

Developed draft legislation, recommendations and programs:

- To support activities of monitoring groups and standardise their activities.
- Developed legislative proposals for amendment of criminal code for criminalisation of DV in order to:
 - adjust the definition of the domestic violence or (ii) to enumerate domestic violence as a separate criminal offense, or as an aggravating circumstance to any other crimes in the Criminal Code.
 - introduce the penalty (for domestic violence acts) that do not place additional financial burden for the victim and the victim's family.
 - clearly identify children as a group of victims.
 - to enumerate a wider range of people under the term "domestic".
 - prevent using the reconciliation measures in the cases of domestic violence.
 - the legal regulation of protection orders in order to ensure the safety of the victim.

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Main achievements and results



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We developed **6 training courses** which comprehensively covers support to domestic violence survivors, rehabilitation work with perpetrators, court procedures and role of journalists in prevention of domestic violence.

680 specialists participated in Train-of-trainer programs.

International experts provided **496 hours** of online and on-site training sessions.

6 training manuals on practical models and contemporary good practices are available online in order to strengthen the capacities of different specialists and NGOs. It will be used in future trainings organised by SCFWCA.

- On domestic violence indicators, referral guidelines and risk assessment (for police officers, educators, health care providers, local executive authorities).
- On women's rights and the treatment of domestic violence cases according to European standards (for judges and prosecutors).
- On conducting DV awareness-raising campaigns (for PR specialists).
- On highlighting the issues relevant to domestic violence, mass-media campaigns and the dissemination of information on DV (for journalists).
- on International standards in Domestic Violence service provision (for social care workers and Children and Family Support Centers).
- on Methodology on collection, analysis and reporting on cases of different types of domestic violence.

In order to reduce incidents of domestic violence, it is necessary not only to provide assistance to victims but also to help perpetrators change their habits of violence.

International experts together with the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs have tailored an international Intervention Programme for Work with Domestic Violence Perpetrators.

This programme is aimed to assist a person to reject violent behaviour. It helps the perpetrators' to analyse the causes of their own violent behaviour, to learn how to recognise their feelings and express them constructively, develop positive attitudes towards partnership, children, managing finances and running a household, and how to learn new skills in dispute resolution.

Experience shows that 40% of participants who finish the programme do not commit domestic violence anymore.