



**INCEST TRAUMA CENTER – BELGRADE**  
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Dear Madam / Sir,

We would like to inform you that the Incest Trauma Center-Belgrade has completed 5-months project titled «Learning on gender-based violence survivors' perspective when working with female prisoners, youth and children at risk» in partnership with the **Canadian International Development Agency**.

Some of the project's results are:

-We held 35 training days for 87 employees in: a) **Women's Penitentiary in Požarevac and its Hospital in Belgrade**, b) Students' Polyclinic in Belgrade and c) 5 primary schools in Belgrade educating Roma children and children with disability (245 effective working hours in total, followed by 900-1100 pages of literature - depending on educational pack,)

- We played 9 **Community Theatre performances** addressing the theme of child sexual abuse by helpers in institutions. (Reminder: in the last 3-years-period, almost 11 % of ITC cases reported child abuse in homes for children without parental care, so-called "special" schools, and institutions where children with disabilities settled permanently) Screenplay was written by ITC staff, and during performances our team was joined by a member of Labris and a member of Autonomous Women's Center (on volunteer basis, and we **especially thank** them). Preparing and playing of the performances was led by ACT Women. Performances are interactive and 488 persons took part in them (249 children from 2 primary schools in Belgrade and 13 teachers, 54 adolescents from 2 students' homes and **155 female prisoners** and 17 members of penitentiary staff). **This is the first time that women in the Penitentiary in Požarevac were let to voluntarily choose if they want to participate** (until now, it was compulsory for women to be present if any kind of guests arrived) and **138 women in total were with us during performances**.

- We published and distributed **educational material** addressing the problem of sexual violence a) **4500 leaflets** (for the age of primary school children "If you have been in any way **different** from other children, you deserve help like every other child"; for adolescents "Yes, I survived sexual assault and **I have the right to choose a counselor... - criteria when choosing trustworthy person**"; for helpers addressing the procedure of reporting violence against women and children, **stressing reporting colleagues-helpers who you suspect or know are abusing professional authority and abusing children they are to take care of**).

b) Publication "**My Secret as Fear, as Shame, as Pain... Case Studies of the Incest Trauma Center-Belgrade**" written by Ljiljana Bogavac, MD, leader of our team working with sexually abused children. **We speak of the first publication of this kind in Serbia**. Number of copies: 500.

-Our still 'fresh' web site had 667 visits since March 2006 and we invite you to visit us on [www.incesttraumacentar.org.yu](http://www.incesttraumacentar.org.yu) and get to know everything previously written in detail (publication "**My Secret as Fear.... available on web site - in Serbian only**).

Project was closed on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 this evening we'll **remember by support shown** (held in Center for Cultural Decontamination with 69 persons from 35 organizations / institutions present). **We thank each guest**.

Respectfully,  
Dušica Popadić  
director

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