DOMINICA

Population: 71,584
Gross national income per capita: US$ 6,550
Income group: Middle
Income inequality: –

ACTION PLANS, POLICIES AND LAWS RELEVANT TO SEVERAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE

National action plans
- Interpersonal violence NO
- Child maltreatment NO
- Youth violence NO
- Intimate partner violence NO
- Sexual violence NO
- Elder abuse NO
- Firearms
- Laws to regulate civilian access YES
- Mandatory background check YES
- Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons YES/YES/YES
- Carrying firearms in public YES
- Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use

National social and educational policies
- Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling NO
- Housing polices to de-concentrate poverty NO

Alcohol
- Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol): 7.1
- Patterns of drinking score: LEAST RISKY

LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

Child maltreatment laws
- Legal age of marriage (male/female): – / –
- Against child marriage YES
- Against statutory rape YES
- Against female genital mutilation NO
- Ban on corporal punishment (all settings): NO (–)

Child maltreatment prevention programmes
- Home visiting: YES
- Training to recognise / avoid sexually abusive situations: YES

Youth violence laws
- Against weapons on school premises: YES
- Against gang or criminal group membership: NO

Youth violence prevention programmes
- Pre-school enrichment: NO
- Life skills and social development training: NO
- Mentoring: NO
- After-school supervision: NO
- School anti-bullying: YES

Intimate partner violence laws
- Against rape in marriage: NO
- Allowing removal of violent spouse from home: YES

Intimate partner violence prevention programmes
- Dating violence prevention in schools: NO
- Microfinance and gender equity training: YES
- Social and cultural norms change: YES

Sexual violence laws
- Against rape: YES
- Against contact sexual violence without rape: YES
- Against non-contact sexual violence: YES

Sexual violence prevention programmes
- School and college programmes: YES
- Physical environment changes: YES
- Social and cultural norms change: YES

Elder abuse laws
- Against elder abuse: NO
- Against elder abuse in institutions: NO

Elder abuse prevention programmes
- Professional awareness campaigns: NO
- Public information campaigns: YES
- Caregiver support: YES
- Residential care policies: YES

VICTIM LAWS
- Providing for victim compensation: NO
- Providing for victim legal representation: NO

VICTIM SERVICES
- Adult protective services: YES
- Child protection services: YES
- Medical-legal services for sexual violence: YES
- Mental health services: YES

DATA ON VIOLENCE

National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence
- Child maltreatment NO
- Youth violence NO
- Intimate partner violence NO
- Sexual violence NO
- Elder abuse NO

Mechanism of homicide
- Blunt force: 33%
- Firearm: 17%
- Sharp force: 50%

Reported homicides (2011) N= 6, Rate= 8.57/100,000 (83% M, 17% F)

Source: Police

Data collection by multisectoral consensus meeting and cleared by Ministry of Health.