



Annual report

2021



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In 2021, 680 persons with experience of domestic violence turned to the Women's Safe House for help.



After the initial consultation with women, in accordance with their needs, they were provided with help and support. In **2021**, initial counseling was provided **1310 times**, as follows: initial counseling by phone / online **1007 times** and by talking in the office **303 times**. In practice, it often happens that a person with experience of violence repeatedly requests initial counseling - either by phone, social networks or by coming to the office.

Legal aid - a total of **720 times**, of which:

- **representation of parties before courts** - 161
- **legal advices** - 443
- **legal submissions** - 116 (lawsuits, interim measures, motions for enforcement, response to lawsuits, criminal charges ...)



Number of persons accommodated in the shelter (total): 75

- Number of women accommodated in the shelter: **31**
- Number of children accommodated in the shelter: **44**

In 2021, the *Women's Safe House* in total provided **2,750 services** to women and children with experience of violence.

Psychosocial help and support –

185

Police reports

were in

240 cases.

Mediation in contact with institutions-

235

Confidential person (escorting the client in proceedings before institutions) -

180

Projects:

Protected and Safe:
Combating sexual violence in
Montenegro



The overall goal of this project is to contribute to the establishment of comprehensive legal and policy solutions for protection against sexual violence in Montenegro, as well as raising awareness of public about issue of sexual violence in Montenegro.

Additionally, this project is aimed at strengthening capacities and role of professionals - primary service providers, as an important factor for reducing sexual violence against women problem, through education, research and advocacy activities as well as long-term cooperation. It includes national and local level of action in the field of protection of women against sexual based violence and social inclusion, especially multi-discriminated groups.

The project is currently being implemented and funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Balkan Marshal's Fund of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.



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Public action on Independence Square
in the Capital.



On the topic of sexual violence against
women, we also organized open days with
students.

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Svaka treća žena, starosti između 18 i 34 godine, vjeruje da joj prijete opasnost od seksualnog nasilja.

Istraživanje:

Percepcija seksualnog nasilja nad djevojkama i ženama u Crnoj Gori

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Svaki četvrti muškarac u Crnoj Gori tvrdi da žene koje kažu da su doživjele seksualno nasilje često izmišljaju ili pretjeruju sa tvrdnjama o zlostavljanju ili silovanju.

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Stronger service - stronger support

**ONLINE PRAVNA I
PSIHOLOŠKA POMOĆ I
PODRŠKA**

Kontaktiraj nas!
069/013-321 (24/7)
ili putem društvenih mreža



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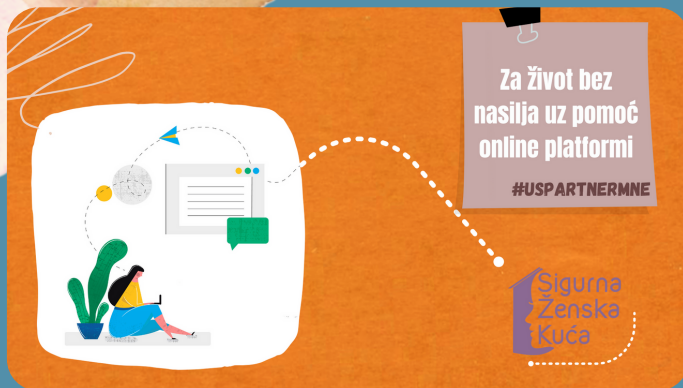
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The project "**Stronger Service - Stronger Support**" is funded by the European Union in Montenegro, through the project "Stopping Violence Against Women in the Western Balkans and Turkey: Law Enforcement, Changing Attitudes", implemented by the United Nations Development Program Office (UNDP Gender Program Montenegro) and United Nations Agency for the Empowerment of Women and Gender Equality (UN Women).



For a life without violence with the help of online platforms



In order for women with experience of violence to receive the necessary support and assistance, our team, with the support of the US Embassy in Montenegro, organized an online counseling for women with experience of violence and provided them with psychosocial and legal assistance, as well as yoga workshops and self-help groups. The realization of the project was organized from September 2020 to the end of May 2021.

Although our organization has an **SOS line (069 / 013-321)** that is available 24/7 through which women with experience of violence contact us daily, face-to-face contact was necessary to provide comprehensive support to women who have experienced some form of violence. Women with experience of violence were prevented from coming to our office due to the measures taken during the pandemic and thus encountered a barrier that probably discouraged some of them from leaving the violent community and turning to us for help. In this regard, it was necessary to enable women with experience of violence to receive our full help and support from a distance, ie through video contact mechanisms that were available through online platforms.

