



ardedze

Center for a safe childhood

Annual Activity Report

2022



Center Dardedze is a non-governmental non-profit organization that works to ensure that every childhood in Latvia is free from violence.

Vision

Every child in Latvia is loved, protected, respected and cared for, living in a safe environment free from any form of violence.

Mission

To prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation and to provide assistance to children who have experienced any form of violence, and to their families.

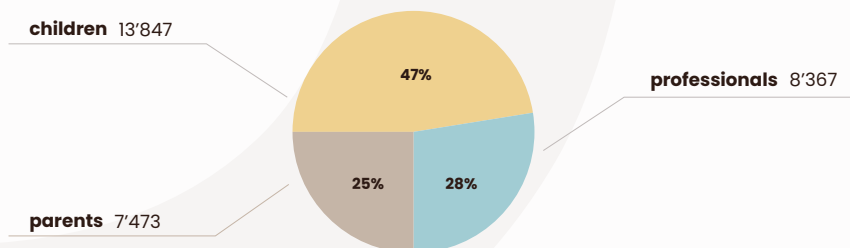
Special competence

Center Dardedze is the only organization in Latvia that specializes in preventing child sexual abuse and exploitation. We work in both areas – preventing children from suffering and helping children who have suffered from violence. We bring other organisations and professionals together to enable making decisions and acting in the best interests of children.

Prevention programs

- The Jimba Safety Program
- Guardian Angel
- Guidelines in Raising an Adolescent
- Pathways to Competence
- Child Safe and Friendly Kindergarten

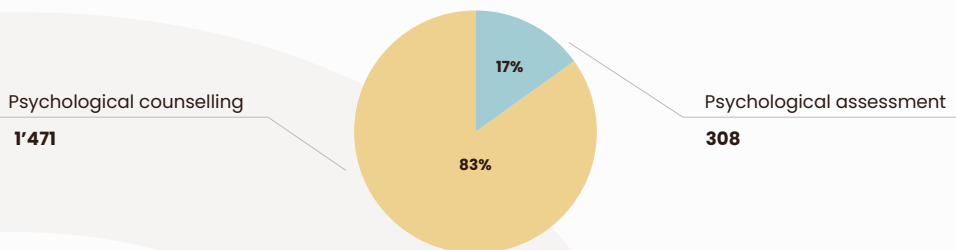
In 2022, Center Dardedze successfully engaged **29'687 people**, through a range of prevention programs, with 22,460 individuals being reached through the Social Enterprise and 7,227 through the Foundation.



