



RESPONSE

MULTI-AGENCY RESPONSE TO GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

The Department of Maternal and Child Health in partnership with Cluj School of Public Health (**Babeş-Bolyai University**) organizes for the first time the elective course “Gender Based Violence Identification and Prevention”, addressed to all general medical students.

Domestic violence, particularly the one against women and children, is a social, legal and healthcare problem.

1 in 3 women experience a form of violence at some point in their life.

Doctors are often the first point of contact for survivors – women are most likely to get in touch with health care services more than any other service.

How did we develop this course?

For many survivors of violence, **a visit to a health professional is the first point of contact, enabling them to access support and care.** Therefore, strengthening the capacity of health professionals to identify and support survivors of violence is crucial to the prevention of and response to GBV.

Cluj School of Public Health (Babeş-Bolyai University) started to work in this field in 2014, developing a **training manual on gender based violence for health professionals** and now is the coordinator of a European funded project RESPONSE - *Multi-Agency Response for Reporting on Gender-Based Violence in Maternal Health Services* and the initiator of this course in Romania.

Similar trainings were delivered to health care professionals working in the emergency department and gynecology and obstetrics department in Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Romania as a part of IMPLEMENT project (<http://www.gbv-implement-health.eu/>). Following the example of good practices from France, we believe that this course is highly relevant for health professional students before they enter the medical profession.

This elective course will be organized for the first time for the students of Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy in the 2017-2018 academic year, and will be subsequently promoted in other medical schools in the country.

The course uses:

Multi-disciplinary approach, combining fundamentals from: medicine, public health, psychology, communication

Case studies and scenarios

Training on identification and referral of gender based violence for health professionals

Techniques for overcoming barriers of communication

Identifying the care pathway to ensure that disclosing patients get the support they need.

Evaluation will be oral, based on a case study analysis.

See you in class!



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