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Domestic Violence: A Public Health Challenge

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KAMER is working;

Away from all forms of discrimination, violence and structural hierarchy; to contribute to the formation of a participatory society based on sharing and solidarity, consisting of independent individuals who can develop freely;

To identify local practices of the sexist system that harm women and children, to develop alternatives, and to enable their implementation.

Principals

To be on the side of human rights and women's human rights

To be independent from all political organizations, individuals, and civil and other organizations on ideology with respect to ideology and structure

To denounce all forms of violence and discrimination

To denounce structural hierarchy without devaluing knowledge and experience

To support sharing and solidarity

To think universally while working locally

Practices Conducted

House Visits & Neighborhood
Meetings

Awareness Workshops

Emergency Support Centers

Playing Together Groups

Women's Entrepreneurship

Refugees



House Visits & Neighborhood Meetings

- ❑ It is planned to get acquainted with women who do not have access to the services provided and have secluded lives in the neighborhood they live
- ❑ Neighborhoods and the streets that the practice will be conducted is determined; and the practice is conducted as a screening practice.
- ❑ Practice in each neighborhood is carried out by the women who speak the local language and aware of the local culture.
- ❑ Besides meeting the women, the profile and the needs are determined during the house visits.



House Visits & Neighborhood Meetings

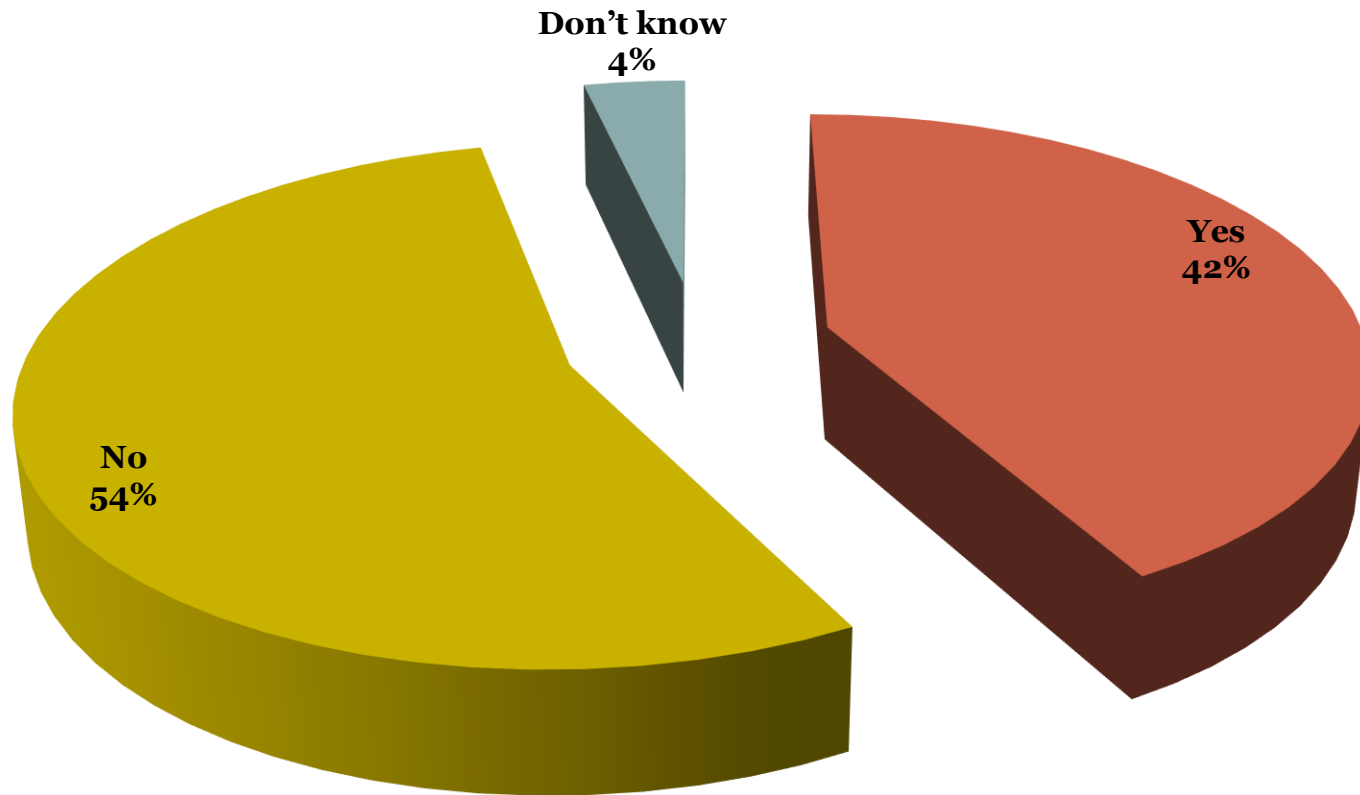
- ❑ This first step is followed by neighborhood meetings. Women visited are invited to attend a meeting in their neighborhood that are held in an accessible venue.
- ❑ More detailed information on gender and gender based violence and discrimination is shared in these meetings.
- ❑ Women are met with the public officers in these meetings.
- ❑ House visits and the meetings held in the neighborhoods are the first two steps for the women visited for their integration of the city and benefitting the provincial services.

