

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

### **“Capacity Building VII” Supported by Trag/Oak Foundation**

**Project Goal:** To build the organization’s capacity in the field of domestic violence across Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as in the area of economic empowerment of women from vulnerable categories and women entrepreneurs in the highly underdeveloped region of Eastern Herzegovina.

**R.1.** A desktop application was developed as a unique registry and database for a total of 17 specialized service-providing organizations across BiH, used for registering and collecting data on domestic violence. After a two-day workshop in Trebinje, where the exact requirements for the application were outlined, we created a working version of the questionnaire for the desktop application, as well as a list of data to be collected and necessary filters (reports based on data input collected from domestic violence survivors). This working version was presented in an online meeting to gather feedback, suggestions, comments, and advice from other organizations. In parallel, we contacted organizations providing direct support to victims of domestic violence across BiH and included six new organizations in this informal network for the desktop application: “Udruženje žena Derventa”, “Snaga žene” Tuzla, “Kрила nade” Foundation Sarajevo, “Forum žena” Bratunac, “Pravi put” Grude, and “Psihološko savjetovalište Slobodan um” Trebinje. We also purchased a dedicated laptop exclusively for this application (to prevent hacking, viruses, etc.), protecting it from data leaks or destruction. Colleague Branka Pejović Petković drafted a Cooperation Agreement, which is now in the final signing stage. Sixteen copies are being circulated among the organizations for signing, after which one copy will be shared with each party, and three originals retained by our organization. This unified approach allows for better quality research on domestic violence, as all 17 organizations collect the same indicators. It also simplifies reporting, enabling generation of reports based on selected or combined parameters with a single click.ž

We received highly positive feedback from the other 12 organizations. Even the coordinator of the safe house in Banja Luka requested to adopt this desktop application, although they are not signatories to the Agreement and have their own system. Additionally, three more organizations joined via an Annex Agreement: “Siguran korak” Bijeljina, “Romska djevojka – Romani cej” Prnjavor, “Most” Višegrad, and “Glas žene” Bihać. The developers recommended regular data backup on an external drive for enhanced data safety and protection from possible damage.

**R.2.** An innovative fourth communication channel was developed, enabling geographical coverage of BiH between service providers (CSOs) and victims of domestic violence through an SOS smartphone app. During the reporting period, we updated both app versions (iOS and Android) and activated this informal network of 13 organizations to provide support via the SOS app. These organizations, in addition to ours, include: Foundation “Lara” Bijeljina, “Women's Interactive Rural Center” East Sarajevo, “Maja” Women’s Association Kravica-Bratunac, “Građanska inicijativa Mostar”, “LI-Woman” Livno, Foundation for Local Democracy Sarajevo, “Udružene žene” Banja Luka, “Žene sa Une” Bihać, “Center for Women’s Rights” Zenica, Association of Social Workers SBK/KSB Travnik, Citizens' Association “Budućnost” Modriča, and Citizens’ Association “Vive Žene” Tuzla.

**R.3.** At least 68 protection system actors acquired new knowledge and skills in the area of domestic violence, including updates on the implementation of new laws in RS. We conducted a one-day training for judiciary representatives, involving 16 judges and prosecutors from RS, and a session for 23

representatives of Centers for Social Work (CZSR) across RS on the new RS Family Law. We also held a four-day training for police and CZSR staff from Eastern Herzegovina (21 participants), covering the RS Law on Protection from Domestic Violence and the new Family Law, focusing on procedures and collaboration for placing victims in safe houses.

**R.4.** A Multisectoral Team Protocol was adopted for the municipality of Nevesinje to combat domestic violence.

**R.5 & R.9.** Victims of domestic violence were empowered to report abuse and escape the cycle of violence through psychosocial and economic support provided via our counseling centers. In 2024, our organization provided a total of 376 services through its two counseling centers, including:

- Self-help groups (58)
- Trusted-person support (5)
- Psychosocial support (246)
- Legal support/mediation (11)
- Economic empowerment support (49)
- Medical support/mediation (3)
- Financial assistance (3)
- Shelter placement/mediation (1)

**R.6.** Efforts to construct a safe house in Trebinje gained significant momentum as UN Women BiH assumed leadership and secured a serious donor. Construction is now highly probable, land clearing has begun, and a construction permit has been obtained.

**R.7.** Work is ongoing to achieve the cooperative's self-sustainability through the tasting room and production facility.

