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Professionals' perception about the guidebook *Violence against the elderly in the family context*

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Prevention and intervention in domestic violence against the elderly requires a multidisciplinary and concerted approach of the interinstitutional network of all the professionals and organizations involved. Starting from the reality of the organization of the intervention services of the district of Bragança it was developed and distributed in the network services a guidebook entitled "Violence against the elderly in the family context: support guide for professionals in the identification and signaling". This communication aims to: (i) understand the impact of this resource for the development of professional skills in the protection of the elderly; (ii) strengthen the interinstitutional network for the prevention of domestic violence against the elderly. To accomplish these goals a quantitative and cross-sectional study was conducted on a representative survey of professionals and formal caregivers of the district of Bragança. This pioneering study, carried out in the northern and interior region of Portugal, reinforces the importance of an integrated perspective that considers the local idiosyncrasies for the affirmation of the rights of older people, as well as for the qualification of all those involved in the promotion of adequate care for the elderly.

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Domestic Violence and the Formal Education Systems**Integrating Gender and GBV in public school curriculum, as a mechanism to prevent domestic and intimate partner violence**

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Society Without Violence (SWV) is a women's rights organization established in 2001. Its main focus is promotion of gender equality and prevention of domestic violence through awareness raising and empowerment of women. SWV is the only organization in Armenia advocating for the integration of gender and gender-based violence components in the formal school curriculum. Hence I, as the CEO of SWV, would present the success of our advocacy work. Despite the term "gender" is very manipulated in Armenia and is widely interpreted by the "anti-gender" movement as perversion, SWV undertook the promotion of gender education to be integrated in school curriculum. The main goal of this advocacy work is prevention of domestic violence against women and the intimate partner violence. The key achievements of our work for the implementation of gender education by the State, included: Contributing the State to implement its obligation of creating a Training Module on GE to be used by National Institute of Education (NIE) to train teachers. With this module 10.000 teachers were trained in two years; 30 teacher-trainers from NIE were trained by SWV on gender and GBV; A comprehensive theoretical and practical Guidebook was published and formally approved by the Ministry of Education as a supplementary education material for teachers; 145 social science teachers were trained to be able to teach on gender education; All middle and high schools in Armenia (1358 schools) received 1-2 copy of the Guidebook. The process of achieving results was very challenging, yet due to the extensive experience of SWV in negotiation with the State and a number of other techniques used, we could reach substantial success. Hence, I would provide valuable information on mechanisms we used to achieve our goals in the contrary with the absence of political will of the State to contribute the process.

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