

Annual Report

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During 2023, WFE implemented the following projects:

1. "Improved access for women and girls survivors of violence in Elbasan Region" has continued even for 2023. This project is financed by AWEN/Sida (Albanian Women Empowerment Network). For the year 2023, **AWEN** has contributed with the value of 35,000.00 €.
2. "Improved implementation of the Istanbul Convention in the Western Balkans Region". This project is financially supported from the Norwegian Embassy within the regional program **SMART Balkans** – Civil society for shared society in the Western Balkans with a total funds of 188,400.00 €.
3. "Safe Citizens, Families and Communities" supported by **IDM** in the amount of 243,700.00 Lek.
4. "Improving the access to legal and psychological services and information on free legal aid to women and girls and vulnerable group all over the Region of Elbasan". This project was funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation and implemented by **UNDP** in partnership with Ministry of Justice with a total fund of 1,800,000 ALL.
5. Challenging existing societal norms through capacity building, services and awareness-raising campaigns" supported by **UN Women** Albania. UN Women has contributed with the value 6,075,506.25 ALL.
6. A glance at Gender-Responsive Budgeting in the 7 Municipalities of the Elbasan Region, for the years 2023-2024 supported by GADC with financial support of ADA and SIDA with a total fund of 8,000 €.

The activity of the Woman Forum Elbasan (WFE) throughout 2023 is focused on three main pillars as follows:

- ✓ Concrete services in favor of women and girls;
- ✓ Training and capacity building;
- ✓ Awareness campaigns;

a. Services

Concrete services for women/girls with violence problems are provided by:

1. The **Counseling Center (CC)** offers free services to help women/girls with violence and social-economic problems in the District of Elbasan, but also from other Districts of Albania.

The services offered through the psychologist/social worker are:

- Psychological, social support individually or in groups;
- Mediation with family members and beneficiaries to find alternatives to solve their problems;
- Mediation in the centre of Professional Training, or Local Businesses;
- Information, orientation and referral of cases for other necessary alternative services provided by other local actors (public and non-public).
- During the period 01 January- 31 December 2023, from all the psychological counseling services offered in total (834):
 - **309 consultations** were through the **telephone line**,
 - **525 face to face counseling**, where girls/women came directly to the Counseling Centre and presented their problems and concerns.
 - **222 questionnaires** were completed by the beneficiaries to identify their needs, in housing, employment, etc.

2. The **Advocate Studio (SA)** offers free legal services. More specifically, the services are as follows:

- **430 legal consultancy** with different objects. These consultancies were offered to beneficiaries who wanted to receive legal information;
- **40 legal files** opened for representation in court;
- **94 legal acts** drafted for the judicial process and requests addressed to other institutions;
- **300 legal consultations** within the files provided before and after court sessions;
- **125 representations** in court with lawyers.

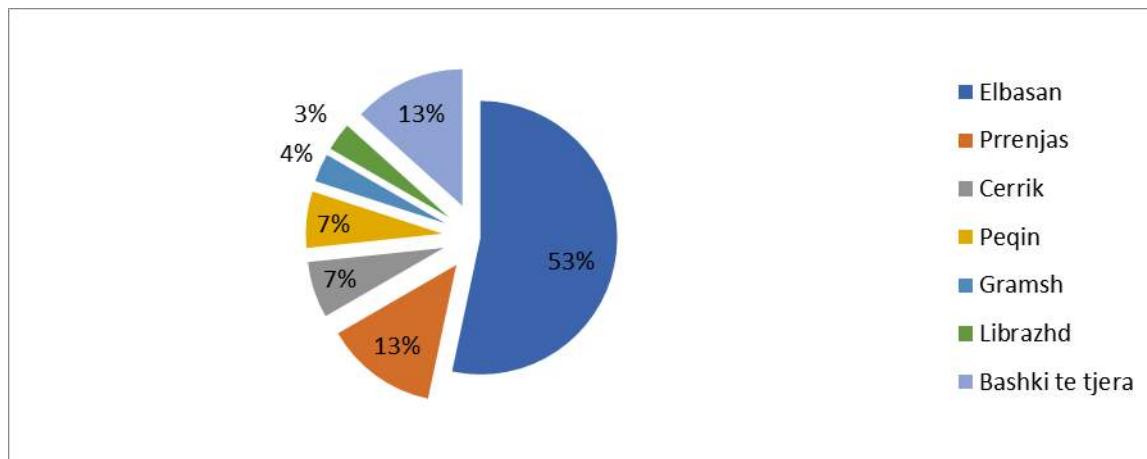
3. **Emergency Shelter (ESH)** is the only one in the entire Elbasan District. This center was created to assist and support abused women who denounce their abusers, are in danger and seek to be provided with an Immediate Protection Order (IPO) and Protection Order (PO). During 2023 the rent of the Emergency Shelter was supported by the Municipality of Elbasan, and the duration of staying in this shelter was increased until receiving a Protection Order which legally requires 15 days.

