

Summary Report

The Media Council of Kenya's report on femicide in January 2024 highlights a surge in gender-based killings, with 10 cases reported that month and 150 in 2023, primarily in Nairobi, Kiambu, and Nakuru. Patriarchal norms and gender inequality are key drivers. Media coverage varied: broadcast and digital platforms raised awareness, but some outlets were criticized for sensationalism and insensitivity. Legal protections exist but enforcement is weak. Civil society and government responses included calls for declaring femicide a national disaster and regulating short-term rentals. Challenges include unethical reporting and lack of systemic analysis. Recommendations focus on enforcing media ethics, improving collaboration, and enhancing data collection to address femicide effectively.