



UNFPA CGBV PHOTO CONTEST ON THE TOPIC OF “VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN”

The United Nations Populations Fund within the framework of “Combating Gender-Based Violence in the South Caucasus” Project is pleased to announce a photo contest on the topic of “Violence Against Women”.

About the project:

“Combating Gender-Based Violence in the South Caucasus” project (CGBV project) is a three-year initiative launched by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) with financial support of the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway.

UNFPA CGBV project aims at creating enabling environment for reduction of gender-based violence in Armenia and supporting the country in fulfilling its international obligations in order to ensure effective protection and promotion of women’s rights and fundamental freedoms as well as to foster gender equality and women’s participation in decision-making processes.

What is Violence against Women:

Violence against women is a complex phenomenon deeply rooted in the way society is set up — cultural beliefs, power relations, economic power imbalances, and the masculine ideal of male dominance. It occurs in all societies and is the social, psychological and economic subordination of women. It has thrived unnoticed because there was no global recognition of its existence until the past twenty years.

Such violence occurs within the home or in the wider community, and women are vulnerable to this violence at all stages of life. Women face many threats even within their home and work place and especially in war and conflict situations. Threats range from child abuse, prostitution, physical violence, psychological abuse, sexual harassment to harmful practices excused as ‘traditional culture’ such as forced early marriage, widow burning, and female genital cutting. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), at least one in every three of the world's female population has been physically or sexually abused.

Domestic violence is one of the commonly spread forms of violence against women. It has been defined as a pattern of coercive behavior. It could be physical, psychological, sexual, or economic by its nature and perpetuated usually by men against women to maintain power and control.

For more information about violence against women, visit:

- [Official Say NO - UNiTE campaign website](#)
- [Ending Violence Against Women : United Nations Population Fund](#)
- [WHO | Violence against women](#)
- [Violence against Women - Gender Issues – UNIFEM](#)
- [European Year of Combating Violence Against Women](#)

1. Submissions:

Eligibility criteria: Both professional photographers and/or individuals interested in photo art are invited to submit their photos within the framework of the contest.

Important: each contestant is allowed to submit up to three different photographs.

The submissions should consist of a photograph/photographs (either colored or black and white) illustrating the problem of violence against women in Armenia.

Photograph/photographs should be submitted in digital format on a CD (at least 72-300 dpi per photo) and in print (10cm x 15cm format) together with an accompanying filled-in participant form in English or in Armenian. Stage-effect (постановочные, բեմադրված) photos are also accepted.

Important: Photos that have already been published elsewhere or are the property of a third party are not eligible for the contest.

The photograph/photographs must not contain obscene, provocative, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

Photos that don't meet the above mention requirements will not be considered.

ATTENTION:

The Photograph/photographs and the application of the contestant should all be submitted in one sealed envelope to the UN building (14 P. Adamyan St.) before 17:00, 15 November 2010. On the envelope, please, clearly mark in English the following:

- Name of the contest, i.e. "UNFPA CGBV Project Photo Contest on the topic of "Violence Against Women".
- Name and last name of the contestant;
- Contestant's contact details.

Please note that it is absolutely necessary to sign the REGISTRATION FORM available at UN Guards Office upon submission of your works. Late submissions will not be accepted.

2. Selection process

The deadline for submission of photo art works is November 15, 2010, 17:00 the latest. The respective works will be evaluated by the panel of leading experts in the field of gender and photography based on the following criteria:

- relevance to the contest topic
- demonstration of creative approach
- technical quality.

3. Awards

The winners are expected to be awarded respectively with monetary prizes. The best ten photos will be used for the exhibitions to be organized in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia.

4. Publication of the selected photographs

- UNFPA CGBV/Armenia claims the right to print, distribute, publish and use the photos submitted to the contest with due credit to the author of the photograph;

- The best works will be displayed at the exhibitions to be organized in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia;
- The selected photographs will also be placed on the UNFPA CGBV/Armenia Project website at <http://www.genderbasedviolence.am/>.

Should you have any further questions or inquiries regarding photo contest rules and requirements, please contact Ms. Jina Sargizova at sargizova@unfpa.org Tel.: +374 10 54 17 92.