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# IMPACT

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## Violence: Where does it lead?

IMPACT 2

Lupeni, Romania

April - June 2006

### Project Summary

The main goal of this project is to educate youth and their teachers about violence as a social phenomenon, about the legal framework in the field of human and children's rights, as well as offering information about whom to address, should they be victims or witnesses of violent acts. This information campaign took place within the schools and high schools from the Jiu Valley. The activities consisted of information sessions, drama as a tool for social change, civic education classes, and the distribution of informative materials through mass media.

### Problem Statement / Justification

A World Bank study showed that 20% of the total number of illnesses affecting the female population, ages 15 to 44, is a result of domestic violence. Numerous articles from the recent mass media have shown that violence in schools has increased to worrying levels. Often, the community members are indifferent to issues of domestic violence;

### Objectives

- To encourage youth to get involved in their communities through volunteering;
- To inform high school youth about the effects of violence on the physical and intellectual development;
- To inform high school youth about the existing legal framework that protects the rights of victims of violent acts;
- The creation of a program of violence prevention in schools and in high schools

### Activities

- The training of IMPACT 2 volunteers (instruction sessions) on how to conduct and maintain a campaign in schools - **April, 1-14;**
- 20 volunteers from IMPACT were trained to educate groups in the following: human rights, children's rights, and violence prevention;
- An information campaign was facilitated by IMPACT volunteers. This campaign addressed violence in every domain of life, in the schools and high schools from the Jiu Valley, through informative materials, instruction sessions, radio advertisements, TV shows, web site posting - **May, 15 - June, 10;**
- A FORUM was organized concerning anti-violence in Lupeni, "drama as a tool for social change" included - **June, 10.**

### Evaluation

During the project implementation, more than 600 students from three schools and two high schools benefited from seminars on the topic of violence. The forum has brought together 5 specialists (policemen, psychologists, priests), and more than 200 participants.

### Partners & Sponsors

Save the Children Petritu • Patrul Cluj Napoca • The City Hall of Lupeni  
Lupeni High School • Odeon Theater Bucuresti • Flair Group Bucuresti

### Budget

Budget total: 1025 \$

10% local sponsors, 70% other sponsors, 20% IMPACT 2 contribution

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