House Visits & Neighborhood Meetings

- ❑ 550,000 housed are visited up to date.
- ❑ 20% of the women visited in their home attend to the neighborhood meetings. Approximately 100,000 women have attended the neighborhood meetings.
- ❑ Over 10,000 public officers met women in the neighborhood meetings.
- ❑ 23,400 women met at the house visits took action to combat the violence they are exposed to.

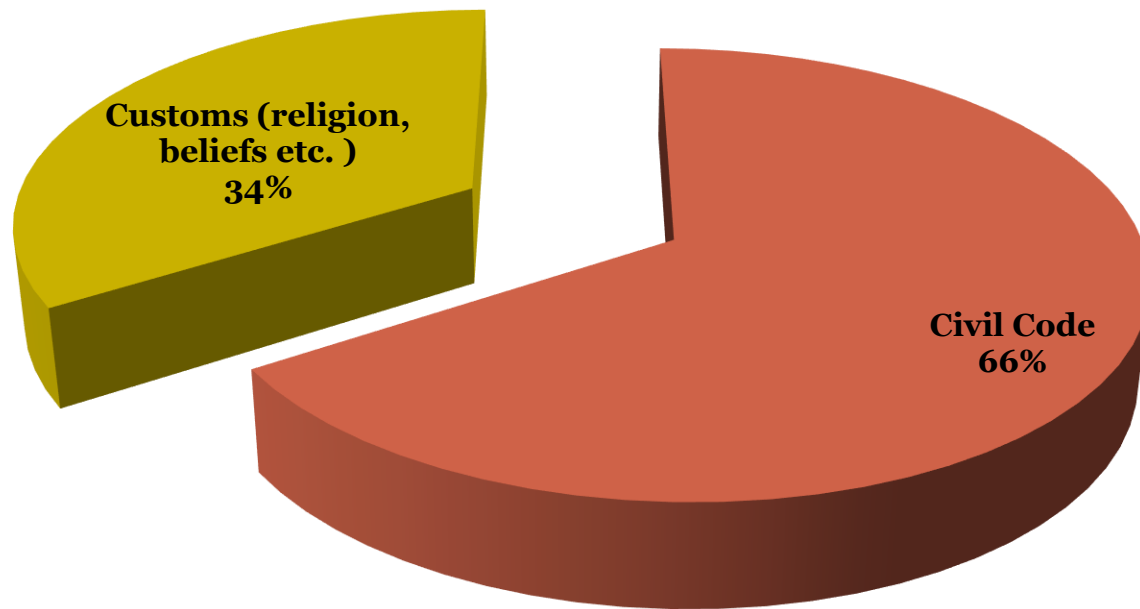
Important Result

Can women in your family get a share of the inheritance?



