A Global Look at Femicide

What is femicide?
Femicide is the most extreme form of gender-based violence: the killing of a woman because of her gender.

What is the 16 Days Campaign?
The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign that promotes awareness, advocacy, and solutions to combat violence against women and girls. From November 25 - December 10, this year’s campaign focuses on femicide.

Every single day, **137 women and girls** are killed by a family member or intimate partner.

The result is more than **50,000 femicides each year**.

Every 8 hours...
a woman in **South Africa** is killed by an intimate partner.

In **India**, dowry-related killings result in **20 femicides every day**.

Nearly **7,000 dowry deaths occurred in India in 2020**.

In **Spain**, femicides have more than doubled compared to pre-pandemic levels.

May 2020: 1 femicide **every week**.

May 2021: 1 femicide **every 3 days**.

Between 2015 and 2020, femicides rose across Latin America.

**Mexico**

- 411 in 2015
- 939 in 2020

**Ecuador**

- 55 in 2015
- 118 in 2020

**400 - 500 honor killings** take place each year in **Iran**.

The perpetrators are almost always male relatives.

In the **United States**, **3 women** are murdered every day by current or former partners.

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Sources: UN Women, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Statista, WorldBank, Amnesty International, Violence Policy Center, Atlantic Council