



ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST MIGRANTS

# EVAM

## IN 3 PRINCIPLES AND 4 STEPS

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# 3 PRINCIPLES

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**Principle 1.** EVAM aims at reducing violence originated, directly or indirectly, in actors and institutions practices. To achieve that goal, EVAM advises and accompanies the documentation process of violent situations, draws the attention of the actors or institutions on the harmful consequences of their actions and policies, and offers to accompany them in the identification of concrete steps towards their elimination. **Its methodology can be applied to all cases of physical or psychological violence against a migrant, i.e. anyone living -either as a migrant or as a refugee- in the territory of the State of which he or she is not a national..**

→ EVAM is not involved in the case management of affected migrants, its support takes the form of institutional change consulting.

**Principle 2.** EVAM accompanies independent documentation of abuses and violence and encourages the gathering of unconstrained testimony that will allow trustworthy reporting. Allegations of abuses are gathered with the support of grass root actors in contact with victims of violence. The documentation is carried out in complete independence from the actors or institutions identified as responsible for the violence, or in a position to reduce it. In an environment often antagonized or affected by the lack of trust, EVAM bridges the gap between those directly confronted to harmful situations not necessarily visible or considered by actors or institutions at the origin of harmful practices.

→ EVAM facilitates the independent documentation of allegations of abuse.

**Principle 3.** EVAM works with institutions and actors in demand for change and/or receptive to its demarche. By nature, EVAM does not propose to constrain or denounce actors and institutions at the origin of violent situations. EVAM offers to work with them, helping them define the challenges they face and the constraints they may be facing addressing them. EVAM does not take side or judge the capacity or appetite of the actor to address these constraints.

→ EVAM defends an inclusive approach based on the intermediation between field operators and institutions.

# 4 STEPS

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**Step 1: EVAM's methodology preliminary step mean to identify the operational framework of the targeted actor or institution.** At this stage, EVAM seeks to develop a list of questions adapted to the actor that will set the frame of its action: *how is it organized in its interaction with migrants? What internal divisions does it use in its operational process? What standard and ethics does it set for itself? How has it already outlined difficulties it faces with migrants? How does it distinguish migrants from other publics?*

The documentation process focusses on information relevant for the identification and implementation of corrective measures. EVAM is a pragmatic and result-oriented initiative that seeks concrete and rapid change based on realistic recommendations. To ensure this, it will seek to link documented abuses with existing processes and practices, so that these can be adapted and changed.

→ **Eventually, changes will be implemented by the institution or the actor involved in the violence: the process should be adapted to their realities.**

**Step 2: EVAM's documentation work cannot be built without the support of a field actor in contact with migrants.** This operator leads the documentation process that is at the core the approach. The collection of information ideally seeks for both quantitative and qualitative data. EVAM estimates an ideal sample should be composed of quantitative data gathered from a large group and completed with individualized qualitative interviews. The scope of the survey adapts to the needs and the nature of the information gathered.

→ **At the heart of the survey is the testimony of victims of violence.**

**Step 3: EVAM supports to production of an analysis of the collected allegations.** This analysis is based on the data collected and reinforced by the expertise and specific knowledge of the field operator that has been involved in the documentation process. EVAM supports the operator in the identification of steps that need to be taken to mitigate or solve harmful situations affecting migrants. Based on the operational framework of the actors or institutions at the origin of the violence or in a position to address them, EVAM helps the operator formulate realistic recommendations that have a good chance to be implemented.

→ **Based on a collaborative work between the field operator and the institution, the final document seeks to identify 5 key levers to reduce violence.**

**Step 4:** The final step consists of **assisting the institution** in the implementation of the recommended steps. Where needed, support can be provided in the longer term to ensure continuous support in the elimination of the main identified causes of violence.