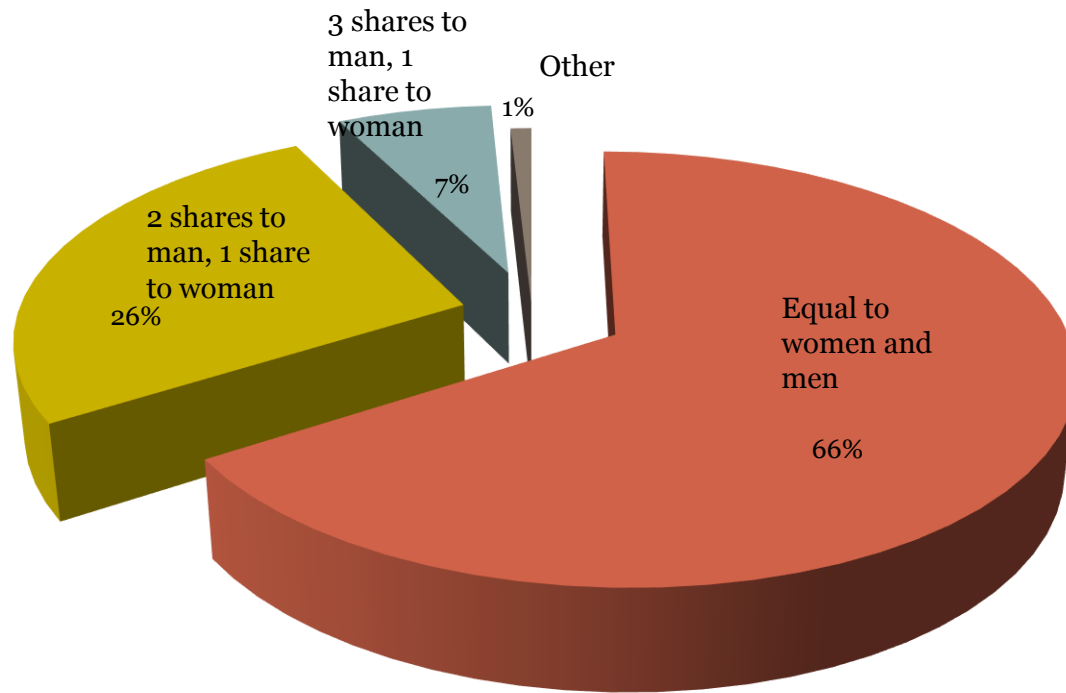
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What is the basis of distributive share of inheritance?



Important Result

How is the inheritance distributed?



Awareness Workshops

A closed workshop of 15-20 women; they attend once a week for 10 weeks and each session lasts for four hours.

Gender roles are questioned.

