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

**Activities within the project between February the 1<sup>st</sup> , 2015 - October the 31<sup>st</sup> , 2015**

Women's Association of Sibiu as promoter, together with the Norwegian Women's and Family Association as our partner, runs from 5/19/2014 - 4/30/2016, the project „Domestic violence causes suffering - combating and limiting the phenomenon of domestic violence in the Sibiu County”.

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Between February the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 - October the 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, there has been continued the implementation of the 7 project activities, as follows:

**1. Project Management**

Specific activities of the project management have been undertaken as organizational activities, information, coordination and documentation. They have made sure collaboration and communication among parties involved in the project or between them and the authorities of these tasks. The procedure of procurement and assigning the contract on financial audit services has been prepared and carried out. There has been also developed and submitted to FDSC the statistical progress no. 3, for the period January - April 2015 and the statistical progress no. 4, covering the period May-August 2015, financial and technical report no. 1 and the request for payment no. 2, Addendum no. 1 / 18.06.2015 and Notification no. 2 from 07/28/2015.

**2. Project Auditing**

There have been carried out activities to achieve audit for the implementation of the project and the expenditure of the funds for the period of payment application no. 2. It has also been developed the audit report for the period corresponding to the payment application no. 2.

**3. Project Advertising and Promotion**

Through this activity we wished to inform the relevant public and general audience about the project, activities and its results and promoting the role of NGO Fund in Romania. Thus has been developed the project section on the association's website. It has developed the content of the flyers for advertising. Information about the project and the activities / its results have been updated in the section on our own website, both in Romanian and in English. The site is on work to improve it and other information and new pictures about the project presentations and supported training sessions to be added. The roll-up advertising of the project is permanently displayed at the location of the Shelter and it has been used at information sessions developed within the project.

**4. Provision of social services within the Centre.**

Between 02/01/2015 - 10/31/2015, 7 women and their 13 children have been hosted in the Center for women and children, victims of domestic violence and benefited from our offered services (identification and assessment of cases of domestic violence, mentoring and guiding, social, psychological and legal counseling, services of support for different difficult situations).

In all 7 hosted cases of domestic violence the staff of the Shelter has compiled attached documentation of the cases (social inquiry, reports of initial and comprehensive assessment, contingency plans and individualized plans of assistance and care), safety plans with information and advice on preventing further acts of violence against them and their children from perpetrators, clinical evaluation reports on injuries found and other documents issued at the request of public institutions. The shelter staff has accompanied them and their children in their efforts on resolving cases (to the bank, at work place, to the premises of public institutions, the police, schools and kindergartens).

By releasing them from the violent environment and subsequently receiving in the shelter and access to services, the sheltered women and children have continued to work at their jobs and schools where they were registered, avoiding in this way interruptions of their occupational activity or other situations of major risk due to the violent behavior of their perpetrators.

In processing and completion of the cases, the Shelter has collaborated with Public Social Service of Sibiu, the Population Registry Service Sibiu, the Police Inspectorate of Sibiu County and the law firms that assisted beneficiaries in court.

Between 02/01/2015 - 10/31/2015, the Shelter has also provided assistance, support services or material support, depending on the requests (food, clothing, shoes and personal hygiene products donated to the Shelter by individuals or legal entities for such situations) to 27 women in the city and county of Sibiu and Galați County, which were faced with violent situations or crises in their families.

Specific actions have been carried out to develop new tools/ strategies of work to meet the direct beneficiaries of the Shelter and support professionals in their work of intervention and solving cases of domestic violence. Thus, meetings were held to review the current methodology of the team working on counseled victims (with or without hosting), there has been analyzed the specific model of psychosocial approach to victims of domestic violence of the Women's Association of Sibiu. There has been done the documentation and study of the opportunity to develop some instruments designed to facilitate and/ or predict the degree of risk of domestic violence within a family/ relationships, an instrument with the role of being the first portrait of the victim against the aggressor and an instrument to assess the risk of a victim with the aggressor. The model of experiential-systemic psychodynamic intervention has been developed and we have finalized and implemented the framework for the Structuring of the mutual support group.

