



Programme for Men who use Gender Based Violence

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Context: Work with perpetrators in Spain

Different types of programmes in Spain

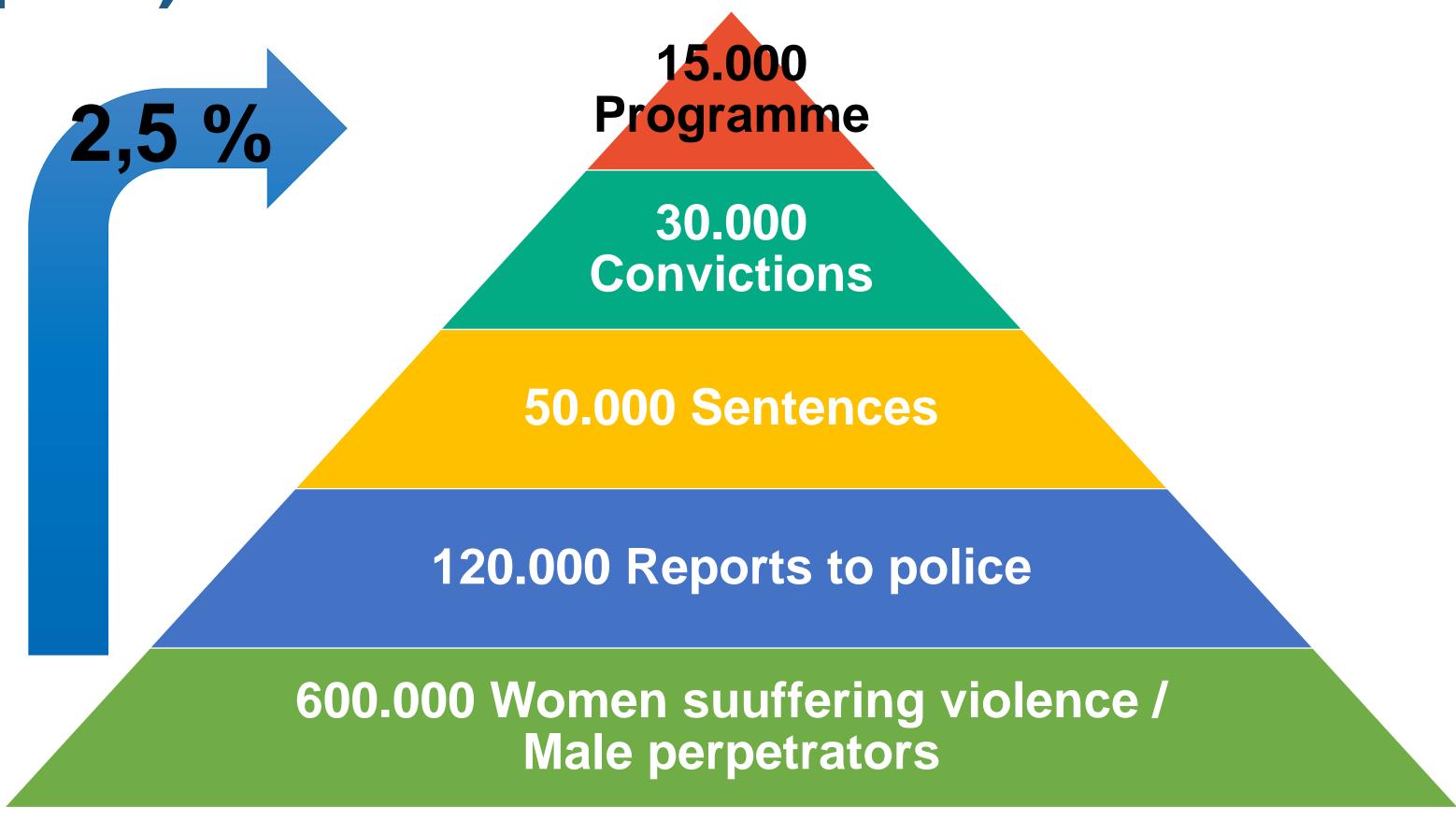
- Programmes delivered in prisons and their open sections
- Programmes within probation (as alternative penal measures "Medidas Penales Alternativas")
- Community based programmes for self-referred / voluntarily attending men







