

“Violence-Free Family – Violence-Free Society!”



The Promo-LEX Association, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Centre for Social Assistance and Protection

n of Victims of Human Trafficking come with a common message of the need and importance of preventing and combating domestic violence in the campaign “Violence-Free Family – Violence-Free Society!”. You may watch the launching conference [here](#).

“The aim of this campaign is to highlight once again the important role of tolerance and respect for one another, and how these principles can bring the family and society together,” says Ombudsman Tudor Lazar.

The Ombudsman also stressed that human diversity must not lead to discrimination and violence, and only through joint efforts, by acknowledging and acting against violence, we can help fight this phenomenon.

According to Lilia Potîng, lawyer of the Promo-LEX Association, “The urgency and immediacy of this issue is confirmed by statistics in this field – currently thousands of

women in Moldova are subjected to violence. Thus, according to a national survey, every sixth woman in urban regions, and every seventh woman in rural areas was subjected to violence at least once in their lifetime.”

Another message to be transmitted in the course of the campaign is that there is a Law that protects the rights and interests of victims of domestic violence, under which victims can obtain protective orders, and that measures exist to punish the perpetrator in such cases,” adds Lilia Potîng.

For her part, Lilia Gorceac, a psychologist at the Center for Social Assistance and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking, drew attention to the very serious issue of sexual violence to which children are subjected in the family. “This is a major problem, and these children, need psychological assistance because they remain scarred for life after passing through such inhumane experiences. What happens in the neighbor’s yard is very important both for social health and for the well being of every human being.”

The first meeting with a group of citizens as part of the Campaign was held today in Cojușna, Strasenii.

The Campaign will feature several meetings with citizens, where lawyers, people with notoriety and psychologists will address issues related to the impact of domestic violence on victims, children, families and society as a whole, prejudices and gender-based stereotypes that encourage domestic violence and legal provisions relevant to this topic.

The “Violence-Free Family – Violence-Free Society” campaign was initiated by the Office of the Ombudsperson, and Ombudsman Tudor Lazar, in partnership with Promo-LEX and the Center for Social Assistance and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking. The campaign will be conducted between 15 October and 25 November 2014. The media Partner of the campaign is National Broadcasting Company Teleradio-Moldova.

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