The services offered through the shelter are:

1. Shelter from a few hours to 5 or 15 days, until receiving the Immediate Protection Order (IPO)/ Protection Order (PO), for girls/women and their children under 18 years old.
2. Provision of psycho-social-legal counseling by the CC and AS during the days of accommodation.

During 2023, **34** women/girls and **46** children of different age groups were accommodated in the ESH.

According to the residential areas the cases are as in the table below:



 **AWEN**

❖ **Awareness meeting for legal rights**

WFE organized and held **8 Awareness Meetings for Legal Rights with W/G in Elbasan Region**, primarily with women and girls who have benefited from WFE services in the last two months.





162 women and girls of various ages participated in these meetings. Initially, there was a presentation of WFE services, the donor, and the project. Detailed information about the law on domestic violence, the PIPO, IPO and PO was provided to women and girls. The presentation included the offering of primary legal aid services guaranteed by the state for individuals facing difficult economic conditions, according to Law No. 111/2017 dated 14.12.2017. The discussion also covered the process of marriage dissolution, child custody, and non-custodial parent's obligation to provide financial support. Women were informed about their property rights, especially regarding assets acquired during marriage and those from the family of origin, particularly from the agricultural family. At the end of the meetings some of these women, came to WFE offices to receive detailed information and support about their needs.





Discussions and suggestions:

- Women in the meeting showed a lot of interest in the law on domestic violence within family relationships and the divorce process, especially concerning child custody.
- The majority of them had issues with receiving alimony payments from their ex-spouses.
- Women and girls received important information regarding the rent subsidy funded by the municipality, including the necessary documents and the deadlines for submission during the period from September to October each year.
- Some of them wish to initiate the legal process for cross-border custody as their ex-spouses do not allow them to take the children out of the country. Detailed information about this process was provided to them.
- Women in the meeting showed interest in the legal aid law and had questions about property-related legal processes.
- Some of them were about to retire and had issues with the recognition of years of service for pension calculation.
- Several women lived in rental properties and were interested in the procedures for obtaining the soft loan offered by the municipality. Information was provided about the eligibility criteria and necessary documents for application.

Women and girls received important information that they were not previously aware of. They expressed the intention to share this information with others who were not present at the meeting and suggested that such meetings should be held more frequently. Women and girls consider such meetings important because they lack necessary information and may not have the means to seek this information on their own.

Table of Awareness Meetings for Legal Rights with W/G

NO.	DATE	LINK/ PLACE	PHOTO	TOTAL
1	29.05.2023	Roma Community Center https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=643084934514145&set=pcb.643086071180698		20
2	07.06.2023	Region No.3 https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid02kibb7QfE5629BNNN6LKYFzNQTV19YBFYTAPCizZoLKn9XzPiTFrHjYVDU6Vd8g6cl		26
3	26.06.2023	Region No. 5 https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=656175746538397&set=pcb.656179386538033		20
4	19.09.2023	Professional Training Center, Region No. 2 https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/703729585116346?ref=embed		23

5	22.09.2023	Tailoring Factory https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid02PGJfbnVW6ZkQvvUUriQRejW7F9y4XZZHWZAP6DSpSVftCXVTJhdvLWuyAfWtR7U3l		20
6	07.11.2023	Tailoring Factory Eda https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=732963765526261&set=pb.100064379333736.-2207520000&type=3		20
7	07.11.2023	Tailoring Factory https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=733391788816792&set=pb.100064379333736.2207520000&type=3		13
8	21.12.2023	Bethel Church https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid06wJCc6oVmV7gy8k3UmJSPubgJeCRdzVRSkrv5uv8vAfiMbABxfszqe4yeC5SvQ4hl		20
Total				162

❖ **ESD in schools**

WFE organized and held **8 awareness meetings with pupils in school** premises according to the activities foreseen in the project. In total were **201 pupils (77 boys and 124 girls)**.

The purpose of the meetings was for the pupils to better understand GBV and DV, its effects and how they themselves can be involved in the fight against DV to change the reality. These meetings were held by WFE specialists as part of their work and as professionals they used innovative communication techniques and tools in awareness activities with young people such as: short videos, short documentaries, infographics, etc. This appears to be a new and effective approach that maximizes the expected results.

