

Republic of Lithuania (2011)



Territory: 65 303 km²

Population: ~3,2 mln.

- Number of children – about 610 000 under 18 year
- Official language: Lithuanian. Most population speaks well in English , Russian, Polish, German
- Climat : Maritime/continental (Average winter temperature: – 4,9°C, Summer - +17 °C)
- Religion : Majority Roman Catholics
- Capital – Vilnius
- National currency: the litas (LTL) .EUR 1= LTL 3,4528





THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN AND HELP TO CHILDREN FOR 2008-2010

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National programmes and strategies on violence prevention

- *Crime prevention programme* (adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania on March 20, 2003)
- *National Strategy on Prevention of Violence against Women* (approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania, on December 22, 2006)
- *Programme on Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking for 2009-2012* (approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on September 9, 2009)
- *National Mental Health Strategy* (adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania on April 3, 2008)
- *Plan on the Implementation of National Mental Health Strategy for 2008-2010* (adopted by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on June 18, 2008)



National programmes and strategies on the prevention of child and youth violence

- *National Programme on Violence Prevention against Children for 2008 – 2010* (approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on April 24, 2008)
- *Strategy of the State Policy on Child Welfare in 2005-2012* (approved by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on February 17, 2005)



Responsibility of Institutions (1)

- **Ministry of Social Security and Labour**

National Strategy on the Prevention of Violence against Women

*National Programme on the Prevention of Violence against Children
2008-2010*

Strategy on the State Policy for Child Welfare 2005 - 2012

- **Ministry of Interior**

Crime prevention programme

Programme on the Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking



Responsibility of Institutions (2)

- **Ministry of Education and Science**

State - supported programmes on the prevention of violence, suicide and bullying in schools

- **Ministry of Health**

National Mental Health Strategy

Plan on the Implementation of National Mental Health Strategy for 2008-2010



**The purpose of the National
Programme for Prevention of
Violence Against Children and
Help to Children for 2008-2010
to provide for complex measures to
eliminate violence against children
in all its forms**



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AGAINST CHILDREN AND HELP TO CHILDREN
(2008-2010)**

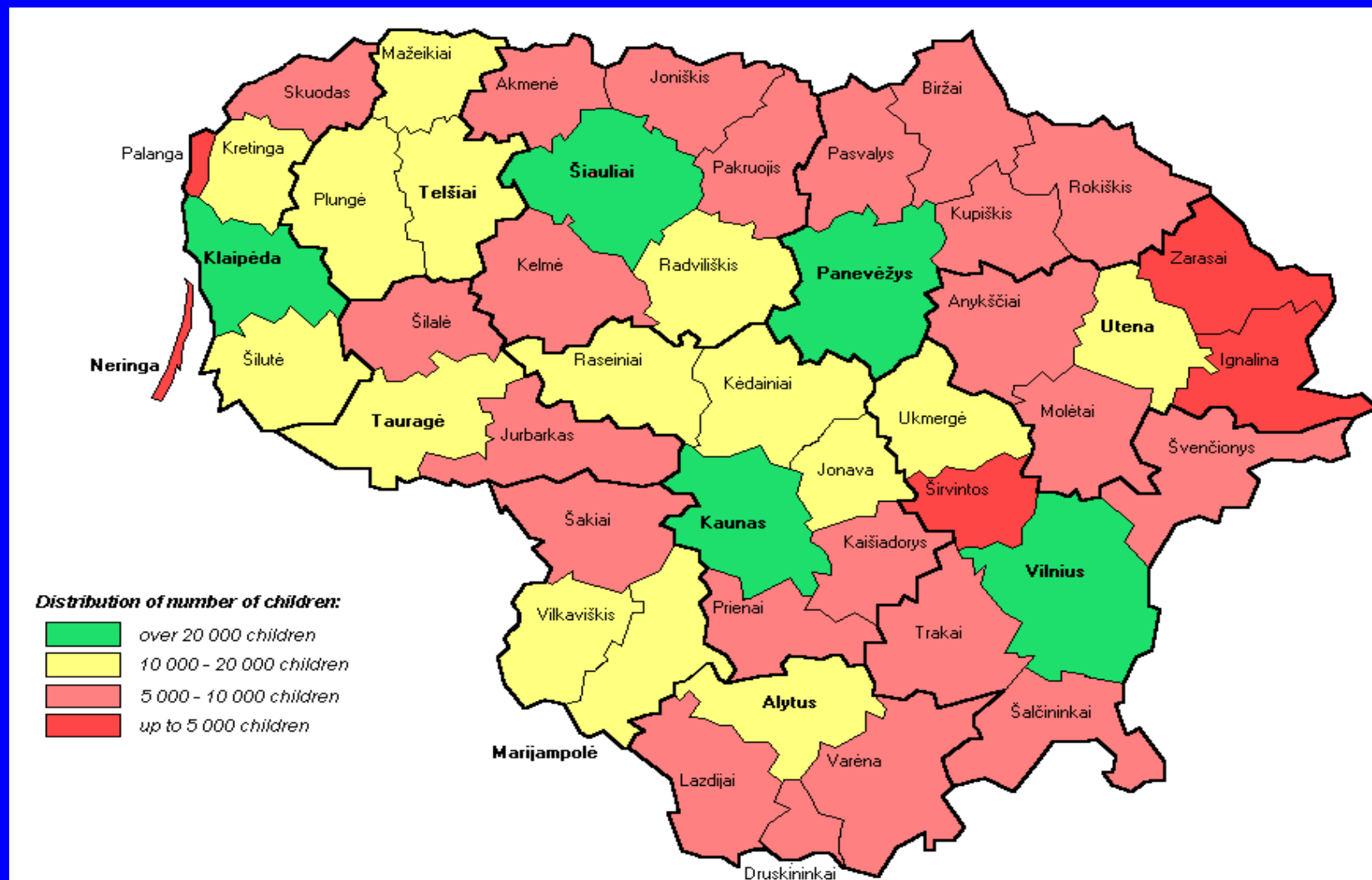
**The Programme measures intended for
children who suffer from psychological
and physical violence, sexual
exploitation and neglect, their families
and prevention of violence and bullying
in schools**



