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National authorities took steps to ensure that gender-specific circumstances are taken into account throughout the asylum procedure. When necessary, courts stepped in and maintained that FGM/C, gender-based violence and women's rights activism are recognised as grounds for international protection. Reception facilities and the provision of comprehensive support were enhanced in some countries to ensure safety for women and girls.



#### 5.2.1. Updating procedures to better protect victims of violence

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