These meetings were organized in the form of a discussion where they had their input and opinions. In the beginning, they briefly presented the goals, the topics and the results of the meetings. They became familiar with the concrete services of the WFE, providing general and concrete information, clearly understanding some terms of the phenomenon of domestic violence (DV) and gender-based violence (GBV), the causes and their necessary inclusion to combat the phenomenon. In the meeting it was discussed:

What are the 5 principles of Empowerment through Self-Defence?

The reasons why it happens and what are the stereotypes that lead to gender-based violence. Empowering the body & empowering the mind.






How do we assess risk based on our perspective?

Pupils also shared their views on gender roles in the family and their impact on society and also focused on gender equality, gender norms, stereotyping and how they affect the life of men and women. They prepared a mini exhibition with their works.

The visibility materials produced in the frame of the program were visible.

Table of ESD in Schools

No.	DATE	LINK/ PLACE	PHOTO	GILS	BOYS	TOTAL
1	26.05.2023	"Vasil Kamani" School https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=640628884759750&set=pcb.640632408092731		13	9	22
2	29.05.2023			18	4	22
3	30.05.2023			10	19	29

4	31.05.2023	"Jorgji Dilo" School https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=640626324760006&set=pcb.640628321426473		10	10	20
5	12.10.2023	"Mahir Domi" School https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=718049667017671&set=pcb.718049853684319		26	2	28
6	13.10.2023	"Sul Harri" School https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=718069373682367&set=pcb.718070393682265		12	11	23
7	07.12.2023	"Kostandin Kristoforidhi" High School https://www.facebook.com/share/p/Fed3ZyykeEBvKfPY/?mibextid=Cx5MWH		19	14	33
8	08.12.2023	"Dhaskal Todri" High School https://www.facebook.com/share/p/s3gwxTKfMTzoENbn/?mibextid=Cx5MWH		16	8	24
TOTAL				124	77	201

❖ *Open Lectures at University*

WFE has already continued as a tradition every year the organization of Open Lectures. Since education has the power to improve the course of life of every individual, especially the life of girls, the aim of the meetings is to help students on current issues of their lives in terms of representation, treatment of students on issues of domestic violence, gender, making the university a center for sharing information and discussing ideas and issues for the benefit of students.

During 2023, 8 Open Lectures were held with **students, 238 in total (184 girls and 54 boys)** of different braches at the University "Aleksandër Xhuvani" Elbasan. The expectations of students have been fulfilled as foreseen in the project timeline. A cooperation request has been officially written for the successful implementation of the activities provided for in the project, concretely Open Lectures with students. The contacts with the dean have been precise and very friendly for our cooperation. The latter delegated staff to be present in the realization of the activity in the best possible way and with full participation according to the forecast in the project. In these open lectures together with the staff of the WFE, was also the vice dean of the faculty. These lectures were organized in the format of a one- hour discussion to give them information about the concrete services of the WFE, a clear understanding of domestic violence and gender-based violence, the root causes, the need to fight the phenomena and their involvement in the discussion of what needs to be done to change the reality of DV. The students participating in the meeting were not only from Elbasan Region but from different cities of Albania, and they showed interest in the issues addressed related to:

- Their role as young people in preventing DV by influencing their families to change their mentality and patriarchal attitude towards the roles of wife/ daughter/ mother/ sister.
- Their role and obligations as part of health personnel, nurses, midwives, to support cases of women/ girls with violence problems that come to health institutions. It was provided information on the "Mechanism of Coordination of Work between Responsible Authorities, on Referral of Cases of Violence in Family Relations, as well as its. Proceedings, on Support and Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence", which defines the legal obligations of institutions and health personnel.

Even this year a large number of female students dominated. They were all active, asked questions and presented cases encountered in the areas where they live.

Table of Open lectures with students

No.	Date	Photo	Girls	Boys	TOTAL
1	17.11.2023		27	9	36

2	20.11.2023			53	10	63
3	20.11.2023			30	10	40
4	19.12.2023			15	5	20
5	19.12.2023			18	2	20
6	19.12.2023			17	3	20
7	19.12.2023			10	4	14

8	21.12.2023		14	11	25
TOTAL			184	54	238

❖ **16 Days of Activism, Awareness Campaigns**

Woman Forum Elbasan (WFE), carried out 7 awareness campaigns for the 16 days of activism from November 25, 2023 to December 10, 2023. The campaign started on 25.11.2023 as the World Day against Violence against Women and ended on 10.12.2023 as Human Rights Day. This campaign was extended not only in the city of Elbasan but also in the other six municipalities of the District of Elbasan such as: Librazhd, Gramsh, Belsh, Cërrik, Peqin and Prrenjas. The campaign slogan for the 16 days of activism according to the United Nations Secretary-General's Campaign was Invest to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls.

