



## Reduction of Domestic Violence Project

**Country:** Tajikistan  
**Client:** Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)  
**Year:** 2008 - 2011

The Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) has been promoting the fight against domestic violence in Tajikistan since 2000. AVEDIS has been awarded the mandate by the SDC to act as the Implementing Agency (IA) for its "Reduction of Domestic Violence" (RDV) project. AVEDIS is implementing the sixth phase of RDV from November 2008 to October 2011. The overall goal of the project is to reduce the level of domestic violence in Tajikistan and to increase the public awareness of domestic violence as a human rights violation. The project applies a multidimensional approach, providing technical assistance, training and funding to both governmental and non-governmental stakeholders at various intervention levels. While the urgent needs of victims of violence are addressed through improving psychosocial, medical and legal service provision at women's shelters, awareness campaigns are designed to leverage increased awareness and behaviour change.