



Women's Support Center

Spring 2020 Newsletter

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Welcome to our e-newsletter designed to keep you informed of our current activities. Below we highlight the work we've carried out in the past few months to ensure the safety of women and children victims of domestic violence and advocate for change. Engage with us by following our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#). We would love to hear from you!

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As of March 9, Armenia is in state of emergency and lockdown. The WSC staff has worked remotely and intermittently from the office to respond to callers and offer assistance via phone. Our hotline and shelters continue to work 24/7. The number of beneficiaries calling has increased slightly. We are aware, however, that many of the victims living with their abusers are constantly in fear, feeling like hostages and under the whim of the abuser. Many don't have the means to call and reach out and are surveilled continuously.

Protective Gear

Our shelters received disinfectant from UNFPA and staff received protective gear against the virus.



Urgent Aid

Since March we have noticed a 30% increase in calls from beneficiaries in urgent need of financial assistance as they had lost their jobs. Our social workers drew up a list of the most urgent cases that needed money to pay rent, utilities and groceries. We reached out to our donors and were able to gather funds to assist 50 women and their children who otherwise would have been left homeless or forced to return to the abuser.



Webinars

WSC staff participated during this time in many online meetings and webinars to explain the situation of domestic violence during the pandemic. Please see link for a Webinar in English: <https://armenia2041.org/en/about-us/multimedia/domestic-violence>

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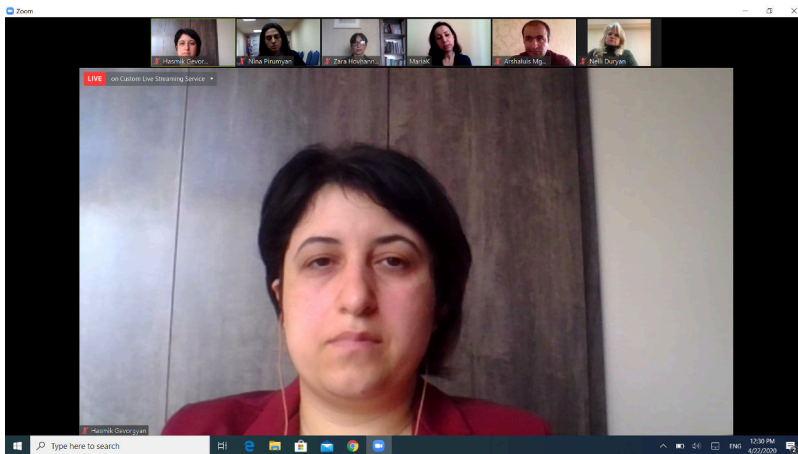
April 21 | 19:00 (GMT+4)

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