

# ***SAFER CITIES FOR WOMEN***

ATHENS 2013

«BREAK THE SILENCE»

## ***1/3 OF THE POPULATION OF GREECE LIVES IN ATTICA***

- Legal population of **Greece 9,903,268** residents  
Legal population in **Attica 3,812,330** residents  
(1,842,680 men and 1,969,650 women)
- Legal residents in Athens **655,780**  
(311,650 men and 344,130 women)
- The number of non-permanent residents and undocumented immigrants living in Athens is unknown.

Census 2011

# Welcome Center & Solidarity Athens' Municipality



## The financial crisis has affected Greeks' personal and sexual life and has increased incidences of violence against women

<http://greece.greekreporter.com/2013/05/22/crisis-affects-greeks-sexual-life/>

- **47%** incidents of **physical, sexual and verbal violence** in the last few months in Greece: **Unemployed** men with intense **job stress**, pressing **financial obligations**, **low sexual activity** are chiefly those who exert **violence** against their wives or girlfriends.
- **Verbal abuse** is at a rate of **72%**, and **financial blackmail** comes second at **59%**. **Sexual humiliation** follows at **55%**; **beatings** are at a rate of **23%** at **18%**. In **8%** of violence incidents, slight or **serious injury** was reported.
- Economic profile of men who used violence against their companions, **4 out of 10 were jobless**, while **39%** percent were in a **bad financial situation**. There is a rate of **17%** of wealthy men who abused their companion.

Research of Hellenic Society for the Study of Human Sexuality (EMAS) and of Andrology Institute of Athens, based on 600 men and 400 women interviewed via telephone. Men between 35 - 45 years old comprise the research target group.

## Safe household

- In the period from 11/3/2011 to 30/6/2013
- 3517 phone calls to the SOS line relating to complaints in cases of gender violence, in prefecture Attikis
- Of these 2877 calls, (81%) complaints were themselves abused women while 640 calls (18%) were complaints from third persons
- Of the 2877 complaints made by the same battered women
- 2426 calls (79%) were domestic violence
- 72 calls (3%) sexual harassment
- 36 calls (1%) rape
- 3 calls (0%) prostitution
- Call 1 (0%) trafficking
- 390 calls (14%) reported other forms of violence.

**Break the silence!**



**MINISTRY OF INTERIOR - GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR GENDER EQUALITY**  
**«PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (2009-2013)»**

“Integrated Action Plan in favour of women and the combating of violence at national and local level”

Funded by the National Strategic Reference Framework. The total project budget will reach 30,000,000 Euros. The Plan falls under Priority Axis III: "Strengthening gender equality policies across the breadth of public administration", of the EU Operational Programme "Administrative Reform 2007-2013."

-Supervised by unpaid committee

- Training modules, protocols of operation and counselling with lawyers, social workers and psychologists

- Campaign (April 2011 --November 2014) to raise awareness and promote the specialised structures developed

-Creation of new Counseling Centres and Shelters nationwide

# GENERAL SECRETARY FOR GENDER EQUALITY

## THE GOALS

- To empower women victims of violence
- To help them to regain self-esteem
- To enable them to make sound decisions for their future
- To gain independence in job, in personal and family life



Left: 2013, March 8 , Athen's Municipality events for Women's Day  
Right: 2010, Just elected: The majority of the Municipal Council of Athens



# Upcycle - Recycle - Reuse

It must be a social enterprise, to train and employ women who face problems of social exclusion

<http://www.yiuco.com/>



## INNER TUBES



## PLASTIC

