


CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

CLINIC FOR GYNAECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS
CLINICAL CENTER OF VOJVODINA NOVI SAD

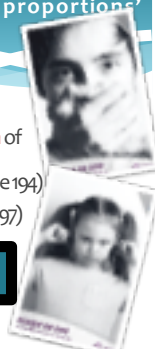
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WHO definition of Sexual Violence
'global health problem of epidemic proportions'

- * Serbia has ratified numerous international documents, conventions (UN, WHO, EU)
- * Violence against women is recognized and sanctioned in the following existing legislation of the Republic of Serbia:
 - Criminal Code of the Republic of Serbia (Article 194)
 - Family Law of the Republic of Serbia (Article 197)

**LAW AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE –
came into force in JUNE 2017**




PROJECT: STOP-PROTECT-HELP

UNIQUE PROJECT IN SERBIA - FINANCED BY UN TRUST FUND TO
END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMAN
ESTABLISHING 7 PILOT CENTRES FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL
VIOLENCE

**PROJECT AIM – TO IMPROVE SERVICE
DELIVERY AND STRENGTHEN
INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE TO END
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

NOVI SAD – 1 ST PILOT CENTRE


- * Novi Sad developed standards for establishment of CENTERS for VSV in Vojvodina



CENTER OFFERS:

- * Admission and priority service with full medical observation;
- * **Gynaecological services** and forensic examinations by specialists;
- * **Psychosocial counseling** service;
- * **Laboratory** services;
- * **Legal advising**

**ALL IN ONE PLACE!
Victim-Centered Care**



- * **PROTOCOLS** on Protection and Treatment of Women Victims of Violence were **MADE**
- * **MEDIA CAMPAIGN** in all Vojvodina, in all the languages of ethnic communities and for disabled
 - TV, Web, Social networks,
- * **SOS PHONE LINE**
 - a regionwide crisis line connecting violence victims to Center for VSV, safe housing, legal advising and other services

BEFORE ➔ NOW

- ❖ Victim reported crime to the Police
- ❖ Department Police inspector reported case to the District Attorney
- ❖ District Attorney take statements and wrote a warrant for exam's
- ❖ Victim came to the Clinic with a Police escort
- ❖ Three medical doctors (Ob/gyn) examined victim by D.A. instructions:
 - ❖ If necessary victim was driven by Police to Emergency Center and to Center for Forensic medicine (3 km away)

VICTIMS COME DIRECTLY TO THE CENTER

1. STAFF CALLS POLICE
2. POLICE DEP. TAKES ALL LEGAL PROCEDURES (D.A. OFFICE, Social Service etc.)
3. EVERY PROCEDURE TAKES PLACE IN THE CENTER
 - EXAMES (Ob/gyn, Forensic specialist, Laboratory)
 - STATEMENTS (Police, D.A)
 - PSYCHOLOGY COUNSELING, ETC.



CLINIC'S STATISTIC OF FORENSIC OB/GYN EXAM'S – 10 months period

**15 victims were adult women
13 were minors**

- * Ten girls was younger then age of 10 (they were examined with cooperation of paediatricians from Children's Hospital)
- * Body trauma was more frequent in patients who received physical examination within 72 hours, whereas general body trauma was less frequent in patients younger than 18 years.
- * Genital lesions were more frequently found in victims without prior sexual experience and in younger victims.
- * Most of victims were willing to have psychological evaluation, counselling and support.

- * In past 10-year-period average number of reported cases and Ob/Gyn forensic examination for sexual assaults was **12 per year**.
- * Since Center for VSV has been established, number of **forensic examination has doubled** which indicates that organizing this kind of service at Clinic for Gynaecology and Obstetrics in Novi Sad was justified

NO MORE

TOGETHER WE CAN END
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT