



New Approaches to victim Support

Project Children and Young People

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In brief words...



The Portuguese Association for Victim Support:

- is a **Charitable** organisation;
- with the objective to **inform, protect and support victims of crime**;
- assisted by **volunteers**;
- provides **free and confidential support** in a **personal, sensitive and professional** way.

Vision



APAV believes that the **statute of the victim** of crime must be fully **acknowledged, valued** and **effective** and works to achieve this goal in Portugal and beyond.

Mission



- To **support victims of crime, their families and friends** by providing free and confidential quality services and
- to contribute to the **improvement** of public, social and private **policies** centered in the statute of the victim.

Aims



- **Support** victims of crime;
- **Cooperate** with all relevant entities and stakeholders;
- Promote **social solidarity**;
- Promote **research** on victim's issues;
- Raise **public awareness**;
- Contribute to the **adoption of laws**, regulations and administrative measures;
- **Liaise** with **international** organisations.

Support

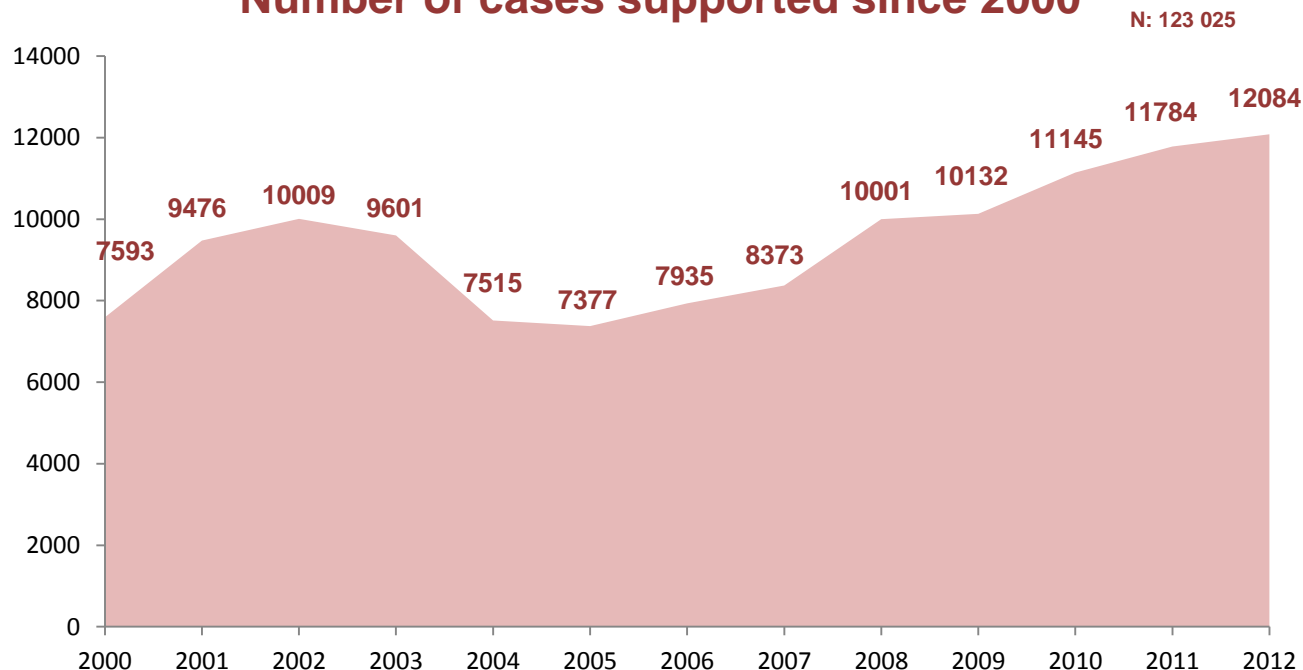


- Since 2000 more than **123 000** cases supported



Average of more than **240 000** people

Number of cases supported since 2000



Support



23.500 victims of crime, families and friends supported in **2012**

This means, **per week**, the support to the following direct victims:



