

Femicide

What do we know?

What can we do?

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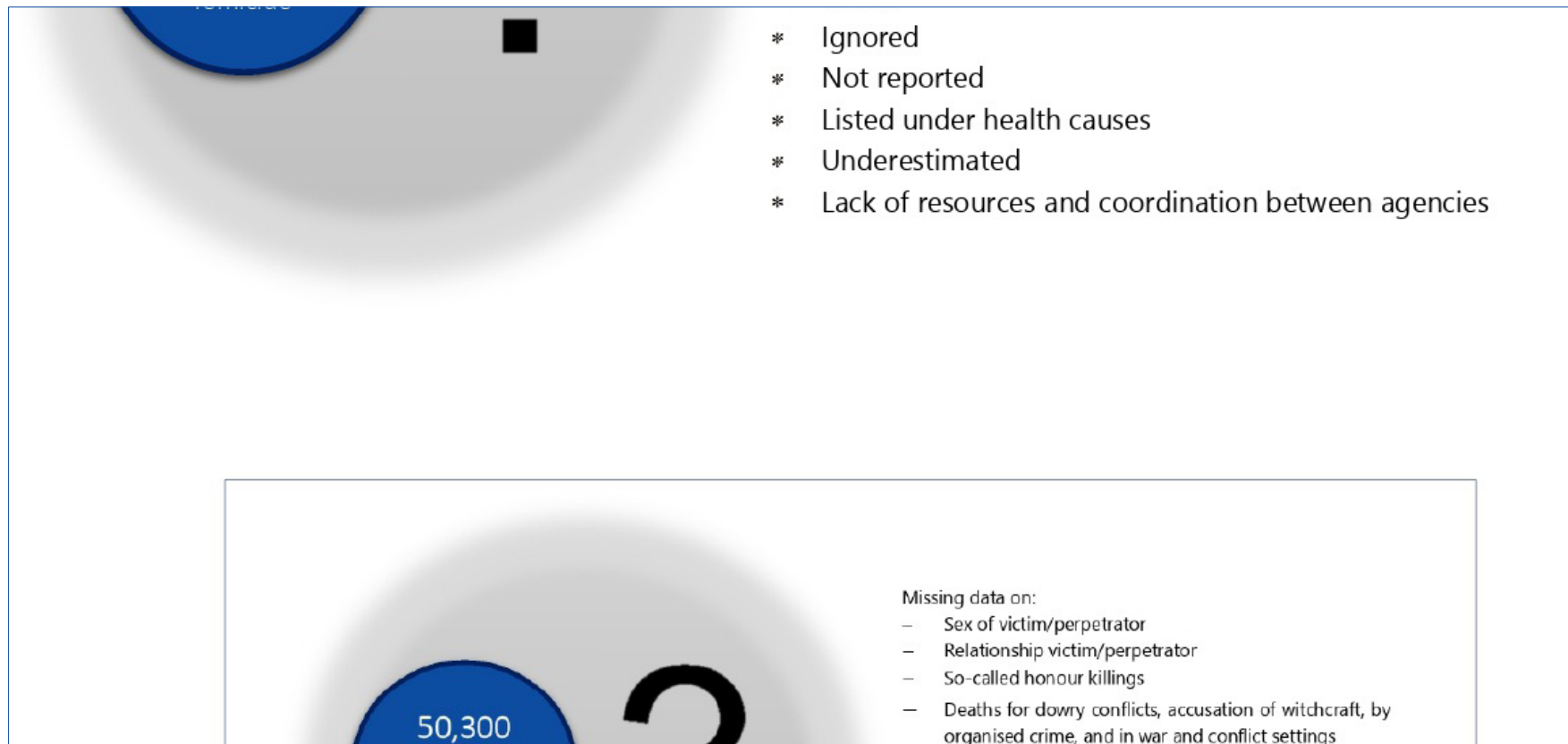
Female victims intentionally
killed by partner/family
member in 2017

- Source: UNODC, Global Study on Homicide (2018)



The obscure estimate of femicide

- Source: author's original elaboration and UNODC (2018)



Most relevant risk factors for becoming perpetrator/victim

Level	For perpetrating femicide	For being a victim of femicide
Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abuse of alcohol and drugs Violating protection order Mental health problems Witnessing domestic abuse in family of origin Unemployment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempted strangulation Being a rape victim Pregnancy (during a violent relationship) Witnessing domestic abuse in family of origin Low level of education
Interpersonal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior violence against partner Obsessive jealousy Coercive control over partner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior violence by perpetrator Estrangement, divorce Presence of child from previous relationship Conflict with in-laws (over dowry, land property, behaviour)
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appreciation of aggressive masculinity (as in macho culture) Loose social ties in neighbourhoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devaluation of women's roles Isolation Lack of multi-agency coordination for victims' protection Patterns of behaviour transgressing gender norms (in patriarchal settings)
Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perception of impunity Lack of measures redressing gender inequality War and conflict settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low access to justice Lack of women's rights recognition War and conflict settings

What works?

- Change is not linear, progress depends on changing social, economic and cultural aspects
 - One Stop Centers: a range of services under one roof
 - Risk assessment: several tools for different contexts
 - Access to justice: female police, joint police/judicial training
 - Working with men and boys
 - Funding programmes should target a stream of activities

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