



ANNA – National Center for the Prevention of Violence

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# **Women's Human Rights and Violence against Women:**

*Monitoring as a Tool for promoting  
changes in the response to gender  
based violence*

# The strategic goals

- to evaluate the situation of violence against women
- to stimulate changes both in the legislation and in practices and regulations of governmental agencies in the response to gender based violence;
- to raise awareness on women's human rights as integral part of general human rights among general public and professional groups;
- to strengthen Local, Regional and Federal women's human rights networks and coalitions.

- the Independent National Women's Human Rights Commission on Violence against Women was established in order to launch monitoring of women's rights violation in the area of violence against women in Russia;
- the Commission has developed the concept of monitoring of women's human rights violations in the area of violence against women in Russia;
- the process of monitoring was launched according to the requirements developed by the Commission.

## The goals of the Independent National Women's Human Rights Commission on Violence against women:

- to establish system of on-going monitoring of women's human rights violations in the area of gender based violence;
- to strengthen the regional networks; to develop advocacy strategy and instruments to be implemented by the National and regional networks;
- to conduct awareness raising events through media;
- further on-going monitoring in the respective regions, analysis of the collected data and assessment according to the requirements of the existing law and international standards within Russia's obligations under the signed and ratified International treaties;
- to prepare and to publish Annual Regional Reports and the Annual National Report with the results of monitoring and recommendations based on the annual regional reports.

## Strategic objective:

- to guarantee the respect of women's human rights by state authorities of the Russian Federation within the framework of the obligations in the area of violence against women.

## Working goals:

- to describe and to present the overall situation in the area of violence against women in the Russian Federation;
- to reinforce women's protection against inhuman and degrading treatment by the governmental institutions;
- to guarantee women's safety and protection by the law;
- to reinforce women's protection against the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men based on stereotyped roles of men and women.

## Working goal # 1:

- to describe and to present the overall situation in the area of violence against women in the Russian Federation;
- Diagnosis of the situation in the area of violence against women: gathering and analysis of the statistical data;

## Working goal # 2:

- to reinforce women's protection against inhuman and degrading treatment by the governmental institutions;
- Assessment of the existing legislation of the Russian Federation in the area of violence against women and of the response of law enforcement agencies to the acts of violence against women
- Assessment of the governmental response to the acts of violence against women on the base of case studies;

### Working goal #3:

- to guarantee women's safety and protection by the law;
- Assessment of services provided by the existing shelters in Russia, such as a number of beds, rules of admittance for women and children suffering from domestic violence, monthly/annual statistics, etc. compared to the standards provided by the European Parliament Resolution on Violence against Women.



## Working goals #4:

- to reinforce women's protection against the social and cultural patterns of conduct of men based on stereotyped roles of men and women.
- Evaluation of harmful cultural traditions and norms, such as bride abduction and honor killings; assessment of the response of the governmental institutions to the acts of violence against women justified by these traditions;
- Assessment of highlighting the situation in violence against women by mass media.

- In order to achieve the working goals, the members of the Commission have selected the following areas of research:
- (a) Diagnosis of the situation in the area of violence against women: gathering and analysis of the statistical data;
- (b) Assessment of services provided by the existing shelters in Russia, such as a number of beds, rules of admittance for women and children suffering from domestic violence, monthly/annual statistics, etc. compared to the standards provided by the European Parliament Resolution on Violence against Women;
- (c) Evaluation of harmful cultural traditions and norms, such as bride abduction and honor killings; assessment of the response of the governmental institutions to the acts of violence against women justified by these traditions;

- (d) Assessment of the existing legislation of the Russian Federation in the area of violence against women and of the response of law enforcement agencies to the acts of violence against women;
- (e) Assessment of the governmental response to the acts of violence against women on the base of case studies;
- (f) Assessment of highlighting the situation in violence against women by mass media.