During the reporting period, we worked in parallel on establishing both. For the tasting room, we procured: 8 sets of tables with benches, 3 wooden trays for fig drying, 2 handcrafted display cabinets, and a combined refrigerator/cooling showcase. All this equipment is stationed in the village of Mesari, where the tasting room will be located. The space is currently being renovated to initiate operations, as we've acquired most of the essential and minimal necessary items. The area in front of the tasting room and the interior for tourist reception are being arranged. Together with the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Banja Luka, the cooperative is conducting research on the health effects of dried fig leaves and fig leaf extracts for pharmaceutical purposes. As for the production facility, we procured an industrial machine for grinding dried figs and are currently conducting a public call for a production line with a packaging unit. We found a space in the Volujac industrial zone (a temporary solution) for 400 KM per month (approx. 160 m<sup>2</sup> with a cold chamber) that requires some adaptation for production use. We have developed an innovative new product (not only for BiH, but as far as we know, globally unique) from dried fruit based primarily on figs — a healthy, energy-rich fruit sweet with no added artificial sugar. Production is scheduled to start at the end of 2025.

**"Women's Organizations – United Against Domestic Violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina"**  
**Supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands as part of the MATRA program**

Summary of achievements in the first project year:

**R.1.** A total of 13 specialized organizations, service providers, across Bosnia and Herzegovina have adopted our desktop application for unified registration and database on domestic violence and have signed a Cooperation Agreement with us. This allows them to input data about victims and violence into this application in the future. This will ensure uniform data in the future, providing valid statistics and simplifying reporting for organizations to other entities (donors, government and international institutions, and organizations, as well as citizens).

**R.2.** The SOS application, as the fourth innovative channel, gained good visibility through 40,000 hygiene pads produced by the socially responsible company Violeta d.o.o. from Grude. They published our website and QR codes on these pads, through which users can access the SOS application for both Android and iPhone. Additionally, its visibility was further enhanced through 18,000 leaflets distributed throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina to reach as many citizens as possible and “breathe life” into the use of this app by victims. We will see the effects of this campaign in the upcoming period.

**To achieve these results, we carried out the following activities:**

We held our first press conference on September 27, 2023, in the Small Hall of the City of Trebinje, where we presented the project, its goals, and expected outcomes to numerous media houses. The media present included RTRS, ATV, Herceg TV, Radio Trebinje, several online portals, and representatives of print media.

**A.1.1.** A two-day workshop for creating a unified register and database was held on October 30 and 31, 2023, in Trebinje.

Twelve organizations participated in this workshop (including our own organization), including: Foundation "Lara" Bijeljina, "Women's Interactive Rural Center" East Sarajevo, Women's Association "Maja" Kravica-Bratunac, "Civic Initiative Mostar", Women's Association "LI-Woman" Livno, Local Democracy Foundation Sarajevo, "United Women" Banja Luka, "Women from Una" Bihać, "Center for Women's Rights" Zenica, Social Workers' Association SBK/KSB Travnik. Colleagues from "Budućnost" Modriča and "Vive Žene" Tuzla were unable to attend during this period. Colleagues from more distant areas, who were not drivers or not experienced drivers, requested that two people from their organization could attend the workshop, even though only one was originally planned. Therefore, we had 18 participants at the workshop instead of the planned 16, but we were able to stay within budget and even achieve savings. Representing the SOS Network of Vojvodina from Serbia, only one representative, Biljana Stepanov (instead of the planned two), fully led the two-day workshop and helped the group recognize their needs based on the good practices shared by the SOS Network of Vojvodina in Serbia. During the workshop, we learned from colleagues from the "Lara" Foundation that they had also started and received a project for creating a similar application, specifically for organizations with safe houses in Bosnia and Herzegovina. To avoid duplication, we offered colleagues with safe houses the opportunity for synergy between the two projects, combining their applications. However, after prolonged correspondence, they decided not to proceed with this idea and to keep their own application, as it would be pointless to fill out duplicate applications. Consequently, we decided to expand our network and include 10 new organizations, bringing the total number to 17, which also provide direct support to victims of domestic

violence in their local communities but do not have safe houses. We also ensured good geographical coverage to gather data from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

