BHUTAN

Population: 741,822
Gross national income per capita: US$ 2,420
Income group: Middle
Income inequality: 38.73

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

National action plans

- Interpersonal violence: NO
- Child maltreatment: YES
- Youth violence: YES
- Intimate partner violence: YES
- Sexual violence: YES
- Elder abuse: NO

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

National social and educational policies

- Alcohol: Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol): 0.7
 Patterns of drinking: –
Excise taxes: Beer: NO, Wine: YES, Spirits: YES

Laws to regulate civilian access

- Mandatory background check: YES
- Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons: YES
- Carrying firearms in public: YES
- Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use: YES

LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

Child maltreatment laws

- Legal age of marriage (male/female): 18 / 18
- Against child marriage: YES
- Against statutory rape: YES
- Against female genital mutilation: NO
- Ban on corporal punishment (all settings): YES (YES)

Child maltreatment prevention programmes

- Enforcement
- Once/few times
- Larger scale
- Implementation
- Home visiting: NO –
- Parenting education: YES 1
- Training to recognise / avoid sexually abusive situations: YES 1

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: YES 1
- Microfinance and gender equity training: –
- Social and cultural norms change: YES 1

Sexual violence laws

- Against rape: YES
- Against contact sexual violence without raping: NO
- Against non-contact sexual violence: YES

Sexual violence prevention programmes

- School and college programmes: YES 1
- Physical environment changes: –
- Social and cultural norms change: YES 1

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: YES
- Providing for victim legal representation: YES

Victim services

- Adult protective services: NO –
- Child protection services: YES 1
- Medico-legal services for sexual violence: YES 1
- Mental health services: YES 1

DATA ON VIOLENCE

National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence

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Mechanism of homicide

Trends in homicides

Data collection by multisectoral consensus meeting and cleared by Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs.