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%.

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.

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

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

* All values in thousands

There is #NoExcuse for violence.

-- Nelson Mandela

“WHEN CRIMINALS GO UNPUNISHED, THE CYCLE OF CRIME PERSISTS.”

Data sources:
1) MakStat.