#### **A.1.2. Creation and installation of a unified register and database**

After the two-day workshop in Trebinje, where we outlined what the application should include, we created a working version of the questionnaire for the desktop application, detailing what data should be collected and the filters needed for generating reports based on the data inputted by victims of domestic violence. This working version was presented in an online meeting to receive feedback from other organizations, as well as their suggestions, comments, and advice. Simultaneously, we contacted organizations providing direct support to victims of domestic violence across Bosnia and Herzegovina, including 6 new organizations in this informal network for the desktop application: "Women's Association Derventa," "Women's Power" Tuzla, "Wings of Hope" Foundation Sarajevo, "Forum Women" Bratunac, "The Right Path" Association Grude, and "Psychological Counseling Slobodan Um" Trebinje. We also purchased a laptop for our organization to be used exclusively for this application (to prevent hacking, viruses, etc.) to protect the data from leaks or damage. Colleague Branka Pejović Petković drafted a Cooperation Agreement, which is currently in the final phase of signing, as 16 copies are being sent from organization to organization for signing, after which our organization will forward one copy to each of them. During the reporting period, on August 20, 2024, an online meeting was held with the informal network of 13 organizations and the developers, who presented the final application and sent us the download link. Since not all organizations could attend on that date and many were unprepared (they did not bring laptops or computers for the application, even though this had been communicated to them), the developers suggested holding another meeting so everyone could ask questions and get help with the installation. The developers had been the most cost-effective after receiving three offers (though we had to reallocate funds to cover this cost because their services, though the cheapest among the offers, were higher than initially planned).

#### **A.2.1. A two-day training for operators from 13 organizations for providing services through the SOS application**

A two-day training was held on July 29 and 30 in Trebinje for representatives from 13 organizations that make up the informal network of the SOS application, providing support to victims through this app. The training in Trebinje involved participation from 10 organizations, including our own. We engaged experts from two thematic areas: "Protection of Personal Data and Online Security of Collected Data" by Mr. Olivije Zimonja, Head of the High-Tech Crime Department of the RS Ministry of Internal Affairs, and "How to Provide Psychological Support to Victims via Online Chat" by psychotherapist Ms. Nurka Babović from Zenica. The workshop showed great interest among participants who, due to the digital era and IT technology, lack adequate knowledge for data protection, especially as each organization handles very sensitive data. There was a strong interest in having our organization look for funding for a multi-day training session on how to protect stored data from cyberattacks, how to recognize them, and how to react if such an attack occurs. The workshop was intensive, and discussions went beyond the planned agenda due to the numerous questions, to which Mr. Zimonja provided detailed answers. Again, we received requests from organizations in distant areas to allow an additional person due to travel difficulties, as other transport options to Trebinje are poor. Instead of 16 participants, there were 17 attendees at the workshop, but once again, we had savings in this budget item (hotel costs).

### **A.2.2. Development of an advocacy plan for the private sector for a campaign targeted at women and girls**

The project team developed an advocacy action plan for distributing informational leaflets. The plan involved mapping companies in Bosnia and Herzegovina that we consider socially responsible or whose activities are suitable for distributing leaflets. The task was to focus on companies that are mostly visited by women (as women are generally the victims of domestic violence and men are often the perpetrators). We identified second-hand clothing stores, women's hair salons, beauty salons, clothing stores like Zara, and DM, and Violeta d.o.o. due to their hygiene products.

### **A.2.3. Signed Contract/Agreement with a socially responsible company for implementing a campaign targeted at women and girls**

After developing the advocacy plan, we began advocacy activities to engage companies identified in our plan. Based on our experience, face-to-face meetings proved to be the most effective, so we visited numerous companies across Bosnia and Herzegovina to present the SOS application and its importance in reaching as many people as possible. We realized that we should focus on companies based in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as those with foreign headquarters require approval from abroad, which has proven inefficient. Unfortunately, even companies based in Bosnia and Herzegovina, such as CM, did not express interest in supporting this initiative. However, we successfully reached an agreement with Violeta d.o.o.

We contacted the developers who created the application to inquire about the cost of updating the app. Their request exceeds our budget, but with your approval, we could proceed with the update for around 5,850 BAM, as we have savings and they are willing to help us with this amount.

