



PROVIDE CARE TO ELDERLY PEOPLE

SOCIAL PROJECT

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

VELIKO TARNOVO MUNICIPALITY

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REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



MINISTRY OF INTERIOR



VELIKO TARNOVO MUNICIPALITY






- Population: 268,000 people;
- 10 cities in the area;
- 140 villages;
- 140 pensioners club and clubs for people with disabilities;
- 7 Ministry of Interior regional offices;
- 23% of the population in the area are people in non-working age and people over 60 years old.

„Provide care to elderly people“ project began its exploration and inquiry activity back in 2013.

Main objective of the project is the study of community needs and attitudes, level of security throughout the country.

Adequate civilian control for police action in established mechanisms with feedback.



Numerous social activities included contribute elderly people to feel as associated part of the society, thus reducing feel of isolation.

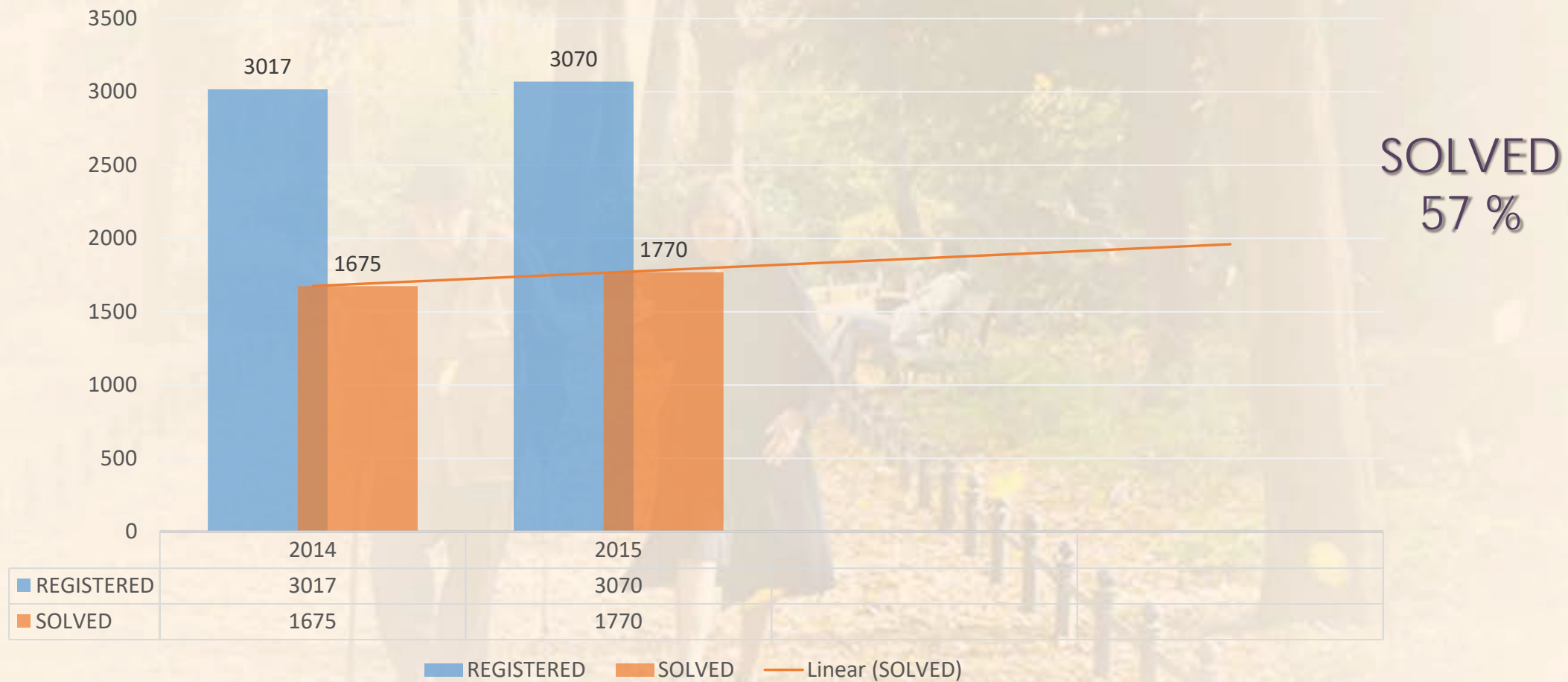
Creation of volunteer groups which care for older people living alone through daily meetings.

Constant police inspectors
contact with elderly people
and those living alone, in
the sphere of
their powers and remit.

"Risk maps" preparation that
involve specific problems
leading to crime commitment
against older people,
and measures for their
prevention.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

REGISTERED AND SOLVED CRIMES REGIONAL POLICE DIRECTORATE - VELIKO TARNOVO





Creation of records / files of the estates of people living alone; for houses / apartments, uninhabited for more than a year.

