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Information on domestic violence

A report issued in November 2017 by the *Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence* states that:

“Limited data exists regarding violence against women and vulnerable group of women in Albania, although more than one report...provides information concerning the heightened difficulties they encounter in reporting violence and accessing adequate protection and support services” (Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (24 November 2017) *Baseline Evaluation Report Albania*, p.15).

A report issued in 2018 by *Bertelsmann Stiftung* notes that:

“...serious offenses and domestic violence against women have surfaced in the period under review, and no significant progress has been made in eliminating this phenomenon” (Bertelsmann Stiftung (2018) *BTI 2018; Albania Country Report*, p.26).

Amnesty International released a report in February 2018 reviewing events of 2017 including stating that:

“Reports of domestic violence increased...” (Amnesty International (22 February 2018) *Amnesty International Report 2017/2018 – Albania*)

In April 2018 the *United States Department of State* issued a report reviewing events of 2017 including noting:

“Domestic violence against women remained a serious problem. Police often did not have the training or capacity to deal effectively with domestic violence cases. The government operated three shelters to protect survivors of domestic violence, and NGOs operated six others” (United States Department of State (20 April 2018) *2017 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: Albania*, p.13).

A report issued by the *United Nations Human Rights Council* in January 2018 notes:

“...high rates of domestic abuse or violence against women...” (United Nations Human Rights Council (16 January 2018) *Report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief on his mission to Albania*, p.16)

In April 2018 the *European Commission* states in a report that:

“Domestic violence remains a serious concern” (European Commission (17 April 2018) *Albania 2018 Report*, p.29).

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