



International Center for Women Rights
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SUMMARY

ACTIVITY REPORT 2012

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National Toll Free Hotline on Safe Migration

0 800 77777 - nationally

(+373 22) 23 33 09 - from abroad

08.00-20.00/week-round, confidential

National Trust Line for Women

0 8008 8008

24/24, confidential

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Full Name	International Center for Women's Rights Protection and Promotion "La Strada"
Founded	February 2001
Mission	International Center "La Strada" strives to assure protection of human rights and legal interests of women and children from the Republic of Moldova, at all levels – individual, legislative and executive – through awareness rising and training activities as well as through support and direct assistance
Thematic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of Trafficking in women • Prevention of domestic violence • Prevention of child sexual commercial exploitation
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risk groups – women and children vulnerable to violence and exploitation; • persons who have suffered from trafficking especially women; children vulnerable/ who have suffered from various forms of sexual abuse or exploitation; women who have suffered from gender-based/ domestic violence; • professional groups, state officials, international community.
Vision	The International Center "La Strada" strives to build a society based on the principle of respect for human rights, sensible to the issue of violence and trafficking in persons and which makes available favorable conditions for the protection and (re) integration of persons suffering from violence and exploitation
Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect for the human rights – we consider trafficking in persons and violence/abuse against women and children as a grave violation of human rights; • Holistic approach - from the grass root level - of the issue trafficking in persons a violence/abuse against women and children and national and international cooperation; • Respect for the beneficiary's decision; individual approach and treatment with dignity; • Team work, exigency and responsibility
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Analytical and Lobby Centre</u> Technical support to policy makers, researches and studies, monitoring and assessment; Public Relations • <u>Women's program</u> Prevention of trafficking in human beings and Domestic Violence; Identification and assistance of trafficked persons and women suffering from domestic violence • <u>Child program</u> Prevention of commercial sexual exploitation; Identification and assistance of children victims of commercial sexual exploitation; Child Interviewing room Safety on-line prevention and support
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 full-time, 2 part-time, 25 volunteers
Memberships with non-state groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "La Strada" International Association • National Alliance of Social NGOs • ECPAT Moldova • Global Alliance against Trafficking in Women
Membership with state groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings in RM • National Council for the Protection of Children's Rights • National Committee for the Assistance of Children left behind because of migration • Interministerial Council to Prevent and Combat Domestic Violence
Geographical coverage	Republic of Moldova
Donors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, • Democracy Fund USA Embassy, • ITACA, European Commission, • ROLISP • Swedish Agency for Development and Cooperation/ International Organization for Migration
Major State Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Education; • Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family; • Ministry of Internal Affairs/ Center to Combat Trafficking in Persons; • Office of Prosecutor General, • National Institute of Justice; etc.

ACTIVITY AREA II	PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Strategic objective 1	To support the Government of RM in streamlining national ADV policies
Activity stream 1.1.	To advocate for better legal leverages for the protection of the rights of victims of DV
Activity 1.1.1.	<p>To provide expert opinion in advancing legal framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert opinion on the current situation in the field of DV prevention and combating, including Trust Line statistics and challenges in protecting effectively the rights of the victims of DV have been provided during a Round Table organized on September, 20th by Law Center for Women in Chisinau. The problems expressed by participants in regard to the implementation of the Law nr. 45 and recommendations in addressing such have been collected by "La Strada" to be analyzed within a specialized study (see Activity 1.2.1.). "La Strada" attorney present the lessons learned and some recommendation for improvement of legal mechanism in order to ensure the adequate protection of women suffering of DV. The recommendations was submitted to one representative of working group special created to elaborate amendments for national legislation related to DV. The exchange of experience and good practices on assistance and protection measures towards victims of DV with service providers have been assured by "La Strada's" representative during a Round Table, organized on October 22nd by the Law Center for Women. The participation of "La Strada" representative allowed enrich/gain knowledge useful for the future effective interventions in cases of DV in the country.
Activity stream 1.2.	To provide information in support of policy development process
Activity 1.2.1.	<p>To conduct study on the impact of Law 45 from beneficiary perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The study is planned for 2013 but at the end of 2012, its concept and methodology has been designed. The main objective of the study is to collect and analyze information on <i>de facto</i> implementation into the practice of <i>de iuro</i> provisions of the Law nr. 45 aimed at protection and assistance of victims of DV. This qualitative study is supposed to be based on analysis of information offered directly by victims of DV who benefited, or refused due some reasons from offered assistance and protection measures, and by professionals in the field on the national, regional or community levels.
Activity 1.2.2.	<p>To conduct analysis of DV dimension, profile, victims' needs and state response from the TL perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Activity Report "Trust Line for Women 0 8008 8008" presents the activity results during November 2009-December 2011. During this period the Trust Line received 2978 calls. All collected calls offer the opportunity to perform a 2-year comparative analysis of the Trust Line operation from the perspective of DV actors' profile, specifics of domestic violence manifestation considering age and marital status of victims/defenders, needs and difficulties encountered by persons attempting to solve DV issue. The Report has been published in Romanian and English (200 copies) and distributed to main Moldovan stakeholders and actors in the field, also being placed on "La Strada"s website. The Annual (internal) Report resulted from the activity of Trust line activity, have been prepared by operators of the phone service that allows to monitor the DV violence due to reflections on victims states of affairs addressed to Trust Line. In 2012, the Trust Line operators offered counseling to 467 victims of DV.
Strategic Objective 2.	To contribute to reducing vulnerability of women to DV
Activity stream 2.1.	To ensure availability of information on non-violent life for youngsters
Activity 2.1.1.	<p>To conduct training of trainers for peer educators on non-violent life style</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On February 3-5, a seminar "Domestic Violence Prevention" has been organized for 22 volunteers aimed at informing on DV prevention a group of young educators who plan to be involved in future awareness rising activities in schools across the country to be organized by "La Strada"; On November 2-4, the second Peer Educators' Training on DV prevention issue have been organized for the group of 25 new recruited volunteers. This time, a special emphasis was made on development of practical activities and applying interactive communication methods with peers in school.
Activity 2.1.2.	<p>To conduct info outreach activities for pupils and teachers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4243 pupils/teachers/students -participants of 222 thematic seminars throughout the country- have been covered in reaching out activities.
Activity 2.1.3.	<p>To prepare and disseminate info and educational video and printed materials on DV issue</p> <p>Development and distribution of info and educational materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more than 4500 leaflets have been distributed during the informative activities with youth; over 200 posters and 300 leaflets have been distributed during the seminars with teachers; more than 150 informative leaflets and posters have been placed within 5 policlinics of different districts in Chisinau; <p>Developing of the Movie "Colors"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The artist film "Colors" is a co-production of Int. Center "La Strada" and Production Studio "Sergiu Prodan", have been produced on order of "La Strada" as to be used during awareness rising seminars with youth. The film reflects the cycle of violence starting from its first signs, the manifestation of power and control at the stage of courtship. It is planned to present the film to the public in 2013.
Activity stream 2.2.	To mobilize the professionals and society to recognize the issue of DV as a matter of HR violation
Activity 2.2.1.	<p>To organize national public awareness campaign to promote 0-tolerance to domestic violence</p> <p>Media interviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 media intervention were done by "La Strada" representatives for different media sources; <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 thematic news pieces have been reflected on "La Strada"s website - related to involvement of "La Strada" in national campaign "16 Days Against Gender-based Violence", public presentation of Trust Line activity Report and training of peer-to-peer educators to conduct awareness rising activities among

