

# CEE Bulletin on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights No 02 (161) 2017

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#### **BURNING ISSUE**

## US President Donald Trump reinstates the Global Gag rule and ignites the Women's March movement

Donald Trump took the US President seat on January 20th. In one of his first acts as president, Trump has reinstated a federal ban on U.S. funding for international health organizations that counsel women on family planning options that include abortion. The Mexico City policy, also known as the global gag rule, was first put in place by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. It prohibits giving U.S. funding to nongovernmental organizations that offer or advise on a wide range of family planning and reproductive health options if they include abortion - even if U.S. dollars are not specifically used for abortion-related services.

The document Trump signed, surrounded by men only, is actually an expanded version of the global gag rule. It expands the policy to *all* global health funding. The new rule means that rather than impacting \$600 million in U.S. foreign aid, the global gag rule will affect \$9.5 billion. Organizations

working on AIDS, malaria, or maternal and child health will have to make sure that none of their programs involves so much as an abortion referral.

Trump's executive order on Monday January 23rd came one day after the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case that guaranteed a woman's right to have an abortion. It was also two days after millions of people turned out to protest Trump and many of his policies in women's marches across the US and other locations, also in Central and Eastern Europe (i.e. Poland, Romania, Georgia). The Women's March on Washington held on January 21st, was attended by millions of people worldwide. The organizers of The Women's March on Washington have a released a four-page "Guiding Vision and Definition of Principles" document, outlining the purpose and motivation of the woman-led movement. The document lists the values guiding the march, takes firm stances on human rights issues ranging from reproductive rights to racial justice to immigration reform, and acknowledges that all of these issues intersect.

International civil society groups working on human rights and SRHR prepared a joint statement to the Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau, and relevant Ministers, expressing grave concern regarding the reinstatement and expansion of the US Global Gag Rule. Read the civil society response <u>HERE</u>.

Sources: Slate, Huffington Post, Women's March, Bust

### **REGIONAL UPDATES**

#### Criminalisation of recently discovered female genital mutilation in Georgia

An investigation by the Institute for War and Peace Reporting recently discovered that hundreds of girls from the ethnic Avar community in eastern Georgia, in the villages of Tivi, Saruso, and Chantliskure, are being forced to undergo female genital mutilation (FGM). The shocking news was covered by national media and created a joint movement towards crimizalizing this practice although many people in the local communities believe it is connected to religion and part of local tradition.

On 24 January, the Georgian government approved the ratification of the Istanbul Convention on combatting domestic violence and violence against women, which includes criminalising FGM. A similar act against a pregnant, disabled or underage woman will be considered an aggravating circumstance. Moreover, punishment will be tightened for stalking, forced sterilization and domestic violence.

Source: Georgia Today, IWPR

#### Poland to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention?

According to the recent news the Polish Ministry of Justice has prepared a project concerning Poland's withdrawal from the Instanbul Convention. It went on to be negotiated between ministries. That information was received on January 3rd by the Advocate for Citizens' Rights, Adam Bodnar from the Prime Minister's Office. In a December interview Prime Minister Beata Szydło assured that the government was not working on a withdrawal. Deputy Minister of Justice Łukasz Piebiak stated in

December: "There is no government position that would aim to withdraw the Instanbul Convention, which does not imply that the members of the government do not debate it." Adam Bodnar, the Advocate for Citizens' Rights, received on January 11th a letter from Adam Lipinski, the Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment, that the Polish Government is not aiming to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention. According to the Givernment, the project proposed by the Ministry of Justice is currently not proceeded.

Source: **ASTRA Network** 

#### Another anti-choice attempt pending in the Polish Sejm

Attacks on women's right to choose are regular and come from both the anti-choice civil society and the Government. In November 2016 Human Rights Committee recommended that Polish authorities should refrain from adopting any legislative reform that would amount to a retrogression of already restrictive legislation on women's access to safe legal abortion. It is especially important in the light of the another petition for introducing a total ban on abortion which is pending in the parliamentary Petition Committee right now. The women's groups expected it to be rejected on 26th January 2017 beceause of its many imperfections. However, the Committee resolved the matter through issuing a formal request to the Prime Minister. Beata Szydło is expected to address the Petition Committee with information about the Government's activity in the field of "life protection". Based on this feedback the Committee will decide on the petition's next steps.