There were representatives from all state institutions that operate in Elbasan such as the police, court, prosecutor's office, Prefecture, schools, NGOs, etc. Together with the members of the Referral Coordinated Mechanism for gender-based/family-based violence, anti-violence activists against women/girls, citizens, students of Elbasan Region, shared to the media and citizens awareness messages to live free from violence. A great number of people reached the tent of WFE, where there were placed all the materials that were produced in the framework of this activity. Some of the citizens were also willing to share messages against violence. The pupils/students that were present read the short expressions that were placed at the ribbons. They also brought the posters they had prepared with messages against violence. During these campaigns there were produced bags, leaflets, ribbons that were distributed to the passers-by. Furthermore, WFE produced small banners with the hashtag *#noexcuses* that were lifted in the open air with orange ballons. The citizens were curious and reached WFE's tent to get leaflets and read the information provided. It was noted that there were present a good number of men, who were interested to read the visibility materials. Some of them, also gave a short message for the others. Also, WFE has been active on the social media profiles of the organization to publish the project and donor where was reached a great number of viewers.

Photos and Links of the campaigns:



<https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid02kbb7U6DDiTAwVKvWUCzDjRosL98gHhmP6KjBFug8VUwCrj5XZVyQxFtUR57k99PK1>

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❖ **Conducting research among WNGOs, students and representatives of relevant institutions on Istanbul Convention**

WFE prepared a study regarding the implementation of the Istanbul Convention in Albania. The Istanbul Convention has been part of Albanian legislation since 2014. This process began with the signing of the convention on December 19, 2011 and was ratified in February 2013. Albania was the second country, a member of the Council of Europe, to ratify the convention. In the GREVIOS report, it is emphasized that the perception of Albanian society is that violence against women primarily occurs in rural areas and that its victims are women with very little education, leaving aside all other categories of women who may also experience violence even once in their lifetimes.

To conduct this study the work included some important steps such as: Desk Research, Interviews and Questionnaires. All of these steps aimed to gather information on how familiar participants were with the Istanbul Convention, its meaning, articles, and the opportunities it provides. The engaged expert researched the main laws and changes over the years in those laws that affect the daily work of NGOs they support. 15 interviews and 60 questionnaires were conducted with representatives of central, local institutions as well as representatives of NGOs. The goal was to assess how familiar they are with the obligations of the state that it undertook by ratifying the convention, and to what extent these obligations are genuinely respected and utilized in everyday work.

During all these phases, the key findings were made present at the study that WFE prepared and shared on social media.

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❖ **Organizing workshops for the WNGOs in order to improve their capacities how to engage effectively in dialogue with governments**

WFE conducted a 3-day workshop with WNGOs all over Albania and the two partner organizations Montenegro and the Kosovo with 26 participants (25 women, 1 man).

They were informed about an important legal part of the Istanbul Convention as a real advocacy tool for civil society, laws, legal changes, as well as of best practices based on activities that promote gender equality and the prevention of domestic violence, concrete experiences and work practices were addressed, relating to the implementation of the Istanbul Convention of each of the three countries. The aim of the workshop was to improve the capacities of CSOs in Albania for the effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention, by exchanging the experiences of the two partner organizations, challenges of

implementation, the work that has been done and where CSOs will advocate for the implementation of the Convention. The workshop was moderated by two external experts that have a long experience; one of which is an expert in the legal area, advocacy, monitoring, legal changes in a central level, the other one is an expert regarding gender equality, advocacy and lobbying for women's rights in local level and both are involved in drafting the National Strategy of Gender Equality. Participating organizations discussed widely and focused on concrete positive practices and experiences as well as the necessity to lobby and present the problems encountered regarding the involvement of central and local public institutions.

Photos and link

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<https://twitter.com/ForumIGruasElba/status/1673595736729026563/photo/1>

https://www.instagram.com/p/Ct_ECpPqe5V/



❖ Conducting continuous campaign on Istanbul Convention and its importance and significance for Albania

WFE has shared different posts in all its social media, covering important information on Istanbul Convention. This involves strategic and sustained effort to raise awareness, educate the public, and advocate for the convention's implementation.

❖ Organizing 9 Public events (classes) in Albania

WFE organized and held **3 Public Events**. The purpose of these public events was to present citizens with the Istanbul Convention and the obligations that the state has for its effective implementation following the ratification of this convention

The first Public Event was organized was planned to be held with key officials from institutions in Elbasan, providing a broader overview of the current situation of violence and their daily work to help prevent this phenomenon. Each of them shared a message with the

citizens present, emphasizing the work they do every day to assist women and girls who have survived violence in the family.