Institutions responsible for implementation of measures

- Ministry of Education and Science
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Culture
- Special Pedagogics and Psychology Centre
- Police Department under the Ministry of Interior
- State Child's Rights Protection and Adoption Service under the Ministry of Social Security and Labour
- Department of Prisons under the Ministry of Justice
- Non-governmental organisations

60 municipalities of Lithuania 2011





**THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST CHILDREN AND HELP TO CHILDREN
(2008-2010)**

Objectives of the Programme:

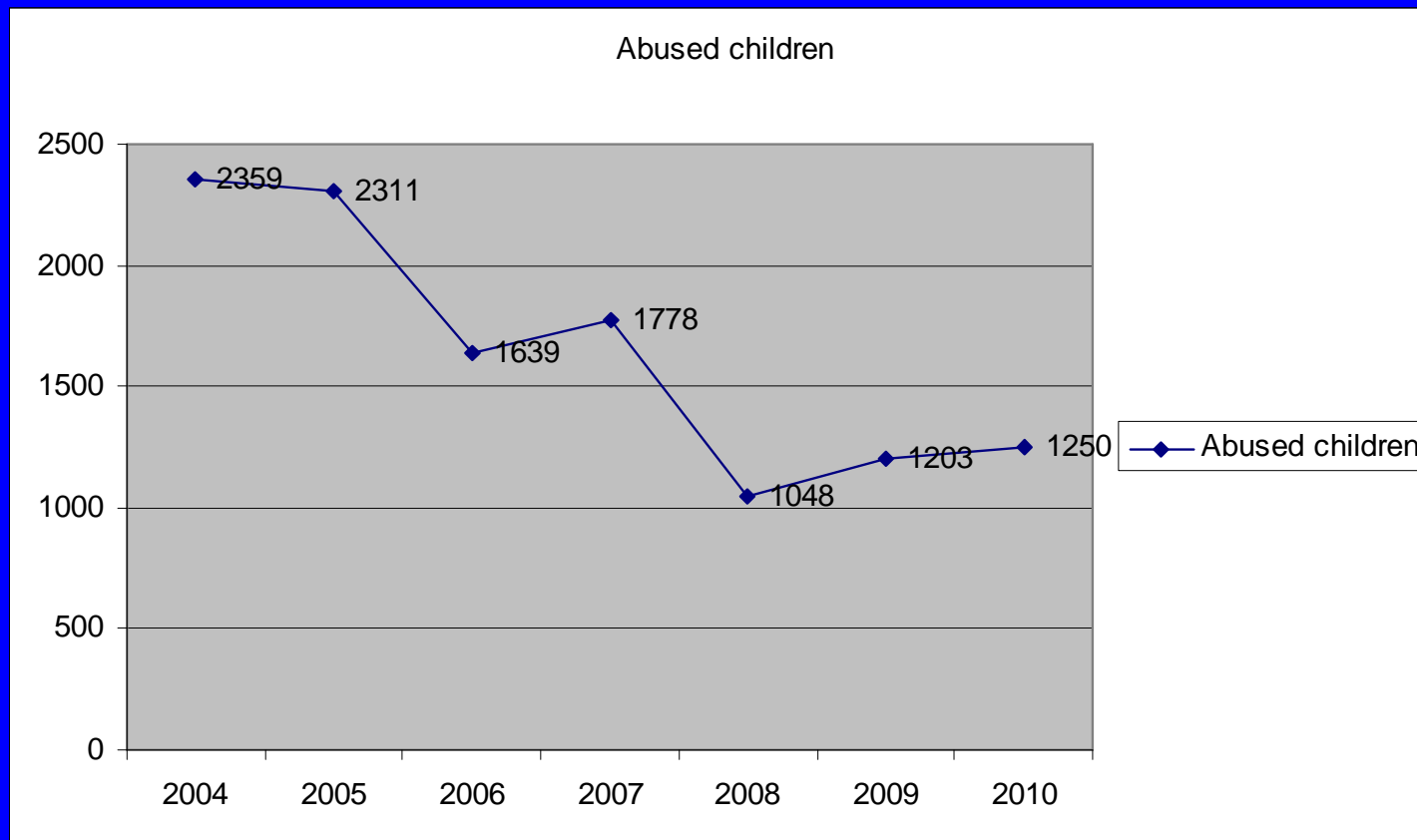
- 1. to organise public awareness raising on the issues of prevention of violence against children;**
- 2. to ensure professional development of specialists working with children in the area of violence prevention and assistance;**
- 3. to improve the legislation which help to prevent violence against children;**
- 4. to provide assistance to children having suffered from violence and their family members;**
- 5. to organise alternative measures of impact on violators;**
- 6. to develop international cooperation;**
- 7. to take action and measures to eliminate violence and bullying at school;**
- 8. to carry out monitoring of violence against children.**



