Global Partnerships on Domestic Violence Legal Reform

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The Advocates for Human Rights’ Mission:
To implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law
102 countries not known to have any specific legal provisions on domestic violence

Global Partnerships Can Strengthen Legal Reform Efforts through...

- Local knowledge, expertise and vision of community partner
- Capacity of local partner for hands-on advocacy
- Increased visibility brought by international partner
- Experience and knowledge of longstanding domestic violence reform efforts brought by international partner
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- Domestic violence laws
- Duluth Model of Coordinated Community Response (CCR)
- Shelter and advocacy experience
www.stopvaw.org
www.endvawnow
The Advocates for Human Rights’ early Partnerships focused on documenting domestic violence as a human rights violation.
Lifting the Last Curtain: A Report on Domestic Violence in Romania (1995)
Reports on Domestic Violence as Human Rights Violation 1995 - 2008

- Albania
- Armenia
- Bulgaria (2)
- Georgia
- Macedonia
- Moldova
- Nepal
- Poland
- Tajikistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan
The Advocates for Human Rights’ recent partnerships focus on drafting and implementing domestic violence laws.
Bulgaria
“A woman must decide for herself whether she wants to harm the family relationship through prosecution, the state will not damage the family by assisting her.”

_Bulgarian prosecutor, 1995_
Bulgaria

Law on Protection Against Domestic Violence (2005)

“The law filled a vacuum in society. It acts quickly. It is free. The execution of the order is official. Everything, the writ of summons, the order and decision, is served officially by the police. It is controlled and executed by the police. These are good things.”

Statement of Sofia lawyer, 2007
The Republic of Georgia
Georgia


244 emergency restrictive orders were issued by the courts in the first year
Georgian Partners
Morocco

[Images of people and scenes related to Morocco]