The second Public Event was planned with members of the Coordinated Referral Mechanism, who work daily with cases of family violence and have the Istanbul Convention as the basis of their work, should participate.

Together, they emphasized not only the importance of the convention and its implementation in their daily work but also delivered awareness messages to prevent family violence.

The third Public Event was planned with citizens and students as future service providers.

At all Public Events The TV media was present, which is considered and has a very important role in the source and dissemination of the latest information in real-time for our society. These events were made public on all social platforms/networks that WFE has, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, which are widely used not only by the youth. They have become crucial tools not only for research but also as the main gateway for informing citizens.

TV show link regarding the public Event that WFE organized.

<https://youtu.be/1Ywi275yE8g?si=NZdZi7chjPfbjN7F>

Photos and link of the Public Events

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❖ **Organizing short, half-hour presentations of Convention, in universities with the previous approval of the management**

WFE organized short, half-hour presentations of Convention in “Aleksandër Xhuvani” University. Since education has the power to improve the course of life of every individual, especially the life of girls, the aim of the meetings is to help students on current issues of their lives in terms of representation, treatment of students on issues of domestic violence, gender, making the university a center for sharing information and discussing ideas and issues for the benefit of students. The students, future service providers were presented with the Convention and her articles, what further will lead to a better protection of women, better public awareness of the problem of violence against women on available services; obligations on which Government has obliged by ratification of the Convention in order to protect women in general and especially women survivors of violence. During these presentations it was discussed about:

- The increasing presence of gender/family-based violence, its types, causes, consequences, and the specific services provided by WFE.
- Being active in preventive work against gender- based violence.
- Increasing response and timely reporting, as well as the ongoing support for cases of women/girls who have survived violence.
- NGOs and relevant institutions to which cases of women/girls with violence issues should be referred, and the responsibilities of each state institution in providing concrete support as the Istanbul Convention requests.
- Students were given essential concepts on how to build and provide services for survivors of violence.

Link and photos

<https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid0vdzmZG7x9iPeCUauDxpCqHou2h3CL6kdNgVk2mYf9Gx6mHw4Mdx74qBLC7vwxKI>

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IDM

Activity 3. 90 young people, women/girls with social problems and gender-based violence, men/boys, activists, participants in the 6 focus groups for the promotion of civic activism and the election of 18 representatives of community agencies.

During 2023, 2 focus group meetings were organized in Mollas and Kamunah villages with men/women, girls/boys, young people, representatives of health and educational institutions, with 35 participants, 20 women and 15 men. An important part of the meeting, for the promotion of civic activism, was the establishment of the village-based community structure, which would aim at the identification and prevention of the aforementioned problems.



➤ **Feedback and evaluation:**

- In their discussions, the participants evaluated the project and the fact that the proposal for the establishment of a new community structure will have a positive role in preventing extreme cases in family relations, with neighbors, with each other and improving negative phenomena.
- The participants exchanged opinions with each other about the above problems, giving examples of understanding, tolerance, with each other, but also concrete problems.
- The lack of communication, discussion and treatment of these problems within the family with children and young people was worrying for them.
- The influence of social networks, spending long hours on the phone or computers has somewhat diminished the role of the family. Young children are less tolerant, hasty in negative behaviour and actions, violent among themselves, using narcotic substances.
- Gender-based family violence, against women and girls, according to them, was present and the establishment of the structure will have a positive effect, for the prevention and response of conflicts, so that they do not do extreme actions.

➤ **Visibility and outreach**

- To ensure the visibility of the project activities, each activity is promoted and published on social media of WFE and Cerrik Municipality.
- In the awareness meetings with youth but also with the focus groups, the participants were requested to distribute the information received to family members, friends, relatives, etc.


 UNDP

The project aims at improving the access to legal and psychological services and information on free legal aid to women and girls all over the Region of Elbasan.

- Through the implementation of this project during **2023 WFE assisted 263 cases** and offered **1215 counselling** sessions for women and girls, survivors of violence and vulnerable groups in Elbasan Region by professional lawyers and psychologist.
- **258 community members** (women, girls, men/boys) in rural areas throughout Elbasan Region were informed about the laws and their right to free legal aid. **WFE realized 7 meetings in rural areas of 7 municipalities of Elbasan region.** Out of 258 community members, **200 participants were women** and **58 were men.**
- Students of the Faculty of Law, University of Elbasan were trained to provide free legal advice to vulnerable groups (**43 participants were present at the training, 7 boys and 36 girls**) and 6 of them worked as volunteers at the advocate studio gaining experience, promoting and providing the service on the online platform "Ask a Lawyer" that Woman Forum Elbasan (WFE) has just launched on its website.
- **3 students**, after being trained followed the **Job Shadowing** at WFE offices and offered free legal aid at the online platform "Ask a Lawyer".