Monitoring the period for which the houses remain unoccupied.



Meetings in pensioners' clubs with police representatives, the municipality, during which older people are trained to greater caution towards strangers in the neighborhood or villages.



The role of pensioners' clubs is to organize meetings for elderly people and providing them with social and voluntary services.

Construction of video surveillance in 65% of villages in Veliko Tarnovo region.

"Grandchild for you" initiative where children voluntarily attend older people and take care of them.



Development of plans for cooperation of the police with private security companies.



Helping older people with free firewood shipping, clothes and food from local business.

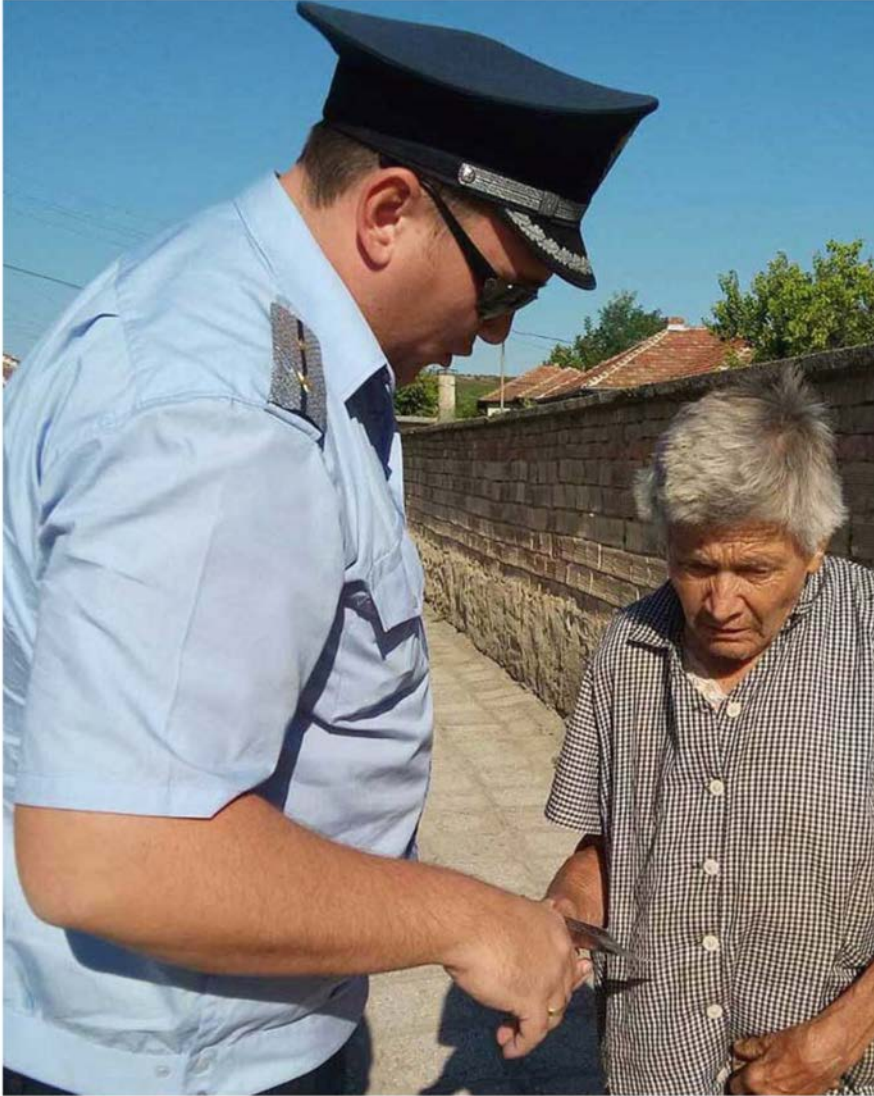
"Hotline" between municipal centers / town halls used for emergencies.



A major element in the crime prevention against older people is to build a broad and fruitful cooperation between police and society based on transparency and responsibility, respecting human rights and dignity.

Issue of regular public reports for police activities, "open days" initiative in regional offices, public discussions on socially relevant themes.





Creating a broad and successful cooperation between police and society, which would help to increase public confidence in police authorities.

Main objective of the project is to prevent and reduce crimes against elderly people through mutual actions from public, NGOs, private sector and civil society.



