Women’s Safety and Security Initiative

What do we want to achieve

The second Women’s Safety and Security Initiative (WSSI) Plus aims to enhance preventive and responsive services across the justice, security, social welfare, health and education sectors addressing the needs of women and men, young girls and young boys.

The project supports the implementation of the legal framework addressing domestic violence, the strategy against domestic violence, and the strategy against trafficking in human beings, including the adoption of its secondary legislation, development of capacities in Kosovo institutions through a gender perspective to implement the legislation and better protect and enable women to access their rights.

In addition, WSSI Plus assisted in the establishment of a Civil Society Network responsible for monitoring and verifying the implementation of the law and the national strategies. The project builds a close collaboration between civil society organizations, Kosovo Shelters’ Coalition, the Agency for Gender Equality, relevant ministries, the Kosovo Police and other relevant municipal and civil society bodies.

Results

- Adoption of the Law on Domestic Violence (through WSSI Plus expert support)
- Facilitated the drafting of secondary legislation to implement the Law on Domestic Violence;
- Institutional development: the Anti-Trafficking Secretariat is established in the Ministry of Internal Affairs; a Monitoring and Evaluation Expert position on Strategy Implementation embedded;
- Domestic Violence Secretariat established in the Ministry of Justice;
- A civil society network is established, monitoring the government’s implementation of the National Action Plan on Domestic Violence;
- Changing the public opinion in Kosovo towards acknowledging violence against women and trafficking in human beings, placing these issues on the political agenda.

Where?

Pristina and Kosovo-wide

Beneficiaries:

Women and men, young girls and boys victims of domestic violence and trafficking in human beings

Partners:

Agency for Gender Equality
Line ministries
Kosovo Police
Kosovo Judicial Institute
State Prosecutor (Victims’ Advocacy and Assistance Office)
Civil Society Organizations
Municipal public entities

Project Budget:

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