Link & photos during the meetings:

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1	<i>Qendra Komunitare Rome</i>		20	12	32	https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=640030454819593&set=pcb.640041474818491 https://www.instagram.com/p/Cs5tUgDqKqx/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFIZA== https://publish.twitter.com/?query=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2FForumiGruasElba%2Fstatus%2F1663885831180804096&widget=Tweet
2	<i>Sheze, Peqin</i>		41	17	58	https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid02v1WzVQafHff1aYF8cj8Sj2ZW9fqtkxsf7FrhJ2DMRp1fw1ja9J4NQCfceKbk83jl
3	<i>Librazhd</i>		21	8	29	https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid02sCrrDdDuyoViDm9iJ2PcVUarh4LAv5cL9zjLBdnVHMnkWfxxwzPybfohm8AuzkKl https://twitter.com/ForumiGruasElba/status/1681587973521911808

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Planned Activities (All activities, including sub-activities (if any), listed in the Workplan for the Project Duration must be included below)		Achievements in Reporting Period ¹	Cumulative Progress To Date Towards Results ²
Output 1:	Members of the CRM have increased capacities to support women and girls survivors of VAW.		
Activity 1:	Advocacy with the Steering Committee in each municipality of Elbasan Region	<p>For the time period September-December 2023, WFE organized meetings with the mayors of the municipalities of the Elbasan Region to set the date for convening the Steering Committee in each municipality.</p> <p>-During these months, WFE convened the Steering Committee in Librazhd, Prrenjës and Gramsh Municipality to facilitate the collaboration between institutions and authorities responsible for the real-time prevention, protection</p>	<p>- in total 50 participants, members of CRM (25 men, 25 women)</p> <p>-during the meeting was signed the Cooperation Agreement for the continuation of CRM and the convening of the Steering Committee.</p> <p>-different visibility materials were used during the meeting</p> <p>-link & photo of the meeting https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid02UYnB5QLMZ6K52hLRtFzdukGX9wmJAcpUv9</p>


		<p>and support of survivors of domestic violence.</p>	<p>https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/post/pfbid026Xh3MQDHk5DJ2qVdggGz9xRPe68ZgitiBJ8GkdWob7k8rM6rg9QtcZTDVi6zN41l - Prenjas Municipality</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/post/pfbid0E5Xo249kustP964SkENH9N1VAyM8TbGyELD46K3u78xFzrCiCN1UJgLbnLFTezgil - Gramsh Municipality</p> 
<p>Output 2:</p>	<p>Women and girls' survivors of violence receive improved and better services (free social-psychological-</p>		

	legal support, emergency shelter)		
Activity 2.1:	a- Legal counselling and legal aid, including court representation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During the time period, September - December 2023, the senior lawyer of the Advocate Studio (AS) realized all the predicted objectives in the work plan of the AS, which consisted in: - A total of 122 legal counsellings were offered, out of which 42 counsellings were provided to beneficiaries who in most cases come only once and request general legal information on: Family Law, Civil Law; The right of obligations; Criminal law; as well as other laws. - 30 women, survivors of DV benefited free of charge legal help and were involved in other activities implemented by WFE with the aim of protecting their rights, preventing the further exercising of violence, their empowerment and leaving the violent environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 122 legal counselling - 42 counselling for beneficiaries who come only once and request general legal information - 30 women, survivors of DV benefited free of charge legal

