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New public policy document on violence against women and domestic violence

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The Women's Law Centre facilitates the process of developing a new public policy document: *The National Program for Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence for 2023-2027*. The Program is based on understanding of violence against women as gender-based violence and comprises all forms of violence provided for by the Istanbul Convention.

Extensive consultations were held between February and March 2023 with government actors, civil society, concerned service providers, the donor community and women survivors of domestic violence to ensure that the Programme builds on good practices. Participants provided a domain-specific contribution to finalise the Program.

The Programme aims to focus on:

- ensuring gender equality and combating gender stereotypes;
- zero tolerance towards all forms of violence against women and domestic violence;
- effective multidisciplinary response to victim-centred violence cases by developing sufficient and appropriate social services tailored to victims' needs;
- efficient justice system response to cases of violence against women and domestic violence by holding perpetrators accountable and developing programmes for them;
- adopting the legislation and establishing an appropriate institutional framework, as well as developing the capacity of all specialists to respond effectively to cases of domestic violence as required by the Convention and the best practices in the field.



As a result, the level of violence against women and domestic violence could be reduced and the number deaths caused by acts of domestic violence could decrease, while women and girls could have the opportunity to realise their full potential and contribute to building a strong society.



The National Program for Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence for 2023-2027 is developed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova in cooperation with the Women's Law Centre, with the support of the Council of Europe, UN Women and UNFPA, and the financial support of Sweden and the United Kingdom.



Celebration event of the 'Involved citizens. Cohesive communities' project results.

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Between April 2022 and April 2023, the Women's Law Centre implemented 'Involved citizens. Cohesive communities' project, with the support of OXFAM, aiming to prevent and respond to gender-based violence cases, in the context of the refugee crisis. On 24 March this year, the final event took place to sum up lessons learned and best practices at the national level.



For almost a year, 12 mobile teams, consisting of three specialists: a lawyer, a psychologist and a social worker, visited 393 communities following the door-to-door methodology and provided qualified counselling to Ukrainian refugees and their hosts. There were 36 specialists, along with representatives of local public authorities involved in assisting refugees to integrate

harmoniously into the community and interact and support each other. Thousands of people, refugees and local people felt that they were not alone during crises and that difficulties had the power to unite us.

Overall, **8,772 refugees** and **2,889 local people** received legal, psychological and social support as part of the project.



Highly vulnerable refugees received material support and non-refundable financial aid:

- **41 cases** – cash for protection
- **50 beneficiaries** – food and hygiene packages
- **108 cases** – support for the cold season (firewood, clothes and footwear)



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22 community initiatives were funded and implemented across the north, centre and south of the country. Recreation areas, playgrounds and sports grounds were created for both refugees and local people, including rooms for meetings and activities to facilitate communication and social integration.



The libraries were supplied with books in Romanian and Ukrainian. Some social and networking events were organized to strengthen social cohesion for people who fled the war. The performance of three communities was introduced during the Project Closing Gala and the presentation of final results.

MARIANA BURUIANĂ, Executive Director, (WLC):

'The project was first and foremost about people, about the communities you come from and people who sought refuge in the Republic of Moldova. And we have responded as people should do: by being close and sympathetic, providing needed help, talking to people to find out what they need. I am profoundly grateful and deeply thankful for everything we have achieved together and for what each of you has achieved. It's about work, it's about emotions, because otherwise we wouldn't have succeeded. You fulfilled your professional role, but first and foremost you responded as humans, you were kind-hearted. When we need to provide help, let's do it in the fairest and most humane way possible!'

LYDIA MAKINEN, OXFAM PROTECTION COORDINATOR:

'Following the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in 2022, OXFAM decided to expand its intervention in Moldova. We were delighted to cooperate with the Women's Law Centre, an organisation that shares OXFAM's values and works diligently to promote women's rights and gender equality. We are proud to have succeeded with you in supporting the work of mobile teams through legal, social and psychological counselling, which led to social cohesion at the community level. We have also supported social cohesion between local people and refugees by implementing community initiatives.'

ANNA SUSARENCO, 'Involved citizens. Cohesive communities' Project Manager:

'The initiative started during an extremely difficult situation for our society and our Ukrainian neighbours. What I have noticed over the year in the communities across the country has motivated me to continue to do beautiful things. It's been a continuous effort of the entire team to ensure that we cover basic needs through the cash assistance programme, that we cover all primary information and counselling needs through mobile team assistance and that we promote social cohesion by supporting communities. We have supported each other, learned to stand together and overcome crises. We have many valuable experiences nowadays and managed to help thousands of people.'

