


**To the Protocol Decision No. 23 made
by the Government of the Republic of Armenia
at its 17 June 2011 session**

2011-2015 STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

No	Goals	Expected outcomes
Goal 1. Prevention of gender-based violence		
1.1.	To ensure implementation of the main recommendations of the UN <i>Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women</i> and of the Beijing Conference made to combat gender-based violence and fulfillment of the obligations assumed under other international documents ratified by the Republic of Armenia	<p>1.1.1. The drawing up and submission of periodic reports on the fulfillment of the obligations assumed by the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>1.1.2. Harmonization of the national legislation with the requirements of the international legal instruments ratified by the Republic of Armenia, in particular, incorporation of the “domestic violence” and “gender-based violence” concepts into legal Acts</p>
1.2.	To ensure elaboration and introduction of a system for management of information regarding gender-based violence, including a mechanism for collection of information from various sources about victims of violence through the Governmental departments’ statistics and studies	<p>1.2.1. The development and introduction of a system of indicators for evaluating and monitoring the phenomenon of gender-based violence and its incidence and prevalence</p> <p>1.2.2. Inclusion of an index reflecting gender-based violence in summary national statistical reports</p> <p>1.2.3. Introduction into healthcare institutions of a system of <i>identification</i> and <i>recording</i> of injuries sustained as a result of gender-based violence, of <i>forms</i> for recording and reporting data and of <i>integration</i> of indicators, including first-aid and obstetrical posts and rural health centers</p> <p>1.2.4. Conducting of studies aimed to identify cases and causes of gender-based violence in various spheres of public life and publication of information about those studies</p> <p>1.2.5. Creation of a comprehensive database of entities that give support to victims of gender-based violence and of the services provided by them</p> <p>1.2.6. Retraining of specialists from entities, which deal with the issue, on data collection procedures, unified indicators and monitoring mechanism with regard</p>

		to victims of gender-based violence
1.3.	To ensure heightened public awareness about gender-based violence and crimes committed against sexual freedom and inviolability, about their prevention, legislation concerning violence, sanctions and punishment administered to perpetrators of violence, about support measures for victims and procedures for provision of legal advice, health care and psychological support; to ensure transformation of stereotypes that promote gender-based violence and creation of the environment of zero tolerance of violence	1.3.1. Holding public discussions and meetings on violence and instruments to combat it and conducting comprehensive information campaigns, including campaigns with the participation of mass media
		1.3.2. Broadcasting of social advertisements as well as special programs and series of programs for various target groups
		1.3.3. Preparation and dissemination of information materials <i>about the phenomenon of gender-based violence and the fight against it</i> among various social groups, including young people and the most vulnerable groups
		1.3.4. Preparation and broadcasting of short-length on gender-based violence
1.4.	To ensure that knowledge about gender-based violence is taught and that the necessary teaching methodology foundation has been laid	1.4.1. Staging of educational events in general-education schools and in professional education institutions on the subject of gender-based violence
		1.4.2. Conducting of forums in general-education schools and in communities on topics related to young persons' future and the role of family in the society
		1.4.3. Teaching of the "Healthy Lifestyle" course and inclusion of health-related topics in the curricula of general-education schools
1.5.	To ensure the inclusion of the topic of gender-based violence into professional development courses for teaching staff	1.5.1. Organization of awareness-raising and educational events on the subject of gender-based violence for school teachers and university instructors
		1.5.2. Inclusion of topics related to gender-based violence in the module for professional development of school teachers who teach the "Social Science" subject
		1.5.3. Inclusion of topics related to gender-based violence in the module for professional development of principals and deputy principals of general-education schools
1.6.	To ensure the inclusion of the topic of gender-based violence into the system of education for parents	1.6.1. Raising parents' awareness of issues of care for and education of children, the importance of responsibility for parental duties in the family, the ruling out of violence in the family and creation of safe environment for the development of the child
Goal 2. Provision of comprehensive support to victims of gender-based violence; protection of persons subjected to gender-based violence		
2.1.	To improve the system of legal protection of persons	2.1.1. Elaboration and submission of relevant legal Acts, including the Draft RoA <i>Law</i>

