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

The work conducted under the project during the period May 19, 2014-January 31, 2015

Women Association of Sibiu as a promoter, together with Association of Women and the Family from Norway as a partner, carried out in the period 19.05.2014-30.04.2016, the *project Domestic violence causes suffering – combating and limiting the phenomenon of domestic violence in Sibiu County*.

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In the period from May 19, 2014-January 31, 2015, have been started and conducted the 7 activities of the project, thus:

1. Project management.

Were conducted specific activities of project management, respectively organizational, information, coordination and documentation activities. Were engaged in the project team persons required and have clear and distinct responsibilities entrusted, contained in job descriptions for project manager, Assistant project manager, psychologist and social worker. Have been prepared and implemented procedures for acquisition and the awarding of contracts necessary for carrying out the project: acquisition providing services financially responsible; acquisition providing services legal responsible; acquisition services psychotherapist with her psychodrama training classic and trainer competencies; acquisition services trainer; purchasing stationery articles; acquisition room and amenities rental, acquisition organizing information sessions and conferences (protocol, room), acquisition projector, laptop, camera, Microsoft Office license, flipchart, roll-up, flyers for information. Were drawn up and forwarded the statistical report of progress no. 1 and no. 2. As a result of conducting this activity have been signed 4 contracts of employment, have been drawn up and handed out 4 job descriptions and have been signed 8 service contracts.

2. Auditing project.

Market analysis has been carried out concerning the contracting of project audit services. We elaborated the necessary documents for awarding the contract audit.

3. Advertising and promotion project.

Through this activity was wanted to inform relevant public and general audience about the project, about the activities and results of project and promoting the role of the NGO Fund in Romania. It has organized and conducted the opening Conference of the project on 15 July 2014. It was created the devoted project section under to the site of the Association, where has been published information about the project and its activities as well as information about the NGO Fund in Romania, in Romanian and English. Were published releases and articles in press: 1 article about the opening Conference of the project published in the newspaper Hermannstadter Zeitung no. 2389/18.07.2014, 1 article about the project and the Association published in the quarterly magazine published by Association Media DoR „Than a magazine”, no. 17, autumn 2014 and 1 notice to promote the project published in local daily Tribuna, no. 7134/28.07.2014. It was given one interview for 1 hour on the Radio TRINITAS Romania that has made the promotion of the project, which was broadcast in 2 shows for ½ hour on 19 and 26 July 2014. We achieved a roll-up advertising that was used to promote the project in the frame of the opening

Conference of the project and information sessions and which is currently displayed at the Shelter location.

4. Providing social services in the Centre.

During the period 19.05.2014-31.01.2015, were hosted and have benefited from our services (identification and evaluation of cases of domestic violence, mentoring and guidance in this area, social, psychological and legal counseling and support services for different situations of difficulty) in emergency receiving Centre for the children and women; victims of domestic violence, 8 women and their 13 children.

In all 8 cases of family violence hosted, the shelter staff has compiled in addition to the documentation of cases (social inquiries, initial and complex evaluation reports, contingency plans and the individualized assistance and care) safety plans with information and advice on the prevention of other acts of violence at their address and their children on the part of the aggressors, clinical evaluation reports relating to trauma, as well as other documents issued at the request of public institutions. Shelter staff he has accompanied them and their children in steps about resolving cases (in the workplace, at the premises of public institutions - Court, Police, The Institute of Forensic Medicine, at the Bank, to school or kindergarten).

By releasing violent environment and subsequently receiving in the Shelter and access to the services offered, women and children host continued work at their jobs and school units where they were enrolled, have been avoided such disruption of their professional activity or other situations of risk due to the violent behavior of the aggressors.

The investigation and the completion of the cases, Shelter collaborated with the Public Welfare in Sibiu, with the Population Register Service in Sibiu, with Police Inspectorate of Sibiu County and with law firms cabinets who assisted beneficiaries in court.

During the period 19.05.2014-31.01.2015, The shelter has also provided expert assistance, support services or support material, according to the incoming requests (food, clothing, footwear and personal hygiene products donated by individuals or legal entities to the Shelter for such situations) a number of 23 women in the municipality and County of Sibiu, Vâlcea, Mureş and Gorj County, they were confronted with violent situations or crisis situations in their families.

