

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

## COUNTRY INFORMATION PAGE ON NATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

### ARMENIA

#### 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

Not a minute more

- b. Campaign duration

November 25-December 10 /every year/

- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives

The main objectives of the campaign were:

1. to bring the society's attention into the problem and to raise public awareness on the topic in all regions of the country.
2. to take necessary measure to prevent the violence against women including domestic violence.

3. to include men actively in the process as allies.

- d. Expected or achieved results

Raised awareness on the issue in different groups of the society. Big amount of published

materials /booklets, brochures, placards/ were distributed during the campaign, different round tables, discussions took place with participation of different stakeholders /state institutions, international organizations, NGOs, mass media representatives/.

e. Campaign website address

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## 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 or 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. Ensuring research into the phenomenon of violence and generating concise information.
2. Developing effective arrangements to protect the rights and lawful interests of women and girls.
3. Facilitating the prevention of prostitution and sexual exploitation.
4. Developing arrangements and methods to address the consequences of violence in families of violence victims.

b. Duration of the national plan of action

4 years

c. National Plan of Action website address

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### 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

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

To identify the implementation of the actions within the **Campaign to Combat Violence Against Women, including Domestic Violence**, to develop common policy on the issue and to pool together the resources at hand on 1 March 2007 a round table was held. Other public stakeholders, NGOs and international organisations active in the field attended the meeting as well.

The participants were presented with the **Campaign to Combat Violence Against Women, including Domestic Violence (EGTFV)** document, the campaign objectives, the position of the RA government as well as the draft programme of planned activities. They were also presented with government decree N. 645-N on **Improvement of the Situation of Women in the Republic of Armenia and the Enhancement of their Role in the Society: Endorsement of 2004-2010 National Action Plan** document, adopted on 8 April 2004. The presentation focused on the mechanisms of this document concerning combating violence.

After the round-table a number of non-governmental and international organisations stated their readiness to participate in the campaign and jointly implement some projects. Currently negotiations are held with various stakeholders, and the responsibilities and the scope of activities of each stakeholder are being identified.