Claiming programmes outside the criminal justice system (Spain)









Integrated Programme against Gender Based Violence

- Programme for Women who have suffered GBV
- Programme for Children who have suffered GBV and their mothers
- Programme for Men who have used GBV
- Programme for LGBTI people who have suffered or used IPV
- Programme for Universities against GBV

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Main objectives

- ✓ Safety of victims/survivors (women and children)
- ✓ Reduction in violence (all types)
- ✓ Respectful, caring relationships

Main perspectives

- ✓ Gender perspective (structural inequalities, power relations, masculinities)
- ✓ Emotional regulation (trauma) and violence
- ✓ Relationship with / history of (learning) violence

Phases of intervention

- 1. Intake and assessment
- 2. Group (preferably) or individual work
- 3. Evaluation and follow-up







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Coordinated Community Response

- ✓ Pro-active partner contact and offer of support
- ✓ Close coordination with women's and children's services
- Coordination with referring and other services
- Screening for substance abuse and mental health and referrals to specialised services if needed

Funding (insufficient and instable)

- ✓ Grants from public administrations (regional and provincial governments)
- ✓ Contribution from clients (symbolic)







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Main intervention themes / contents

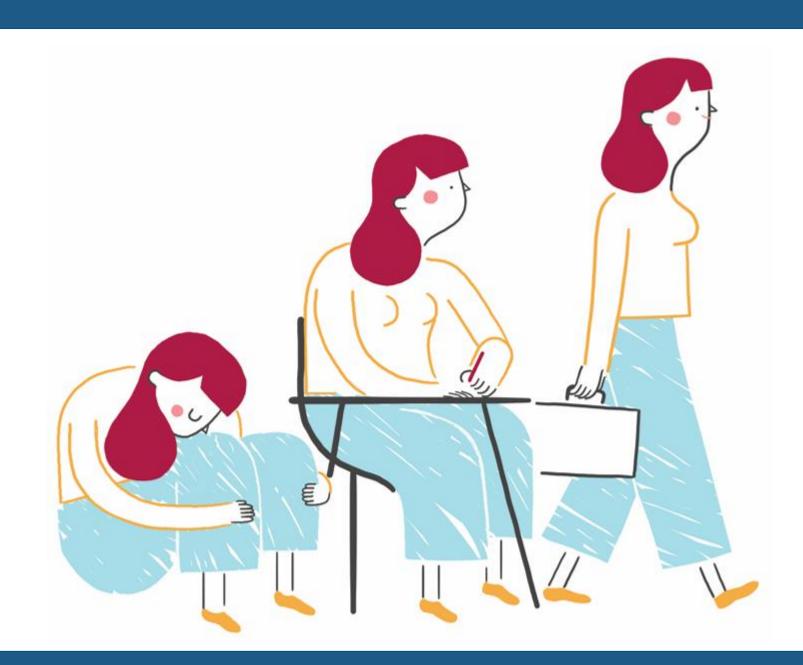
- 1. Responsibility / accountability / empathy: consequences of violence
- 2. Analysis of violent episodes (understanding)
- 3. Masculinity and violence
- 4. Relationship with / history of violence
- 5. Sexual violence
- 6. Fatherhood and effects of violence on children
- 7. (Re) constructing alternative ways of relating







Thank you very much for your attention!



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The Istanbul Convention

Article 16 – Preventive intervention and treatment programmes

- Parties shall take the necessary legislative or other measures to set up or support programmes aimed at teaching perpetrators of domestic violence to adopt non-violent behaviour ...
- Parties shall ensure that the safety of, support for and the human rights of victims are of primary concern and that where appropriate, these programmes are set up and implemented in close co-ordination with specialist support services for victims

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