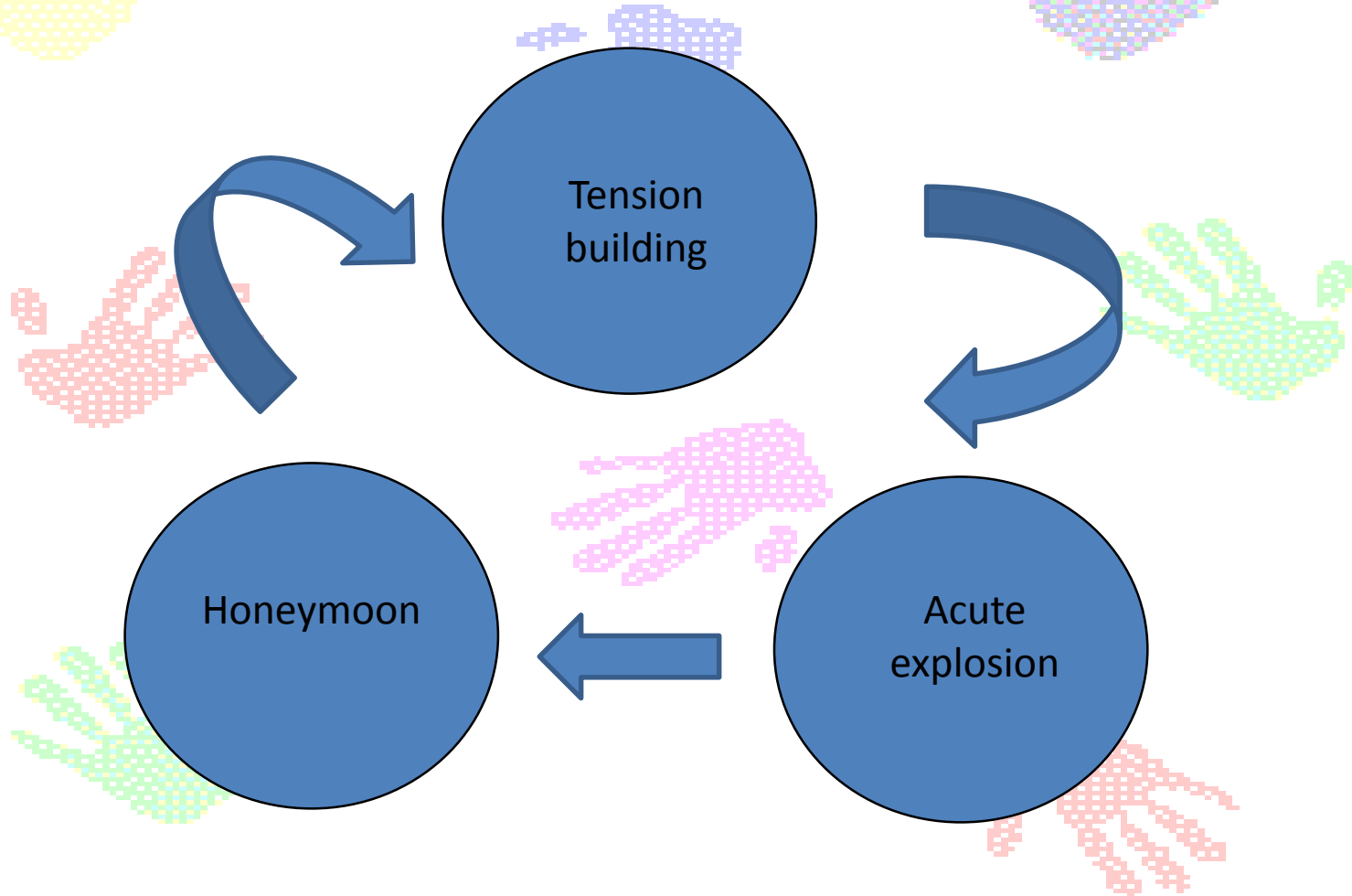
Taboos fall apart.

Workshops are moderated by two women called “Group Facilitator” who attended an awareness workshop and got additional orientation support.

Couple of feedback:

- I realized that I never said “I”. I learned to say “I”, develop ideas, share my thoughts.
- My communication with my children has improved.
- My self-confidence has increased.
- The “language” I use has changed.
- In the past, used to see my husband who used to be violent to me “huge”. We got divorced two years ago. We met again after the workshop. He was also a normal person. I was shocked.

Cycle of Violence



Emergency Support Centers

There is an Emergency Support Center that can provide first and urgent support to women exposed to violence in all provinces and,

An Emergency Hotline available 7/24.

Support provided to women to are willing to free themselves from the violence they are exposed to or a possible victim of a murder in the name of honor.



Playing Together Groups



Women and Children will Change
the World

It is possible to eliminate the causes
of violence by working with
children in early childhood.

Refugees



Getting acquainted



Turkish language course



Awareness workshops



Participation to produce

Women's Entrepreneurship

Hasan Paşa Courtyard

Tunceli Guesthouse

Production Ateliers

Low income women don't want to start their own business.

Why?

