

Council of Europe Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence

COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

GERMANY

I. National campaigns

1. Is your government currently carrying out a national campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?

Yes No

2. Has your government carried out a national campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the past?

Yes No

If yes, which year(s)

3. Is your government planning on carrying out a national campaign to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the future?

Yes No

If yes, which year(s)

Please provide a brief description of the present or past national campaign, by using the space in the following boxes:

- a. Campaign slogan

Gewalt gegen Frauen (Violence against women)

- b. Campaign duration

1993 - 1996

- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives

Aim of the campaign was to address the various aspects of violence against women and show ways to address the problem. Although being a national campaign it was carried out jointly with regional initiatives and institutions. The message was that violence against women is a human rights violation and the fight against this violence is a task that all levels of society must address.

- d. Expected or achieved results

Over 300 events took place and the publications, such as a handbook on awareness campaigns and fundraising, a media package for schools and a curriculum for police training were circulated and in use well after the official end of the campaign

e. Campaign website address

II. National Plan of Action

1. Has your government adopted a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?
Yes No
If yes, which year
2. Is your government currently implementing a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?
Yes No
3. Has your government implemented a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the past?
Yes No
If yes, which year(s)
4. Is your government planning on implementing a national plan of action to combat violence against women, including domestic violence in the future?
Yes No
If yes, which year(s)

Please provide a brief description of the national plan of action, by using the space in the following boxes:

- a. Aims, activities and expected or achieved results of the national plan of action
 1. Prevention
 2. Law-making by the Federal Government
 - a) Legislation
 - aa) Criminal law
 - bb) Civil law
 - cc) Family law
 - dd) Aliens law
 - ee) Social law
 - ff) Labour law
 - b) Administrative provisions
 - aa) Gender-specific persecution
 - bb) Trafficking in women
 3. Co-operation between state institutions and non-governmental assistance services
 - a) in the field of crime prevention
 - b) in the field of domestic abuse
 - c) in the field of traffic in women
 4. Nation-wide networking of assistance services

5. Work with offenders
6. Awareness-building measures
 - a) Increasing awareness among professionals: further training, training and guidelines
 - b) Increasing the awareness of the public at large
7. International co-operation
 - a) European Union
 - b) Council of Europe
 - c) The G 8 Lyon Group
 - d) The United Nations
 - e) Measures to benefit affected women abroad

All the measures were successfully implemented.

Concluding from the first National Action Plan to Combat Violence against Women, the focus of the second national Action Plan will be on:

- children affected by domestic violence
- migrant women affected by various forms of violence
- disabled women
- improvement of low threshold support for women affected by violence
- improvement of the protection of women especially endangered in situations of separation
- qualification and awareness raising measures for professional actors in the health sector
- awareness raising and information for actors judiciary and people acquainted to victims
- further developing the offenders' programmes

The structure will follow the first Action Plan

- b. Duration of the national plan of action
December 1999 till December 2006
- c. National Plan of Action website address
www.bmfsfj.de/Politkbereiche/Gleichstellung/Gewalt

III. National Task Force/inter-agency working group to combat violence against women, including domestic violence

- a. Has your government set up a national Task Force or inter-agency working group to combat violence against women, including domestic violence?

Yes No

- b. If yes, please provide a brief description of this body, including its composition, mandate, duration and expected results

The Federal Working Group "Domestic Violence", established in 2000, is composed of representatives of the respective ministries on the Federal and the technical conferences of the Länder ministries as well as NGOs and counselling services and the women's shelters. The working group promotes the cooperation between governmental institutions

and non-governmental support offers. To this end, most of the Länder have established their own action plans to combat violence against women, and the Federal Working group has published numerous training materials in the field of domestic violence.

IV. Additional information on national action to combat violence against women

In order to do effective lobbying in favour of women who live under the threat of violence or experience violence, as well as to achieve better and faster transmission of information and a more focused and precise deployment of resources (division and labour) the Federal Government finance 3 assistance services networked at national level: the women`s shelters (www.frauenhauskoordinierung.de), the crises hotlines (www.bv-bff.de) and the counselling centres against the traffic in women and violence in the migration process (www.kok-potsdam.de).