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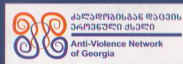
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# Domestic Violence – The Crime against Individuals and the Society

## What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence –overall daily reality facing majority of the women in every country worldwide. Regrettably, Georgia is not an exception.

Violence in the family envisages violation of the constitutional rights and freedoms of one family member by another through physical, psychological, economic, sexual violence or by force. (Law of Georgia on Elimination of Domestic Violence, Protection and Support of its Victims).

### Anti Violence Network of Georgia

With the purpose of legal support of the domestic violence victims and ensuring their psycho social rehabilitation in 2003 was established the Anti Violence Network of Georgia (AVNG-Chairperson-Nato Shavlakadze).

Today Anti Violence Network of Georgia unites 11 crisis/rehabilitation centers in all regions of Georgia (Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Gurjaani, Zugdidi, Ozurgeti, Marneuli, Mtskheta, Gori, Ambrolauri, Akhaltsikhe and Batumi). The organization has two shelters in Tbilisi and Akhaltsikhe for the victims of domestic violence (capable of accommodating 17 persons at once).

During 7 years total 180 persons undertook psycho-social rehabilitation at Tbilisi shelter, and up to 45 women and children -in Akhaltsikhe shelter in three years period. About 3500 persons undertook psychological and legal consultation at the organization with over 5000 incoming calls through hotline.

## Our crisis centers offer the following services:

One time psychological consultation, individual and group psycho-therapy sessions both for the victims of violence and violators;

Legal consultation;

Barristers' support at the court of first instance;

Support in resolution of the social problems inside and outside family;

First medical aid (if necessary);

Group of consultants will work out the best option of client's safety plan;

The organization often plays mediator's role between the victim and her family members.

Furthermore, Anti Violence Network of Georgia works on the programs which envisage rehabilitation of drug and alcohol dependent persons.

The Network representatives are involved in the legislative activities. Active collaboration with the police for victim's support represents one of the priority directions.

Organization holds trainings for the policemen, judges, prosecutors, social workers, doctors, teachers and journalists.

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