

6. Objectives of an ESS

The objectives to be considered in designing and implementing an ESS are listed below. The system should:

- 6.1.** Produce reliable and timely data on the problem under study, including socio-demographic variables, characteristics, and circumstances, analyzed and transmitted to the appropriate parties. The ESS should make it possible to create and organize a database that can be used for monitoring and evaluation.
- 6.2.** Permit monitoring of the magnitude and distribution of morbidity, mortality, psychological effects, perception and reality of violent events, identification of new risks, and formulation of possible causal associations.
- 6.3.** Identify patterns or typologies of violence under study or surveillance.
- 6.4.** Generate hypotheses on causality to be tested by another type of study.
- 6.5.** Serve as a reliable source of information for decision-makers.
- 6.6.** Evaluate the impact of a program or intervention.
- 6.7.** Promote the formation of working groups with the participation of institutions or groups that collect data on the type of violence being monitored.

The ESS by itself does not produce changes; it is only a working tool.

Objectives of an ESS on violence:

1. Produce reliable and timely information
2. Monitor changes
3. Identify patterns of violence
4. Generate causal hypotheses
5. Support decision-making
6. Evaluate programs and interventions
7. Promote the formation of working groups