



GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN CRETE & STEREOTYPES IN CRETE - GREECE

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Who we are?

- The oldest and biggest women NGO in Crete Region active on the filed of GBV since 2000
 - Operate 24/7 help line
 - Operating ISO certified Counselling Centre available for women and children
 - Operate Shelter available at women victims of GBV
- Composed by 75 members and 45 volunteers (2 from EU)
- Staffed by specialized executives in the following fields: psychology, social work, sociology, economy & administration (7 persons)
- Member of international networks for the protections and promotion of Human Rights (WAVE European Network WWP EN, EUROCHILD, Anna Lindh Foundation).
- Cooperates closely with local institutions (Authorities, Police, Universities) & governmental institutions
- Perpetrators programme in Crete (under development)

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- data for the phenomenon are coming only by the helplines & incidents the organization is involved in
 - We realise increasing figures but we dont know whether the phenomenon is escalating or that much more women ask for help
 - No official data at national – regional level
 - 200 calls at our helpline (20% increase)
 - 12 via web (facebook, email, skype)
 - 38 women stayed at the Shelter
 - 700hrs of counseling (80women)
 - ***Significant levels of underreporting***
 - Its a “silence net” we try to break
 - Strong outreach (rural territories)
 - Multiagency collaboration (especially at municipalities level)
 - Stigmatisation at local communities
 - **Elders abuse / Cyberviolence / migrant women**
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Gender based Violence in Crete & Greece

- *The key is multilevel collaboration*
 - *Police – health care services – social services (municipalities) – judges - Ngos*
 - Speak the same language
 - Try to realise the real dimension of the phenomenon (not only the info we trace from hotlines)
 - Organise a viable safety network for women (reporting, safety, legal responsibility, compensations)
- Escalation of the phenomenon in Crete (femicides) despite of intense awareness
 - Different forms of violence (cyberviolence)
- Cultural barriers on migrant communities (refugees communities)
 - 1 out of 7 face violence of any form (un official data)
 - Constant communication with most of migrant communities
- Strong cultural identity in Crete which sparks issues of violence (mixed couples)

Cretan – Local Stereotypes

- By example....
 - I. Strong awareness “lets talk openly for the violence at home” (30 municipalities only at rural areas)
 - Awareness at rural areas to the public (Case 1)
 - II. Support of small rural community at a victim of violence (Case 2)
 - Very strong culture identity and heritage in crete which urges all actors to *respect and reflect upopn*
 - ***Silence is the perpetrators alibi and “social silence” escalates the phenomenon***
 - We need to “speak for the public” and response at the “real life” situation and its localities
 - Zero tollerance !
 - Political support
 - Role of the church
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In Overall how by stereotype we break the silence & underreporting..

- Can we step into every house ???
- Can we talk more often at every school (using youths' language?)
- Can we talk at people language and respond at their reality?
- Can we enforce people and small communities to respond?
- Create a safety network for women (intitutionally) at local communities
- Revisit the long term accomodation at the Shelter (revisit the role of the shelter)