IRINA, a mother of three children and a refugee from Kiev:

'You are doing an incredible job for people! Thanks to your specialists' help, my children started to smile again and learn Romanian to be able to get integrated in Moldova.'

Refugee support projects

Public libraries in Soroca, Ialoveni, Harbovat (Anenii Noi), Carpineni (Hancesti) and Boscana (Criuleni) have become modern, safe and friendly spaces where Ukrainian refugees can receive support and assistance – an essential aspect for their successful integration in a new country.

We have endowed the libraries with IT equipment, stationary, board games and sets of books in Romanian, English, Ukrainian and Russian. Refugees can use a comfortable recreation space where they can read native language literature, have access to the internet and gadgets and interact with local people from host communities.

Those 5 libraries from different regions of the Republic of Moldova have carried out information and guidance activities, psychological sessions,



recreational and social inclusion activities to accelerate the recovery process of refugees and their social integration.

The space endowment and activity development were possible under the 'Emergency Response to the Crisis in Ukraine' project, implemented by the Women's Law Centre and funded by CARE, through SERA Romania Foundation, CARE France and FONPC.



The project is implementing 5 community initiatives of social cohesion in Causeni, Soldanesti, Calfa and Gura Bacului (Anenii Noi) and Ialoveni to ensure a synergy between the local public authority, local people and refugees.

Another component of the project is providing training on refugee crisis management for library representatives, local public authority and people implementing community initiatives. In this regard, a training workshop has been recently carried out where participants exchanged experiences and best practices on refugee needs.



Refugee support projects

We provide psychological support to Ukrainian women and girls under the 'Libraries bring community change during refugee crisis' project. Our activities aim to help refugees overcome their dramatic experiences, provide them with psycho-emotional and legal support, answer all their questions and assure them that they have become part of our community.

Support group meetings were carried out regularly in 10 libraries across Moldova, where women refugees received psychological support. Women refugees shared their experiences, their stories about homesickness and the heavy emotional burden they have been bearing since the war started in Ukraine. Women are helped by specialists from the Institute for Family and Social Initiatives to learn how to deal with their emotions, how to bring them back and overcome traumatic experiences.

'After the first month of war and daily shelling, we started to see the world in colours in Ungheni. It hurts every time when we recall the war and these traumas are still with us, but

we find support at the library and a psychologist helps us; we talk openly and can laugh a lot!', **Tatiana says, a refugee from Nikolaev** who settled with her son in Ungheni.

'The safe space meets all the refugees' needs. Female beneficiaries have a place for recreation here, where they can open up, relieve daily stress and receive psychological counselling each month', **Viorica Ursachi said, the project manager.**

Refugee and local adolescent girls participated in educational activities on 'Gender equality in family, economic and public life and decision-making'. Participants learned about gender equality, how to become gender equality advocates in their fami-



lies and communities, and how to respond when their rights to equality are violated. The girls talked about inequalities at school, obstacles and stereotypes they encounter, learned how to prevent these situations and build a future without gender discrimination.



These activities are carried out under the 'Libraries bring community change during refugee crisis' project, implemented by WLC and ABRM, with the support of IRC.

Refugee support projects

Moldovan libraries have become safe spaces where Ukrainian refugees and local people can communicate, feel safe and comfort their sorrows of the past year. We supplied these spaces with board games, books in Ukrainian, playgrounds for children, laptops and tablets. Women and children have access to workshops, information sessions, support groups and various recreational activities.



Art therapy is essential for overcoming anxiety and bringing peace of mind. Women made traditional Ukrainian dolls – Motanka at the **public library in Palanca village, Stefan-Voda district**. Traditionally, these dolls bring prosperity, mercy and hope. The children who attended the activity received backpacks and stationery to be able to go to school with pleasure.

Refugees shared their national culinary traditions, exchanged favourite recipes with local women and crafted beaded embroideries at **'Iulian Filip' district public library in Drochia**. Women say that embroidery helps them to let go of their thoughts and move away from emotions. They are also happy to be able to combine this soul activity with their daily chores.



A masterclass on biscuit decoration was organised at **'E. Coşieru' municipal library in Balti**. Two groups of girls, of different ages, trained their creativity and drew on the most delicious canvas – sweet cakes.

