



SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST MIGRANT WOMEN: THE OMNIPRESENT THREAT

8M women migrant memory

On average, **1** out of every **2** migrants in Latin American and Caribbean countries are women, according to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

GENDER, A RISK FACTOR DURING MIGRATION.



Migration can provide opportunities for women, but also expose them to discrimination and exploitation.

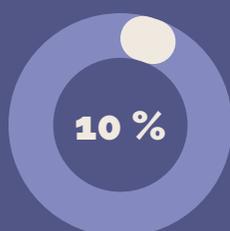
GENDER VIOLENCE DRIVES FORCED MIGRATION IN EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS.



Gender-based violence perpetrated by family members, gangs and drug traffickers forces many women, girls and LGBTI people to flee their countries of origin, according to the international organization Support Kind.

VIOLENCE, FEAR OF REPORTING AND IMPUNITY

Less than



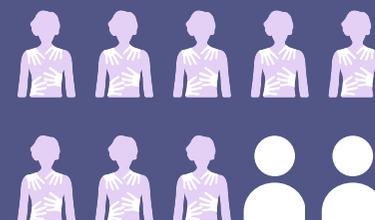
of cases of gender violence in the region are punished.

Source: IOM

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cases of sexual violence recorded in Mexico, between 2016-2022.

Source: Migration Policy Unit of the Ministry of the Interior



8 out of 10 victims were women.



In 22% of the cases the victims were girls, boys or adolescents.

SEXUAL ASSAULTS AGAINST MIGRANT WOMEN ARE COMMON, BUT THEY ARE FREQUENTLY NOT REPORTED OR PUNISHED.



WHAT ARE THE MAIN RISKS THAT INCREASE VIOLENCE AGAINST MIGRANT WOMEN?



- Unsafe migration routes.
- Lack of shelter and basic services.
- Discrimination.
- Lack of access to health, including contraceptive methods, gynecological treatments and safe births.



IN ACTION!

It is vitally important to make visible the specific challenges and risks that migrant women face on their journey and highlight the importance of addressing the sexual violence of which they are victims.

