Title: MAURITANIA

Population: 3,796,141
Gross national income per capita: US$ 1,040
Income group: Middle
Income inequality: 40.46

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

**National action plans**
- Interpersonal violence NO
- Youth violence NO
- Sexual violence NO

**Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling** NO
- Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty NO

**Firearms**
- Laws to regulate civilian access YES
- Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons YES/NO/YES
- Carrying firearms in public YES

**Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use** NO

**Legal age of marriage (male/female)** 18 / 18

**Sexual violence** NO

- Elder abuse NO

**Laws and prevention programmes by type of violence**

**Child maltreatment laws**
- Legal age of marriage (male/female) 18 / 18
- Against child marriage YES
- Against female genital mutilation YES
- Ban on corporal punishment (all settings) YES (YES)

**Child maltreatment prevention programmes**
- Enforcement
- Home visiting YES
- Training to recognise / avoid sexually abusive situations NO

**Limited** | **Partial** | **Full** | **Key** | **Once/few times** | **Larger scale**
---|---|---|---|---|---
18 / 18 | YES | YES | YES | NO |

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

**Youth violence prevention programmes**
- Pre-school enrichment NO

**Intimate partner violence laws**
- Against rape in marriage —
- Allowing removal of violent spouse from home —

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

**Sexual violence laws**
- Against rape NO
- Against contact sexual violence without rape NO
- Against non-contact sexual violence NO

**Sexual violence prevention programmes**
- School and college programmes NO
- Physical environment changes NO
- Social and cultural norms change NO

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

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

**Victim laws**
- Providing for victim compensation NO
- Providing for victim legal representation YES

**Victim services**
- Adult protective services NO
- Child protection services NO
- Medico-legal services for sexual violence NO
- Mental health services NO

**Data on violence**

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

**Mechanism of homicide**

**Trends in homicides**

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