

IANSA Women's Network – Disarming Domestic Violence Campaign, 2009

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR WOMEN'S NGOs (SHELTERS, HOTLINES etc) and SOCIAL WORKERS

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| Is this the first time she has reported domestic violence? | |
| Does the perpetrator have access to, or own, a gun? | |
| What is the relationship with the perpetrator? | |
| Does she think the perpetrator has the gun legally or illegally? | |
| What sort of work does the perpetrator do? | |
| Does she feel she is in danger? | |
| Has he threatened her directly? | |
| Is someone she knows at risk from the gun? Herself/her children/another person/perpetrator (suicide)? | |
| Does she think that the children are aware that he has a gun? | |
| Does she live with the perpetrator? | |
| Is there a gun in the home? | |
| What type of gun - rifle or handgun (big or small)? | |
| Did the police come? If there was a gun, did the police take it away? | |
| How many times has the perpetrator used a gun to threaten her? | |
| Number of times she has been: - Hit with a gun - Shot - A shot has been fired - A pet or possession has been shot | |

The following statistics will enable us to calculate the percentage of cases involving guns from the total number of cases dealt with by the NGO or shelter.

| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
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| Number of women asking help/shelter/reporting cases of domestic violence | | | |
| What about repeat cases – number of calls/admissions of separate or the same individuals? | | | |

Qualitative questions for those working in the shelter/women's NGO:

1. What are the stories/experiences of women victims who were threatened/injured/attacked by a perpetrator that used arms – how have police officials reacted when victims report the case or demand protection?
2. Do women victims usually have effective protection from violent perpetrators who have threatened/injured them by arms? If yes, by whom and how?
3. In your opinion, does informing the public and advocating on combating domestic violence help to change legislation:
 - a. On arms possession and acquisition
 - b. On protection of women from domestic violence?