



# Health for Equality and Safety – Strengthening the Institutional Response to Gender-Based Violence in Fier



New Epoch  
Center



**Location**

Fier Municipality



**Implementing Period**

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**Total Budget**

11,500 EUR



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### THE CHALLENGE

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) remains one of the most underreported social issues in the Municipality of Fier, particularly in rural areas and among vulnerable groups. Women often face barriers in accessing support services due to stigma, lack of information, limited trust in institutions, and weak coordination among local service providers. The project was designed to strengthen community awareness, improve access to information, and reinforce cooperation between healthcare institutions, local authorities, and support services in Fieri Municipality.



### OUR RESPONSE

The project strengthened the role of healthcare centers as accessible entry points for identifying and referring GBV cases. Through capacity-building activities, awareness campaigns, community meetings, and collaboration with local institutions, the project promoted reporting mechanisms and increased knowledge about available support services among women and girls.



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



### Direct Reach



**150**

direct beneficiaries reached through project activities in Fier.



**120**

women and girls supported through community meetings



**20**

healthcare and institutional professionals engaged and trained



**7** healthcare centers involved

**5** local institutions actively engaged



### CAPACITY BUILDING



**1**

capacity-building training conducted



**20**

participants trained



Increased knowledge of awareness campaigns, referral mechanisms and community engagement.



### RESEARCH & EVIDENCE



Awareness materials developed based on findings from previous assessments of the healthcare sector response to GBV in Fier.



Key community concerns and recommendations documented through meetings with women and local stakeholders



### ADVOCACY & POLICY IMPACT



**8**

community advocacy meetings organized



**5**

local institutions actively engaged



Increased cooperation between healthcare centers, municipal social services, police, free legal aid services, and anti-discrimination mechanisms.

## IMPACT STORIES

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*"For many women in our community, this was the first time we openly discussed violence and the services available to support us. Knowing that the family doctor, psychologist, and local institutions can help gives us greater confidence to seek support when needed."*



**Woman participant, Libofshë Health Center**



A woman participating in the meeting shared that psychosocial support received from the center psychologist helped her regain confidence, improve her wellbeing and better manage difficult family situations. Inspired by this experience, she later encouraged friends and relatives facing similar challenges to seek counseling and psychosocial support services.



**Woman participant, Cakran Health Center**



## RESULTS AT A GLANCE



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Community meetings



**1**

Awareness video produced



**15,500+**

Video views (on Instagram)



**40**

Posters developed



**500**

Informational leaflets



**7**

Institutions engaged



## LESSONS LEARNED



Community-based awareness activities are more effective when healthcare institutions and local support services participate together and provide direct information to beneficiaries.



Psychosocial services within healthcare centers are highly valued by women and represent an important entry point for identifying and addressing GBV cases.



Building trust between women and local institutions requires continuous outreach and regular opportunities for dialogue.



Family doctors and healthcare professionals play a critical role in encouraging early reporting and referral of GBV cases.



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