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## *Question 1: Situation in your country?*

### *Structure, that provides the services and who funds the services ?*

*-In Finland, the work with perpetrators is being organized mainly by the NGOs, communities, and private units.*

*-The fund mainly to NGO based organizations will come from the Funding Centre for Social Welfare and Health Organizations (STEA). These services provided to perpetrators are mainly free of charge.*

*- Specialized services for the perpetrators are open for anyone (any gender), who is worried about one's violent behavior.*

FMS member associations adhere to the agreed quality criteria, and the implementation of international conventions is assessed by workers and partners in collaboration.

- A total of 22 member associations of **The Federation of Mother and Child Homes and Shelters** across Finland provides already professional help and voluntary support for the perpetrators but also for the victims of violence in need of help. These associations offer opportunities for people to be empowered by experiences of inclusion and equality. The services are based on people's real needs.

**Question 2:** *The most pressing issue in the area of perpetrator services in your country (f.ex. geographical coverage, standards and quality)?*

- *Open care services are being offered geographically unevenly*
- *The free five meetings are not sufficient for the process.*
- *The violence as a phenomenon is not always recognized by co-operators*
- Our member organizations do support perpetrators and the entire families in managing their daily lives and they do strengthen the relations so that anyone can feel safe. It is rather more important to improve than prove services.
- The need for the common perpetrator programs (particularly for the perpetrators) and common criteria for working has been recognized.

**Question 3:** *In your view, can the same entity be responsible for both victim services and the perpetrator services? Yes, or no? What are the potential benefits and challenges?*

- *From the point of view The Federation of Mother and Child homes and Shelters the strength is that the perpetrator and the victim are being simultaneously helped in the possible way.*
- *The working with perpetrators has always been one of methods since the first shelters started 1977.*
- *Both point of views must be taken into consideration. Co-operation between the counselors would open the access to both point of views. The safety and the Risk assessment are key elements in a process when helping all the parties at the same time.*
- *In a working process the systematic work and the children's point of view is taken into consideration*
- *Accountability is something that must not lost in process and what is more, it must be recognized through the entire process of helping.*
- *The victim's point of view must not be lost in process.*



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