

2020

NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW ORDERS *immediate separation* OF PERPETRATORS AWAY FROM THEIR VICTIMS AS A RESULT OF MANY YEARS OF *advocacy* OF WOMEN ACTIVISTS AND ALLIES

POLISH LEGISLATION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DOESN'T INCLUDE NEITHER THE DEFINITION OF *ECONOMIC VIOLENCE*, NOR A COMPREHENSIVE DEFINITION OF *RAPE*

RATIFIED BY POLAND IN **2015**

ISTANBUL CONVENTION ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

MANY OF THE POLICIES WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED BY POLAND BEFORE THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION

THE RULING PARTY, THE Law & Justice MAKES THREATS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CONVENTION

FEMINOTEKA FOUNDATION

FREE LEGAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVICE 888 88 33 88

WOMEN'S RIGHTS CENTER

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT 22 621 35 37

INTERVENTION 600 070 717

NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR SURVIVORS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

800 12 00 02

\*CONSULTATIONS IN ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN

NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR SURVIVORS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE BLUE LINE

22 668 70 00

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

NON. NO. NEIN.

Say No! Stop violence against women

legislation

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# Domestic and systemic VIOLENCE in Poland

HOW CAN WE TAKE ACTION?



Individually

✓ *speak out* - CALL THE ISSUE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN\* TO THE ATTENTION OF POLITICIANS

✓ *share* HELPLINES ON SOCIAL MEDIA - YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW SOMEONE NEEDS help

✓ BE AN *active upstander*

✓ ESTABLISH POLICIES OF *zero tolerance* FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE IN THE SPACES IN WHICH YOU **LIVE** **WORK** **PLAY** HOLD PERPETRATORS ACCOUNTABLE!

✓ OFFER TRAININGS TO PERPETRATORS - *redefine toxic masculinity*

WHAT CAN WE DO



collectively

✓ OFFER *support* TO SURVIVORS. ASSESS THE SAFETY OF THE PERSON OR SITUATION BEFORE ACTING, TRY TO CREATE A DIALOGUE *away from the abuser*

✓ *donate* TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT EMPOWER WOMEN. SUPPORT SHELTERS AND HELPLINES FOR SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

BOYS\* MEN\* EDUCATE YOURSELF BOYS PERFORMATIVE GROUP 'PERFORMERS' COLLECTIVE WHO EXPLORE THE DEFINITION OF GENTLE AND FEMINIST masculinity

✓ RAISE *awareness* AND DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

✓ TAKE A STAND AGAINST RAPE CULTURE: STOP VICTIM-BLAMING

✓ *believe* SURVIVORS AND LISTEN TO THEM. THEIR VOICES

✓ *advocate* FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING / FUNDRAISE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS



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ACCORDING TO POLISH SEXOLOGICAL SOCIETY, TRANSGENDER PEOPLE ARE *most vulnerable* TO BIAS VIOLENCE IN THE ENTIRE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

TRANS\*WOMEN

LGBT+ HELPLINE

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2020 HUMANITY IN ACTION WARSAW FELLOWSHIP

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THE *covid-19 pandemic* HAS EXPOSED THE REAL PANDEMIC OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - IT HAS *increased* BY **30-50%** AS OBSERVED IN FRANCE, CHINA & AUSTRALIA, AMONGST OTHERS

AS MANY AS **500** WOMEN *die* EVERY YEAR AT THE HANDS OF ABUSERS

**800 000** WOMEN EXPERIENCE VIOLENCE EVERY YEAR OVER **2000** WOMEN A DAY

STOP FEMICIDE

WOMEN'S RIGHTS CENTER LAUNCHED THE *social campaign* AND *petition* TO PROTECT WOMEN AND CHILDREN



TRIGGER WARNING: VIOLENT SCENES

THERE ARE ONLY **37** SPECIALIZED CENTERS WHICH PROVIDE *support* TO SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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