

# Sverdlovsk Regional Voluntary Organisation, Russia

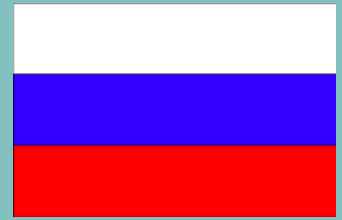


Crisis Centre for  
Women and Children

«EKATERINA»



# Russia





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# What happens behind the closed doors?

- **Every 40 minutes in Russia a woman is being killed by her husband or a partner**
- **Every year in Russia Domestic Violence results in as many women's deaths, as many soldiers were killed in 10 years of the war in Afghanistan**
- **36,000 women are beaten by their husbands/partners every day in Russia**
- **2,500 children die every year as a result of domestic violence – 4 kids every day**
- **5000 children run away from home searching for escape from domestic and other abuse**
- **Police are looking for 25000 children**
- **2000 people take their own lives every year**

# Support services for women

- Help-Line for victims of domestic violence and Trafficking Information Line
- Psychological consultations for women and children
- Legal consultations
- Groups of support and self-support for women
- Advocacy support in the Court
- Social Work Specialist(s)
- *In 2007 the Crisis Centre “Ekaterina” supported 1263 people  
Staff work with women on a voluntary basis*

# Principles and specifics of our work

- **We totally disagree with the approach that a victim could have provoked violence**
- **The services should be confidential, free of charge and very professional**
- **All crisis centres work with victims and at the same time form public opinion about domestic violence by working with media and by delivering training programme for professionals.**
- *Our centre does not receive any government funding*

# Training programmes

- Training programmes for Police, especially those, who work directly with victims: «Prevention of domestic violence crime and providing support for women and children experiencing domestic violence»
- Training programmes for social workers of the city and the region
- Training programmes for midwifery staff and gynaecologists (during pregnancy domestic violence normally extrapolates)
- Training programmes for judges and lawyers “Life without Fear”
- Training Programmes for journalists and media

# Training for professionals



## Court Statistics (2005-2007)

- More "private charge" cases (DV cases) are going through the court (2.1%);
- More criminal cases of all categories are going through the Justice of Peace court (increase of 18.9%). Although this includes other types of crime (eg fight between neighbours etc), many of these cases are DV related.
- Less "private charge" cases are closed (logged as 'reconciled on amicable grounds') (decrease from 70% in 2005 to 56.8% of all "private charge" cases in 2007);
- More offenders are brought to justice (more perpetrators are prosecuted in the "private charge" cases) – increase of from 1991 in 2005 to 3371 in 2007;
- Less cases are closed out of all cases processed – reduction in the number of cases dismissed from 44.4% in 2005 to 29.5% in 2007.

## Police Statistics (2006-2007)

- Over two years (2006-2007), the number of 'murders committed on domestic grounds' have fallen by 25.4% (from 342 in 2006 to 255 in 2007), and the number of incidents of 'severe bodily harm' have fallen by 7.4% (from 211 in 2006 to 156 in 2007), while the number of cases of 'severe bodily harm' resulting in a fatal outcome have fallen by 26% (from 528 in 2006 to 489 in 2007).
- In total in 2007, there were 411 cases in which a victim died as a result of a 'domestic dispute' in Sverdlovsk Oblast.
- In 2007 there were 700 crimes committed by family members against women.

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# The Coalition of the Crisis Centres of Ural-Siberian Region - Goals

- Development of the regional partnerships between NGOs and government sectors;
- Developing effective joint ways of working and common principles to address domestic violence;
- Developing integrated strategy of working with media on raising awareness about DV and changing traditional stereotypes;
- Lobby the government at different levels to adopt decision to benefit victims of DV and obtain funding for delivering programmes addressing DV.
- Initiate and lobby legislative and other legal changes affecting the rights of women and children.

# The Coalition of the Crisis Centres of Ural-Siberian Region “Together We are Strong”

- Established in 2005
- Now the Coalition unites 24 Crisis Centres in the region
- The refuge services for women are now provided in 6 regional centre totalling to 47 units of emergency accommodation
- During the last two years “Ekaterina” trained 150 staff members of the Crisis Centres. Topics included: “Consultations for women and children victims of domestic violence”, “Prevention of the “burning-out” syndrome for staff of the crisis centres”
- Publication of a training manual for the members of the Coalition of the Crisis Centre “Life without Fear – Guidance for action”
- More and more organisations join the coalition – “TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG”



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