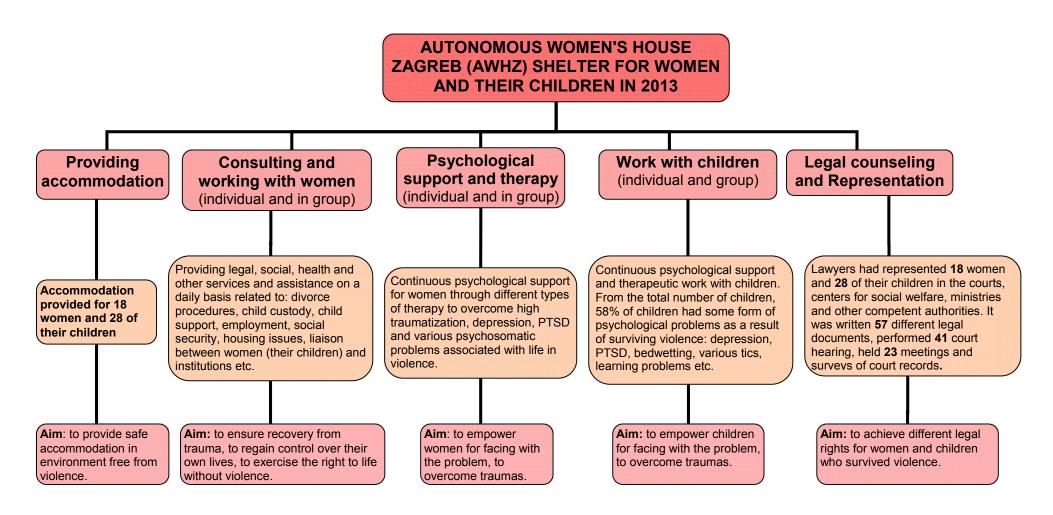
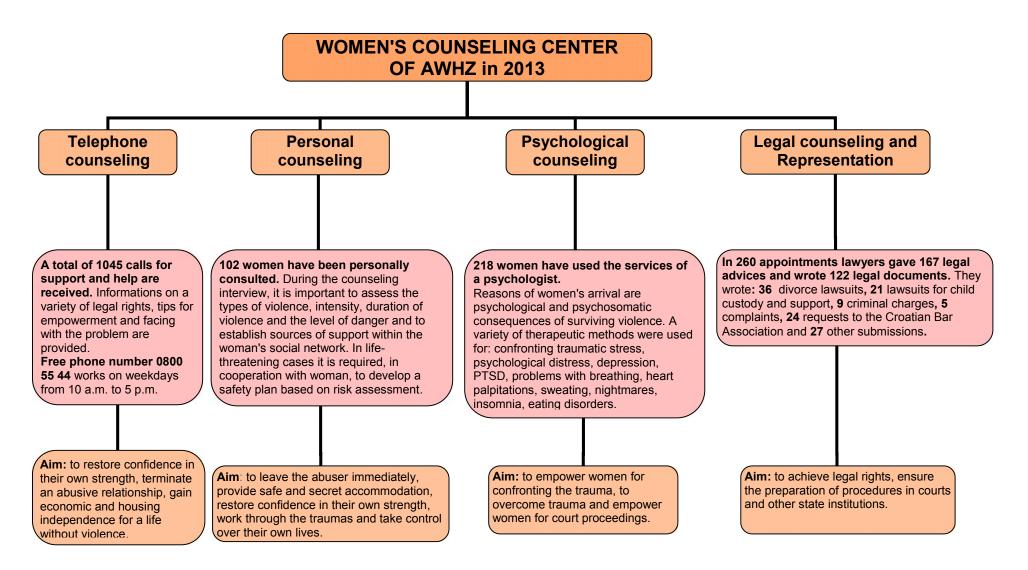


2013 YEAR IN REVIEW









Additional activities of Shelter and Counseling Center and other projects of AWHZ in 2013

Legislation monitoring and lobbying

Due to the entry into force of the new Criminal Law on January 1st 2013, or its consequences related to women and their children who survived domestic violence, and the process of adopting the new Family Law, we have organized a number of activities with the aim to influence on legislator to change or enact provisions/laws that ensure adequate protection of women and their children. Therefore, in a special section below, we give a short presentation of the activities that can not be summarized here in a way that would be understandable.

Training, conferences and other public events

We participated in a total of 24 seminars and educations in the country and abroad and held training for family physicians. We implemented 12 educations for 65 students and education for students who study social work. We participated in the 5 round tables discussions, 6 conferences, including international conference of WAVE network where we gave a lecture about the legal system in Croatia. We participated as a member of jury for Erste Foundation award for social integration in Central and Eastern Europe.