*For a life without violence with
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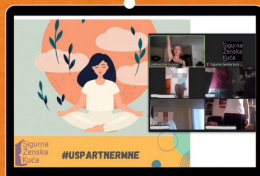
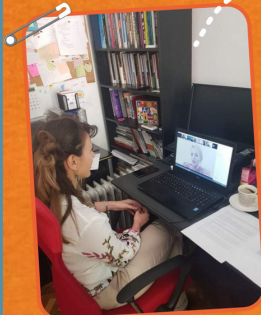


Legal aid and support

From the beginning of the project implementation at the beginning of September 2020 until the end of May 2021, over 200 women contacted us for help and support through online platforms. That is, 97 women applied for psychosocial assistance and support, 52 women participated in self-help groups, 107 times women received some kind of legal assistance through online platforms, while a total of 55 women participated in online yoga workshops.

After the contact by phone, we agreed with the woman which way of video contact is the easiest for her, that is, whether we will hear each other through the applications Viber, Skype, Zoom, Messenger. If a woman does not cope best with these methods of communication, we gave her precise instructions. Our experience so far shows that women manage very easily when we explain them precisely and so far we have not had any technical problems with this type of help.

POMOĆ I PODRŠKA PUTEM VIDEO POZIVA



Fight against domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic

Women's Safe House, together with partner organizations Center for Roma Initiatives, Sos Ulcinj - Ulqinj, NGO "Ksenia" Herceg Novi, NGO IKRE Rozaje, Montenegrin Women's Lobby, Sos Niksic implemented the project "Fight against domestic violence during the pandemic COVID 19" .

In this way, we have provided additional accommodation capacity in apartments in Ulcinj, Niksic and Podgorica, which has enabled us to successfully respond to the increased number of requests for accommodation of women and children who have survived violence. 6 roadmaps were made to establish support for women with experience of violence for five different municipalities. Also, in 2020 i 2021 we conducted meetings with representatives of centers for social work to exchange experiences.

What is even more important for this project are the forums held with interested citizens on the topic of the phenomenon of gender-based violence.



Fight against domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic



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- The SOS Hotline for Women and Children Victims of Violence Nikšić and the Women's Safe House, with financial assistance from the European Union, through the project "Stopping Violence against Women in the Western Balkans and Turkey: Law Enforcement, Changing Attitudes", implemented by the United Nations Office for Development (UNDP) in Montenegro and the United Nations Agency for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality (UN WOMEN) conducted a qualitative study to find out how COVID 19 affects the lives of women in Montenegro, what are the key needs of women during the pandemic and which is the best way to answer to them.



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„Na početku kovida mene je muž izbacio napolje sa djetom, ja sam vas tada zvala. To nisam mojima rekla. Međutim, on je zvao da se vratim, čim je čuo da sam vas zvala i da ću policiju da zovem.“ – Lidija



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Svaka peta žena koja je učestvovala u našem istraživanju je bila primorana da pozamljuje novac od komšinica i rođaka kako bi platila stanarinu ili kupila hranu.



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„Mene boli što ja ovdje lutam i nemam adekvatan tretman za dijete, ja bih to samo imala u Beogradu na fonetiku za razvoj govora i glasa. Zbog korone nisam mogla, dijete je praktično izgubilo godinu dana u periodu kad je to najpotrebnije. Sve ide preko mene, moram da mu organizujem život, da ga izvučem iz tog stanja, ali to vrlo teško ide. A on ne plaća alimentaciju, a koliko nama treba novca za sve, znate troškovi su ogromni...“ – Milica



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„Čini mi se da je COVID nede razotkrio sva ta neslaganja koja su se dešavala u porodicama, mislim ne samo u mojoj nego raznim porodicama, jer je i prije bilo nasilja, a sad pogotovo – samo gore.“ – Biljana



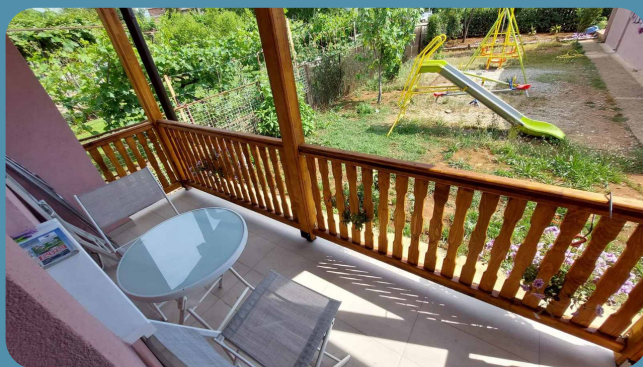
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Prefabricated house donation:



The OSCE Mission to Montenegro has donated a prefabricated house that serves as additional accommodation for women and children victims of domestic violence.



Thanks to this significant donation, the accommodation capacity increased by 6 places, ie by 6 people.

Donations:

In 2021: the OSCE Mission to Montenegro donated a prefabricated house as additional accommodation capacity, LDS Charities donated money to equip the prefabricated house, the NGO Paradigma donated fruit and vegetable towers. While MAPSS, the Secretariat for Social Welfare (Capital) and Women of Bar donated packages to children for the New Year holidays. Also, Sportina Delta city donated clothing packages for women victims of violence

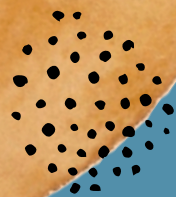


Workshops in shelter:

Workshops with children included working with educational material, drawing and interpreting drawings, techniques for recognizing and naming emotions, as well as working according to educational programs.



