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Domestic violence causes suffering – combating and limiting the phenomenon of domestic violence in Sibiu County

Women's Association of Sibiu as promoter together with the Norwegian Women and Family Association as partner runs the project *Domestic violence causes suffering - combating and limiting the phenomenon of domestic violence in the county of Sibiu* from 05.19.2014 - 30.04.2016.

The project is funded by grants SEE 2009 - 2014, within the NGO Fund in Romania.

The total value of the project is EUR 164,856.59 from which 148,371.59 Euro grants and 16.485 Euro as co finance by the Women's Association from Sibiu and the Norwegian Women and Family Association.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the development of the Women's Association in Sibiu and increase its contribution to social justice in domestic violence, democracy and sustainable development of the community in the county by increasing, facilitating access and providing social services for victims of domestic violence.

The project has 68 direct beneficiaries as beneficiaries - victims of domestic violence from disadvantaged areas accessing and benefiting from services provided as part of the project.

Through the activities of providing social services, they will be offered services tailored to the specific needs of the target group (counseling, guidance, hosting, socialization, therapy), including adoption of a new model of psychosocial approach to victims of domestic violence addressing the shelter of our Association.

Through an information and awareness campaign, about 10,000 citizens of Sibiu County will have access to information about the phenomenon and procedures of intervention.

Through partnerships, their implementation and the organization of working groups, experts from the Association, along with 76 representatives of the municipalities in the County of Sibiu, Sibiu County Council, DGASPC Sibiu, IPJ Sibiu, DSP Sibiu, County Forensic Service Sibiu, Courts from Sibiu, Agnita, Avrig, Săliște, Mediaș and Sibiu Court, the Center for Prevention and Combating Domestic Violence in Mediaș, all these will aim to harmonize methods and techniques of intervention in preventing and reducing the phenomenon of violence in the family and the establishment of procedures, common strategies and support for promoting appropriate practices which provide real protection to victims of violence and will be leading to more effective implementation of policies in this field.

Another important component of the project aims organizational development, in which the Association aims to: implement a system of organizational management, developing skills among employees in key areas necessary for the development of the organization, improving and increasing the visibility of web site of the Association, supervising the specific intervention of services granted after a new model of psycho-social approach on victims of domestic violence addressing to the center, evaluation of services provided in the center by the beneficiaries.

Specific objectives:

1. Promoting active citizenship among residents of Sibiu County during the 28 months of the project through a campaign of information and community district awareness about domestic violence.
2. Development of partnerships with 76 local authorities, devolved responsibilities and NGOs in the field to inform, raise awareness and consultation on domestic violence issues during the period of project.
3. Promoting democratic values and human rights within the 76 partnerships and also in the delivery of social services by addressing topics / principles to combat violence against women, to combat racism, xenophobia and discrimination throughout the project.
4. Strengthening the organizational capacity of the Women's Association of Sibiu in social policies in the field of domestic violence on local, national and international level from the second month of the project until its conclusion.
5. Increasing the capacity of the Women's Association from Sibiu as the provider of social services, by consolidating the provided services and development of two new services, all based on a new model of psycho-social approach to victims of domestic violence, from the second month of the project to the end.
6. Increasing the capacity of vulnerable groups benefiting from the project (about 68 persons facing domestic violence) of assessment of services based on the new model of psycho-social approach to domestic violence victims in the second month of the project until its conclusion.

Beneficiaries of the project:

- 68 beneficiaries / victims of domestic violence from disadvantaged areas accessing / receiving services provided under the project and directly involved in the evaluation of services;
- At least 10,000 citizens who benefit from the activities of information / awareness, education; minimum 10 volunteers involved in project activities; 14 new beneficiaries of basic social services and / victims of domestic violence being served as a result of the increasing capacity of the organization; 4 professional employees of the applicant who earn skills in key areas necessary for the development of organizations.

Besides the direct beneficiaries of the project others will indirectly benefit from the implementation as: communities to which belong those 68 direct beneficiaries; 64 municipalities in the County of Sibiu, Sibiu County Council, DGASPC, IPJ Sibiu, DSP Sibiu Service County Forensic Sibiu, Courts in Sibiu, Agnita, Avrig, Săliște, Medias and Sibiu Court, Center for Prevention and Combating Domestic Violence in the city Mediaș.

Phenomenon of Domestic violence:

Domestic violence is a serious social problem in Romania with direct consequences on both the abused person and his/her family and the community, if no one intervenes in such cases.

Battered women do not know their rights, do not know where to go to ask for support, have no courage to speak about the abuses they are subjected repeatedly and in many cases, give up hope that she can save herself from the violent environment.

Social services cover largely only the advice and information to victims, but in very rare cases they manage to be housed in specialized centers until they come out from the emergency situation.

In the country, the number of shelters for victims is insufficient but growing the number of cases of domestic violence every year and especially their seriousness, shows that the real support can only be done by hosting women and children in shelters, where together they can be safe to overcome and resolve the conflict situation.

In this regard, we believe it is extremely necessary promoting a package of social services through these specialized centers.

The project "Domestic violence causes suffering - combating and limiting the phenomenon of domestic violence in Sibiu County" - developed by the Women's Association from Sibiu and the Norwegian Women and Family Association as old partner of our Association, meets the needs of a category of people at risk of social exclusion such as victims of domestic violence and their children and also by strengthening the supply of social services addressed to institutions in the area and community of Sibiu County.

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