

**OBSERVATORIO DE GÉNERO  
DE ALAS TENSAS (OGAT)**  
*Violence against women and  
femicides*

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III Cycle-  
Universal  
Periodic Review

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In the Third Cycle of the UPR  
Universal Periodic Review (2018),  
Cuba received five  
recommendations related to  
gender-based violence.

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However, the Cuban State continues  
to fail to develop a comprehensive  
strategy to combat discrimination  
against women.



Cuba has neither acceded to nor ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, which was one of the recommendations (24.29) of the last UPR.



In 2022, the National Assembly of People's Power publicly rejected the typification of femicide within the New Penal Code.





**Legislation  
adopted by the  
Cuban State in  
recent years**

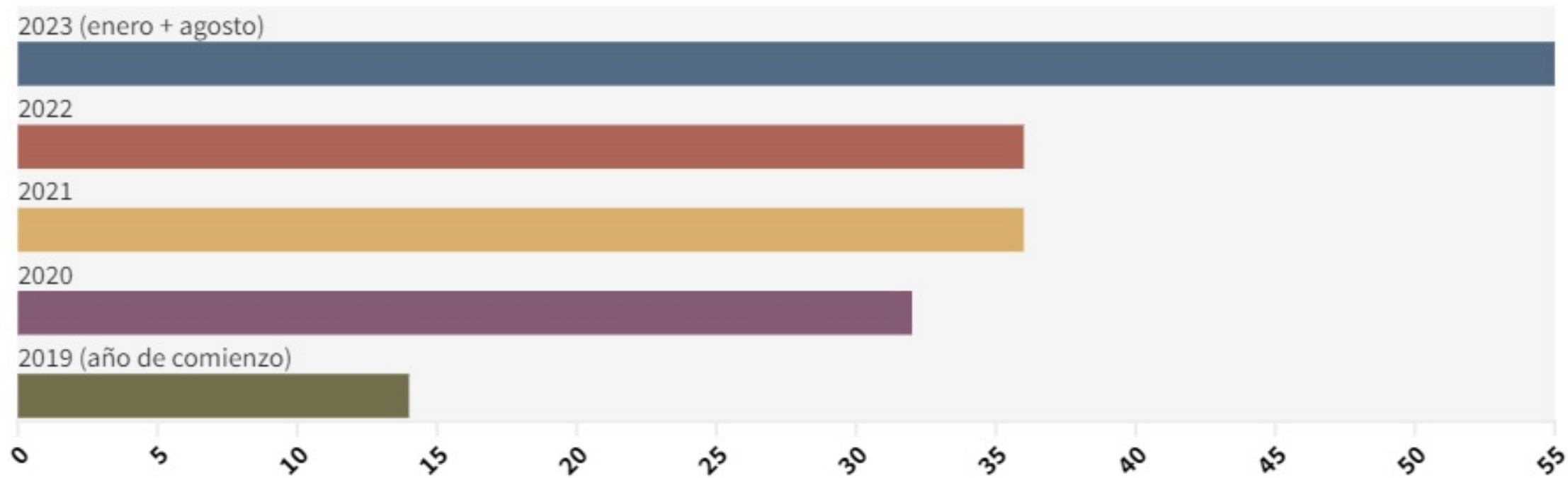
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Comprehensive Strategy for Prevention and Attention to Gender Violence and Violence in the Family Scenario is the only document that mentions the term 'femicide'.

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New Family Code, which allows equal marriage, adoption by same-sex couples, and "solidarity gestation."

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- These laws have not resulted in the creation of effective comprehensive protocols for prevention and care for people affected by gender-based violence, in the foundation of shelters and a rescue system for women and their children in danger, as well as in the discussion and creation of a Comprehensive Law against Gender Violence.
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Source: OGAT + YoSiTeCreo en Cuba

# Femicides in Cuba 2019 – 2023



Fuente: OGAT

Femicides of couples or ex-partners  
2019 - 2023

# Recommendations:

## Incorporate

Incorporate femicide as a crime in the Penal Code.

## Approve

Approve a Comprehensive Law against Gender Violence in Cuba, to be developed with the participation of feminist activism.

## Create

Create a network of shelters for women victims of sexist violence with all the guarantees of security and qualified personnel to attend these cases, to safeguard life.



# Recommendations:

## Develop

Develop and apply the mechanisms to declare the State of Emergency, for when it is necessary to contain the increase in cases of gender violence in the country.

## Establish

Establish immediately and unconditionally the right of assembly, association, and demonstration not only for women who fight against gender violence and Cuban feminist associations that are criminalized but for all Cuban citizens.

## Guarantee

Guarantee with effective mechanisms access to employment, health, education, and justice for trans people, Afro-descendant women, rural women, and people with disabilities.

Thanks