	<p>youth;</p> <p>Media monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 national publications, 9 regional publications, 4 press agencies as well as 5 media portals have been monitored as to identify how the problem of DV is reflected in the printed media. A total number of 78 articles on DV issue have been identified in the printed national mass media sources.
Strategic Objective 3.	To contribute to the development of human capacities to effectively address cases of domestic violence
Activity stream 3.1.	To enhance skills and abilities of service providers to effectively respond to the needs of victims
Activity 3.1.1.	<p>To organize training workshop for the service providers on couple therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On February 23-24, a workshop "Therapeutic intervention in counseling of the couple at risk - efficient interventions for the prevention of domestic violence" have been organized 24 representatives of NGOs that provide assistance to subjects of DV. The agenda of the workshop was designed to include training sessions combined with good practices exchange among participants. The participants learned in practice specific techniques applied in therapy of the couple at risk.
Activity 3.1.2.	<p>To organize supervision workshop for the trained group of service providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On October 24-27, a workshop "Psychological assistance of sexually abused children" for those 21 practicing psychologists from NGOs, state social assistance departments, Crisis centers/shelters who earlier participated in organized training workshops on the similar topic, based on new professional needs identified. The participants shared experience and challenges in provision of a complex psychological assistance to child victims of sexual abuse. The results of post-training questionnaires filled in by participants reflected an increased level of knowledge necessary for better identification, diagnostics and interviewing children victims of sexual abuse.
Activity stream 3.2.	To provide info support to practitioners on approaches to DV cases
Activity 3.2.2.	<p>To provide training and guidance to local practitioners on protecting rights of DV victims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In September-October, under the invitation of IOM Moldova, the expert from "La Strada" participated as a trainer in series of trainings "Protection and assisting victims of trafficking and domestic violence in the National System of Reference" organized in Orhei, Cimislia, Criuleni, StefanVoda. A total number of 6 trainings for average number 120 participants-members of multidisciplinary teams (social workers, psychologists, police officers, doctors etc.) responsible for solving DV cases, have been delivered. "La Strada"s expert focused on judicial precedents, national and international legal framework, European Court cases etc.
Strategic objective 4.	To ensure availability and accessibility to specialized services for victims of DV
Activity stream 4.1.	To provide victims of DV with easy-to-access protection tools
Activity 4.1.1.	<p>Provision of psychological counseling and info/legal support via Trust-Line for women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3926 calls have been received and counseled since October 2009 till the end of 2012; 948 calls have been received and counseled in 2012 as related to 422 cases of DV ; Among those 948 calls, 467 calls have been received from victims of DV, 157 from community members; 23 from professionals, 9 from defenders, and others; 513 of Trust Line beneficiaries enjoyed legal counseling, social mediation and protection; 58 cases have been registered that regard children suffering from various forms of violence and abuse being provided with counseling, social mediation and case monitoring; 16 beneficiaries have been assisted by lawyer/attorney and represented in the court, among these 7 got Protection Orders.