Source: Federation for Women and Family Planning

#### Russian MPs back bill reducing punishment for domestic violence

In a crucial second reading, despite protests from rights groups, Russian MPs approved plan to decriminalise some forms of domestic violence despite protests from women and human rights groups. The amendments reduce the penalty for violence against family members, including spouses and children, as long as it is a first offence and does not cause serious injury, making it punishable by a fine of up to 30,000 rubles. Violence against a family member that does not cause serious physical injury is currently defined as battery and punishable by up to two years in jail.

Last week <u>Amnesty International</u> appealed to Russia's parliament not to pass the bill, condemning it as a "sickening attempt to trivialise domestic violence". Moscow city authorities this week refused permission for a rally organised by opponents of the bill with the slogan "Stop violence in the family; monsters should go to jail".

After Wednesday's passing, the bill needs to get through a third technical reading, expected on Friday, before it goes before the upper house and then to President Vladimir Putin for a final signature. The bill's authors say the new measure removes a legal anomaly and will reduce domestic violence by giving first-time abusers a chance to reform. According to the state statistics agency, in 2015 there were 49,579 crimes involving violence in the family, of those 35,899 involving violence against women.

Source: The Guardian, Meduza

#### Soros founded NGOs face trouble in Central and Eastern Europe

Foreign-backed civil society groups and NGOs in Hungary and Maceodnia, including those funded by the billionaire liberal philanthropist George Soros, are currently facing threats and critism from the Governments' side. In Macedonia the leader of the ruling VMRO DPMNE party, launched a campaign against NGOs that receive funds from abroad whished that his government will "fight for the de-Soros-isation of the country.

In Hungary NGOs fear they could become the target of a new crackdown from a populist rightwing government emboldened by the election of Donald Trump. The Hungarian government is planning to force NGO leaders to declare their personal assets in the same way as MPs and public officials in what has been described as an "intimidation" of civil society. The proposal is scheduled to go before parliament in April, according to the newly published 2017 legislative agenda. The prime minister, Victor Orban, <a href="https://document.org/naccording-to-the-newly-published-2017">has previously criticised civil groups</a> as "paid political activists … attempting to promote foreign interests". "In every country they will want to displace Soros," <a href="https://orban.org/naccording-to-the-newly-published-2017">Orban told the 888.hu website</a>. "This can already be seen in Europe. They investigate where the money comes from, what kind of intelligence connections there are, which NGOs represent what interests."

Sources: Balkan Insight, The Guardian

#### Women's march in Georgia against Donald Trump's presidency

On the 21st of January, women's rights activists in Tbilisi protested against Dunald Trumps presidency. They protested against Trumps anti-female politics, ideas of sexism, hate and division. In their statement women's rights activists said they are concerned with the rhetoric of sexism and division during the U.S. presidential campaign. One of the protesters, Dodi Kharkheli, sais this march is a sign of solidarity to all women and minority representatives, whose rights are violated around the world. While ultra-right-wing forces gain the power, it is extremely important that people, who believe in equality and tolerance, stand together.

Source: <u>radiotavisupleba</u>

#### **From ASTRA Members**

### Armenia's round table on the "Women's Struggle for Freedom from Discrimination and Unequal Treatment in Trial"

The Coalition to Stop Violence against Women, to which SWV is a member of, organized a round table to discuss the discrimination and unequal treatment women face while trying to access the judicial system. The attendants deliberated on the cases of discrimination, and the best methods to overcome them.

Source: Society Without Violence

### **GLOBAL UPDATES**

#### Rutgers: launch of the fund "She Decides - Global Fundraising Initiative"

The Dutch Minister Lilliane Ploumen together with Rutgers, launched the fund "She Decides – Global Fundraising Initiative" to gather money from governments, private donors, corporations and foundations to step into the funding gap that will be created by the Global Gag rule that President Trump reinstated.

