What are the gender dimensions of policy interventions addressing urban violence in the Global South?

A look at the policy environment in 6 violent cities in 3 countries:

**Colombia**
- Bogotá | Cali
  - Colombia possesses a legal framework with major potential to address VAW
  - Main focus remains on domestic violence and violence by (ex)partners
  - Programs to address the VAW situation in the city have been established with the support of international organizations, but no evaluation is available yet

**Brazil**
- Rio de Janeiro | Sao Paolo
  - Policy framework in Brazil focuses on domestic violence
  - Most of the interventions that address VAW in public spaces are being pushed by civil society and/or international organizations

**South Africa**
- Cape Town | Johannesburg
  - Several policies exist at the national, provincial and municipal levels of government in South Africa focusing on crime prevention and fostering safer communities
  - Despite the incorporation of gender into some of these policies, to date the impacts on tackling VAW appear to be limited

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- **Gap**: Substantial lack of an integrated view of gender dimensions in violent urban contexts
- **Methodology**: Review of government policies or interventions in select violent urban contexts in the Global South.