



TREADING THE ELUSIVE PATH TO JUSTICE IN NORTH MACEDONIA

ALARMING UPTICK

There has been a **61%** increase in the number of domestic violence complaints received in 2022 compared to 2018.



There were **61** domestic violence cases per 100,000 people in 2022, up from **55** cases in 2018.



THE VAST MAJORITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS – ALMOST **80%** – ARE WOMEN

Meanwhile, **92%** of all domestic violence perpetrators are men.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Intimate partners, current or former, constitute **63%** of all perpetrators.

Remarkably, sons comprise the second-largest group of perpetrators, representing **16%**.

PRISON IS RARE FOR PERPETRATORS

In 2019, a mere **24%** of all reported domestic violence cases went to court. Sentences were rendered in just **15%** of these cases, with a mere **3%** resulting in prison terms.



By 2022, the percentage of domestic violence perpetrators receiving prison sentences dropped to a mere **1%**.



**WHEN
CRIMINALS GO
UNPUNISHED,
THE CYCLE OF
CRIME PERSISTS.**

– Nelson Mandela

With domestic violence on rise and fewer perpetrators being punished...

**PUBLIC TRUST IN THE
JUDICIAL SYSTEM HAS
SHARPLY DECLINED,
FROM **48%** IN 2020 TO
24% IN 2022.**



ADDRESSING THE SURGE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REQUIRES:

- ✓ Developing effective prevention programmes.
- ✓ Creating open, reliable, unified systems for gender-disaggregated data across key sectors.
- ✓ Enhancing protection mechanisms and expanding services to support survivors.
- ✓ Enhancing the gender responsiveness of the judiciary.

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THERE IS **#NOEXCUSE** FOR VIOLENCE

