

Factsheet Valente - The Netherlands

National Network of Women's Shelters

Valente is an umbrella organisation comprising various networks, including the **National Network of Women's Shelters**. This network consists of Valente members who provide women's shelter and non-residential services.

This particular network has existed since 1985 and has a strong tradition of regional cooperation within a nationwide framework.

The safety of our clients is our top priority. Together, we have developed the **Safety Quality Mark for women's shelters**.



Valente is the national umbrella organisation for organisations that support vulnerable people in our society, including those experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or living in supported housing.



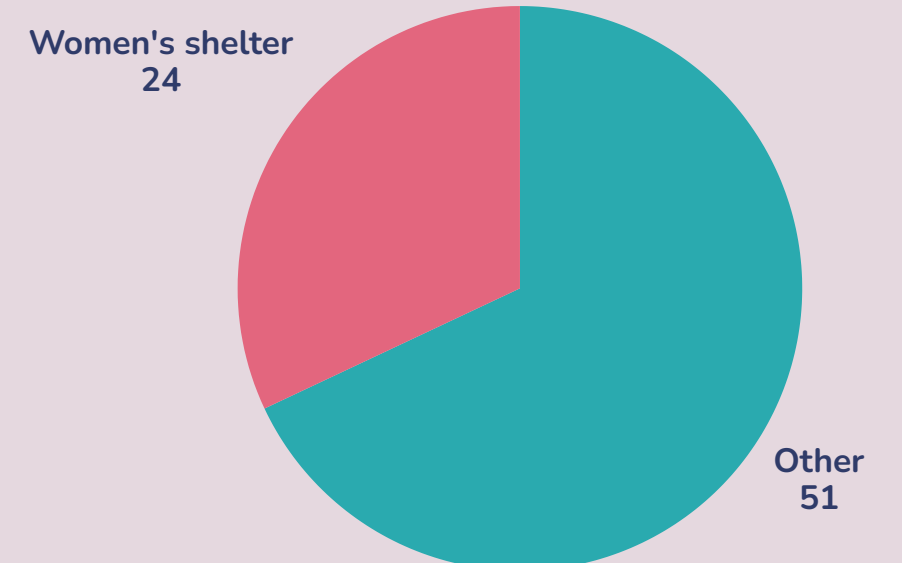
The Netherlands in 2023:
17,8 million inhabitants

- **Women:** 50,3%
- **Men:** 49,7%

2016: entry into force of the Istanbul Convention

Lobby

- **Sufficient shelter capacity** for victims of domestic violence, using the Istanbul Convention (1 shelter place per 10,000 inhabitants) as a benchmark.
- Specialist **youth care** available for all children in shelters.
- Comprehensive, coordinated **national policies to prevent and combat domestic violence** (Article 7 Istanbul Convention) under **one** responsible minister.
- Swift implementation of the **STOP FEMICIDE! action plan** with adequate resources.
- Mandatory screening on women's and children's safety in procedures on **visitation rights and custody**.
- **Criminalize** psychological violence.
- **National helpline** for violence against women and domestic violence 116: now!
- Sufficient specialist shelters for victims of **human trafficking**.

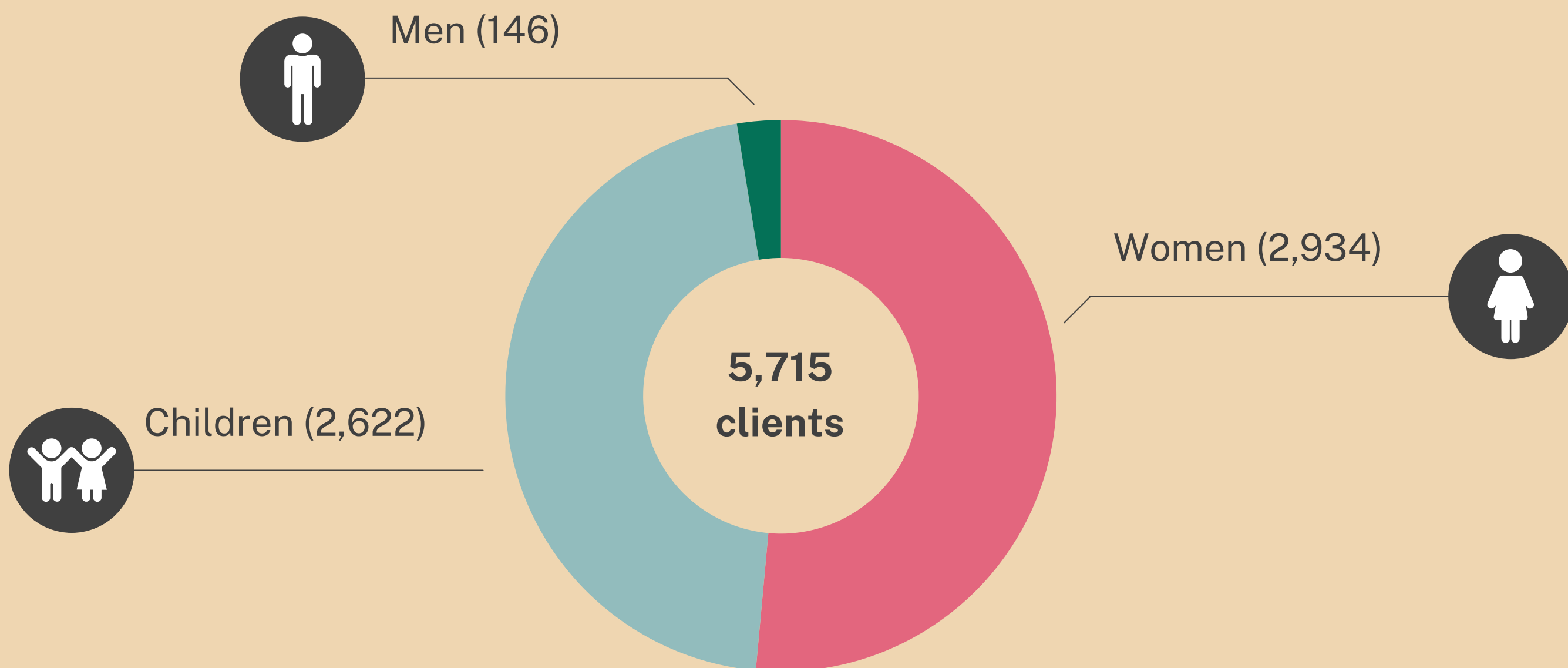


Valente is an umbrella organisation with **75 member** organisations.

- 24** members offer women's shelter services:
- **20** offer women's shelter
 - **4** offer family shelter

CLIENTS

Data 2023: Shelter provided to **5,715** clients.



Source: Monitor Veilige Opvang



Data 2023

- **1,024** safe shelter places, including **38** for **male victims**.
- On average **1** place per **17,500** people.
- Nearly **800 more needed** to meet Istanbul Convention standards.

How many days? A total of **535,000 days** of safe shelter provided.

Average length of stay:

- **12 days** in emergency shelter and/or
- **64 days** in crisis shelter and/or
- **259 days** in long-stay shelter

Achieved so far

- ✓ Policy framework for supra-regional placement in women's shelters.
- ✓ Standardised risk screening tool and risk assessment toolbox.
- ✓ Standard framework and quality mark for women's shelters.
- ✓ Assessment framework for safe father-child contact.
- ✓ Guidelunes for gender-sensitive practice.

Prevalent issues of clients

- Intimate partner violence
- Honour-related violence
- Elder abuse
- Sexual violence and exploitation in relationships
- Forced marriage
- Poverty and debt
- Mental health/psychosocial problems
- Substance abuse

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