

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

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

### DENMARK

#### 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

"Stop violence against women – break the silence"

- b. Campaign duration

The campaign lasted 2 weeks, starting 25 November 2003.

- c. Campaign aims, messages and/or objectives

The campaign comprised of posters and signs in the public space (busses, trains and metro), conveying the message "Stop violence against women – break the silence". The campaign was brought in Danish as well as Arabic, English, Somali and Turkish. On the poster there was a reference to a hotline-number open 24 hours a day with access to interpretation services. The hotline is still running. Further more a documentary movie was produced, which can be viewed at [www.voldmodkvinder.dk](http://www.voldmodkvinder.dk)

The aim of the campaign was to inform women who are victims of domestic violence that there is help to get, and to contribute to break the taboo on domestic violence in the general public. An evaluation of the past action plan to combat violence against women 2002-2004 showed that the action plan in general did succeed in breaking the taboo, and that more women and the general public knew there to seek for help.

d. Expected or achieved results

e. Campaign website address

[www.lige.dk](http://www.lige.dk)

## 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

2005, for the period 2005-2008

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)

2002-2004

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  Decision will be taken upon expiration of the current action plan

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

In its action plan for 2005–2008, the Government will uphold focus on:

- Support to victims
- Activities aimed at perpetrators
- Activities aimed at professionals
- Knowledge and information

Another key point of the action plan is a strong focus on prevention. Ideally, prevention revolves around preventing violence before it ever occurs, possibly by ensuring that the surroundings take rapid, professional action to stop violence as early as possible.

Preventive activities target the general population as well as the professionals who encounter the violent families. This is why the action plan encompasses an array of information campaigns and training offers. The information campaign aims at establishing that men's violence against women is in no way acceptable, and at telling both victims and abusers where to find help. Thus, all action plan activities must aid in preventing violence against women and preventing repetition.

#### Special target groups

The action plan is far-reaching; women, children, perpetrators and professionals. It also envisages information campaigns aimed at the population in general.

Experience from implementing the 2002–2004 action plan also convinced us that special attention must be given to particularly exposed groups and to prevention.

In particular, this action plan will centre on:

- Ethnic minority women
- Children and young people
- Men

b. Duration of the national plan of action

2005-2008

c. National Plan of Action website address

An English translation of the action plan can be found at [www.lige.dk](http://www.lige.dk) under the English publications menu.

### 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

In spring 2000, an interministerial working group on domestic violence against women and human trafficking was established. In addition to the Department of Gender Equality, it seats members from the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Interior Affairs and Health, the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs. The working group has discussed various aspects of domestic violence as well as initiatives to intensify efforts in this area. The working group has previously presented a status report for central government, regional and voluntary activities against domestic violence against women, recommending a range of initiatives aimed at strengthening efforts in the area. The working group involved experts and voluntary associations in preparing the status report. The Government prepared its 2002–2004 action plan to stop violence against women on the basis of this status. In that context, the working group functioned as coordinator of the joint and cross-departmental activities in the government's 2002–2004 action plan and also evaluated the efforts launched under that action plan. The working group had a corresponding role in preparing the 2005–2008 action plan to stop men's domestic violence against women and children.

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

It is one of the activities in the "Action Plan to combat men's violence against women 2005-2008" that an additional information campaign shall be carried out.

**"Stop violence against women – break the silence" aimed at ethnic minority women.**

The campaign will be designed for and shown in media addressing this target group. An element of the campaign will focus on distributing information leaflets with advice and guidelines for abused ethnic minority women in their own language. It will build on the experience from the "Stop violence against women - break the silence" realised in November 2003. Time is yet to be decided.