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

Activities within the project between November 1st, 2015 - April 30th, 2016

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 November 1st, 2015 - April 30th, 2016, 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. Have been prepared and carried out the necessary procurement procedures. There has been also developed and submitted to FDSC financial and technical report no 2 and the request for payment no. 3, Notification no. 3 from 12/02/2015, Notification no. 4 from 03/15/2016, Addendum no. 2 from 04/26/2016 și Notification no. 5 from 04/28/2016.

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. 3. It has also been developed the audit report for the period corresponding to the payment application no. 3.

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 contents of the flyers to promote the project and Association. 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. As a result of the completion of the project has been developed the 1st press release, it has obtained the approval of the FDSC and was published in the Daily Tribuna from 28.04.2016. On 29 April 2016 was held the final Conference of the project, at Sibiu, attended by 23 people and distributed 1000 flyers to promote the project and Association. Two persons from partner Association leadership - The Norwegian Women and Family Association, respectively Ms. Elisabeth Rusdal and Ms. Anne Marit Hovstad, have made a visit to the shelter of Women's Association of Sibiu, during the period 28.04.2016-30.04.2016 and have participated to the final Conference of the project from 29.04.2016. In the final Conference of the project, dated 29.04.2016, the two representatives of the partner claimed a presentation related to the project and the phenomenon of domestic violence in Norway. Were made and distributed a number of 1000 flyers to promote the project and Association. The roll-up advertising of the project is displayed at the location of the Shelter and it has been used in the final Conference within the framework of the project.

4. Provision of social services within the Centre.

Between 11/01/2015 – 04/30/2016, 7 women and their 9 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 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 11/01/2015 – 04/30/2016, the Shelter has also provided assistance, to 21 women in the city and county of Sibiu and Olt 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. It has been developed a instrument with the prime role of formation-a portrait of the victim in relation to the offender - Interview guide post aggression, and after the test has been carried out its optimal variant. It has been developed a instrument with the role of assessing the degree of risk to a victim alongside the aggressor - Risk assessment scale from the point of view of the perpetrator, and after the test has been carried out its optimal variant. It was concluded the optimal Variant of The model of experiential-systemic psychodynamic intervention and has implemented the method for its application. It continued implementation of the framework concerning the Structuring of self 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.

Within the framework of this activity were made a number of 4000 leaflets, which were distributed within the information sessions conducted. So, were distributed 1000 leaflets at each of the four information sessions which took place in Sibiu on 24/11/2015, in Mediaş on 25.11.2015, in Sibiu on 16/12/2015 and in Agnita on 15/12/2015.

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 third 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: November 24, 2015– Sibiu: a total of 25 participants; November 25, 2015- Mediaş: a total of 20 participants; December 15, 2015– Agnita: a total of 23 participants, and December 16, 2015 – Sibiu: a total of 22 participants.

Completed model partnership agreements that was sent by mail and/or have been deposited at the premises of the institutions involved. It has created a working group on e-mail with a number of 170 professionals employed by 108 public institutions, private and NGOs in Sibiu County and ended official partnerships with public and private institutions, 27, in Sibiu County.

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:

- contracted services for the development of organizational management system, social service licensing, management procedures, working procedures and internal standards; contracted services have been carried out through the development and implementation of organizational management, management procedures, working procedures and internal standards. In December 2015 was elaborated and submitted at The Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection, Senior Citizens, the documentation required to obtain social services licensing: Reception Center in a matter of urgency to women and children victims of domestic violence. Social service has received the operating license and has been authorized to operate for a period of 5 years, from the date of 08.02.2016 to the date 08.02.2021.

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

- during the period 20.10.2015-10.12.2015 developed training courses for 4 employees of the Centre who have acquired expertise in organization development, namely organizational management, teamwork, communication, time management.

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

- supervisory activity was carried out by the expert psychotherapist contracted. Supervision team of specialists provided shelter to 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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