



Gender-Based Violence Legislation Impact in Nigeria: Implementation and Enforcement Dynamics

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Abstract

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains a significant public health and human rights issue in Nigeria, despite existing legislative frameworks. A mixed-methods approach was employed, including surveys, interviews with legal practitioners, and focus group discussions among community members. The survey revealed that only 45% of respondents were aware of the existing GBV legislation, indicating low public knowledge about these laws. Despite high-profile advocacy campaigns, societal awareness levels remain insufficient to ensure effective enforcement and compliance with GBV laws. Enhanced public education programmes are recommended to improve understanding and support for GBV legislative frameworks. Gender-based violence, Nigeria, legislation implementation, societal attitudes

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