"Impact of COVID-19 on the access to justice - general overview of the situation in various countries throughout the world"







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Professor Marcelo Castrogiovanni UBA DERECHO Pre-trial isolation and the right to defense.

 Access to a lawyer of detainees, suspects and accused persons deprived liberty in investigation and judicial proceedings.

Do the justice bodies respect demanded legal standards and everything works well?



Overcrowded penitentiary system



Prison riot over fears of COVID-19 spreading





- Cassation April 7 ruling prisoners at risk be granted house arrest
- **Appeal from the prosecutor before the Buenos**Aires Cassation
- Supreme Court of the province of Buenos Aires unanimously accepted the appeal
- Morigerations must be evaluated by the competent judicial organs, and considering the rights of victims.



 Victims of domestic violence and their rights in the context of access to justice:

existing legal standards

current practice (experiences of lawyers)



- **♦ Law Nº 11.357 (1926) Civil rights of women**
- **Reform of the National Constitution of 1994**
- **Law Nº 24.417 (1994) on Family Violence**
- **Constitution of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, of 1996**
- **❖** Law N° 24.632 (1996) The Inter-American Convention to prevent, sanction, and eradicate violence against women, ("Convention of Belém do Pará")
- Law N° 26.485, (2009) "Law of integral protection to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women in the areas in which they develop their interpersonal relationships"

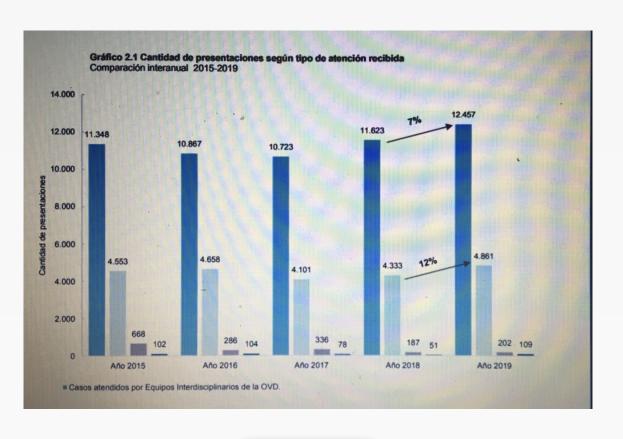


- Decree 326/2010 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN -NEW DENOMINATION
- Resolution 332/2013 The coverage provided by the Training and Employment Insurance is extended to women who are victims of domestic violence
- Law N° 27.501 INTEGRAL PROTECTION TO PREVENT, PENALTY AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - street harassment
- **❖** Resolution 15/2020 MINISTRY OF WOMEN, GENDERS AND DIVERSITY



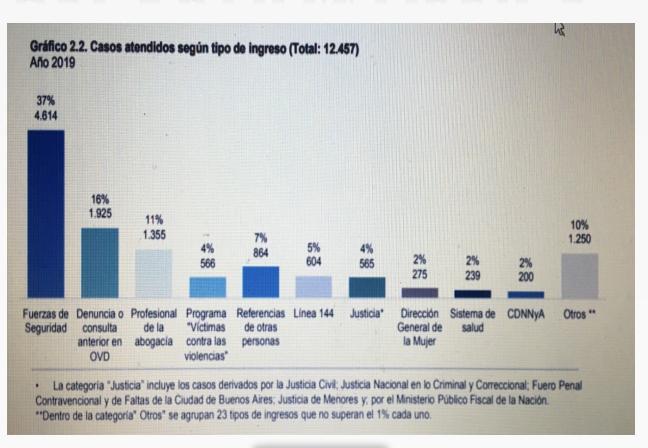
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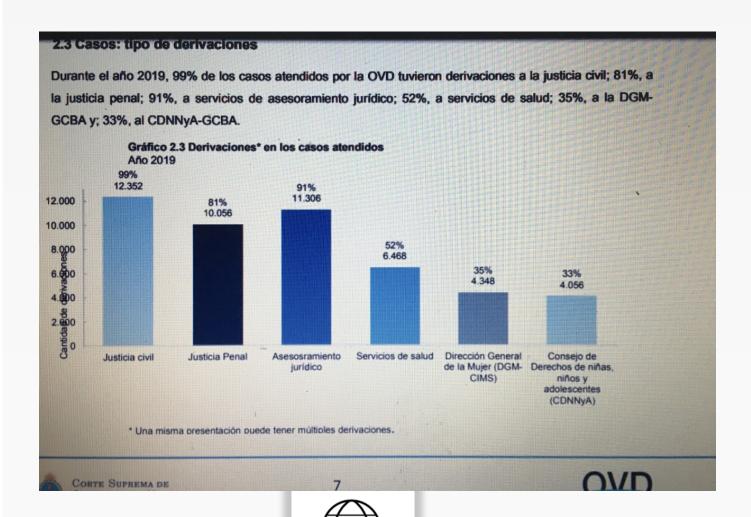


