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PROCURACIÓN PENITENCIARIA DE LA NACIÓN

#### INVESTIGATING GENDER-BASED COMPLAINTS AND PROMOTING WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE

GOOD PRACTICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GENDER-SENSITIVE POLICIES





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## LA PROCURACIÓN PENITENCIARIA

- Autonomous institution under the National Congress (Founded in 1993)
- Mission: To defend the human rights of persons deprived of liberty in Argentina
- Functions: Regularly visit prisons, conduct confidential interviews with persons deprived of liberty (PDL), investigate cases of torture and ill-treatment, and report incidents of violence.



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# EQUIPO DE GÉNERO Y DIVERSIDAD SEXUAL

- •Make visible the differential impact of incarceration on certain bodies and identities according to the category of gender
- Promote the mainstreaming of gender and diversity perspectives in the protection and promotion of the rights of persons deprived of liberty and their families
- Promote more inclusive criminal and penitentiary policies designed from a gender-based approach



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#### **OBJETIVOS PRINCIPALES**

Investigate and report cases of gender-based violence as forms of institutional violence

Produce independent statistics on the phenomenon of gender-based violence in prisons

Monitoring detention conditions in specific facilities

- Draft reports, recommendations, and judicial submissions
- Present alternative reports before international organizations
- Promote legislative initiatives

### LEGAL FRAMEWORK

#### INTERNACIONAL

- Bangkok Rules
- CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)
- Belém do Pará Convention (Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women)
- Yogyakarta Principles

#### **NATIONAL**

- Comprehensive Law on the Protection to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate Violence against Women
- Gender Identity Law
- Law on the Enforcement of Custodial Sentences



#### MUJERES EN PRISIÓN Los alcances del castigo

Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) Ministerio Público de la Defensa Procuración Penitenciaria de la Nación

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- Published in 2010
- In collaboration with the Office of the Public Defender and the Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS)
- Who are the imprisoned women in Argentina?
- What are their trajectories of criminalization?
- What are their experiences of incarceration?



- Published in 2019
- In collaboration with the Office of the Ombudsperson of the Nation, the Office of the Public Defender, and the Ombudsperson's Office of the Province of Buenos Aires
- What are the experiences of imprisoned women during pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum?
- What do we mean when we talk about obstetric violence in prisons?
- Improving access to justice for women victims of obstetric violence in prisons



- Published in 2020
- In collaboration with several civil society organizations: WOLA, Dejusticia, Equis, Corpora, Almas Cautivas, Casa de las Muñecas, Casa Hogar Paola Buenrostro
- Who are the incarcerated transgender women in Latin America?

# WHAT FORMS OF VIOLENCE DO INCARCERATED WOMEN EXPERIENCE?

Pathologization of women's demands as a form of conflict management by the Prison Service

What does this mean?

Cases of forced administration of psychiatric medication by injection to women labeled by the Prison Service as "demanding" or "difficult to manage."

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