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SURVEY 138 SECONDARY SCHOOL SOFIA

„Violence among the students in school”

8th graders, members of the club “I am not scared”

1. A total number of surveyed girls 23 / boys 10

2. 8th grade – all children

The participants have given more than one answer to the questions below.

3. What is “violence” according to you?

- To do something, which I don't want / don't like (for example to be forced to smoker or drink) – actions against my will - 6 responses / 4 responses
- Physical harassment, beating – 16 responses / 9 responses
- Psychological harassment – when I am yelled at, insulted, threatened, cursed - 19 responses / 8 responses
- Rape, sexual harassment - 15 responses / 4 responses
- other (please, describe what) 1 response “All of the above” / 1 response “Any kind of harassment towards an individual”

4. Have you personally experienced some kind of bullying?

- yes, often – no answers / 3 responses
- yes, sometimes – 3 answers / 0 responses
- yes, but very rarely – 13 answers / 4 responses
- no, never - 7 answers / 3 responses

5. If you responded positively to question number 4, please list which kinds of bullying you have experienced? 16 (70%) girls have responded positively to question 4 / 7 (70%) boys responses positively to question 4

- I have been yelled at and insulted often - 13 responses / 2 responses
- I have been beaten – 1 response / 2 responses
- I have been threatened – 4 responses / 1 responses
- I have been forced to do things against my will – no answers
- other (please, describe what) 1 response “I have been psychologically and physically harassed” / 2 responses “There was one attempt for kidnapping”, “I have been insulted, beaten up and threatened”

6. How did you feel after you experienced this bullying?

- I was afraid – 5 response/ 1 response
- I was sad – 11 response / 1 response
- I wanted revenge – 2 response / 3 responses
- I was angry – 7 response / 3 responses

7. Did you / Would you ask for help from somebody after bullying occurs?

- from nobody, I will deal with this on my own – 6 responses / 3 responses
- from my parents – 10 responses / 2 responses
- from friends - 13 responses / 5 responses
- from teachers and a psychologist – 0 responses/ 2 responses
- from the police – 0 responses/ 1 response
- other (please, describe what)- 1 response “If my parents and my friends fail to help me, I will “fight” on my own”



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8. Which of the following would be a good solution for good resolution or prevention of bullying cases?

- placing a box for anonymous signals – 4 responses / 2 responses
- organizing visits and lectures by the police – 3 responses / 1 response
- organizing thematic classes with the form tutor – 5 responses / 2 responses
- forming support groups (for example with children who have already experienced bullying by peers) – 18 responses (80%) / 3 responses (30%)
- regular meetings with the school psychologist – 8 responses / 4 responses
- other (please, describe what) 1 response (or just separate the bullies from the normal children) / in other words, this respondent does not consider bullies as normal children!!)

If we missed to ask you about something important, which happened to you and you want to share it, please do describe it here: 1 comment: “Three days ago I was threatened and insulted anonymously in ask.fm. I received messages such as ‘watch out, because I will deface you and I will beat you up’ and many other insults”.

Analysis:

The club at the school includes more girls than boys. This could mean that girls are either tormented more or need more help than the boys.

According to 30% of the children (26% of the girls and 40% of the boys) bullying is being forced to do something against one's will; the majority 75% consider physical harassment and beating as a strong demonstration of bullying; even more however – 81% - consider being yelled at, being insulted, threatened, cursed as evil bullying; sexual harassment comes next with 60% of all responses.

30% of both boys and girls state that they have never been bullied. The differences are present in the frequency of the bullying – boys are bullied even very often or very rarely; girls are being bullied “sometimes” or very rarely, i.e. there is a lack of regularity.

From the answers to the following question “which kinds of bullying you have experienced?” we see that girls are mostly yelled at, insulted and threatened, while the boys have experienced more physical violence, including one attempt for kidnapping.

The follow up feelings/emotions of the girls after the bullying are mostly being sad, being angry and being afraid, only two stating they wanted revenge (8%). While with the boys the urge for revenge and anger is much greater – 60%.

Almost the same share of boys and girls (30%) state that they would not search for anybody's help in the event of bullying. More girls (43%) than boys (20%) would confide in their parents. Girls and boys count on their friends in cases of bullying at an almost equal level – 56% girls and 50% boys. Only 3 responses from boys show express readiness to speak and seek help from the teachers, from psychologists or from the police.

From the short list of possible solutions for curbing or fighting school violence the most popular is the formation of support groups with children who have already experienced bullying by peers – 80% of the girls and 30% of the boys. The meetings with psychologists come next, followed by placing a box for anonymous signals and organizing visits and lectures by the police (least popular among both boys and girls).