For now, the website provides the information on bank-accounts, a full website with online donation facility will be available soon. The Ministry and Rutgers will develop a campaign in the coming weeks to raise money for SRHR and to counter the effects of Trump's Mexico City Policy. Because those effects are huge. These past years the United States spent an annual sum of 600 million on sexual health worldwide. We know that every 10 million dollars cut-back affects 460,000 women and girls. The Global Gag Rule can result in tens of millions of women and girls in the poorest countries losing their access to contraceptives. It means that between now and 2020, 6.5 million women will have unintended pregnancies, and that annually the number of unsafe abortions will increase to 2.1 million. And that women will start families at a younger age and will have more children, implying enormous consequences for women's chances in economic development, for their children and society as a whole. We, together, can counter these threats. PLEASE DONATE

The Dutch Government and Rutgers will closely work together to raise money and awareness about the contraceptive services and SRHR. They will also cooperate with other organizations, private donors, citizens and governments in this field and across the globe, to raise as much money as possible. Do you want to get involved or stay informed? Please mail us at <a href="mailto:sheetees.new">sheetees.new</a> sheetees.

Source: **EuroNGOs** 

#### Canada to up foreign aid for women's health in face of U.S. cuts

Canadian leaders said they are prepared to increase international aid for women's health programs in the wake of a decision by U.S. President Donald Trump to cut \$600 million in funding over his administration's opposition to abortion.

The announcement by Canadian International Development Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau came on Friday, the same day thousands of anti-abortion protesters flooded the National Mall in Washington for the annual March for Life protest. Speaking on Canadian television Friday, Bibeau said the liberal government would support an international effort led by the Dutch to replace the \$600 million in U.S. aid by the rest of the international community. "I think that restricting the access to abortion does not reduce abortion. It only increases the number of unsafe abortions and it endangers the lives of women," said Bibeu. "I believe we will be working together [with the United States] on some subjects and we will be less complimentary on others. On this one, we definitely don't agree. Women's rights is too important to make a compromise on that."

Source: <u>UPI</u>

#### YOUTH

# European youth advocates urge MEPs to act NOW to combat attacks on sexual reproductive health and rights in Poland and throughout Europe

On the 11th and 12th of January youth advocates from ASTRA, ASTRA Youth, YouAct and CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality, driven by their commitment to human rights and concerns over increased restrictions to reproductive health and services, came to Brussels to meet Members of the European Parliament and policy makers to demand a stronger European parliamentary response to increasingly regressive legislation in Poland and throughout Europe.

Their actions were built on the mobilization of thousands of Polish women, men, girls and boys in 2016 supported by solidarity movements throughout Europe who have raised their voices in opposition to Poland's plan to further restrict the law on abortion. Their actions influenced the Polish Parliament's decision to dismiss the "Stop Abortion" bill; however the threats to fundamental reproductive rights remain with the development of new legislative proposals which seek to further restrict access to essential services. In Poland, this is most plainly evidenced by the recent move to impose restrictions on the availability of emergency contraception. Evidence shows that restricting access to safe abortion only forces girls and women to resort to private, illegal or unsafe services, which pose a serious risk to their health and lives.

During their meetings with MEPs the youth advocates shared their concerns and suggestions for what the European Parliament could do to safeguard young people's and women's rights and called for:

- Increased access to Comprehensive Sexuality Education
- Fulfillment of access to safe and legal abortion services for all women and girls without stigmatization, discrimination, intimidation, or victimization of women and girls requiring these services;
- Increased funding for the development of youth-friendly sexual and reproductive services;
- Increased funding for youth Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights projects;
- A more standardized procedure in collecting data on SRHR services across European Member States;
- Implementation of a funding stream for the monitoring of SRHR in member states;
- Relevant monitoring of number and conditions of illegal abortions.

