

Sumy City Young Women's NGO Dovira-MET

- Registered in December 1999 after working as an activist group since September 1999.
- Mission: protection of rights of women and children, assistance to people in crisis, those who suffer from abuse or witness violence

Key Areas of Work

1. Prevention

- educating youth on domestic violence, trafficking, human rights etc;
- trainings, seminars, roundtables for specialists;
- cooperation with mass media;
- cooperation with various stakeholders

2. Direct assistance to victims of trafficking and their families

- individual consultations
- reintegration monitoring
- assistance in employment
- psychological assistance, group therapy (co-ed; men; women)
- legal assistance, including restoration of documents
- facilitated education/ re-education
- ensuring victim's safety
- social escort/ case management
- provision of information on various social issues, contact information
- representation of victims in various situations
- assistance in restoring family connections

Main achievements

- **256 VoTs assisted** in November 2005–October 2009, including 116 women and 140 men
- **Around 190 trainings and seminars** conducted for students of various ages
- **78 seminars/ trainings/ roundtables** for specialists working in the sphere of counter-trafficking organized
- **Membership in the Oblast Standing Commission** for Coordination of counter-trafficking work affiliated with the Head of Sumy Oblast State Administration in
- Created a **coalition of state agencies and NGOs** for combating trafficking in persons in Sumy Oblast
- Signed cooperation agreements and **established referral mechanism** with
 - Sumy Oblast Division of the All-Ukrainian Network of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS
 - *Vybir* Charity (assistance to drug users and HIV-positive persons)
 - *Krok Nazustrich* Charity (assistance to women involved in sex business)
 - Ministry of Interior Counter-Trafficking Unit in Sumy Oblast

Future Plans & Challenges

- **October-November 2009, opening a Children's Room at the NGO**
- **Enhancing the local anti-trafficking coalition**
- **Developing NGO strategy for 2010-2015**
- **Increasing the number of services available to our clients**
- **Improving their quality**

- **Lack of funding from the City and Oblast budgets**
- **Office rent (currently supported by local private entrepreneurs)**
- **Lack of Oblast Program and Action Plan against trafficking in persons**