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CONSTANTA OFFICE FOR WOMEN ANNUAL REPORT – 2004

In 2004, the Constanta Community Foundation continued with success activities for prevention, monitoring and combat Domestic Violence, activities which were initiated during the Constanta – Louisville Healthy Communities Partnership with AIHA/USAID, Humana Foundation and University of Louisville support, since 1998.

In 2004, the Constanta Office for Women recorded 242 new cases of domestic violence. The incidence was 3.35 %. Other 78 former cases re-appealed for support.

Office's for Women activities were financially supported, during 2004, by Constanta County Council, Humana Foundation (through a 2,000 USD Generous Grant) and by two local donors.

In the next table are inserted data referring to the institutions to whom the victims addressed for the first time.

Cases/ month Institution	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Office for Women	11	13	18	12	15	17	6	14	9	9	11	13	148	61%
Forensic Department	5	0	1	3	3	2	3	1	3	1	0	1	23	10%
Police	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	3	4	5	3	1	29	12%
Emergency Room	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	12	5%
Child Protection Directorate	0	0	4	0	1	3	1	6	2	3	2	3	25	10%
Other institutions (family doctors, City Hall, Church)	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	2%
TOTAL	19	17	28	18	21	25	15	26	19	19	17	18	242	100%

1. Distribution of cases by victims' occupation

- employed	38%
- housewife	43%
- pensioners	15%
- unknown	4%

2. Distribution of cases by aggressors' occupation

- employed	53%
- unemployed	25%
- pensioners	13%
- unknown	9%

3. Distribution of cases by relation between victims and aggressors

- wife / husband	73%
- former husband	7%
- husband / wife	1%
- concubine	12%
- mother / child	7%
- grandmother / nephew	2%

4. Distribution of cases by level of victims' education

- secondary school	18%
- vocationally school	25%
- high school	34%
- university degree	11%
- unknown	12%

5. Distribution of cases by level of aggressors' education

- secondary school	10%
- vocationally school	29%
- high school	33%
- university degree	12%
- unknown	16%

6. Distribution of cases by victims' age group

- under 20 years	4%
- 21 - 30 years	17%
- 31 - 40 years	31%
- 41 - 50 years	22%
- 51 - 60 years	9%
- over 60 years	8%
- unknown	9%

7. Distribution of cases by victims' age group

- 21 - 30 years	9%
- 31 – 40 years	31%
- 41 – 50 years	27%
- 51 – 60 years	11%
- over 60 years	9%
- unknown	13%

8. Distribution of cases who asked for Office for Women support heard about this office from:

- partner institutions	31%
- non partner institutions	18%
- mass-media	32%
- Health Promotion's IEC Campaigns	8%
- relatives, friends, neighbors	9%

Office for Women developed and offered in 2004:

1. Juridical counseling and support

For each victim, the Office for Women's attorney offered information regarding the Romanian legislation about domestic violence and procedural aspects referring to divorce, aggressor eviction, alimony, children committing. Finally only 30 victims asked support for divorce, 10 victims for alimony, 8 victims for aggressor eviction, 8 victims for children committing. Other 5 victims were helped to formulate penal records to Constanta Prosecutor's Office for other aspects of violence.

2. Financial support

Victims were sent to the Constanta Forensic Department for the forensic certificate. For all these victims the Office for Women paid the cost of those certificates. For other 6 victims the Office for Women paid the costs, in court, for divorce.

3. Psychological Counseling

The Office for Women offered psychological counseling for 125 victims and for 10 of their children.

4. Social Support

In partnership with Constanta County Police Department, Directorate for Labor Social Solidarity and Family, Directorate for Child Protection and other NGO's were identified social support where needed (for 61 victims).

5. IEC and Mass-media Campaigns

In partnership with the Constanta County Health Promotion Department and the National Agency for Family Protection two local IEC Campaigns were developed. Health promotion materials (leaflets, booklets, flyers) were distributed in Constanta high schools, Constanta universities, Constanta medical units and in different pedestrian areas in Constanta and other locations by Office for Women volunteers.

Press release was sent to local mass-media monthly. Also, the Office for Women activities were very well covered in local and national mass media (22 articles in local and national journals, 15 radio talk shows and 6 TV talk shows).

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