'Alexander Donici' district public library in Orhei delivers Romanian language lessons for Ukrainian women. They overcome their language barriers and learn basic words to communicate with local people. In March, the library also held workshops on crafting hand-made objects – mărțișoare. Children and their mothers, guided by librarians, made mărțișoare to wear on their chests as a sign of peace, purity and well-being.



'People from Ukraine came to our country in need of help, so we joined forces and did our best to help them. Their needs are constantly changing, and we continue to be there for them, to listen and respond to their needs',
Mariana Buruiană says, WLC Executive Director.

Refugee support projects



Ukrainian women learned how to make our traditional spring symbol at **'B. P. Hasdeu' municipal library in Chisinau**. Participants intertwined red and white strings with pleasure and discovered the history of Mărțișor. We hope our mărțișor to bring long-awaited peace and the Ukrainian community members to tell about it when they return home.

The spring was also in full swing at the **public library in Palanca village, Stefan-Voda district**. Children discovered the secrets of gardening from the 'Who grows in my garden' book, written by a Ukrainian author. In the end, the little gardeners applied their knowledge in practice by planting beans and onions together with the librarian.



Participants learned about their professional skills and how to develop them to be able to find a job during a workshop coached by Tatiana Timotin, WLC vocational counselor, which was held at the **public library safe space in Zagarancea village, Ungheni district**. Women were assisted in identifying their right career field, which is an essential step towards financial independence.



'On behalf of all Ukrainian women refugees in Chisinau, I am grateful for your warm welcome, for understanding and supporting us and organising events for us. We don't know when the war will end; our homesickness and the fact that our family was left behind in Ukraine is overwhelming us, but we are provided with help here to cope with stress and concerns. Children can enjoy their safe childhood, play together and discover the world of books', Olga said, refugee from Harkiv.

These activities are carried out in 10 libraries from 8 districts across the country, under the 'Libraries bring community change during refugee crisis' project, implemented by WLC, in partnership with ABRM and with the support of IRC.

Refugee support projects

WLC is implementing the *'Protection of refugees and host communities against gender-based violence on both banks of the Nistru River'* project in 5 libraries across Moldova's districts, under which we are conducting information sessions and various recreational activities for both Ukrainian women refugees and local women.

The psychologist, Valentina Oanta, conducted activities at the **local public libraries in Causeni and Ermoclia village, Stefan-Voda district**. Women were provided with practical exercises and self-awareness and



stress tests. Discussions tackled the following topics: self-esteem and positive thinking, performance upgrading, learning and applying relaxation methods, problem-solving and decision-making methods.

These activities aim to reduce stress, reintegrate refugees into their host communities, improve their social and interpersonal skills. During these activities women receive emotional support and insight and a better state of mind.

Women were provided with information sessions on gender-based violence at the **public libraries in Crihana Veche village, Cahul district and Hirtop village, Taraclia district**. Daniela Josanu Groza, a WLC lawyer, talked about violence, the forms of gender-based violence against girls and women; ways to be protected and the rights they have; why it is impor-



tant to seek help and how to access the national justice system or specialised services for victims of gender-based violence in Moldova.



Vocational guidance is an important step of the personal development process. Therefore, 2 vocational guidance workshops were

carried out for local women and Ukrainian refugees at the **public libraries in Causeni and Ermoclia village, Stefan Voda district**. The women were mentored by Tatiana Timotin, WLC vocational counsellor. Using various techniques and practical exercises, participants improved their self-awareness, learned how to identify their skills and set goals and objectives.



Refugee support projects



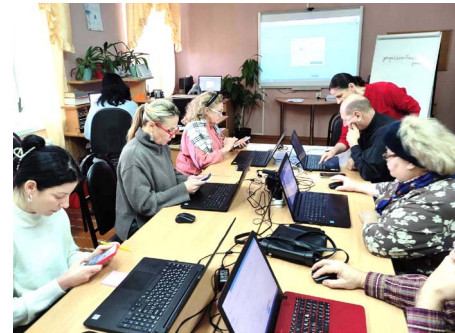
The public library in Ermoclia village, Stefan-Voda district organised a reading and painting session for refugee and local children and parents. During the session they shared ideas, socialised and got inspired by the courage and empathy of each book character they read about. The children, supported by their parents, painted the colourful book characters. They had fun, were creative and in a good mood.