Source: **ASTRA Network** 

#### **New CRC General Comment on Adolescents**

The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child issued its new General Comment on Adolescents which includes very progressive and strong language on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of adolescents. Among other advancements, the new general comment:

• Recognizes that states should remove parental authorization requirements for SRH info and services (para. 60)

- Urges states to consider introducing a presumption of capacity for adolescents seeking preventative and time-sensitive SRH commodities and services (para. 39)
- Urges states to decriminalize abortion to ensure that girls have access to safe abortion and
  post-abortion services, review legislation with a view to guaranteeing the best interests of
  pregnant adolescents and ensure that pregnant adolescents' views are always heard and
  respected in abortion-related decisions (para. 60)
- Recognizes that the voluntary and informed consent of the adolescent should be obtained whether or not the consent of a parent or guardian is required for any medical treatment or procedure (para. 39)
- Calls on states to take into account the need to balance protection and evolving capacities in defining the legal age for sexual consent and avoid criminalizing adolescents of similar ages for factually consensual and non-exploitative sexual activity (para. 40)
- Calls for age-appropriate, comprehensive and inclusive sexual and reproductive health
  education, based on scientific evidence and human rights standards and developed with
  adolescents to be part of the mandatory school curriculum and reach out-of-school
  adolescents (para. 61)

Read the full text of the General Comment here.

#### Youth in Power - Developing a Youth Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

ASTRA Youth is a partner in the "Youth in Power – Developing a Youth Strategy for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights" project with You Act, Y-Safe and Y-PEER covering Council of Europe and Central Asia countries. The strategy meeting took place in Kiev, Ukraine on December 3-6 and was preceded by developing and translating into national languages the <u>online survey</u> collecting youth views on SRHR (the study was available in 9 languages in total: English, Azerbaijani, Armenian, Georgian, Greek, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian, Ukrainian). The youth strategy is currently under development and will conclude by March 2017.

Source: **ASTRA Youth** 

# The Ponton Group of Sex Educators from Poland participated in the National Consultation Meeting on gender-related challenges in the European education systems

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of January Ponton had a privilege to participate in a national consultation meeting about gender-related challenges in the Polish education system. The meeting was a part of a large project run by the European Institute for Gender Equality – an autonomous body of the European Union. The aim of the study performed in all EU member states is to collect data about difficulties and good practices in the field of gender policies on all levels of education. EIGE consults experts – in Poland NGOs and academics as well as representatives of the government – to provide cohesive guidelines on strengthening gender equality policies in education.

In Poland the difficulties and inequalities in the education system are well diagnosed by the NGOs. What we face is a constant lack of political will to make a real change. For many years there has been no partner in the government who would address these issues.

Paulina Wawrzyńczyk, who represented Ponton, spoke about the status of the school subject called "Preparation for family life" and textbooks that introduce sexist approach and inculcate stereotypes.

Read Ponton's statement on the Ministry of Education's new expert in the school subject "Preparation for family life".

Source: PONTON Group of Sex Educators

#### Research about the youth's knowledge on SRHR in Georgia

Last summer the HERA XXI association researched young people in Georgia on the knowledge and practice of sexual and reproductive health and rights. The research covered all of the 12regions in the country and used an anonymous questionnaire and in-depth interviews as research methods.

The results show that young Georgian people are unequipped with sufficient information about sexual and reproductive health when they become sexually active. On the one hand, regardless of the available sources of information, they do not consider it necessary to obtain knowledge about these issues, since this topic is tabooed both for them and the providers of information (teachers, doctors, parents, etc.); on the other hand, they think that the knowledge about sexual and reproductive health will come with practice, after the initiation of sexual activity. Such attitudes leave them unprotected against early pregnancy and abortion, early marriage and psychological stress resulting from it, incomplete education and so forth.

The respondents face barriers to talk about sexuality and reproduction with their parents, and their only source of information are friends, who, may or may not have the correct information. Young people visit doctors only when they have a problem. The majority of the respondents (mainly female), had their first sexual experience after marriage and those who remain married describe their sexual life positively, unlike those who divorced. The research also showed that the individuals and couples get information about contraception and family planning only when getting infected with an STI and/or having an abortion. The recommendations after the research include: spreading information on SRHR among youth before they become sexually active, so they know how to prevent STIs and actively do so; promoting institutions that provide such information; and combating attitudes e.g. that knowledge about sexuality only comes with practice.

