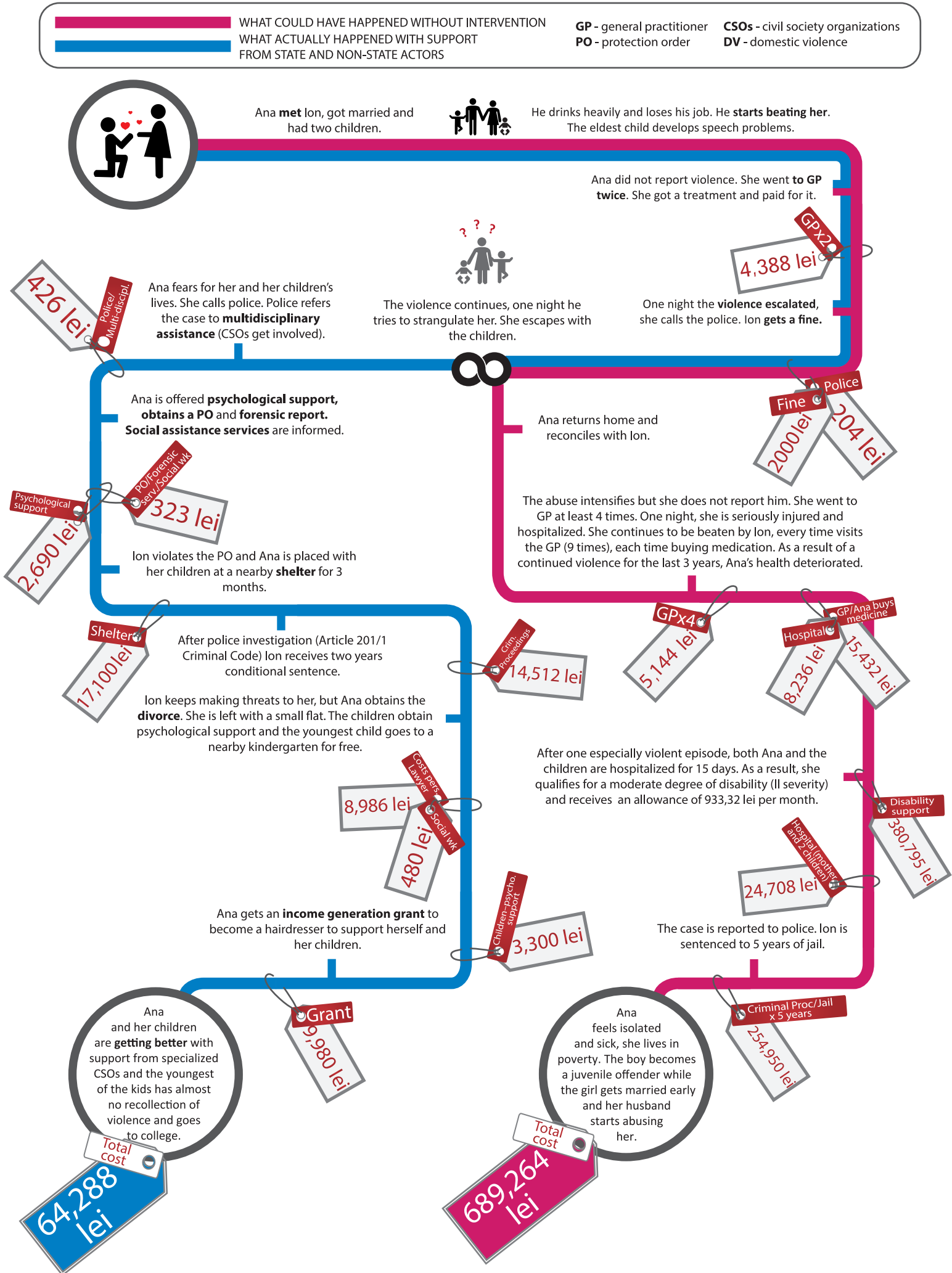


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THIS IS ACTUALLY WHAT HAPPENED