Membership:



- Our organization is a member of the coordinating committee for the coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and measures to prevent and combat all forms of violence covered by the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)

- WSH employee Jovana Hajduković is a member of the working group of the National Council for the Implementation of the Istanbul Convention



- Since 2020, we are in the **WAVE network** (Women against violence Europe)



The media:



Tišina - glas žrtava seksualnog nasilja

Biće omogućen što diskretniji pregled

KCCG: Unaprijedene procedure prijema žrtava porodičnog i seksualnog nasilja

Direktorica Klinički centar Crne Gore (KCCG) unaprijediće proceduru prijema i pregleda žrtava porodičnog i seksualnog nasilja, dogovoreno je na sastanku direktorice dr Ljiljane Radulović sa predstavnicama Sigurne ženske kuće (SŽK) uz napomenu da višedecenijski problem ne može da bude riješen preko noći.



Nasilje nad ženama i djevojkama na internetu



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<https://www.cdm.me/.../srzentic-ujedinimo-se-kako-bismo.../>



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Srzentić: Ujedinimo se, kako bismo na vrijeme reagovali i spriječili svaki oblik nasilja nad ženama - CdM

Other:



The co-presidents of the Collegium of the Women's Club in the Parliament of Montenegro, Dr. Branka Bošnjak and Vesna Pavićević, met with our Mira and Jovana, as well as with our colleague Aida Perović from the NGO Prima. The co-presidents of the Collegium of the Women's Club informed us about the formation of the Women's Club, as well as about the direction of action.

The meeting focused on updating the amendments to the Criminal Code. These changes, as a special activity, are envisaged by the Proposed Work Plan of the Collegium of the Women's Club in the part of toughening the penalties for crimes against sexual freedom. Considering that in the meantime, the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Montenegro announced amendments to the Criminal Code, the co-presidents believe that the proposal should be awaited, and they, as deputies, can additionally act as amendments makers. Although the co-presidents stated that this issue is urgent, they stated that quality changes to the Criminal Code require more time.

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The workshop "Gender aspects of climate change", where our Jovana Mirković spoke, spoke on the topic of Gender Equality and Intersectionality.

The workshop was organized by the Ministries of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism and the United Nations Development Program.



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Meeting with the Minister of Finance and Social Welfare, Miloško Spajić, MA. The key problems and challenges we face were presented, as well as the need for full state support to women's NGOs that provide support to victims of violence.



ZAJEDNO PROTIV NASILJA NAD ŽENAMA

Delta city, 3. decembar od 12h do 16h

As part of the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence" campaign, an "Together Against Violence Against Women" event was organized together with the Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare, the Ministry of the Interior - Police Administration and the Capital.





Protest against the decision to pardon the perpetrator T.B. by the President, which is an example of discrimination against women and children and a form of severe institutional violence. Due to such a decision, a protest was organized in front of the President's building in Podgorica, in which activists of non-governmental organizations participated.

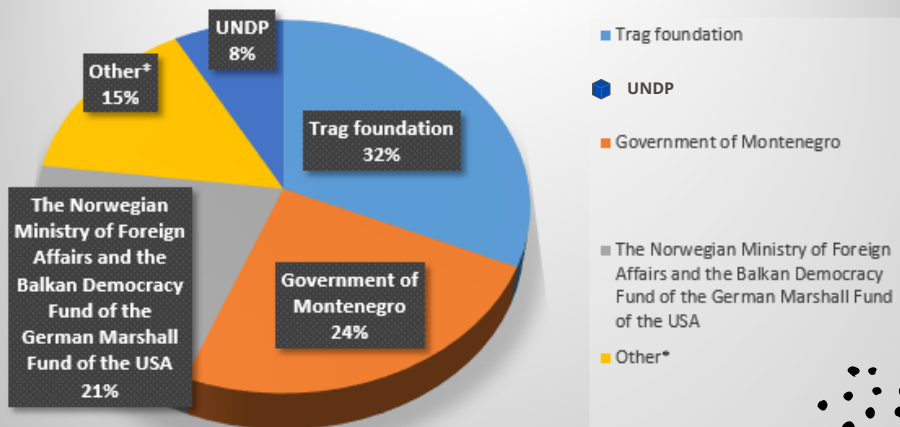


Protest over the death of nineteen-year-old S. B. who was killed on September 30 by a former partner.

Sources of funding:

In 2021:

Total budget: 203,547.20



Other: US Embassy, LDS Charities, OSCE, British Embassy, Sportina Delta city, SPA&Welness consulting, Basic State Prosecutor's Office - by applying the institute of deferred criminal prosecution

Thank you!



- Women's Safe House team