Specific actions were carried out to develop new tools / strategies work which to meet direct beneficiaries of the Shelter and support professionals in the work of the intervention and resolution of cases of family violence. Thus, meetings of analysis took place the current methodology of work the team on the victims counselled (with or without hosting), it was analyzed the specific model of psycho-social approach to victims, Women Association of Sibiu, and the specific model of psycho-social approach to victims of domestic violence of the partner of Women Association of Sibiu - The Norwegian Women and Family Association. It has been realized and applied under two testing tools, an instrument of incorporation prime portrait of victim in relation to the aggressor (interview guide post aggression) and a tool of assessing the degree of risk to a victim alongside the aggressor (Risk assessment scale from the point of view of the aggressor). After applying these tools we achieved an analysis with a view to improving their.

5. Achieving information and awareness campaigns of community in Sibiu County the phenomenon of family violence, through the development and distribution of 10.000 of flyers.

Within this task has been developed the content of the flyer, that includes educational information and were made a number of 2000 of flyers, that were distributed within the information sessions conducted.

6. Developing partnerships with key social actors organizations in the field in the Sibiu County and organizing and supporting the 15 information, awareness and consultation sessions with the specialized personnel of these institutions, on the issue of violence in the family;

Within this task It was held discussions with representatives of the public institutions in order to inform regarding to starting the project as well as starting the process of concluding partnerships with them. It has sent information on the project and information sessions to the public institutions. Together with the Norwegian partner it was established the first training sessions calendar, as well as training sessions agenda and course support. It has been prepared and organized the first information-training module for specialized staff within the public institutions which working in the field of family violence in Sibiu County, within which they occurred 4 information sessions as follows: November 27th, to Agnita, November 28th, to Sibiu, December 8th, to Sibiu and December 9th, to Mediaş. The first 2 sessions attended representatives of the Norwegian partner to – Association of women and the family from Norway, with the presentation of your own experience and Norwegian model of intervention in situations of family violence. This model of partnership agreements is in working and is to be completed in the period of the project.

7. Strengthening organizational capacity of Women Association of Sibiu.

Improve and increase the visibility of the web-site of the Association:

- It was made a section specific to the project on the website of the Association;
- It was implemented as part of the site a counter of the number of visitors;
- It published materials about the project in the site;
- It updated information about the project and its activities / results, in its own section of the web page, in Romanian and English.

Development of a system of organizational management, management procedures, working procedures and internal standards:

- market analysis;
- preparing the purchase procedures and contract services.

Developing competence among employees and volunteers in key areas necessary for organization development – organizational management, teamwork, communication, time management:

- market analysis;
- preparation of procedures for purchasing and contract services.

Supervision in specific intervention services awarded after a new model of psycho-social approach for the victims of domestic violence which is addressed to the Center:

- It runs the documentation and methodology of supervisory activities by the expert psychotherapist contracted.

Evaluation by the beneficiaries of the services provided at the Centre:

- It was developed and used a first model of evaluation questionnaire by the beneficiaries of the services provided within the shelter;
- We are working to improve the questionnaire and the elaboration of an evaluation questionnaire for the cases where the counseled to, not just for hosted.

The role of the partner in the project:

The project is implemented in partnership with non-governmental organization from Norway, The Norwegian Women and Family Association (NWF). Its involvement resulted in the participation of the following activities: A 3. Advertising and promotion of the project; A 6. Developing partnerships with key social actors, organizations in the field in the Sibiu County and organizing and supporting the 15 information, awareness and consultation sessions with the specialized personnel of these institutions, on the issue of violence in the family and A 7. Strengthening organizational capacity of Women Association of Sibiu.

Women Association of Sibiu and the community of Sibiu due to the establishment of a shelter for victims of family violence to the Norwegian Association just selected as a partner in this project. In the period 2006-2010, It was developed over a period of 5 years, the project "Shelter for Abuse and Battered Women, Sibiu", whose financier was the current partner.

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