

NANE (Women For Women Together Against Violence) is Women's Rights Association in Hungary that was established in 1994 with the aim to work on the elimination of violence against women and children. The Association is active on the individual, community and societal level.

1. INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

- Individual assistance is implemented mainly through the **NANE helpline** operated by the Association's trained helpline volunteers. The helpline, reserved for the adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence, has been operating since the establishment of the Association in 1994. Since 1997 the helpline is available through a toll free number (06 80505101), and receives about 2,000 calls a year.

KERET helpline was available for the adult and child victims of sexual violence between 2010 and 2019 before it was integrated into the main helpline. Between 2000 and 2006, with the aim of the prevention of trafficking in women, an information telephone line was operated, first with the support of the EU at the initiative of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), later financed by the Embassy of the United States.

- We started building the **integrated client service** model in 2005, with the aim that victims of violence can receive all the support and assistance they need for their psychological, financial, sexual and physical security in a format where all those assisting them cooperate and communicate as a team. The integrated client service, run jointly with PATENT Association, provides legal assistance in person and on the phone, together with psychological and social counseling.
- The 'Vodafone for Women's Safety' program was an experimental project in the field of individual assistance. Its main element is the **mobile alarm service** system launched in 2011 on an experimental basis, based on the financial and professional support of Vodafone Hungary Foundation, in cooperation with the Budapest Police Headquarters. The pilot was evaluated and found to be successful in increasing women's sense of safety, and also – in cases where police was cooperative with NANE's client support staff – in improving the quality of police response.

2. MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITIES AT COMMUNITY LEVEL

- **Trainings and prevention programs** for professionals, offices and institutions in the following areas: domestic violence, effects of domestic violence on children, sexual harassment, sexual violence, prostitution, human trafficking and other forms of gender-based violence and discrimination. These services are available also for interested individuals, such as public forums or youth communities.
- **Volunteer training**, with its content and methodology based on decades of experience. Working on our helplines, providing information and support on site at various events is a job of great responsibility. NANE's helpline assistant and activist volunteers are enrolled into an extensive and professionally stable volunteer training before they can join in our activities. We provide our volunteers with regular supervision and training.
- **Support and self-help groups for victims** and survivors of violence, with its professional basis based partly on the manual "Power to Change" developed in an international collaboration and partly on our expertise in helping the victims. We regularly hold presentation sessions for individuals and groups who themselves plan to organise support groups or self-help groups.
- Promotion of cooperating professional groups, participation in the work of these groups, and the dissemination of the groups' messages. In a 30-month project from the fall of 2013 to the spring of 2016, we carried out nationwide professional trainings, supervision and contributed to the professional development of participating organisations that provide support to women and children victims of domestic violence or work with other target groups on prevention, such as young people or children with special needs. The aim of the project (funded by the NGO Fund of the EEA/Norway Grants) is to promote and develop effective assistance, legal protection and international good practice adapted to national needs and realities.

3. ON A SOCIETAL LEVEL WE COVER THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- **Publications** (brochures, manuals and information leaflets that can be useful for both professionals and survivors of violence)

- **Organizing campaigns** independently or jointly with other organizations, to raise social awareness (e.g. International Women's Day, summer festivals or the international 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign).
- **The Silent Witnesses exhibition's** aim is remembering the women killed by abusive partners and ex-partners, and to raise awareness about the importance of intervention. In this context, we prepare an annual account of domestic violence homicides, which is based on reports of the press and the police. The exhibition was first created in 1999 and has since been invited to numerous conferences, seminars, and outdoor events. (The Silent Witnesses are red, life-sized female silhouettes, with the names of the deceased and the circumstances of the homicide on them.)
- Participation in the creation and dissemination of awareness raising, **educational media content** (short films, advertisements, PSAs, social media campaigns), with which we aim at strengthening a sense of responsibility of the public to ensure that the victims are not blamed and perpetrators are held accountable for the violence they have committed in the community.
- Operating **websites** that are trying to address a professional audience, lay helpers and also victims and survivors and provide them with useful materials and information.
- Participation in the development of local, national and international **joint projects** aimed at strengthening and supporting victims and survivors, and/or developing the relevant policies, legislation and protocols and highlighting the responsibility of state stakeholders and accounting them for their responsibilities.
- **Advocacy** in order to act more effectively against violence against women, with the aim of developing legislation and law enforcement as well as professional processes and the healthcare system. In the framework of advocacy we examine law drafts and make legislative proposals to lawmakers. The success of these activities depends largely on the political will.

Some of our proposals can be found in the current legislation (e.g. the law on restraining order for domestic violence cases, or the introduction of stalking and domestic violence as specific offences in the criminal code), other ones have not been well received yet (e.g. sexual harassment or sexual blackmail as criminal offence).

- Via our **monitoring activity** we regularly prepare reports and overviews for various international organizations (UN, EU, Council of Europe) about the enforcement of women's rights, particularly in regards of violence against women, and the state level fulfillment of the obligations set in the CEDAW Convention (on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) and other international norms.

SUPPORTERS

The Association's financial support comes primarily from international sources. The various European Union programmes, international foundations were the major sponsors in the past 25 years. In recent years, our major donors were the Open Society Foundations, Vodafone Hungary Foundation and the NGO Fund of the EEA/Norway Grants.

The Association does not receive any permanent or temporary support from the state.

Other sources of income are the 1% of personal income tax which taxpayers can offer to different charitable organisations, and some specified activities receive regular or occasional support from varied sources (e.g. the helpline received support from Magyar Telekom between 1998 and 2012, the French Embassy in Budapest 2013, and MagNet Bank in 2015) or project level (such as the support of AVON for the renovation of the Silent Witnesses Exhibition in 2009 or our ongoing research into the effects of forced visitation). The essential resource of all activities of the Association is the regular volunteer work of our members or the work of the occasionally involved volunteers and supporting members.

Annual reports are available on the Association's website.

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