



# Strengthening Cross Sectoral Capacities for Effective Implementation and Monitoring of Coordinated Referral Mechanism for GBV at the local Level



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**Location**

Municipality of Korca



**Implementing Period**

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11,500 EUR



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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The overall objective of the project is to improve the inter-institutional response to cases of gender-based violence (GBV) at the local level by strengthening the capacities of health and social service professionals, as well as CSOs, to effectively implement and monitor Coordinated Referral Mechanisms (MKR).



## THE CHALLENGE

The project addressed gaps in the implementation and monitoring of the Coordinated Referral Mechanism (MKR) for gender-based violence in the Municipality of Korçë and the need to strengthen the capacities of institutional and civil society actors involved in the referral and protection system. The intervention was important because it enhanced the ability of health, social service, municipal, and NGO professionals to provide a more coordinated, effective, and victim-centered response to women and girls affected by gender-based violence.



## OUR RESPONSE

The project responded to these challenges by developing practical guidance tools, delivering targeted capacity-building programmes, and strengthening collaboration among health, social service, municipal, police, and civil society actors involved in the Coordinated Referral Mechanism (MKR). Through the development of standardized guides, joint trainings, and support for civil society monitoring and reporting, the intervention promoted a more coordinated, accountable, and effective local response to gender-based violence in the Municipality of Korçë.



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



### Direct Reach



42

beneficiaries reached



35

women/girls supported



15

youth/community members engaged



5

institutions involved



### CAPACITY BUILDING

4



trainings conducted

42



participants trained

70%



reported improved knowledge and skills



### RESEARCH & EVIDENCE

5



reports produced

1



policy recommendations developed



### ADVOCACY & POLICY IMPACT

1



advocacy meeting organized

5



institutions engaged

1



recommendations adopted or reflected in policies/plans



## IMPACT STORIES



"Before the training, I was familiar with the general referral procedures, but I was not always confident about the specific steps required when identifying and documenting cases of gender-based violence. I now feel more prepared to provide timely and appropriate support to women and girls in need."



**Training Participant**  
Korça Municipality



## RESULTS AT A GLANCE



**42**

Beneficiaries reached



**4**

Trainings conducted



**1**

Reports produced



**1**

Advocacy initiatives



**5**

Institutions engaged



## LESSONS LEARNED



**Lesson 1:** Joint training of health, social service, municipal, police, and civil society actors proved highly effective in strengthening inter-institutional cooperation and fostering a shared understanding of roles and responsibilities within the Coordinated Referral Mechanism (MKR).



**Lesson 2:** Practical tools, such as standardized guides and monitoring frameworks, are essential for translating legal and formal requirements into day-to-day practice and improving the quality of responses to gender-based violence cases.



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