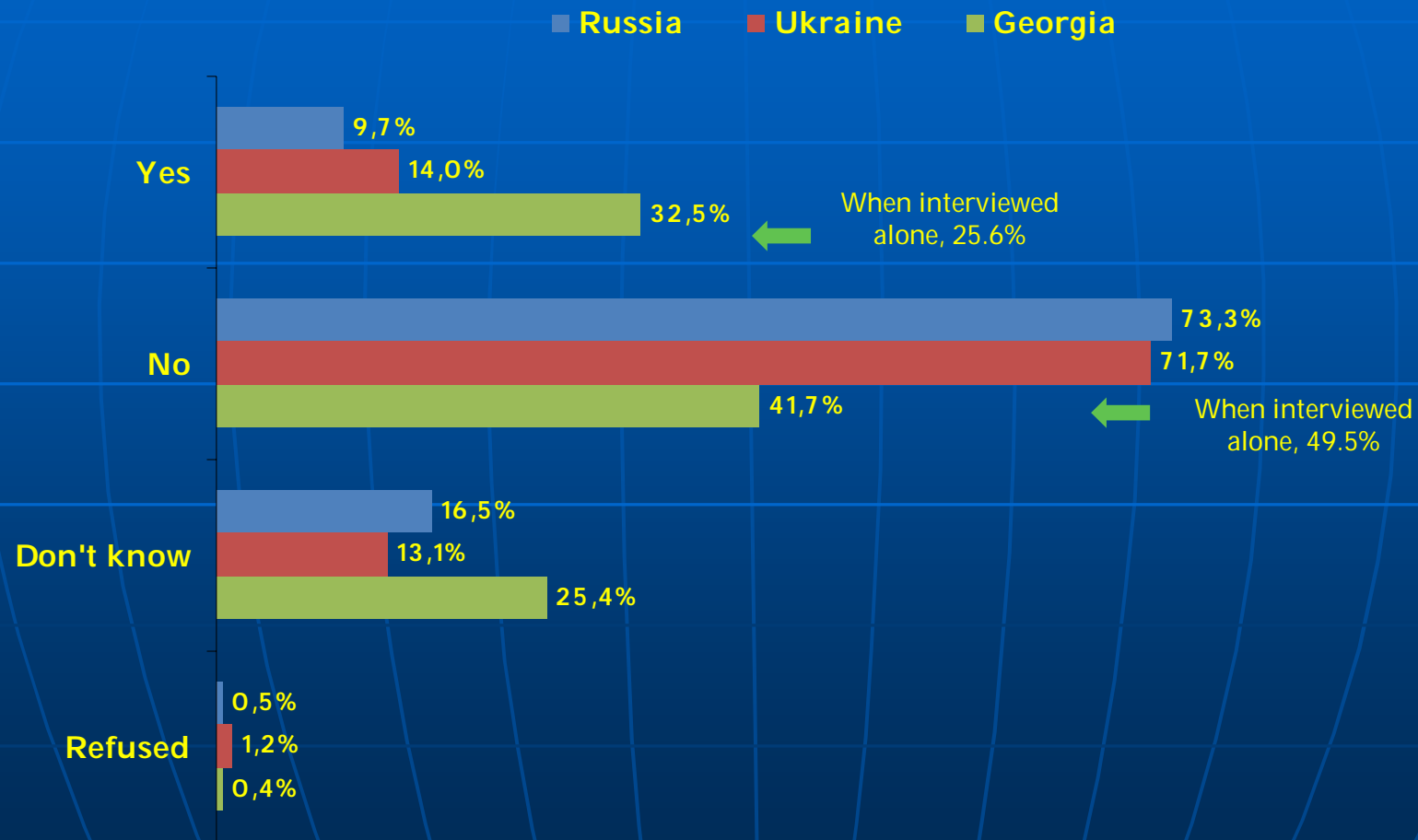
## REPORTS:

- I. Overview of the situation in the region
- II. Statistical data:
  - 2.1. Official statistics from law enforcement structures and courts (availability of statistics, access to statistics).
  - 2.2. Data on existing social services for survivors of violence against women (number of shelters in the region, average number of beds in shelters, rules of admittance of survivors, etc.)
  - 2.3. Additional statistical data (health care facilities, help lines, etc.)
  - 2.4. Number of non-governmental organizations working in the area of the prevention of violence against women.
- III. Analysis of the existing system of response to cases of violence against women.
  - 3.1. Best practices (for instance, implementation of interagency response to the cases of violence against women; training workshops and seminars, etc.)
  - 3.2. Obstacles in realization of women's human rights (inefficiency of judicial and governmental system, inefficient legislation, etc.)
  - 3.3. Case studies
- IV. Mass media (highlighting the issue of violence against women in regional media, existing stereotypes and myths in media, etc.)