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80 counsellings were offered to the beneficiaries who initiated a court process, mainly before and after the court hearings; - 10 legal files have been opened for initiating court proceedings, with the following objects: 20 Marriage Resolutions. Beneficiaries for the initiated lawsuits were represented in 26 court hearings. <p>For the legal files opened, 7 lawsuits have been drafted and 12 requests addressed to public and non-public institutions (such as: Directorate of Social Insurance; Civil Registry Office; Police Commissariats, etc.), these documents necessary to be presented as evidence in court. For this reporting period the senior lawyer had 6 cases with dissabilities, and 7 cases from Egyptian Community.</p> <p>The Lawyer at the Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80 counsellings for beneficiaries who initiated a court process - 10 legal files opened - 20 Marriage Resolutions - 26 court hearings - 10 lawsuits have been drafted - 12 requests addressed to public and non-public institutions - 6 cases with disabilities - 7 cases Egyptian Community
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		<p>Commissariat during the time period, September - December 2023, has addressed 26 cases of domestic violence, providing survivors with legal assistance and facilitating the issuance of protection orders. 11 cases received PO/IPO, while the other cases withdrew from the request to receive the PO/IPO.</p> <p>The details of the cases handled during this period are outlined in the monthly Reports.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26 cases in total - 9 PO - 2 IPO
	<p>b- Emergency sheltering or long-term housing for victims of DV and their children</p>	<p>For the time period September-December 2023, the Emergency Shelter received and accommodated in total 20 women and 40 children, only 21 children were accommodated. 17 have been new cases and 3 have been repeated ones.</p> <p>According to the inhabited areas, 12 cases are from the Elbasan Municipality, 3 from the Prrenjas Municipality, 2 from the Cerrik Municipality, 2 from the Peqin Municipality, and 1 case from the Gramsh Municipality. It is notable that out of 20 accommodated cases, 5 are from urban areas and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 women - 40 children (21 accommodated) - 17 new cases - 3 repeated cases - 12 cases from Elbasan Municipality - 3 cases from Prrenjas Municipality - 2 cases from Cerrik Municipality - 2 cases from Peqin Municipality - 1 case from Gramsh Municipality - 20 cases (5 urban areas & 15 rural areas)

		15 from rural areas. Additionally, 4 cases have had PAK status, and 2 are from the Egyptian community.	- 4 PAK cases, 2 cases from Egyptian Community
Activity 2.2:	Support and referral to other services for the survivors of domestic violence	For the time period September-December 2023 , WFE has referred the cases to other relevant institutions according to their needs and problems. The cases were referred to the Regional Directorate of Social State Services, Labour Office and Vocational Training Center, Local Education Office and employment to private businesses. The majority of the cases were referred at the police station to keep the situation under control when the woman and her children leave the emergency shelter.	- 15 cases were referred to the local Police Directorate for the follow up of the cases to keep the situation under control - 4 cases were referred to Regional Directorate of Social State Services for the Economic Assistance - 6 cases to the labour Office and Vocational Centre - 4 cases were referred to the Local Education Office - 2 cases were referred for employment at private businesses - 1 case was referred at the national shelter in Tirana - 1 case was provided a rented apartment - 2 cases were referred to the Municipality of Elbasan to benefit economic assistance, social bonus
Output 3:	Communities in 7 municipalities are more aware about ERAW and have more knowledge on how to prevent it.		
Activity 3.1:	Organize informative sessions with W/G from	For the time period September-December 2023 , WFE organized 2	- in total were 59 participants (women) from the A.U Sheze, Peqin and Gramsh

	disadvantaged communities	informing sessions with women/girls in the Administrative Unit Sheze, Peqin and Gramsh to inform them about various forms of violence and all the services they can benefit from the relevant institutions.	<p>-after the meeting that was held, 7 women requested psychological and legal counselling from WFE's lawyer and psychologist</p> <p>-link & photo of the meeting https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid0fL7ovLV8fhgnF9X154ven2bMrY3bAKZd9oQJCKoePXRQsF21gZBCuE1wGuHF52UzI Sheze, Peqin Municipality</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid0o65meun8L5sM1vHCDcQ4NScZeeiPoxEdtaseU5AniCVxienbXZvVd19snya4ZJX1I Gramsh Municipality</p> 
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<p>Activity 3.3:</p>	<p>Organize awareness raising activities targeting wide population in 7 municipalities</p>	<p>During 2023, WFE organized awareness campaigns for the “16 Days of Activism” in each municipality of Elbasan Region.</p> <p>- Awareness materials were produced such as leaflets, ribbons and bags.</p>	<p>-7 awareness campaigns were organized in Elbasan Region</p> <p>-510 participants were present (389 women, 121 men)</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumiguaselbasan/posts/pfbid02EwkNViHVb6m2NAWrJq1c896jH7Xd5EFQFzUk9JQkmkaN3BKBC4A2xgTWTvM9mSFcl</p> <p>1 661 people were reached through this post</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumiguaselbasan/posts/pfbid0G9eJxeDRBNHpwpdB6gRB6nvLEgUq9AFr7KMZjk4ayVwVfHq2YNVLMSiUmiYqnvfql</p> <p>- 1033 people reached</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumiguaselbasan/posts/pfbid0PoFkUeJrNgDzX9Papx9TSBiGxaVQwi2vDZ7PGHNetSQbGVqPWJ76UiOmH2PDZZC9l</p> <p>- 1 180 people reached</p>

