% of the year's total) and 5,399 in 2021 (20% of the year's total).

Fourthly, the departments of LibrES and the headquarters of the Auxiliary Attorneys Offices of the PGR at the national level that presented a higher number of psychological services provided by the Psychosocial Care Unit to women victims of domestic violence, according to age range from April to December 2023, were: 142 in San Miguel and 246 in San Salvador; these sites showed an increase compared to their previous age range of: (a) San Miguel of 100% in 8-12 years, 208% in 18-30 years and 95% in 30-60 years, and (c) San Salvador of 120% in 8-12 years, 475% in 18-30 years and 283% in 30-60 years. In addition to the above, the Psychosocial Care Unit provided psychological services to male victims of domestic violence during this period: 54 in San Miguel and 169 in San Salvador; these sites showed an increase or decrease compared to their previous range of: (a) San Miguel decreased by 60% in 12-18 years, increased by 150% in 18-30 years and increased by 100% in 30-60 years, and (c) San Salvador increased by 40% in 8-12 years, decreased by 100% in 12-18 years, increased by 100% in 18-30 years and increased by 174% in 30-60 years.

With regard to the recommendations regarding the data provided by the Office of the Attorney General of the Republic, it is important that: (a) they publish detailed information on the measurement of GBV, its decomposition into subcomponents or internal classifications through which it is possible to obtain a quantification of the published statistical data, (b) publish the mechanisms, protocols and processes used to quantify GBV cases at the national level, in a timely manner, and (c) publish up-to-date GBV data and complete case count databases.

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