#### **5. Establishing a campaign of information and awareness for the community in Sibiu to the phenomenon of domestic violence, by creating and distributing 10,000 flyers.**

In this activity we have finalized the development of further two models of leaflets with educational information and a total number of 4,000 leaflets have been achieved, which were distributed during the information sessions held in this period. Thus, there were distributed 1000 leaflets at each of the four information sessions which took place on 28.04.2015 in Medias, in Sibiu on 29/04/2015, Agnita on 24/09/2015 and in Sibiu on 25/09/2015.

#### **6. Developing partnerships with key stakeholders in these tasks from Sibiu county and the organization and support of 15 sessions of information, awareness and consultation with specialized personnel in these institutions on the problems of domestic violence;**

During these activities discussions with representatives of public institutions took place and an information on the project and information sessions has been sent. The schedule of these sessions, the related agenda and course materials have been established together with the Norwegian partner. Thus we have prepared and organized the second module of information-training of specialized personnel from public institutions working in the field of domestic violence in the county of Sibiu, where they held four information sessions as follows: **April, 28<sup>th</sup> - Medias:** total 29 participants from 23 institutions; **April, 29<sup>th</sup> - Sibiu:** total of 39 participants from 32 institutions; **September, 24<sup>th</sup> - Agnita:** total of 23 participants from 18 institutions and **September, 25<sup>th</sup> - Sibiu:** total 29 participants from 23 institutions.

The first two sessions were attended by representatives of our Norwegian partner – the Norwegian Women and Family Association, Ms. Lone Johansen, presenting its own experience and the Norwegian model of intervention in situations of domestic violence.

We are working on the model of partnership agreements with the institutions involved.

#### **7. Strengthening the organizational capacity of the Women's Association from Sibiu.**

Improving and increasing the visibility of web site of the Association:

- A specific section for the project is carried out on the website of the Association;

- A counter for the number of the visitors is implemented on the site;
- Articles about the project have been published on the site;
- Updated information about the project and the activities / its results in the section of the website,  
both in Romanian and in English;
- Added information, presentations and new pictures of the supported training sessions;
- Improving of the site is under construction;

Developing an organizational management system, management procedures, working procedures and internal standards:

- Market analysis;
- Preparation for the procurement of procedures and award the service contract.

Developing skills among employees and volunteers in key areas necessary for the development of the organization - organizational management, teamwork, communication, time management:

- Market analysis;
- Preparation for the procurement of procedures and award the service contract;
- The actual work started in 10/12/2015.

Supervising in specific intervention of services granted after a new model of psycho-social approach on victims of domestic violence addressing the center:

- Documentation and methodology of the supervision activity by the contracted psychotherapist expert take place;
- The process of supervision for the shelter team in the assimilation and implementation of this model started with the implementation of the new psychodynamic model of intervention on the phenomenon of female victims of domestic violence. Supervision provided to the shelter team specialists focused on the following functions:

1. Facilitate - creating the appropriate context for professionals to be proactive, creative, responsible and fair in interaction with others;
2. Professional development - the development of skills and knowledge transmission;
3. Socialization of the staff - building a way of common work for different situations faced by the professionals of the center;
4. Providing services - ensuring continuously services of quality appropriate to the needs of beneficiaries.

The assessment by beneficiaries of the services provided at the center:

- it has been developed and used a model of questionnaire assessment for the services provided to beneficiaries in the shelter.

#### **Partner's role in the project:**

The project is implemented in partnership with the NGO from Norway "The Norwegian Women and Family Association" (NWF). Its involvement has been carried out in participating in the following activities: A 3. Advertising and promotion of the project; A 6. Developing partnerships with key stakeholders in these tasks from Sibiu county and organization and support of 15 information sessions, awareness and consultation with specialized personnel in these institutions, the problems of domestic violence and A 7. Strengthening the organizational capacity of the Women's Association from Sibiu.

Women's Association from Sibiu and Sibiu community owe the establishment of the shelter for victims of domestic violence the Norwegian Association just selected as a partner in this project. Between 2006 - 2010, this partner Association had conducted and financed the project "Shelter for Abused and Battered Women" in Sibiu for a period of 5 years.

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