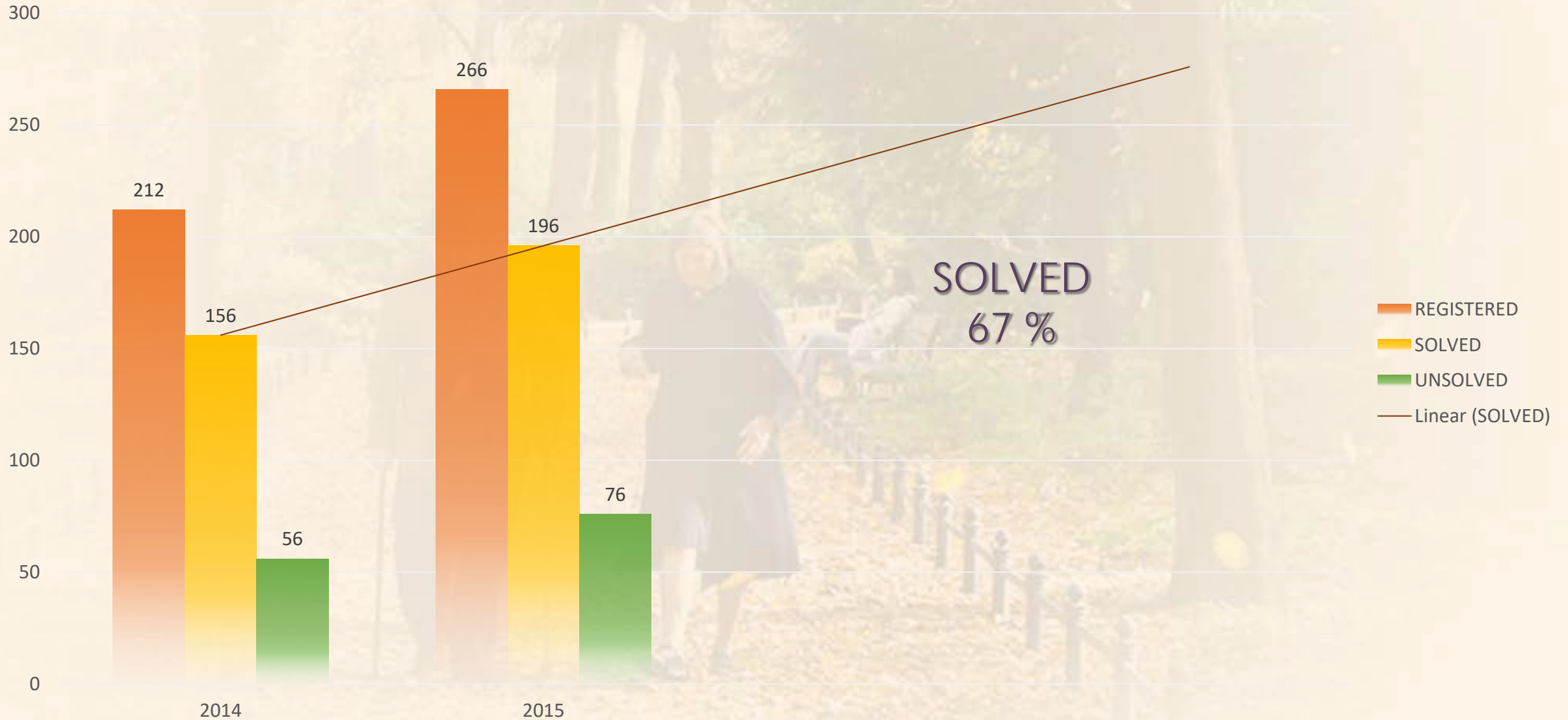
Development of specific measures for preventing and combating crime against older people on the basis of statistics from Regional Police Directorate - Veliko Tarnovo for criminal acts against seniors throughout the country and their inclusion as a key element in the organization of activities in the sector of security.