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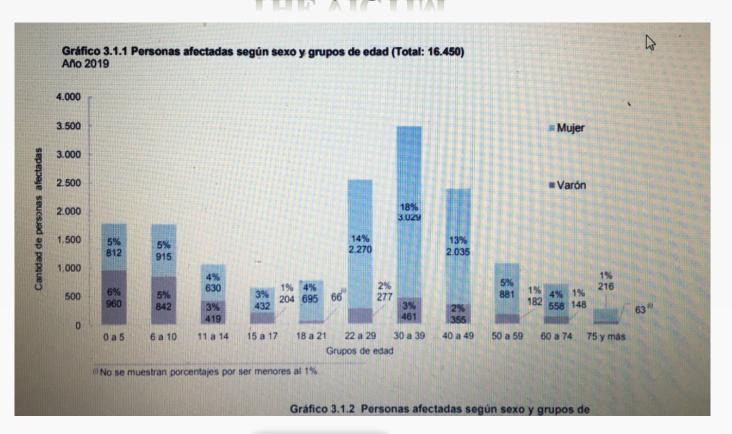




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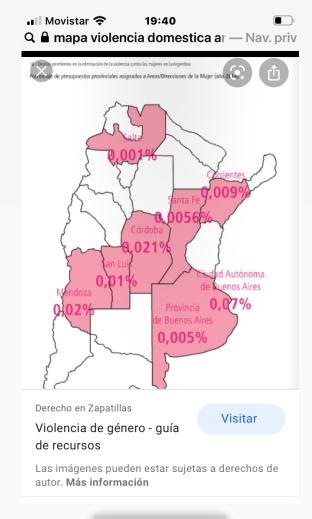


STATISTICS ACCORDING TO SEX AND AGE OF THE VICTIM





BUDGET INTENDED FOR PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE





FREE JUSTICE ACCESS





SOME STATE STATISTICS 2017

Cantidad total de Denuncias: 45.385

	Cant. Denuncias	Porcent. Total
Córdoba Capital	22.989	50.65 %
Interior Provincial	22.396	49.35 %
Cant. Total	45.385	100 %

PCIA DE CORDOBA

Tabla 1. Situaciones de violencia de género, registradas e informadas al IPEC Provincia de Santa Fe. Segundo y Tercer cuatrimestre de 2017.

PCIA SANTA FE

Cantidad de Situaciones —	2	17
	2do Cuatrimestre	3er Cuatrimestre
Total	4270*	3989

Fuente: IPEC. Base de datos del RUVIM.

Nota: *En la publicación anterior se habían registrado 3.692 registros en el segundo cuatrimestre de 2017.



Criminal Legislation:

Ordinance Nº 47.506, (1994)

♦ Adultery repealed by Law Nº 24.453 of 1995

Law Nº 25.087 (1999)

❖Decree 2385 (1993) - Sexual Harassment

Law Nº 26.791 (2012)



Every day Resources:

❖Office for Women and the Office for Domestic Violence (2006) − Supreme Court Project

❖Resolution 15/2020 MINISTRY OF WOMEN, GENDERS AND DIVERSITY

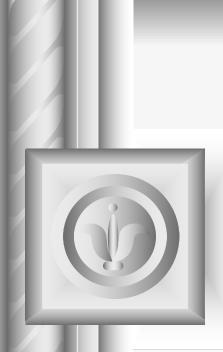
❖Free phone lines for help, advice, guidance (137/144/0800-WOMAN and other local ones)



Closer or more distant justice?

Pros and cons of application of new technologies in access to justice.





Gradual Implementation of informatic and electronic Systems

- National System
- Local Systems
- Buenos Aires Province System
- Buenos Aires City System



Current Systems

National System

- Dual system:
- Digital
- Physical

Buenos Aires Province System

All digital System



Advent of COVID-19

- Justice closed
- Only urgent affairs
- Implementation of remote work
- Lack of proper infrastructure
- Slow reopening as:
- Structures are updated
- Quarantine develops



Thank you



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