17 children and youngsters



139 adults

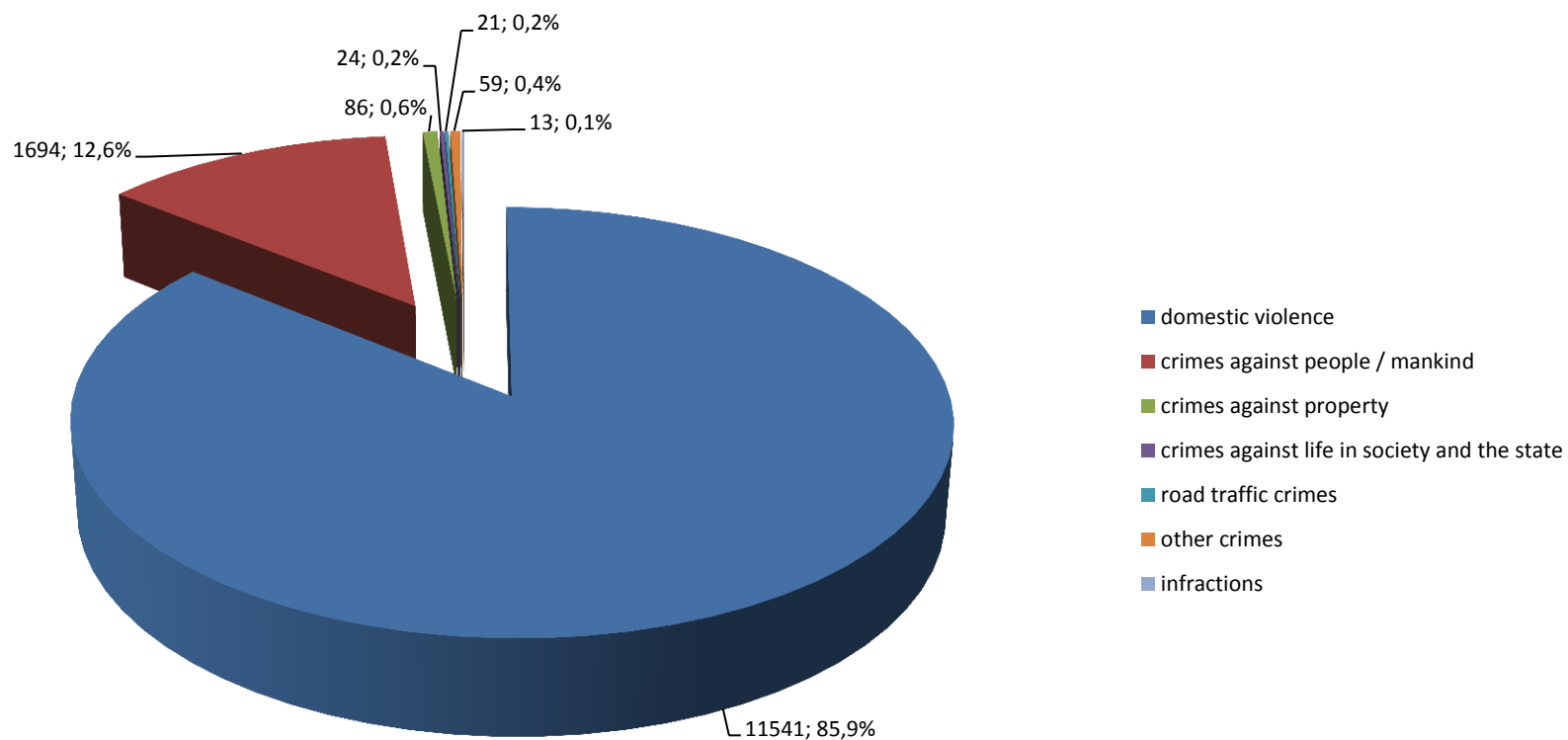


15 elderly people

Support

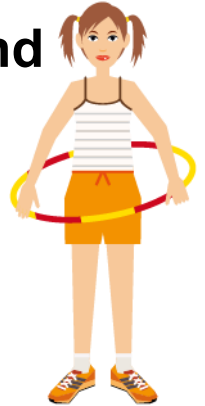


Types of crime committed against children and young people (2000-2012)

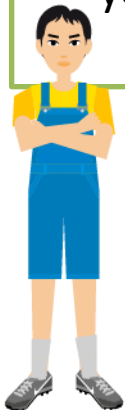


2.1. Statistics on children and young people victims' of crime and violence

Between 2000 and 2011 APAV supported a total of 7.387 children and young people



From 2000 to 2011 there was na increase of **167,2%** of children and young people who contacted APAV's services



61% were female

52,3% between the ages of 11 and 17 years old

> 80% were crimes of domestic violence

Support



Free, confidential, qualified and specialised support on **different and complementary levels:**

- Emotional;
- Legal;
- Psychological;
- Social;
- Practical.



Support



Specialised support in detail:

- Legal;
- Psychological;
- Social.