Source: **HERA XXI** 

### Macedonia's HERA to train peer educators in the field of Comprehensive Sexuality Education

In January HERA worked on the plans for an extensive process of accreditation for peer educators in the field of Comprehensive Sexual Education. They have launched a call for young people who want to become CSE educators. Later, in February, the selected participants will go through a process of accreditation with the goal of becoming peer educators. This initiative was promoted in the social media. The selected participants will have to pass three days of theoretical and interactive training in Skopje in all seven components of the CSE. Additionally to the seven components, they will attend workshops on communication skills, risk assessment and conflict management. After the first part of the training, they will have two weeks for studying and consultation with the more experienced educators, the coordinator of the youth program and the program director of HERA. Finally, the participants will be subjected to a three-day long examination process. The exam will consist of three parts. The first one will take the form of a randomly chosen workshop, implementing practical education in one of the seven components. The second part will be a written exam to check the participants' substantive knowledge and the third part of the exam will measure the attitudes on the issues from the seven components.

Source: HERA

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### 61st session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women with priority theme of "Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work" will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to attend the session.

Source: UN Women

#### 50th session of the UN Commission on Population and Development

The 50th session of the Commission on Population and Development will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 3 to 7 April 2017. The priority theme of the Session is "Changing population age structures and sustainable development." Online pre-registration will run from November 2016 to March 2017. Please visit the website of the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs for more information on NGO participation in the Session of the Commission here.

Source: **UNFPA** 

#### 2017 EuroNGOs Annual Conference

The 2017 EuroNGOs Conference will be held across two days in Brussels - on the 15th and 16th of June. The Annual General Meeting for members will take place on the 14th of June.

Source: **EuroNGOs** 

"Vagina Monologues" for Valentine's Day in Armenia

The Society Without Violence NGO (SWV) initiated the first working group meeting for the organization of the "Vagina Monologues" play. The Monologue is going to take place on February

14th as part of the V-Day movement, which is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls. SWV will perform the monologues in collaboration with other members from

feminist CSOs in Armenia.

**SOURCE: Society Without Violence** 

**PUBLICATIONS** 

Defending sexual and reproductive rights in Europe: Study for policy makers on opposition to SRHR

A study commissioned by MEP Heidi Hautala, Perspectives on anti-choice lobbying in Europe, was published on January 12th to reveal the networks and identify the actors who are part of the anti-

choice movement that is active in the EU.

Anti-choice forces have increased their efforts, among others in the European Parliament, to push their ideas further into the political mainstream, mobilising through social media campaigns and coopted moderate political group members to their cause. The study is to call out these questionable

tactics and those who apply them, in order to make the wider public aware of them. It is crucial for pro-choice forces across the political spectrum to mobilise together to defend the rights that have

been fought hard to secure.

Access the Study for policy makers on opposition to sexual and reproductive health and rights in

Europe by Elena Zacharenko **HERE**.

Source: Heidi Hautala

New issue of "Analize - Journal of Gender and Feminist Studies" - "Envisioning Roma Feminism"

The latest issue focuses on:

Roma women's marginalities in the recognition struggles of a Hungarian Roma Women's NGO

• Empowering Roma Women in Romania - Gender and/or Ethnicity

• L'émancipation de la femme dans la société rom traditionnelle de Roumanien/Women's

Empowerment in the Traditional Romani Society in Romania

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<u>"Analize – Journal of Gender and Feminist Studies"</u> is an on-line, open access, peer-reviewed international journal that aims to bring into the public arena new ideas and findings in the field of gender and feminist studies and to contribute to the gendering of the social, economic, cultural and political discourses and practices about today's local, national, regional and international realities.

Edited by the The Romanian Society for Feminist Analyses AnA, the journal intends to open conversations among eastern and non-eastern feminist researchers on the situated nature of their feminism(s) and to encourage creative and critical feminist debates across multiple axes of signification such as gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, ethnicity, religion, etc.

The journal publishes studies, position papers, case studies, viewpoints, book reviews from practitioners of all grades and professions, academics and other specialists on the broad spectrum of gender and feminist studies.