## **"Support for GBV Victims in the Extremely Underdeveloped Region of Eastern Herzegovina" Supported by Kvinna till Kvinna**

The goal of the project is to contribute to the economic empowerment of women survivors of GBV and to prepare protection stakeholders (police and Centers for Social Work) for cooperation with the safe house in Eastern Herzegovina, which will be managed by a newly formed organization created specifically for this purpose, *"Safe House Trebinje."*

A new organization, *"Safe House Trebinje,"* will be formed from part of the existing membership of the "Women's Center" Foundation Trebinje, and it will manage the safe house in Trebinje. This safe house is currently in the preparation phase for construction. After years of effort by our organization, the City of Trebinje, and UN WOMEN BiH, missing funds are being collected for its construction (part of the funding has already been secured). Therefore, it is necessary to prepare both the leadership of the new organization and the protection stakeholders for their roles in operating this type of support system.

According to the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence in Republika Srpska, the police and Centers for Social Work are the ones who decide who and for how long a victim is to be placed in a safe house. They issue official placement decisions, and it is crucial that they understand domestic violence and the

need for a victim to remain in the safe house as long as necessary. This ensures that, with the help of psychotherapy, the victim has time to process trauma and become empowered enough to take control of her own life and eventually leave the safe house.

**Long-term impact:** GBV survivors are empowered and take control of their own lives, including leaving violent environments in Eastern Herzegovina.

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## Outcomes/Results

**Outcome 1:** Contribution to increasing the skills and knowledge of the police and Centers for Social Work, as well as the future coordinator of the safe house, regarding responsibilities and mutual cooperation in placing GBV victims in the safe house in Eastern Herzegovina.

**Result 1.1:** Twenty protection stakeholders—one representative from the Center for Social Work from each of five municipalities, two from Trebinje, and two police officers from each of the five municipalities, plus three officers/inspectors from Trebinje—received specialized knowledge and skills necessary for placing GBV victims in the safe house and for cooperation with the Safe House Trebinje.

**Result 1.2:** A representative of the planned organization "*Safe House Trebinje*" (to be registered to manage the facility) received new knowledge and skills necessary to develop mutual cooperation between the safe house and protection stakeholders, with the aim of providing support and protection to GBV victims.

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## Activities carried out during the reporting period:

During the project period, our organization organized a four-day training in Neum for representatives of the Centers for Social Work and the police from Eastern Herzegovina, as well as representatives from our organization and the future *Safe House Trebinje* team, which will manage the upcoming facility. Since the safe house will serve the entire region, this training was intended to introduce the police and social workers to the future model of cooperation (between the safe house, police, and social workers) and to promote a solid and respectful collaboration model in the best interest of domestic violence victims.

We also held follow-up meetings with them to continue monitoring and developing this multidisciplinary approach to combating domestic violence.

During this period, we also directly provided psychosocial support, as well as support through our counseling center for women's economic empowerment. Thanks to this support, **7 women achieved self-employment** and **5 women found employment**.

They need further assistance in accounting, business management, and marketing. Therefore, we plan to engage an agency and expert to provide them with **intensive individual training**, dedicating **five hours per woman** (seven in total) to help them acquire this knowledge.

As our work is grounded in feedback from the field—particularly conversations with the victims—it is very important for us to receive their input on the effects of our support. We also need feedback on unresolved issues and unmet needs, which form the basis for our future activities.

In consultation with the project team, we concluded that—with your consent—the most useful way to allocate the remaining funds would be to redirect them to a new budget line related to our counseling center for women from vulnerable categories.

Specifically, **seven women from Eastern Herzegovina** wish to apply for self-employment grants that will soon be available through a public call from the RS Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management (co-financed by FAO and UN WOMEN). Our counseling center has helped them identify their competencies and will assist in preparing their business plans, but they also need **additional training and specific knowledge** for running their farms/small businesses.

It is important to emphasize that our clients are from vulnerable categories of women and that, in addition to our support, they require **additional assistance** to be capable of independent entrepreneurship or managing an agricultural household. Our counseling center will continue supporting them, and the **individual training** would take place in March directly in their local communities (**Trebinje, Nevesinje, and Berkovići**) for all seven women.

The latest overview of their satisfaction with our support is impressive. One woman stated that, thanks to our help, she was able to **get her three kidnapped children back, find employment, and start a completely new life with her children—a life without fear and violence.**

In general, the feedback we receive is that we have **impacted their lives** and helped them escape violent communities. When most had rejected them, we were, in their words, a **lifeline**.

