PRESENTATION

of international technical assistance project
“Strengthening national capacity to counteract gender-based violence (with focus on domestic violence) in the Republic of Belarus”

2016 - 2018
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“Increase of the state national potential in regards to counteracting the domestic violence in the Republic of Belarus”, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, UN Trust Fund “Stop Violence Against Women”, UNFPA, UNICEF, IOM

Priorities for activity based on the results of the projects dd. yy. 2012-2015

- Improvement of national legislation on counteracting domestic violence.
- Development of the intersectoral response cooperation;
- Strengthening of the potential of the national agencies and NGOs;
- Highlighting the issues of gender equality in the Republic of Belarus, increase of the male-participation within the activity aimed at gender equality establishment.
Project Financial Support:

Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
National Executing Organization:

Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus
Executors of the specific project components

- Non-governmental organization “Belarussian Association of Young Christian Women”
- Non-governmental organization “Gender Perspectives”
Partners to the project

- Ministry of Labor and Social protection
- Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus
- General Prosecutors Office
- Supreme Court of the Republic of Belarus
- National Center of Legislation and Legal Research of the Republic of Belarus
- Minsk City Executive Committee
- Grodno City Executive Committee
- Kobrin District Executive Committee
Project Aim

strengthening national capacity to counteract and prevent gender-based violence (with focus on domestic violence), especially towards women
Project Objectives.

Objective #1.

Improvement of national legislation on counteracting domestic violence in line with international commitments of the Republic of Belarus and international standards.
Objective #1. Expected Results

Result 1.1. Development of the draft of the Comprehensive Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence in accordance with international recommendations.

Result 1.2. Assessment of the feasibility and readiness of the Republic of Belarus for signing and ratification of Istanbul Convention as an instrument to counteract gender-based violence.
Objective #1. Main activities

- Elaboration of the Comprehensive Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence;

- Establishment of working group for development of the draft of the document;

- National Consulting;

- Provision of the international expertise of the drafted Comprehensive Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence.

- Conducting comparative analysis of Laws on Domestic Violence adopted in other countries and their law-enforcement practice;

- Comparative analysis of the national legislation to consider amendments related to the obligatory counselling for offenders/ male-aggressors.
Objective #1. Main activities.

- Conducting analysis of national legislation, existing mechanisms and institutional capacity to identify the level of conformity of the Republic of Belarus with the requirements of Istanbul Convention.

- Presentation of the analysis and national consultations with major stakeholders on actions needed for signing/ratifying Istanbul Convention.
Objective 1. Main activities

- Study visits (to countries where Comprehensive Laws on Domestic Violence are adopted) aimed at learning international experience on particular/targeted issues;

- Conducting of workshop for members of the Parliament (relevant Commissions) aimed at sensitising them on domestic violence problem and advocating for necessity of the Comprehensive Law on Prevention of Domestic Violence.
Project Objectives.
Objective #2.

Improvement of practical mechanisms of response to domestic violence.
Objective #2. Expected results

Result 2.1. Strengthened capacity of judges and prosecutors to address domestic violence.

Result 2.2. Strengthened capacity of health specialists to address domestic violence.

Result 2.3. Institutionalization of the model of work with male-aggressors in Minsk, Grodno and Kobrin.
Objective #2. Expected results

Result 2.4. Ensuring work of national toll-free hotline for survivors of domestic violence as a counselling and referral point for (adult) victims.

Result 2.5. Strengthening capacity of NGOs dealing with gender-based violence (with focus on domestic violence) to be included into state response mechanism on domestic violence.
Objective #2. Main activities.

- Conducting of the trainings for judiciaries and health specialists;
- Test-run of the model of the work with the offenders / male aggressors in Brest region and Grodno region, as well as in Minsk;
- Support to the national toll-free hotline 7 days a week 12 hours a day, accessible from mobile operators.;
- Support of Social Quality Standards (SQS) integration into NGOs network’s work on provision of assistance to domestic violence survivors.;
Project objectives.
Objective #3.

Shift of public opinion towards zero tolerance on gender-based violence (with focus on domestic violence).
Objective #3. Expected results

Result 3.1. Raising public awareness on gender-based violence (with focus on domestic violence).
Objective #3. Main activities

- Conducting of national survey on prevalence of gender-based violence (with focus on domestic violence) and public opinion towards it and existing gender stereotypes in the country.

- Conducting of research on economic costs of gender-based violence (with focus of domestic violence).

- Conducting of awareness raising campaigns for general public promoting zero tolerance towards gender-based violence (with focus on domestic violence).
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