

# UKRAINIAN EXPERIENCE OF COSTING VIOLENCE

“Cost of Family Violence” (2008) initiated by “La Strada-Ukraine” and conducted in partnership Institute for Social Studies and Ministry of Interior

- Methodology of research was based on indicators of family violence cost estimation suggested by Silvia Walb (UK) and Lesly Leyn (Australia).

One case of family violence included the following indicators:

- loose of estate
- health expenses
- economic loss caused by lower workability or skip of job
- expenses of law enforcement agencies
- expenses of courts
- expenses of social services
- expenses on shelters and crises centers
- expenses on victim's children

- The research has shown that average cost of one case of family violence in Ukraine is **7 306.38 UAH (1 462\$)**.
- For Ukrainian tax payer one case of family violence costs 1 730 UAH (**\$350**).
- Reacting on registered cases (Mol) cost **\$31,7million**
- **Total cost of violence in 2007 - \$ 134 million**
  
- Average compensation women consider to be good enough to compensate moral damage committed to them and their children is 31 152.53 UAH (**6200\$**).

# Economic costs of violence against women in Ukraine (2017)

- Initiated by UNFPA in cooperation with Ukrainian Center of Social Reforms, Institute for Demography and Social Studies, NGO's
- Based on approaches proposed by European Institute on Gender Equality (2014)
- The presented economic estimates are based on two scenarios of calculations:
  - 1) "typical" scenario based on the official police statistics on offenses, and 2) "full coverage" scenario based on the simulation model using the violence prevalence rates and features of survivors who sought help established by population-based surveys.

Potential economic costs related to the effects of VAW can be classified by three groups, along with their consequences:

**1) lost economic output** caused by demographic losses that affect the whole economic system's operations:

- irreversible population losses (deaths) and their economic equivalent measured by the value of human life;
- effects of permanent inability of survivors of violence to work (disability);
- economic losses related to temporary incapacity and reduced labour productivity of survivors;

2) **costs of services** associated with response to GBV and providing comprehensive assistance to survivors by a network of relevant institutions, including:

- healthcare sector,
- law enforcement and justice,
- penal system and prisons,
- social services sector,
- specialized services on GBV prevention and response (information hotlines, crisis centers, shelters for survivors of violence);

### **3) personal costs of VAW survivors and their households, including:**

- tangible costs such as property and income loss due to VAW, expenditures on personal security programs, expenditures on moving to a new residence, and rent payments for separate housing,
- intangible costs associated with survivor's aggravated quality of life, through potentially lost opportunities in terms of earning a salary, advancing in a career, fulfilling recreational needs, or bearing the emotional impact of violence and its postponed psychological effects, moral harms, or intergenerational impacts, etc.

# Information that supports estimations of economic costs of VAW in Ukraine consists of:

- **1)** data from special population-based surveys and thematic modules incorporated in more comprehensive surveys;
- **2)** administrative data from the Ministry of Social Policy (MoSP) on the scope of appeals to social protection authorities (in case of domestic violence), and number of victims of domestic violence staying in shelters subordinated to the MoSP;
- **3)** administrative data from the Ministry of Internal (Mol), General Prosecutor's Office, and State Court Administration on the registered number of administrative and crime offences, prosecutions, and convictions.
- **4)** statistics on victims of VAW collected by assisting NGOs, specialized service-providers (such as crisis centers or social and psychological support mobile teams) and National Hot Line.
- **5)** Survey of women affected by domestic or sexual violence outside of the family



# Economic Cost of VAW

- Personal Expenses - \$ 190 million
- Lost Economical Output - \$3.7 million
- Services in response - \$ 14.1 million

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Total \$207.8 million

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