STRATEGY TO ENSURE A VICTIM- AND WITNESS-ORIENTED APPROACH TO HANDLING CASES OF CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE
Government
National Police
Security service of Ukraine

Non-governmental public organizations:
  Assistance to victims:
  • material
  • medical
  • psychological
  • rehabilitation

Journalists
International experts

Department of procedural management of pre-trial investigation and support of Public Prosecution in criminal proceedings on crimes related to sexual violence, Department of countering crimes committed in conditions of armed conflict of the Office of the Prosecutor General

Making changes to the unified state register of legal entities
Change of jurisdiction
Procedural guidance

JOINT WORKING GROUP on the detection and recording of crimes related to sexual violence related to conflict

National Police
Attorney General's office

Implementation of pre-trial investigation by investigators and prosecutors

Victims of sexual violence
Goals of the strategy:

- Improving access to justice for victims of CRSV
- Effective criminal prosecution of perpetrators of CRSV
- Providing individual support and protection to CRSV victims and witnesses
Strategy Objectives:

1. **CRSV Detection and Response:**
   - strengthening the national mechanism for detecting and responding to CRSV;
   - strengthening sectoral coordination and cooperation in responding to CRSV;
   - integration of judicial response into the existing assistance system;

2. **Effective Investigation of CRSV:**
   - introduction of specialization in the CRSV for prosecutors, investigators, and other law enforcement officers;
   - identification and prosecution of persons responsible for CRSV;
   - informing victims about the progress of proceedings while ensuring their rights;

3. **A Balanced Approach to Victims and Witnesses:**
   - respect for their needs and choices, giving priority to their needs;
   - protection and support;
   - promoting safe participation in criminal proceedings;
   - investigation based on the principle of minimizing re-traumatization of victims.
COORDINATING ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL

- Multi-disciplinary international experts
- Regional specialists
- Prosecutors
- Investigator
- CRSV Core team
- CRSV Steering group
- Regional specialists
- Victims of CRSV
- All sectors and services
- CRSV trainers
COORDINATING ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL

- Development and dissemination of national CRSV policies and procedures in accordance with certain objectives
- Legislative reform and amendments; institutional and procedural reforms
- Training and mentoring
- Processing and investigation of CRSV cases
- Support and protection of victims and witnesses
- Civil society partner organizations and to build-up support

Communication
Architecture of the organization and structure within the prosecutor's office:

**CENTRAL LEVEL**

**STEERING GROUP**

**PROSECUTOR GENERAL**

(the deputy head of the group is determined by the prosecutor general)

Representatives of law enforcement agencies:
- UCP (unit for countering crimes committed in conditions of armed conflict; heads of other UCP units)
- Heads of regional organizations:
  - Office of the Prosecutor
  - National Police
  - SSU

Specialists and representatives:
- Civil society organizations
- Non-governmental organizations
- The Legal Aid Coordination Center
- The Ministry of Health of Ukraine

**REGIONAL LEVEL**

**SPECIALISTS**

Employees of law enforcement agencies:
- Office of the Prosecutor
- National Police
- SSU

**PROTECTION AND SUPPORT GROUP**

Victims and witnesses of CRSV (in OPG)
- Multidisciplinary international experts
- National experts
- Organized crime groups and the SNPC steering group
- All sectors and services

**MAIN GROUP**

**REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIALIZED DIVISIONS:**

- OPG
- National Police
- SSU

**REPRESENTATIVES:**

- Judicial authorities
- Centers for providing free legal aid
- Lawyers