

Executive Summary “The direct governmental costs of violence against women in Ecuador”

A key element in making violence against women visible in all its forms and spheres of occurrence is the generation of statistical information, which makes it possible to quantify, characterize, and measure this social problem.

The collaboration established between GIZ, through its Program for the Prevention of Violence against Women (Prevención de la Violencia contra las Mujeres - PreViMujer) and the Technical Secretariat of the *Toda una Vida* Plan, with the support of the Universidad de San Martín de Porres in Peru, has made it possible to carry out this task that seeks to demonstrate the state’s investment in prevention, care, and sanction of violence against women.

This document synthesizes the main results of the study which indicates that state institutions directly invested almost US\$76.2 million in prevention and care of violence against women in 2017. Most of the expenses came from the justice sector (US\$41.8 million), followed by the health sector (US\$19.7 million), and education (US\$14.2 million). Only 1.73% of the total was invested in prevention of violence against women, specifically in the health sector (US\$529,000), justice sector (US\$267,000), and education sector (US\$11,000).



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