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#### Local Forums:

Our organization participated in **consultative meetings** with local authorities in **two municipalities** during **October, November, and December**, advocating for stronger protection of domestic violence survivors at the local level, specifically for the adoption of the **Protocol on Multisectoral Cooperation** in combating domestic violence—which is a legal obligation for each municipality.

As a result of our initiative, **one municipality—Nevesinje—adopted the document**. However, in **Gacko**, due to local elections and a political shift, our proposal has not yet been adopted. We had previously lobbied the former local leadership, but with the arrival of new officials, we now have to start the process again.

During the reporting period, we held meetings with representatives of the police and social work centers in all six municipalities of Eastern Herzegovina to monitor the situation and lobby for improving the position of GBV victims.

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## **National Forums:**

In **October**, our organization met with **CCI representatives** regarding GBV and the justice system, particularly **the effectiveness and performance of the judiciary**. We highlighted that **the biggest current problem in GBV cases is the inaction of judicial bodies and lenient sentencing policies**, which harm victims and favor abusers.

Our proposal was to introduce **public oversight of the judiciary**, specifically allowing **victims to rate and publicly evaluate the work of prosecutors and judges** involved in their cases. These evaluations would include **full names** and would be **publicly available**.

We are confident this would not place undue pressure on the judiciary but would instead encourage them to **responsibly perform the jobs they are well paid to do**. Unfortunately, we are witnessing rulings and work that fall far short of expectations.

### **“Advocacy and Networking for Consistent Implementation of the Family Law of RS and FBiH” Supported by Kvinna till Kvinna and the European Union**

The goal is for the judiciary and Centers for Social Work in Republika Srpska, as well as women’s NGOs throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, to gain new knowledge for the implementation of the new Family Law of RS and the Family Law of FBiH, so that they can apply it adequately and in the best interest of children, especially in cases of domestic violence.

## **Results:**

**R.1.** At least 25 judges and prosecutors from all parts of RS act as promoters of the adequate interpretation of the new RS Family Law, in accordance with the positions of the women’s NGO sector, within their institutions.

By adopting new knowledge from relevant professionals with high authority who also share the sensitivity and viewpoints of women’s NGOs regarding the protection of victims of domestic violence, judicial bodies in RS interpret the new law in a way that emphasizes strong support for preserving the best interests of children and women, who are most often victims in (non)marital unions.

**R.2.** All 66 Centers for Social Work and social protection services in RS use the *Manual for Interpreting the New Family Law of RS*, which is designed in the best interest of children and victims of domestic violence.

By adopting new knowledge that correctly interprets the implementation of the Family Law—which defines the rights and obligations of social workers in organizing and regulating relationships within (non)marital unions as well as their dissolution—through this manual, professional staff are better equipped to use all the mechanisms provided by the law to represent the best interests of children and women, who are most often victims of family destabilization by their partners, with emphasis on domestic violence.



**R.3.** At least 25 social workers from different municipalities/cities in RS have gained new skills and knowledge and are using them as promoters of the adequate interpretation of the new RS Family Law, in line with the positions of the women's NGO sector, within their institutions. By acquiring new skills and knowledge from experts who have gained extensive experience working both in NGOs and institutions—and thus have easier access and rapport with the target group—social workers show greater understanding and sensitivity toward victims of domestic violence, contributing to a change in their attitudes.

**R.4.** At least 13 women's organizations from FBiH and RS that provide direct support to victims of domestic violence are creating next steps for monitoring the implementation of the Family Law in their areas of work, acting as an informal network across BiH.

Through the exchange of experiences in implementing the Family Law (good practices and lessons learned) between women's organizations across BiH, as well as education on monitoring models and harmonization, a plan for monitoring its implementation in the field will be created, with emphasis on the judiciary and Centers for Social Work. This workshop will serve as preparation for planning a joint approach to a donor in the future.

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## **Activities Implemented During the Reporting Period:**

### **A.1. Workshops for Social Workers from RS**

A two-day training was organized in Neum, attended by 25 representatives from Centers for Social Work across Republika Srpska. In selecting participants, we used two criteria: ensuring even geographical coverage of RS and including centers from larger municipalities and all cities, as a higher population implies a higher rate of domestic violence and more clients needing protection under the new Family Law of RS. Although not all invited centers responded, we were positively surprised by the interest, especially from smaller centers, who highlighted the importance of the training for their work. Some requested to send two participants for broader staff education. In total, 14 Centers for Social Work participated, with 23 participants (26 in total including two trainers and a coordinator), from: Doboj, Šamac, Bijeljina, Bosanski Brod, Prijedor, Prnjavor, Kozarska Dubica, Gacko, Nevesinje, Istočna Ilidža, Istočno Novo Sarajevo, Pale, Foča, and the social service of the small municipality of Berkovići.