Lessons Learned

- Violence against women is an issue of all women.
- It is a systematic set up that has started and still going on to keep women in secondary position.
- Only 8% of the real estate in the world belongs to women,
- Women cannot get a share of the inheritance are the results.





Lessons Learned

- It is true that violence is more severe in quality and quantity in some parts of the world.
- However, it has no relation with the ethnic identity or beliefs of the societies living in these geographical areas.
- It is the result of various policies that these geographies are exposed to.

Lessons Learned

- ❑ Children are the invisible victims of the violence that women are exposed to.
- ❑ Even in the absence of physical violence, traditional child education is shaped by violence. At the minimum, children are considered to be the accessories of the family.
- ❑ Unfortunately, in Turkey violence against children is not much accepted as the result of “gender roles”
- ❑ Women who can reach women organizations can survive.
- ❑ Women accompanied by women organizations can get more qualified and sufficient support to get rid of violence.
- ❑ It is vital to increase the number of women organizations working on violence and improve the dialog and potential cooperation among the existing organizations.

What should be done?

Gender equality should be mainstreamed in all areas.

We need to ensure that:

- Women recognize the gender roles,
- Women can get enough support to get rid of violence,
- Children grow up as individuals especially in the early childhood,
- Activities organized to change the mentality of the society.



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Form of Communication	All Applications		Honor Killing Threat	
	Number	%	Number	%
Phone	423	2.3	29	12.9
Face to face	17,775	97.7	196	87.1
Total	18,198		225	

Case	All Applications	
	Number	%
Domestic	16,832	92.5
Non-Domestic	1,141	6.3
Honor Killing Threat	225	1.2
Total	18,198	

Who perpetrated violence?	All Applications		Honor Killing Threat	
	Number	%	Number	%
Husband / Partner	12,226	67.6	156	69.6
Father / Brother	2,670	14.8	47	21.0
Father-in-law / Brother-in-law	366	2.0	5	2.2
Other women in the family	804	4.4	6	2.7
Son / Children	504	2.8	0	0.0
Other	1,506	8.3	10	4.5
Total	18,076		224	

Type of Violence	All Applications		Honor Killing Threat	
	Number	%	Number	%
Physical	6,741	37.0	215	95.6
Psychological	15,189	83.5	221	98.2
Economic	16,218	89.1	214	95.1
Verbal	11,958	65.7	221	98.2
Sexual	3,929	21.6	154	68.4
Number of respondents	18,198		225	

Marriage Age Range	All Applications		Honor Killing Threat	
	Number	%	Number	%
12 or younger	345	2.3	7	3.8
13 -15	3,403	22.9	36	19.6
16 - 17	4,433	29.8	59	32.1
18 or older	6,693	45.0	82	44.6
Total	14,874		184	

Number of Children	All Applications	Honor Killing Threat
Average	3.8	2.9
Least	1	1
Most	21	13
Number of respondents	13,813	155

Level of Education	All Applications		Honor Killing Threat	
	Number	%	Number	%
Illiterate	6,088	33.5	34	15.2
Literate	2,007	11.1	38	17.0
Elementary School	5,316	29.3	72	32.1
Middle School	2,086	11.5	42	18.8
High School	1,970	10.8	32	14.3
Vocational High School	177	1.0	1	0.4
College / University	501	2.8	5	2.2
Vocational Course	15	0.1	0	0.0
Total	18,160		224	

Number of people living at home	All Applications	Honor Killing Threat
Average	5.8	5.5
Least	1	1
Most	40	15
Number of respondents	17,531	183

Miscarriage due to violence	All Applications		Honor Killing Threat	
	Number	%	Number	%
Yes	625	3.6	23	10.7
No	16,875	96.4	191	89.3
Total	17,500		214	

Has she been subjected to sexual violence?	All Applications		Honor Killing Treat	
	Number	%	Number	%
Yes, in marriage	3,809	21.9	117	54.7
Yes, extramarital	327	1.9	35	16.4
No	13,287	76.3	62	29.0
Total	17,423		214	



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