	subjected to gender-based violence	<p><i>on Domestic Violence</i> to the RoA Government</p> <p>2.1.2. Elaboration and introduction of legislation implementation mechanisms in the area of gender-based violence</p> <p>2.1.3. Elaboration and introduction of a referral mechanism for victims of violence</p> <p>2.1.4. Elaboration and introduction of the unified minimum <i>standards</i> for provision of healthcare, social, psychological and consulting services as well as individual and anonymous support and the <i>mechanism</i> of control over the maintenance of those standards</p>
2.2.	To ensure heightened awareness of victims of gender-based violence and of individuals from vulnerable groups, including awareness regarding support provided to them	<p>2.2.1. Provision of information by healthcare institutions, institutions, which provide educational and social services and relevant police units to victims of violence and to individuals from vulnerable groups about gender-based violence and its consequences, about HIV/AIDS as well as about the minimum standards for provision of support to victims of violence, about the entities that provide support and about the services that they provide</p> <p>2.2.2. Organization of special courses for victims of violence and individuals from vulnerable groups</p>
2.3.	To expand the scope of social, medical and legal support and services provided to victims of gender-based violence and to ensure continuous improvement of their quality	<p>2.3.1. Establishment of <i>services</i> that alert to cases of violence as well as a <i>24-hour hotline</i> in healthcare institutions, in relevant police units and in institutions that provide social services</p> <p>2.3.2. Establishment of temporary lodgings and/or shelters for victims of violence</p> <p>2.3.3. Elaboration and introduction of the minimum standards for healthcare, psychological, social, legal and other services provided in temporary lodgings and/or shelters and the mechanisms of control over those services</p> <p>2.3.4. Implementation of projects of medical rehabilitation and socio-psychological reintegration of victims of violence</p> <p>2.3.5. Introduction of mechanisms for involvement of specialists from other fields (except medical personnel), including social workers and psychologists, in provision of emergency medical aid services in primary healthcare services and in hospitals</p> <p>2.3.6. Provision of special courses to victims of violence and to individuals from vulnerable groups on means of effective self-defense</p>

		2.3.7. Establishment of a specialized center in the city of Yerevan for victims of gender-based violence, which, in addition to performing basic functions, will also involve qualified professionals who have extensive work experience in the field
2.4.	To ensure continuous capacity building of professional staff of the <i>bodies</i> tasked with prevention of gender-based violence and of the <i>institutions</i> that give support and provide services to victims	2.4.1. Elaboration and introduction of the <i>standards</i> for identification of victims of gender-based violence through medical examination and studies of families by staff members of relevant police units, for recording, reporting and referral procedures and of the <i>professional development methodology</i> for operation in those areas
		2.4.2. Organization of professional development courses for public health, education and social sphere specialists and for policemen on identification, recording and reporting of victims of gender-based violence and provision of appropriate support and references to victims
		2.4.3. Elaboration and introduction of a training component (module) on gender-based violence in the curricula of educational institutions that provide professional development courses to civil servants
		2.4.4. Implementation of awareness-raising of local government officials, community employees and reporters regarding issues of gender-based violence
Goal 2. Prosecution of perpetrators of gender-based violence		
		3.1.1. Provision of specialized (separate) and joint courses to judges, prosecutors and policemen for protection of victims of violence and for identification and prosecution of perpetrators of violence
3.1.	To ensure socio-psychological rehabilitation and re-education of perpetrators of violence	3.2.1. Provision of courses that give knowledge about and develop skills of an alternative conduct that rules out violence, including knowledge about and skills of effective communication and conflict management
		3.2.2. Establishment of safe meeting places for perpetrators of violence to meet with their children and introduction of appropriate procedures