- ANNUAL REPORT

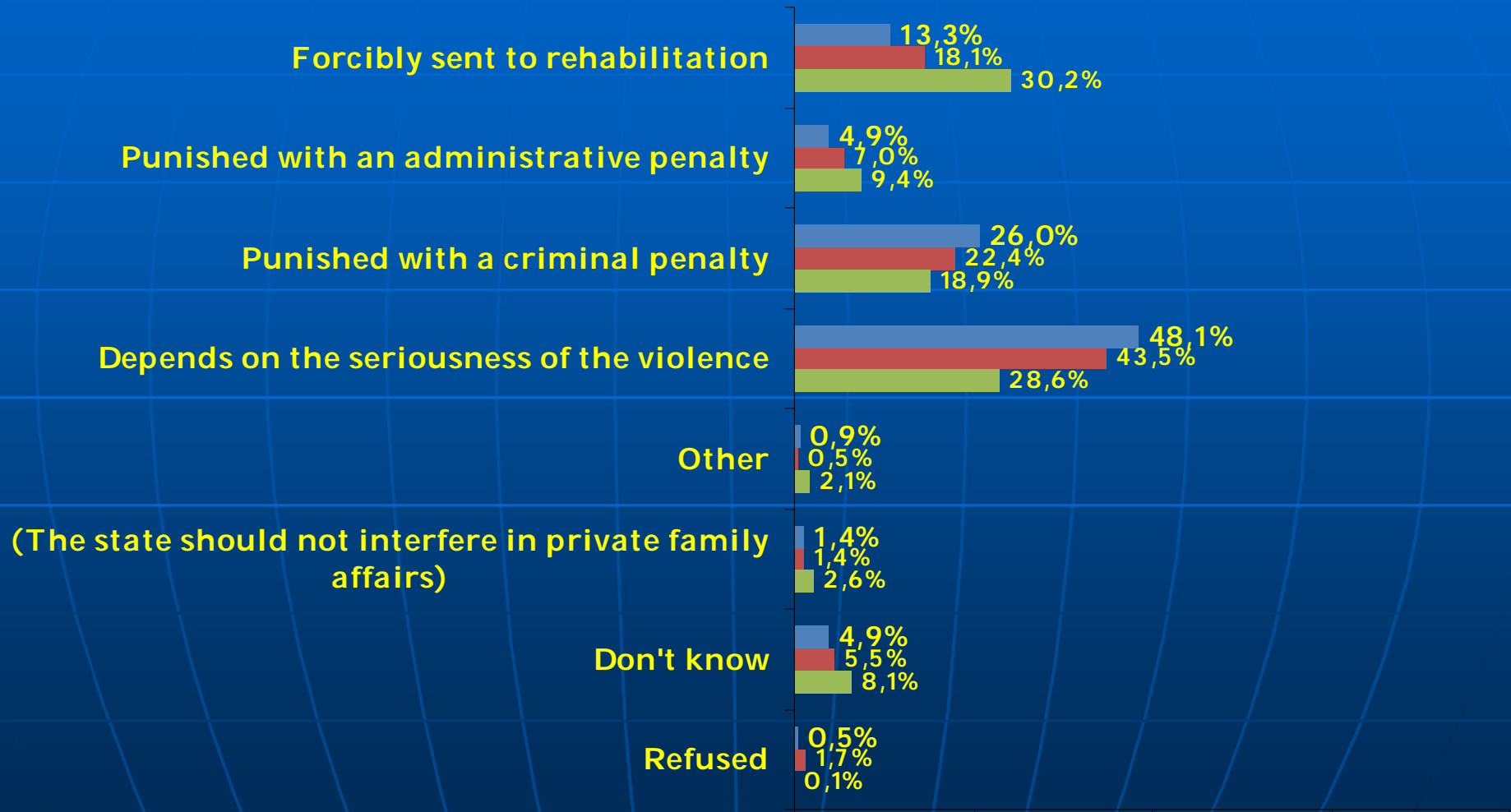
- the annual report with results of monitoring will be prepared and published in Russian and English; the report will identify and analyze the state of women's human rights in the area of violence against women in Russia and barriers in existing system of response to gender based violence; the report will provide the strategies and recommendations on how to overcome these barriers;

# In your opinion, is the government doing enough to fight domestic violence?



# Do you think that a person who commits domestic violence towards family members should be ...?

■ Russia ■ Ukraine ■ Georgia



Awareness

# “Turquoise ribbon” – National Awareness Campaign

In a memory of all women killed as a result of violence against women