			<p>https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid01RQHE93BddXk1jwysrsBJpz2uUmrhVqmqd4pZYMsv1j36LrWtHv8fsYZMqGjoPtI - 599 people reached</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/750482570441047?ref=embed_post - 706 people reached</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid0ghduxe3PE91kNQLbFC4HfmMKnXJ7HDnXAmAQ9A6BJEUkxXHH6gwWltssAUkpRQkJI - 1 279 people reached</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/forumigruaselbasan/posts/pfbid02xtCqiYvPnXZC14N238UBmrq1g1fu91rZcTtueiMSCt9b2ZfgzkTUBtViDKZzCYEal - 111 people reached</p> <p>-representatives from different relevant institutions, pupils, citizens and media were present at the campaign</p> <p>-1000 leaflets - 10 packs of ribbons -60 bags</p>
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Activities	Month(s) of implementation	Indicator of success/ Achieved Results
Preparation of the detailed calendar of project activities	August 1, 2023	Timely tracking of each activity
Following the training organized by GBWN.	August 4, 2023	1 staff of WFE has increased capacities
In August, informal meetings were organized for the presentation of the project with the local coordinator of the referral mechanisms in all 7 municipalities of Elbasan District.	August 2023	Presentation of the project, objectives and planned activities to lobby with leaders of the respective Municipalities and the Councilors of the Municipal Councils to anticipate expenses for gender equality and gender-based violence, as well as a more balanced budget for the two gender.
Completion of the OCA database of the WFE on the assessment of the organization's capacities, where it was supported with expertise by the responsible of the GRB program for Albania of the GADC.	September 2023	OCA database for the evaluation of WFE capacities Completed.
Monitoring of the Elbasan Municipal	September 13,	The Elbasan City Council approved for

Council meeting	2023	one year the rent of the emergency shelter managed by WFE. In the amount of 2,760,000 ALL.
Informative and lobbying meetings on GRB with leaders and councilors of the Belsh Municipality	September 14, 2023	8 participants present (2 M and 6 F).
Informative and lobbying meetings on GRB with leaders and councilors of the Prrenjash Municipality	September 21, 2023	7 participants present (1 M and 6 F). The Mayor decided to finance WFE for the financing of psychological, social and legal services for women survivors of gender-based violence, with 1,500,000 ALL for the year 2023.
Informative and lobbying meetings on GRB with leaders and councilors of the Gramsh Municipality	September 26, 2023	8 participants present (2 M and 6 F).
Informative and lobbying meetings on GRB with leaders and councilors of the Cerrik Municipality	October 17, 2023	5 participants present (1 M and 4 F).
Informative and lobbying meetings on GRB with leaders and councilors of the Elbasan Municipality	October 18, 2023	9 participants present (2 M and 7 F). It was promised that 10,000,000 ALL would be budgeted for WFE, for the financing of psychological, social and legal services for women survivors of gender-based violence for the year 2024
Informative and lobbying meetings on GRB with leaders and councilors of the Peqin Municipality	November 13, 2023	5 participants present (1 M and 4 F).
Informative and lobbying meetings on GRB with leaders and councilors of the Librazhd Municipality	November 15, 2023	10 participants present (1 M and 9 F). The mayor signed the cooperation agreement with WFE for the financing for psychological, social and legal services for women survivors of gender-based violence for the year 2024 with a value of 5,000,000 ALL.

Completion of the ACA database of the WFE, where it was supported with expertise by the responsible of the GRB program for Albania of the GADC.	November 2023	Completed ACA database for FGE.
Collection of documents from 7 municipalities of Elbasan District for the realization of the study	December 2023	Documents collected for the study.

Results

During this project period, successful lobbying efforts have been made with the leaders of the 7 Municipalities of the Elbasan District and councilors of municipal councils to construct and approve the budget for the year 2024 that addresses the needs of both genders without creating significant differentiations and gender and economic discrimination.

What WFE achieved is:

1. Conducted 7 lobbying and awareness-raising meetings (one for each municipality) with the leaders and councilors of the Municipalities of the Elbasan District, emphasizing the importance of a budget that addresses the needs of both women and men.
2. Out of the anticipated 50 participants for the lobbying meetings in the 7 municipalities, the attendance reached 52 representatives (9 males and 43 females) from the 7 Municipalities of the Elbasan District who were informed about Gender- Responsive Budgeting (GRB).
3. Included, for the first time in the 2024 budget, the planning of a social fund for women's services by the Municipality of Librazhd.
4. Approval and financing of services offered by WFE by the Municipalities of Elbasan and Prrenjas, 150,000 ALL from the Municipality of Librazhd and 276,000 ALL from the Municipality of Elbasan.
5. Gathering data and documents for the implementation of the study in the 7 Municipalities of the Elbasan District.

Link and photos

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