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Domestic and Sexual Violence

Domestic and sexual violence occur worldwide irrespective of social strata, religion or ethnicity. It affect seriously the wellbeing of both victims and perpetrators. It may cause serious trauma and lasting health problems. Prevention therefore is of utmost importance. When sexual or domestic violence has taken place, victims need adequate assistance to prevent lasting symptoms. To prevent recurrence, perpetrators also need assistance and treatment.

MOVISIE promotes that all stakeholders, both nationally and internationally, exchange knowledge and experience in effectively combating domestic and sexual violence. Therefore MOVISIE participates in European and international networks, e.g. WAVE (Women Against Violence Europe). We cooperate with and support NGO's and government organizations in different countries e.g. Croatia, by jointly developing and implementing methods and educational programmes.

Projects

Restraining Order

January 2009 the Netherlands enacted a new law that allows temporary restraining orders to be imposed on alleged perpetrators of domestic violence in cases of acute danger to the victim and any children involved. This type of restraining order applies for ten days and can be extended to a maximum of 28 days. It is issued by the mayor. Immediately after the issue of the restraining order, the perpetrator, the victim and any children receive professional help. In the context of this new legislation, MOVISIE supports the implementation process by providing guidance to the federal government, municipalities and NGO's involved.

National Partnership - Combating Sexual Violence

Combating sexual violence in the Netherlands can be improved and can be made more effective. The collaborative chain approach - where local authorities, police, public prosecutioner and healthcare work together – still falls short in regard to capacity and quality. Specific groups, such as victims and perpetrators with a handicap, male victims and victims from migrant groups, are still insufficiently taken into account. The aim of this Partnership is to improve the prevention and tackling of sexual violence through collaboration. Focus is on the exchange and integration of knowledge and experience by national stakeholders and expertise centers. Moreover to collectively address bottlenecks.

The Partnership is an initiative of MOVISIE, Rutgers Nisso Groep and Fiom. The initiators collaborate with the police, the justice department, child and youth care and welfare organizations. The programme runs till 2011.

WE CAN End All Violence against Women

WE CAN is an international campaign to stop gender-based violence against women. WE CAN aims to achieve a collective and visible stand on and action against violence against women. Individuals and local, regional, and national alliances work together to end all violence against women. These are called 'changemakers' and are central in the campaign. After countries in South Asia, Africa and Latin America MOVISIE will launch this campaign in the Netherlands March 2009.

Forced Marriage

Forced marriages are still common among several communities in the Netherlands. Young men and women alike are affected by it. It may be parents forcing them but there is also pressure from other family members in the Netherlands or from the country of origin. Apart from the (potential) victims, it affects professionals in educational, shelter and care institutions, policy makers and politicians. MOVISIE participates in the EU Daphne project Active Against Forced Marriages and collaborates with several partners to combat forced marriage in the Netherlands, the EU and the global South.

Boys Information Group Shields

Shields is an information group consisting of nine boys who were raised in the Netherlands and who have roots in Morocco, Turkey, Iraq or Kuwait. They lead information and discussion meetings on topics such as honour, partner choice, virginity, the role of boys and girls in family cultures and honour related violence. The boys of Shields are familiar with the cultural aspects of honour and thus know that boys as perpetrators may get trapped by it. Shields is originally a Swedish method and is part of the Dutch information campaign 'RespectEER'.

Youth Prostitution Expertise Hub

Many municipalities, institutions and organizations are confronted with the issue of prostitution by minors. MOVISIE offers them tools to develop an effective policy and to detect and combat prostitution of minors. Priority is given to close collaboration and coordination between all parties involved. The youth prostitution expertise hub is an initiative of MOVISIE.

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