

In September 2022, a grant agreement was signed for the implementation of project with a № BGJUSTICE-4.002-0016 “Capacity building and awareness on domestic and gender-based violence in the South-Central region”, funded under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2020.

The project BGJUSTICE-4.002-0016 “Capacity building and awareness on domestic and gender-based violence in the South-Central region” is implemented with the financial support in the amount of 199 000 Euros provided by Norway. The main objective of the project “Capacity building and awareness on domestic and gender-based violence in the South-Central region” is to increase the capacity of Bulgarian local authorities in the field of domestic violence and gender-based violence. The project supports the development and introduction of an effective integrated approach aimed at improving the status and opportunities of victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

A specific goal of the project is to develop a pilot service in relation to the domestic violence and gender-based violence and to establish a support center "You are not alone", providing advice and information on a local level in the municipality of Strelcha. This directly contributes to increasing the access and quality of specialized services, with a special focus on the vulnerable women and children from the Roma community.

Project Contractor: Association “Union for Bulgaria”

Project partners: Municipality of Strelcha, Bulgaria

“SUPRAS” AS, Norway

“Multi Level Consulting” Ltd., Bulgaria

Project activities:

Activity 1 - Study and analysis of the needs of vulnerable groups - women and children that have experienced domestic violence and gender-based violence, with emphasis on the Roma community and assessment of the schooling level and the capacity of the support specialists from the vulnerable municipalities in South-central region.

Activity 2 - Research and analysis of good practices from the Kingdom of Norway for the prevention and combating of domestic violence and gender-based violence with a focus on the Roma community, applicable to Bulgaria.

Activity 3 - Designing training programs for training of support specialists on the topics of prevention and combating domestic violence and gender-based violence among vulnerable groups - women and children, with emphasis on the Roma community.

Activity 4 - Training of support specialists to consult women and children who have experienced domestic violence and gender-based violence, incl. from the Roma community.

Activity 5 - Founding a pilot center "You are not alone" – providing a service on a local level to work with women and children, who have experienced domestic violence and gender-based violence, incl. from the Roma community in Strelcha Municipality.