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## Addressing Systemic Impunity in Gender-based Violence in Latin America

Gender-based violence, popularly referred to as feminicides, represents one of the most serious human rights crises in Latin America.

Despite regional and international commitment to fight against it, its impunity remains alarmingly high. With weak judicial systems, cultural normalization of violence, and inadequate use of existing laws, perpetrators are allowed to act without consequence, putting in danger the trust of public institutions and the implementation of the law.

Many Latin American countries face the challenge of a weak and corrupt judicial system that fails to impose the law effectively, which directly affects gender-based violence related crime. According to the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean in 2023, there was an average of 11 women per day who were victims of femicide. Achieving justice for victims and ensuring the safety of women requires coordinated international cooperation, judicial reform, and the implementation of effective prevention strategies.