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- +48% Peru
- +32% Argentina
- +8% Chile

During lockdowns, causes of femicide rose by:
- +50% Panama
- +25% Costa Rica
- +25% Ecuador

In Brazil (São Paulo), the probability of femicide more than doubled during the more pronounced isolation period of COVID-19. Throughout 2020, 1,350 cases of femicide were recorded in the country.

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PROTECTING WOMEN BEYOND THE PANDEMIC

Strengthen services for survivors and ensure their safety, including shelter and response mechanisms and support.

Ensure funding and resources are available beyond the pandemic for GBV services, including organizations, civil society, and support groups.

Building an equitable society where we all work together to prevent GBV.

FOR AN INCLUSIVE WAY FORWARD, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WOMEN PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE AND WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD AN EQUITABLE SOCIETY

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Initial spikes of domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic were mostly associated with quarantine measures. Job losses and constrained financial sustainability for women were identified as potential drivers of increased abuse within the home and declines in reporting in later stages of the pandemic.