Another recreational activity took place at the public library in Hirtop village, Taraclia district. A group of women and Ukrainian refugees from Albota de Jos community made beaded angels. An angel signifies gentleness, light, protection and peace and that's what we wish to have in these difficult times. Full of hope and faith, women went home with the guardian angels.

Women were provided with a 5-day IT training at 'Ion Ungureanu' district public library in Causeni. They developed their digital skills, especially how to use Microsoft Office tools correctly: Word, Excel, PowerPoint. They also acquired skills working with Google

Drive and other Google Workspace applications. Apart from developing technology skills, refugee and local women interacted with each other, shared their stories and experiences.



Local women, children and Ukrainian refugees attended a masterclass on baking dough doves at the public library in Crihana Veche village, Cahul district. 'Doves of Peace' were delicious ... as they were carefully backed with love. While some participants were discovering the art



of cooking, another group of women were crafting handmade dolls. Lilia Oleinik, a Ukrainian poet, delighted the audience with poems and fairy tales and created a relaxing atmosphere.

At the end of the activity, Tatiana, a refugee from Odessa, sent a message of gratitude: *'We are very grateful for this friendly, heartfelt meeting at the library, for the 'Doves of Peace' master class and for the opportunity to communicate with the wonderful Ukrainian poet, Lilia Oleinik. I am looking forward to the next meeting.'*

These activities are carried out under the 'Protection of refugees and host communities against gender-based violence on both banks of the Nistru River' project, funded by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and implemented by WLC.

Support for local communities hosting refugees

WLC has taken a series of measures to strengthen the psychoemotional health and psychosocial well-being of both refugee women and girls and the host communities, which are provided by the specialists who work with them daily.



70 teachers, psychologists and social workers from Stefan Voda, Causeni and Ungheni districts, were trained to provide psychosocial support to target groups from refugee centres, schools, social facilities and to all beneficiaries.

The training focused on awareness-raising and methodologies, as well as the best practices and effective tools for providing psychosocial support.

During the training, participants acquired skills in the following areas:

- understanding the psychosocial support approach;
- active listening and psychological support;
- perceive and understand the behaviour of displaced persons, refugees and all beneficiaries;
- organise psychosocial support activities;
- emotional management;
- challenge awareness and peer exchange in this regard.

Training for social workers, mental health specialists and education specialists increased the quality of local psychosocial support services.

A Guide and practical tools for providing psychosocial support to refugees were developed for teachers, psychologists and social workers. The objective is to contribute to strengthening the capacity of the specialists in the field to effectively engage with beneficiaries by using the practical developed tools.



220 adolescents/students, teachers and social workers from the communities across Stefan-Voda district attended training sessions on tolerance, empathy and non-violent communication. These activities aim to increase social cohesion across the regions and promote tolerance and empathy towards refugees among the local population.

The activities were carried out under the 'Support to Moldovan communities hosting Ukrainian refugees' project, financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the German Agency for International Cooperation and the Women's Law Centre.

Training of specialists competent to intervene in the field of domestic violence

Capacity building of specialists competent to intervene in the field of domestic violence continues to be one of the main components of the Women's Law Centre's strategy. Harmful stereotypes of domestic violence and certain attitudes and practices among professional groups endanger the safety of the victims of domestic violence. Therefore, WLC continues to train specialists.

Training and awareness-raising among specialists on peculiarities of investigating and examining cases of domestic violence and violence against children is an effective method to prevent violence. Training also helps to change their attitude and behaviour towards victims.

In this regard, 2 seminars were carried out: a seminar was addressed to **judicial assistants, court reporters and prosecutors' counsellors**, while another seminar was attended by **judges, prosecutors and crime investigation officers**.



Participanții alături de formatori și-au aprofundat cunoștințele și au discutat subiecte precum:

- domestic violence phenomenon, domestic violence causes and psychological portrait of a victim and a perpetrator;
- trauma and needs of domestic violence victims;
- Moldova's domestic violence law: civil and civil procedural law aspects;
- investigation of domestic violence cases: jurisdiction, evidence in domestic violence cases, mediation and reconciliation risks in domestic violence cases;
- problems during court trials of domestic violence crimes;

- protection of and assistance to domestic violence victims;
- ECHR case-law on domestic violence.



The seminars were organised by WLC in partnership with the National Justice Institute, with the financial support of the Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation. The training sessions were conducted by Nelea Panfil, psychologist, Arina Turcan-Dontu, lawyer, Maria Ghervas, judge, and Mariana Gornea, prosecutor.