Trainers were:

- **Dejan Pilipović**, expert in family law, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Banja Luka, and member of the working group for drafting the new Family Law of RS.
- **Nurka Babović**, from the organization "Center for Women's Rights" Zenica, who has extensive experience both in institutional work as a psychologist and in the NGO sector as a psychotherapist.

Evaluation surveys were collected from all participants after the workshop. Photos and information were shared on the *Women's Center Trebinje* Facebook page.

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## **A.2. Interactive Workshop for Women's NGOs across BiH**

Held online on December 24, 2024.

Lecturers: Nurka Babović (Center for Women's Rights, Zenica) and Ljiljana Čičković (Women's Center Foundation, Trebinje). The workshop was dynamic and sparked interest. Discussions focused on the strengths, limitations, and implementation challenges of the law, as well as opinions on the best ways to implement it.

Participants (in addition to our organization) included:

- "Dignitet" Association
- Citizens' Initiative Mostar
- "Slobodan Um" Trebinje
- "Maja" Women's Association
- Youth Education and Development Association "Safe Step"
- Women's Interactive Rural Center
- "Li-Women" Women's Association
- "Strength of Women" Association
- Association of Social Workers of SBK/KSB

Evaluation forms were collected after the workshop, and photos were posted on the *Women's Center Trebinje* Facebook page.

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## **A.3. Workshop for Judges and Prosecutors from RS**

Held online on March 4, 2025.

Lecturers:

- **Prof. Dr. Darko Radić**, full professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Banja Luka, and Head of the working group for drafting the new Family Law.
- **Judge Draženka Kudra Milijević**, Basic Court Banja Luka.

Prof. Radić covered the innovations and implementation of the law, while Judge Milijević focused more on practical application. The workshop addressed child protection from all forms of abuse by parents, shared custody provisions, and divorce proceedings due to domestic violence. A significant amendment is the possibility of awarding shared custody to parents. Participants raised practical challenges and discussed the best ways to address them. Evaluation surveys showed that participants found the topic very important and the workshop useful for their further work.

Institutions represented included:

- Basic Court Doboj
- Basic Court Banja Luka

- Basic Court Bijeljina
- Basic Court Derventa
- Basic Court Modriča
- Basic Court Novi Grad
- District Public Prosecutor's Office Banja Luka
- Basic Court Šamac
- District Court Trebinje
- Basic Court Trebinje
- Basic Court Vlasenica
- Basic Court Modriča

A total of 16 participants from 12 judicial institutions took part. Photos were posted on the *Women's Center Trebinje* Facebook page.

**"Self-Care Fund"**  
**supported by the Trag Foundation**

We utilized the Self-Care Fund, where five of us went to Austria, to their tourist village Abtenau, in the Lammertal region, in December. This trip and the five-day visit to Austrian villages and Salzburg helped us recharge our batteries and completely relax and rest. It was truly a wonderful trip that helped our team fully rest and mentally and physically "restart." We all concluded that this type of team-building is the best, where we have no obligations, just socializing and spending as much time as possible in nature, especially since we work on such heavy topics like domestic violence. Enjoying the beautiful snowy charm of Austria, long walks, and their cuisine was an excellent choice for our stay.

We believe that this is a unique form of support for organizations, which unfortunately no other donor provides, and which is extremely important not only for preventing "burnout" but also for building team relationships and supporting our revitalization and restart, which helps us move forward with the same energy and enthusiasm in the fight against gender-based violence, which drains energy and is certainly challenging.

"Strengthening Institutional Support to End Gender-Based Violence" – Phase II supported by Kvinna till Kvinna through a partnership with the "Lara" Foundation, Bijeljina During the reporting period, our organization organized 6 self-help group meetings for 8 people. Additionally, 5 interventions were provided by a trusted person. The Women's Center participated in a daily workshop with the judiciary in Bijeljina.

**"Fundraising Campaign for Building a Safe House"**  
**supported by the GlobalGiving platform**

During the reporting period, the fundraising campaign through this platform for the construction of a safe house in Trebinje continued.