Aim: to change the laws and attitudes, policies and practices of state institutions which are competent for solving problems of violence against women and to prevent violence against women.

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Campaigns and media work

We have organized and participated in campaigns to end violence against women in the context of marking important key dates: International Women's Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, National Day of Fight Against Violence Against Women. International Human Rights Day, and so on. The media were covering our actions for 141 times in the form of news, reports and interviews. We participated in a joint promotional campaign tied to the premiere of the film "Shut Up" by Lucas Nola. The film is based on a true story about a woman who had survived domestic violence. As part of the Campaign we organised and participated in two public events.

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Fundraising and financial management

Development of an annual plan and projects and regularly report to our major donors: the Ministry of Social Policy and Youth, Zagreb County and the City of Zagreb. Implementation of the fundraising from individuals project - using a regular donations by standing order and one-off donations; implementation of communication strategy for individual donors. For International Women's Day has been organized charity action by "Women on Wine" association at the Museum of Arts and Crafts called "Pink Day Zagreb," where funds were collected to support AWHZ work. In December, actor Kristijan Ugrina donated the show for children in shelter and Santa Claus shared gifts (winter shoes and sweets) donated by Ciciban and Ferrero. In December Avenue Mall donated its space for finding new donors by use of standing order. Regular financial management, including reporting to state institutions (Financial Agency, State Audit Office, etc.) on a timely basis.

Aim: to continue operating with shelter, counseling center and other programs of AWHZ, increase the impact of citizens' support and achieve our vision and mission.



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Legislation monitoring and lobbying

Continuation of the project Monitoring implementation of Croatia's Domestic Violence **Legislation** in collaboration with The Advocates for **Human Rights** (USA) and the **Bulgarian Gender** Research Foundation. In May. in collaboration with local women's organizations in Sisak and Pula, the Report on the Implementation of Croatia's Domestic Violence **Legislation** was presented to an audience of police. social workers etc.

We started the campaign and lobbying to modify Criminal Law, urgently requesting reintroduction of a criminal offense of domestic violence (formerly Art. 215a). From the entry into force of a new Criminal Law 01/01/2013, by which the same offense was abolished and its various aspects have been introduced as a qualificatory form of general criminal offenses (such as serious physical injuries), the consequences are very heavy and serious for women and children survivors of domestic violence. On 21st of May 2013 we had organized a press conference at which had spoken representatives of AWHZ as well as actors Vili Matula and Urša Raukar. We sent a proposal to modify the Criminal Law to all members of Parliament and relevant institutions. On 16th of April 2013 we met with the Minister of Justice Orsat Miljenić to whom we presented our proposal and the reasons for requesting modification of the Criminal Law. Our suggestions were well accepted and taken into consideration with the aim to rapidly adopt any necessary changes. On the occasion of the National day of fight against violence against women 17/09/2013 we organized a round table discussions along with the Office of the President and the UNDP. The theme of the round table was the implementation of the new Criminal Law and the proposal of a new Family Law.

On 19th of March 2014 we participated in the thematic session of Parliamentary committee for gender equality about new Family Law proposal. At the end of May, right before discussion of final Family Law proposal in the Croatian Parliament, we lobbied and held a series of meetings with the clubs in the Croatian Parliament and handed them our amendments on new Family Law. From May we are working on public advocacy and further lobbying related to new Family Law addressing it to competent state bodies and institutions. We participated in the preparatory meeting in cooperation with the Croatian Law Centre (CLC), and we held a presentation at the panel "Achievement of the principle of equal rights and protection of human rights in family relations - discussion within process regulatory impact assessment (RIA)", organized by the CLC 05/28/2013 in Zagreb, We joined through a new mechanism (RIA) to influence the legislative process or consultation with the interested public (deadline was 8.6. 2013). We sent our comments on the thesis of the Family Law as well as our request to all members of Parliament and Government, and in August we sent even more detailed comments on the draft proposal.

On 11/06/2014 we held a working meeting with President of Republic of Croatia Ivo Josipović regarding the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, adopting new Family Law and our proposals about restoring art. 215a of domestic violence in the Criminal Law.

We participated in a regional IPA project in collaboration with several regional organizations "With Combined Efforts - to the New European Standards in the Protection of Women Against Gender-based Violence" through public campaigns and lobbying for the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence is an international treaty and comprehensive legal framework that will apply to all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence.