Training of specialists competent to intervene in the field of domestic violence



Prosecutors, judges, judicial assistants, court reporter and prosecutor’s counsellors attended the seminar entitled: **‘Women’s access to justice – particularities of the Istanbul Convention applicability’**, organised by WLC, in partnership with the National Institute of Justice.

The trainers of the National Institute of Justice, Mariana Gornea, prosecutor, and Turcan Arina, lawyer, assisted participants to update their knowledge and discuss the following topics:

- Myths and facts about the Istanbul Convention;
- four pillars of the Convention;
- monitoring mechanisms;

- combating gender stereotypes and sexism: addressing the roots of gender inequality and violence against women;
- protection measures and criminalisation of the main forms of violence, effective sanctions;
- safety and needs of victims of gender-based violence at the centre of the protection mechanism.

Training aims at changing attitudes towards domestic violence, understanding its roots and transforming the way of thinking among specialists. The seminars were organised with the financial support of the Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation.

30 police subofficers from MIA subdivisions attended a training course on the best practices of police response to cases of domestic violence.

Participants have been engaged in interactive exercises, discussions and debates for five days in order to strengthen their understanding of the phenomenon, dynamics and forms of domestic violence in the context of the prevailing inequality between women and men.

The law enforcement representatives were guided by the professional trainers in the field to ensure a proactive response for preventing, identifying and counteracting domestic violence cases. They addressed the types of services required by the victims of violence and the referral procedure: issuing an emergency restraining order;

tactics for crime investigation; responsible actors for providing a coordinated response to victims of domestic violence.

The training was organised by WLC in partnership with Integrated Law Enforcement Training Centre, with the financial support of the Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation.



The 2022 Annual Report on cases of domestic violence resulting in victims' death or severe harm to bodily integrity

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Femicide is a serious and extreme form of violence against women and girls resulting in victim's death.

On March 29 this year, the first 2022 Case Assessment Report was submitted and validated on the Commission's platform for monitoring and assessing the cases of domestic violence resulting in victims' death or severe harm to bodily integrity. The report was developed by the experts of the Women's Law Centre, in partnership with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and General Police Inspectorate, with the financial support of Sweden and the U.S. Department of State, the Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Department and is part of a number of activities aiming to support the Commission's work.



According to the Assessment Report, 45 cases out of 86 analysed cases involved a male perpetrator and a female victim, 40 cases resulted in the victim's death due to violent actions, out of which 24 victims were women.

The analysis of serious cases of violence against women highlighted some problems and malpractices in prosecuting the cases of violence against women and domestic violence cases. The report issued recommendations and priority interventions for each sector for 2023.

The report includes a number of specific recommendations aimed to decrease the number of deaths caused by violence against women and domestic violence in the Republic of Moldova and to improve the intervention of the responsible authorities for preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The 2023-2027 National Program for Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic



Violence comprises these recommendations.

The event was attended by: Mrs Ana Revenco, Minister of Internal Affairs, Mrs Daniella Misail-Nichitin, MIA State Secretary, Mr William Massolin, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Chisinau, Mrs Angela Munteanu-Pojoga, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Secretary of the Committee on Human Rights and Interethnic Rela-

tions, Mrs Felicia Bechtoldt, MLSP State Secretary and the members of the Commission, representatives of public authorities, civil society and development partners.

Thus, the Report is a strong commitment made by the authorities to effectively implement domestic violence law and eliminate the cases when perpetrators are not held accountable for domestic violence cases.



Artistic activities provide our beneficiaries with comfort, a colourful life and psychological well-being. Art encourages the free expression of feelings and improves social skills as it is a group work.

Women and children had the freedom to create during a creative workshop. Participants crafted and decorated an authentic frame to keep photos or motivational statements. WLC beneficiaries got inspired, relaxed and socialised for a couple of hours. Women confessed to us that they enjoy being able to forget their daily concerns and create something unique with their own hands.

WLC carried out a decoupage workshop in partnership with the Assistance and Protection Centre, where

women and children painted and learned how to decorate wooden boxes using a special technique. Participants discovered their artistic skills and developed their aesthetic taste in a warm environment that is appropriate for networking. At the end of the activity, women told us that they would keep jewellery and important things in the magic box.

The workshops were conducted by WLC, with the financial support of the Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation, under a project funded by the Programme to Combat Domestic Violence in Moldova, financed by the OAK Foundation. The programme is implemented in Moldova through a partnership with the Association for Community Relations in Romania.



