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My name is Timofey Sozaev. I'm working DV/SA advocate at Slavic Oregon Social Services via Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon. We serve DV/SA survivors at Slavic-speaking community at Oregon on culturally specific way.

DV/SA in Slavic-speaking community have a many culturally specific issues related with cultural, social, religious norm in this community. We provide services on individual level but our possibility very limited for that. For example we didn't have founding for mental health services. And one of our dream is culturally specific shelter for DV/SA survivors from Slavic-speaking community.

And another area that need founding is interventions on community level that helping change social attitudes, perspectives and beliefs related to DV/SA in the Slavic-speaking community. Awareness and understanding what DV/SA is in Slavic-speaking community very low. Work with structural level such important because social change will eventually lead to a significant decrease in DV/SA in the community. But now our capacity for that is very limited. Our advocates can provide personal services for survivors but we can realize our broader advocacy vision for work with stakeholders, community leaders etc. In this area high levels of need provide multilevel culturally specific community-center advocacy campaign. But right now it is impossible for us because we didn't have founding for that.

Work on structural level take more time, patience and special tools. And we ready for this work. And we have capacity for this work and need your support for that.