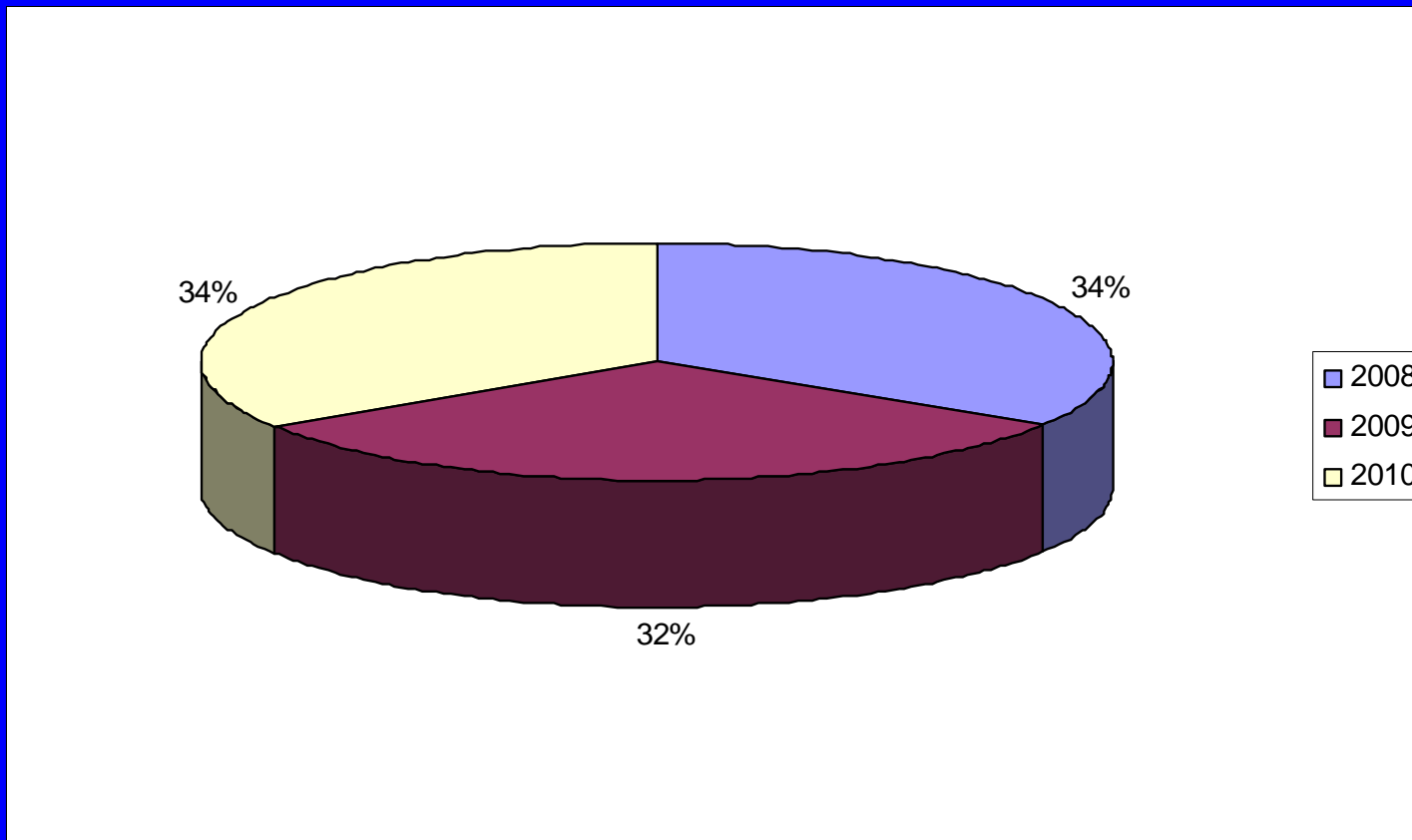
Programme was evaluated according to quantity and quality criteria:

1. how many municipalities participate in public awareness raising campaigns to prevent violence against children;
2. what percentage of specialists working with children have improved their qualification in the area of violence prevention;
3. how many legal acts helping to reduce violence against children have been drafted;
4. what percentage of children having suffered from violence and their family members have received services;
5. what percentage of children having suffered from violence received free qualified help on the phone (of all having called);
6. what percentage of persons having committed sexual or other crimes against children have received rehabilitation and psychological services;
7. what percentage of educational institutions implement special programmes ensuring secure school environment.

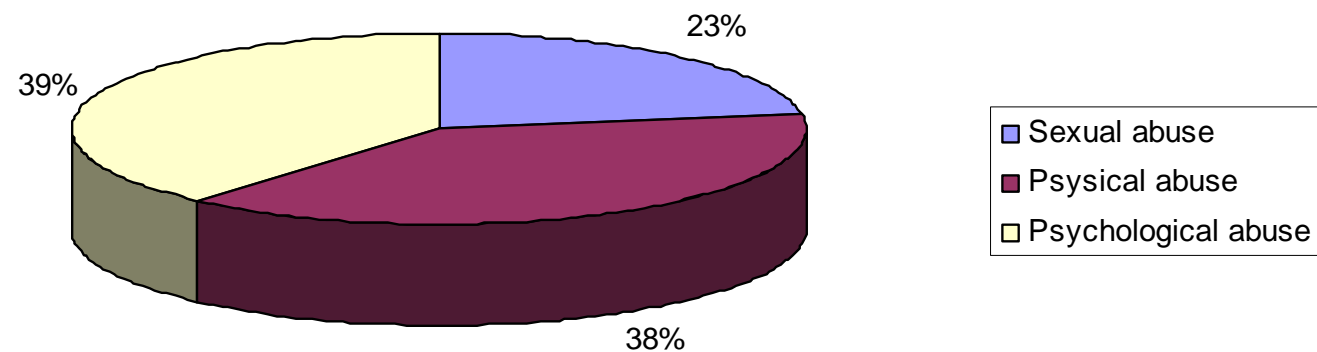
According to the data submitted by the State Child Rights Protection **3501** children suffered from abuse in 2008-2010.



In 2008-2010 highly qualified specialists of the field provided complex assistance to 1848 abused children and 1264 families of abused children (with family members 3112 victims)



Distribution of cases of child abuse by nature





**THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST CHILDREN AND HELP TO CHILDREN
2010 - 2015**

Objectives of the Programme:

- to establish social rehabilitation centre of children who became victims of sexual violence.
- to develop international co-operation;
- to implement monitoring of different forms of violence against children;
- to organise education of the public to prevent violence against children (special attention of sexual abuse);
- to improve the qualification of specialists working with children in violence prevention and assistance ;
- to provide services for children who became victims of violence and their family members;

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