WLC together with AFAM – the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Moldova launched the #FEMEICATINE campaign, showcasing 7 stories of strong women, leaders in their field, who inspire through courage, determination and optimism.

Angela GLADEI:

'Being ambitious and aware that I can build a career by studying and evolving, I relied only on me. I couldn't speak English very well and was also on maternity leave with my second child. I used to put the baby to sleep and write my papers at night. I was breastfeeding the baby at 5-6 a.m, then at 8 a.m. I was at work. It wasn't easy, but if I could go back in time, I would do the same.'

The whole story and the other 6 stories could be found here: <https://cdf.md/noutatile-cdf/>

The stories are part of the 'FEMEICATINE' campaign, developed by WLC, in partnership with AFAM – the Association of Women Entrepreneurs



of Moldova, under the 'Reducing barriers to women's economic empowerment' project. The project was implemented by ABA ROLI in partnership with the Women and Girls Empowered Consortium (WAGE), WLC and CIPE, and funded by the U.S. Department of State, Office of Global Women's Issues.

In March, Moldcell female employees participated in 2 personal development and motivational sessions organized by the Women's Law Centre. Women were inspired by the specialised trainers to stay strong against gender stereotypes and discrimination.

The sessions addressed the following topics:

- Yin-Yang Leadership from female perspective;
- specific bottlenecks and the leadership limiting threshold;
- motivation to obliterate personal leadership barriers;
- women's empowerment and historical aspects of feminist movements;
- the legacy of the feminist movements and how each of us can contribute to a fair world with equal opportunities.

The sessions were organised with the financial support of the Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation.



On International Women's Day, when we celebrate women's social, economic, cultural and political achievements and at the same time, we reaffirm the desire to fight for rights and equality, we have spoken about free, strong and equal women on several TV shows.

We introduced the audience to information about services and projects designed to help victims of domestic violence, talked about domestic violence myths, how women can spot the early signs of an abusive relationship



and why they should not tolerate domestic violence.

The shows can be watched here: https://cdf.md/aparitii_categorii/aparitii-media/





The training seminar on good intervention practices in domestic violence cases was attended by 50 heads of criminal investigation subdivisions across the country.

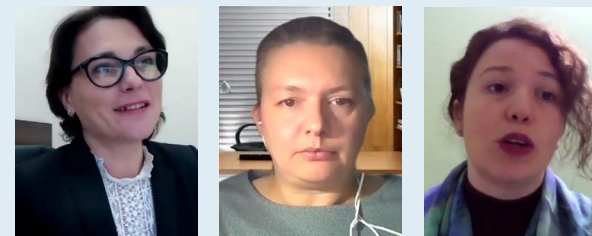
The discussion was facilitated by Arina Turcan, WLC lawyer, and Daniela Josanu, coordinator of the WLC specialised service, and it was focused in particular on new criminal and criminal procedural law amendments on investigating sexual crimes.

The seminar was attended by the board members of the Criminal Investigative Division: Mr Alexandru Ciobana, CID Head and Mr Ruslan Ojog, CID Deputy Head.

The activity took place as part of the partnership between WLC and CID, with the financial support of the Sigrid Rausing Trust Foundation.

The 'Preventing sexual harassment and gender/sex-based harassment in the police' guideline was launched to inform and raise awareness of sexual harassment among police employees.

The author of the guideline, Alexei Mariana Carabanov Nicolaescu made sure to cover the most common questions and to provide a series of recommendations for police employees that would facilitate the correct information of the staff through gender units.



The guide explains what sexual harassment is, its forms and myths, differences between flirting and harassment, national and international best practices, and last but not least, a harassment-free workplace.

The launch event of the guide was held online and gathered representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, representatives of the Embassy of Sweden in Chisinau, the Women's Law Centre, participants of the gender units of the GPI subdivisions, police employees and AWP members.

Alexei Mariana Carabanov Nicolaescu is a beneficiary of the Impulse Grant Programme, implemented by WLC with the support of Sweden, and one of 12 agents of change who attended an advanced training on prevention and response to gender-based violence in Sweden.

You have the right to live safely!



WHO ARE WE?

WOMEN'S LAW CENTRE (WLC) is a non-governmental organisation founded by a group of women-lawyers from Moldova. WLC advocates for equality between women and men in the public and family life and helps prevent and combat domestic violence and gender-based violence against women.

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