- Ana met Ion, they got married when they were 19 years old and had two children (boy and girl).
- After the marriage, he starts beating her. He drinks heavily and loses his job, their income is scarce. The eldest child develops speech problems, due to frequent scandals at home.
- At first, Ana did not report violence, since she believes Ion will change. She went to GP twice, telling the doctor she felt down, by accident. She got a treatment and paid for it. [Cost of visit and treatment: 4,388 lei](#)
- One night the violence escalated, he beats her while she holds the baby in her arms and she decides to call the police. Police does not respond, since it is the first case of DV and there are no serious injuries. Ion gets a fine and is registered as a family aggressor offender. [Police intervention cost: 204 lei; Fine 2,000 lei.](#)
- The violence continues, however she does not report it. After he comes home drunk and tries to strangle her, she succeeds to escape and hide by a neighbor, together with the children.
- Ana fears for her life and feels her children are unsafe with Ion. She calls police. Police recognizes Ana is at risk and she has needs, because of the abuse. Police refers the case to multidisciplinary assistance (DV/GBV CSOs get involved). [Multidisciplinary assistance: 426 lei.](#)
- Ana obtains psychological support and is offered to stay at the shelter with her children, but she refuses. With support, Ana obtains an OP and police refers her to obtain a forensic report on the degree of injuries. Police and CSOs ensure that social worker services are informed. [Protection order/forensic/social worker: 323 lei; psychological support: 2,690 lei.](#)
- Ion violates the protection order and Ana chooses to stay with her children at a nearby shelter. She stays there with the children for 3 months. [Shelter: 17,100 lei.](#)
- Police initiated (Article 201/1 Criminal Code). Ion receives a two year conditional sentence. [Criminal proceedings: 14,512 lei.](#)
- Ion keeps making threats to her, but Ana obtains the divorce. After partition of property, she is left with a small flat. Divorce procedure lasts 1 year. The children also obtain psychological support and the social worker assists Ana in arranging the youngest child at a nearby kindergarten for free. [Lawyer \(individual costs\): 8,986 lei; Social worker: 480 lei; Children psychological support: 3,300 lei.](#)
- Ana gets an income generation grant and attends the training, which enables her to be a hairdresser, and she can earn enough money to support herself and the children. [One grant: 9,980 lei.](#)
- Ana and her children are getting better with support from specialized CSOs and the youngest of the kids has almost no recollection of violence and goes to college.

TOTAL COST FOR THE INTERVENTION – 64,288 LEI

WITHOUT SUPPORT, THE STORY COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT

- Ana recounts and gets reconciled with Ion and returns home.
- Ana is continuously hurt but does not report him. She went to GP at least 4 times and received care/treatment, explaining the injuries as accidents. One night, after Ion beats her up, she calls the emergency medical services, being seriously injured. She is hospitalized. Within the next 3 years she continues to be beaten by Ion, as a result she visits the GP at least 9 times, each time she needs to get a treatment and to buy expensive medication. As a result of a continued violence for the last 3 years, Ana's health significantly declined. [GP visits: 5,144 lei; Hospital \(10 days\) and emergency: 8,236 lei; Medicine: 15,432 lei.](#)
- After one especially violent episode, Ana and children are all brutally beaten by Ion. Both Ana and the children are hospitalized for 15 days. As a result, Ana's health and her working ability gets seriously impaired. She qualifies for a moderate degree of disability (II severity) and is entitled to a monthly support from the state in the amount of 933,32 lei per month. [Disability for life: 380,795 lei; Hospital treatment: 24,708 lei.](#)
- This time, the case gets reported to police and criminal investigation is initiated. After the arrest and trial, Ion is sentenced to 5 years of jail. [Criminal proceedings and jail time: 254,950 lei.](#)
- Ana feels isolated and sick, she lives in poverty. The boy becomes a juvenile offender while the girl gets married early and her husband starts abusing her.

WITHOUT INTERVENTION THE TOTAL COSTS FOR THE CASE – 689,264 LEI

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