

ABOUT US

The Solwodi Association was founded as a non-governmental organisation, with the purpose to promote the rights of women and children in need, to reduce their vulnerability towards abusive situations as well as to support the recovery of victims of domestic violence and victims of human trafficking through psychological, juridical, social and spiritual measures.

The Solwodi Association is developing its activity through its centre of counselling for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking and its centre for recovery through therapy and holistic rehabilitation services.



ACTIVITY START DATE

OCTOBER 2009,
WITH THE SUPPORT OF RENOVABIS

OFFICIAL FOUNDING DATE

JULY 1, 2010

FOUNDING DATE OF THE CENTRE FOR RECOVERY

SEPTEMBER 2010

Partnerships: collaborations with 4 NGOs and specialised public institutions.

Team members: juridical counsellor, social assistant, psychologist, doctor and accountant.

Working space: initially, in a church basement, then, in an office from a parochial catholic centre, in a central location in Bucharest.

EQUIPPING SOLWODI TEAM:

- Specialisation course on human trafficking
- Specialisation course on domestic violence
- Networking with local actors, involved in preventing and fighting human trafficking or domestic violence and in addressing migration problems

THE PROJECT'S PURPOSE OF STARTING THE ACTIVITY

INFORMATION AND SUPPORT
FOR ORGANISATIONS,
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS,
VICTIMS OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
AND PERSONS VULNERABLE
TO TRAFFICKING

ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

1. Information campaigns on human trafficking and domestic violence:

- flyers distributed to 450 students attending high schools and theological schools and to 1500 adults from the Moldavian region
- awareness activities with university and high school students and future social assistants

2. Centre for counselling victims of domestic violence and human trafficking (services)

- counselling, financial support and juridical assistance for 8 women out of which 4 have decided to follow professional training course and to look for a job
- special assistance for 1 man and 25 women with children, out of which:

- **6 women, victims of human trafficking:** 5 women came through Solwodi Germany, 1 came from the Republic of Moldova, 2 women have been integrated to shelters of other organisations and 4 women have returned to their families.
- **19 women, victims of domestic violence and their children.** 3 women were integrated into other shelters, while 4 are in the Solwodi shelter.

Number of victims hosted by the recovery centre: 4 women and 6 children.

CHALLENGES

- the long time needed to address women's needs at the expense of time allocated to other activities such as awareness campaigns;
- the fact that the majority of the assisted victims come from the Moldovan region, where there is no shelter for victims of domestic violence;
- the lack of accommodation possibilities for victims, in an own centre (at the beginning); the difficulty to accommodate victims to other shelters who provide recovery services only for victims from Bucharest;
- the lack of funds that finance expenses with food and personal objects for women.