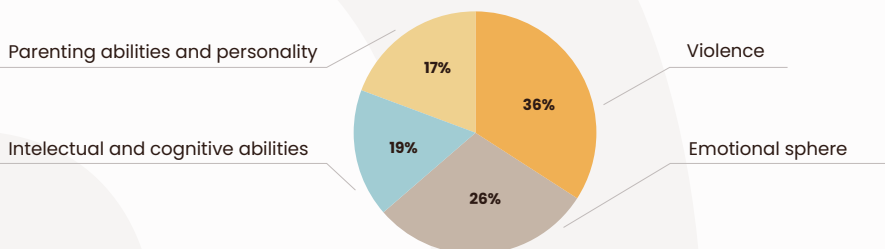


Counselling department in the year 2022 helped **227 clients** by providing

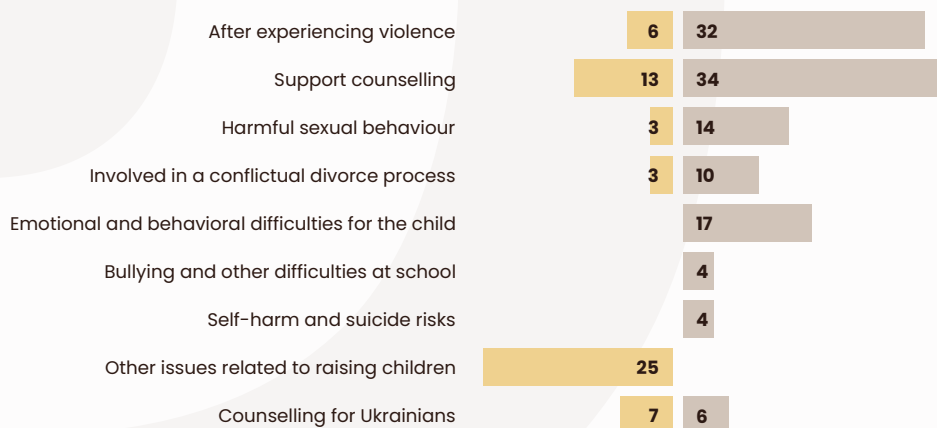
1779 Consultations



Psychological assessment



Psychological counselling





Important events in 2022

In 2022 Center Dardedze started to raise awareness of **harmful sexual behavior** among children. We spoke, wrote and held workshops on this topic. The main topic of our annual conference was "Harmful sexual behaviour – can a child harm another child? How to understand and help?", with the main purpose to encourage professionals to develop a common understanding about harmful sexual behaviour among children, enable them in risk assessment and provision of support.

Due to the war in Ukraine, Center Dardedze welcomed a psychotherapist from Ukraine – Lina Melnyk – to join our team of psychologists, who provide support **counselling to war refugees from Ukraine**.

We also mark 2022 as a significant turning point in the development of **Jimba Safety Program**, beginning to introduce the "subscription model" of the program with the goal to scale up the program nationally across Latvia to gain larger involvement of kindergartens and schools, municipalities and parents in ensuring safe childhood for children. We have also started piloting Jimba program for children with visual, hearing and mental disabilities.

We held the annual **Jimba Safety Program conference** for the program implementors on the topic "How does a good cooperation in the everyday work of kindergartens and schools help our children today and in the future?". We talked about the impact of Jimba program, the possibilities and challenges of successful cooperation with parents, and how to recognize early signs of violence in young children.

We actively participated in the international project "ECLIPS", where together with partners from Belgium, Italy and Hungary we developed guidelines for recognizing violence, reporting procedures and trauma-based care, focusing on **children up to three years of age**. In December, an international online conference for preschool representatives was also held on this topic.

In the field of **advocacy**, we have actively promoted a new definition of child sexual abuse in the Law on the Protection of Children's Rights, and we have also achieved that the plan of educating specialists about working with cases of harmful sexual behaviour is included in the Guidelines for Children, Youth and Family Development guidelines for the year 2022– 2027.

In 2022, "Centrs Dardedze" founded the social enterprise **"Social enterprise Centrs Dardedze" SIA** with the aim of sustainably and systematically developing quality prevention services (programs and courses).

Year 2022 marked the end of Center Dardedze strategic period 2018–2022, when we evaluated the impact of our work and developed a **new strategic plan** for our work in 2023 – 2027.

More about it at www.centrsdardedze.lv/en



Revenue in 2022

Projects and Grants

OAK Foundation	188'333
ACF – grant for the implementation of operational strategies	42'397
EU Program on Law, Equality and Citizenship project ECLIPS	21'670
SIF co-financing ECLIPS project	6'257
Active Citizens Fund: capacity project	4'882
Latvia's State Forests (LVM) funded project	4'150
Empowering Children Foundation	3'388
Kids First fund	3'017
Other	2'996
Total Eur	277'091

Revenue from provided services

Training and preventive programs (including provision of social services)	121'212
Counselling services (including provision of social services)	49'061
Counselling services – Ziedot.lv Dod Pieci project “Help to get out of domestic violence”	20'840
Other revenue from other services related to the protection of children's rights	1'500
Total Eur	192'613

Donations

Swedbank AS	11'300
Paul Mason Properties SIA (non-cash)	1'068
Rimi Latvia SIA (non-cash)	750
German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia	420
Zoo Centrs SIA (non-cash)	391
Other general donations	5'571
Total Eur	19'500

Foundation revenue total Eur 489'204

Social enterprise Centrs Dardedze Ltd.

Implementation of Jimba Safety Program	82'624
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Total revenue Eur

Foundation and Social Enterprise 571'828



We care about both – on and offline **safety of children** in families at home, at school and in extracurricular activities, in childcare facilities, out of family placements and in society in general.

Our team consists of psychologists, social workers, lawyers, teachers and other professionals who believe that **violence against children is preventable!**



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