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#### **Call for Papers: Reproductive Health Matters**

For this issue of Reproductive Health Matters - <u>Sexual and reproductive health and rights in humanitarian crises</u>, we invite articles that offer new insights and evidence to contribute to the global knowledge base regarding SRHR in humanitarian crises, particularly in relation to the following thematic areas: heightened risk and vulnerability, interventions and responses, and legal and policy issues.

Submissions: 6 February – 1 May 2017

Visit <a href="http://www.rhmjournal.org.uk/journal/call-papers/">http://www.rhmjournal.org.uk/journal/call-papers/</a> for more information.

#### **MEMBER OF THE MONTH**

#### Federation for Women and Family Planning, Poland

Federation for Women and Family Planning (shortly Federa) is an association established by five organizations in 1991 in Warsaw. Funded as a response to Poland's anti-abortion politics, it has been monitoring the consequences of Poland's anti-abortion law and actively fighting for women's sexual and reproductive health and rights for 25 years already. Federation is the only one, non-profit, organization in Poland which has been consistently working on reproductive health and rights issues since the beginning of the 90's. Federation's main mission is to guarantee women's right to decide freely about their sexuality and fertility, as we believe, it is essential for achieving gender equality. We do defend the right to legal and safe abortion, to full accessibility of all medically accepted family planning methods and to gender-sensitive sex education. We have been fulfilling our mission by:

- initiating and supporting activities focusing on reproductive health and rights,
- monitoring the status of women's sexual and reproductive rights in Poland,
- preparing reports on women's reproductive health and rights,
- raising awareness and disseminating information about issues related to sexuality and reproduction,
- interventions in the cases of denial of access to reproductive health services, advocating for women's right to abortion and adequate quality of reproductive health services,
- using international human rights mechanisms in order to improve the observance of women's reproductive rights, including right to health,
- disseminating information about international human rights mechanisms, conducting media campaigns,
- preparation and dissemination of publications (bulletins, booklets, fact sheets, leaflets).

In the frame of Federation there are numerous initiatives and programs dedicated to reproductive health and rights such as PONTON Group of Sex Educators (group of youth educators working on the field of sex education), Network of Lawyers (team of lawyers working on advocacy and monitoring polish and international law), Helpline for Women (operated by psychologist, youth advisors, gynaecologist and lawyer) and well known - ASTRA Network and ASTRA Youth. Federation has been, both, a member and funding organization of ASTRA. It has been serving as the ASTRA Secretariat since 1999 when ASTRA was established. Federation closely cooperates with ASTRA coordinator who is a member of Federa's team.

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ASTRA Network Members: Albania - Albanian Family Planning Association; Armenia - Society Without Violence; Armenia - Women's Resource Center; Armenia - Women's Rights Center; Azerbaijan -Center "Women and Modern World"; Belarus - Women's Independent Democratic Movement of Belarus; Bulgaria - Bulgarian Family Planning and Sexual Health Association; Bulgaria - Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation; Bulgaria - Gender Education, Research and Technologies; Bulgaria -Demetra Association; Bulgaria - Gender Alternatives Foundation; Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo Open Center; Croatia - B.a.b.e.; Croatia - CESI; Croatia - Women's Room; Georgia - HERA XXI; Georgia – Real People, Real Vision; Georgia - Women's Center; Hungary – PATENT; Kazakhstan - The Legal Center for Women's Initiatives "Sana Sezim"; Lithuania - Family Planning and Sexual Health Association; Latvia - Latvia's Association for Family Planning And Sexual Health; Macedonia -Association for emancipation, solidarity and equality of women; Macedonia – H.E.R.A.; Macedonia – Shelter Center; Moldova - Family Planning Association; Moldova - Reproductive Health Training Center; Poland - Federation for Women and Family Planning; Romania - A.L.E.G.; Romania - AnA: Society for Feminist Analysis; Romania - Euroregional Center for Public Initiatives; Romania - The East European Institute of Reproductive Health; Russia - Novogorod Gender Center; Russia - Russian Association for Population and Development; Slovakia - Pro Choice; Tajikistan - Gender and Development; Ukraine - Women Health and Family Planning; Ukraine - Charitable SALUS Foundation; Uzbekistan - Future Generation

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