

Sverdlovsk Regional Voluntary Organisation, Russia

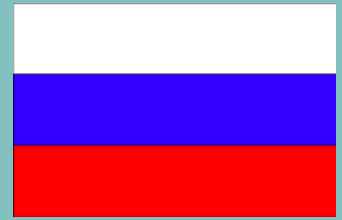


Crisis Centre for
Women and Children

«EKATERINA»



Russia



The Crisis Centre “Ekaterina”



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 2008 the Crisis Centre “Ekaterina” supported 978 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



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



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.

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”

The Latest Coalition Conference

- On the 3rd of March we held a conference “Domestic Violence: monitoring and analysis of the situation in Sverdlovsk oblast and the Ural Federal District”. The conference welcomed the representatives of 24 Crisis Centers from 12 cities and towns of the District. We shared important experience on Russian-English Project.
- We gave a presentation of a brochure on project research.



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