

Using Data Sources

An NHRI has prioritised the work on domestic violence. The next step is to figure out how to get the data needed to perform the monitoring and reporting on the issue.

Step 1: National

Collect information on domestic violence on a national level:

- Are there national **studies** regarding domestic violence?
- Is there national **statistic** on domestic violence?
- Does the Police have their own statistical data on domestic violence?
- Has the NHRI conducted **investigations** on domestic violence? Has the NHRI handled cases?
- Is there national **legislation** on the subject?
- **Case law**: are there court rulings that involve domestic violence? What are the outcomes?
- Who are the **stakeholders** on domestic violence? What information can they provide?

Step 2: Regional

Collect information about domestic violence on a regional level:

- Are there viable **studies** on domestic violence that cover the region the NHRI is working in? Regional studies could also include the state party or could be used for comparison or good practises.
- What do regional human rights **conventions** (if any) say about domestic violence? Are there specialised conventions or agreements? Have the regional monitoring bodies issued recommendations to your state?
- Are there **case law** decisions from regional human rights courts?

Step 3: International

Collect information about domestic violence on an international level:

- Which **articles** in the treaties CEDAW, ICCPR, CRC, CRPD, etc., are relevant to issues regarding domestic violence?
- Are there **General Comments** regarding domestic violence (e.g., CCPR: General Comment No. 28)?
- Do the **UN special rapporteurs** on 'Violence against Women', 'Minority Issues' or 'Torture and Inhuman Treatment' provide reporting on domestic violence (e.g., 'Violence against women in the family')?
- **Report** by the UN Special Rapporteur on 'Violence against Women' (E/CN.4/1999/68. 10 March 1999)