GOALS

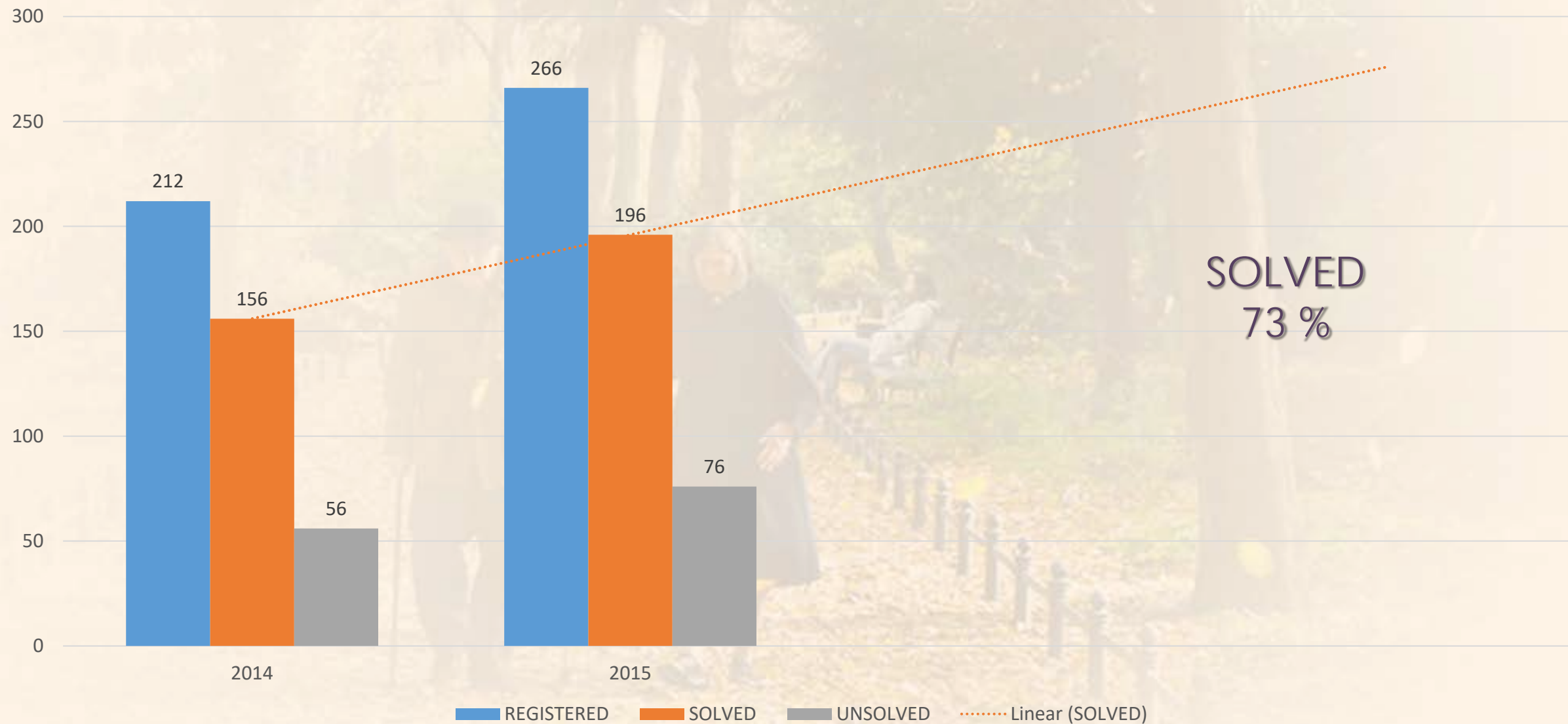


Identification of problems related to security at local level and undertaking concrete action to solve and overcome certain issues.

REGISTERED AND SOLVED CRIMES IN CITIES IN THE REGION



REGISTERED AND SOLVED CRIMES IN VILLAGES IN THE REGION





Large-scale awareness campaigns in smaller settlements involving elderly people.

Meetings between law-enforcement authorities and citizens in pensioners' clubs.



A great advantage of the project is the involvement of local authorities, public bodies and organizations, NGOs and private sector in mutual efforts to solve local problems of security and protection of the population.

Some of the mutual measures
have an innovative character.



Pensioners' clubs in every village, preventive activities such as campaigns to raise awareness among the population on various topics and issues, meetings with police representatives, social services, the Red Cross, health professionals demonstrate the effectiveness of its innovative approach to relevant subject.

TYPES OF PROJECT RESOURCES

Human Resources:
participation of
volunteers,
pensioners and
youth clubs
representatives,
local business.

Material resources:
printing leaflets,
providing firewood
to older people in
need, providing
consumer goods.

Financial resources:
institutions with
engagement
between employees
and employers
based on law
contracts;
sponsorship from
socially responsible
corporate entities to
implement various
preventive activities.




"Provide care to elderly people" project is a multi-faceted project focused on the problems of elderly people living in small settlements in the region of Veliko Tarnovo.

The project uses a complex set of measures carried out by a number of institutions, organizations, NGOs and private sector, including the Ministry of Interior, local authorities, social services, socially responsible business and private security companies.

This project aims and covers all range of preventive measures and security concerning elderly people across the country.





The project is suitable for implementation in other EU Member States and should take into account national circumstances and the structure of the enforcers.

Objectives, strategies, procedures and results of the project should be summarized, translated and distributed in the countries - members of the EU, a preliminary analysis for which countries is suitable would be appropriate.



There are differences among the National legal systems in the European Union, but reasons for crime are identical. European dimension of the project may be sought in

solving problems similar to those in other countries, but mostly in the creation and development of new type of direct interaction on local level

between elder citizens, police, local authorities and NGOs.
The result is that prevention really helps, there are no victims of telephone fraud.



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