Support



- 15 Local **Victim Support Offices** all over the Portuguese territory;
- 2 **shelters** for battered women and children;
- 2 specialised schemes that **support migrant victims** of crime and victims of racial or ethnical discrimination

Support



- **1 immigrant support centre;**
- **a helpline;**
- **central services:**
 - **1 head office** in Lisbon
 - **1 regional office** in Porto
 - **1 regional office** in Azores

Support



Referral systems within this national support network with the:

- **Public Security Police** – pilot project in the Azores islands;
- **Judiciary Police** for the support to family and friends of victims of murder;
- **International Lesbian and Gay Association.**

Beyond the support



- promote a strong **public awareness**
- promote **policy** development on victims rights
- create and develop **training programmes**
- **advocate** on victims issues
- monitor the **network's procedures and practices**
- provide **technical and logistical support** for the national support network
- enable **communication, planning and performance** assessment at a national level

Beyond the support



APAV is also **focused** on:

- Prevention
- Training
- Awareness Raising
- Advocacy
- Policy development
- Networking

Beyond the support



On prevention...

- **Complementary** and **essential** area of action
- Based on **training, information** and **awareness raising**
- Targeted to
 - **Professionals:** health, education, police sectors
 - **Children and youngsters**
- **2012:** more than **17.000** participants in **424** actions

Children and young people: understanding, intervening and preventing



Overall objectives:

- Understanding and awareness of the general public;
- Define and disseminate best practices;
- Adapt the organisational models.

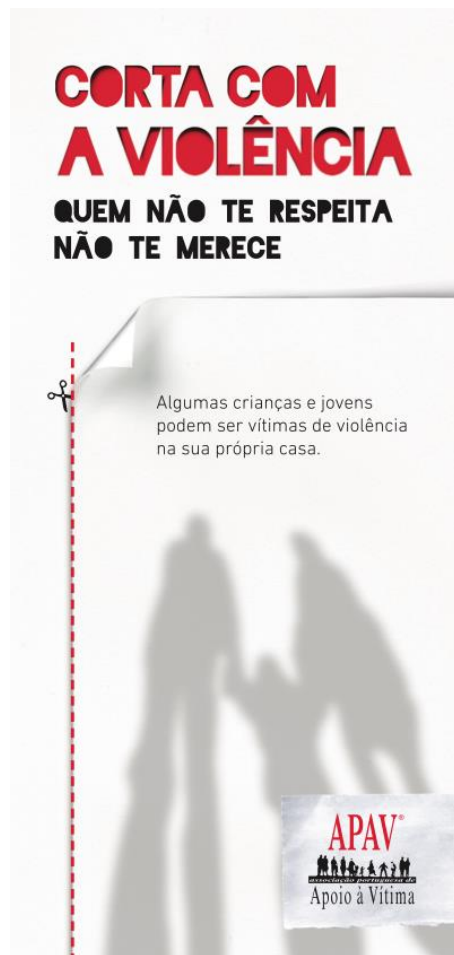
Activities:

- **awareness raising campaign** and national dissemination;
- **training** courses;
- **awareness raising sessions** in schools;
- **handbook** on how to understand, intervene and prevent violence;
- development and implementation of a **Training Manual**.

Specif Objectives:

1. Call attention to the most subtil and frequently underrated forms of violence;
2. Promote a non-tolerance approach to violence;
3. Advise on what to do;
4. Provide contact informations.

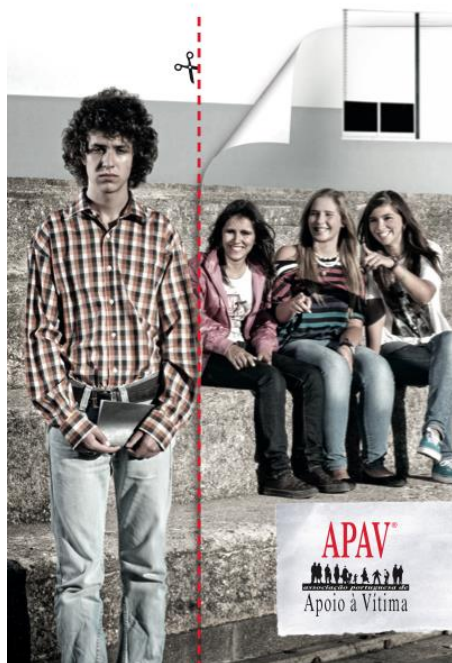
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CORTA COM O BULLYING

**QUEM NÃO TE RESPEITA
NÃO TE MERECE**



CORTA COM A VIOLÊNCIA SEXUAL

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CORTA COM A VIOLÊNCIA NO NAMORO

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