Projects supported within the Call for proposals for the support of CSOs in Montenegro in the field of human rights

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Improvement of protection and social security of victims of domestic violence, implemented by the SOS line for women and children victims of violence Berane (partner: SOS line for women and children victims of violence Podgorica)

The overall objective of the project is to improve protection and social security of victims of domestic violence. In specific, the project aims to contribute to the strengthening of strategic inter-sector partnership in response to the domestic violence in Berane.

Expected project results are: 1) strengthened capacities of the SOS line for women and children victims of violence Berane for strategic work; 2) strengthened mechanisms for cooperation and joint actions in protection from violence; 3) enhanced capacities of relevant bodies for better implementation of Protocol of Treatment, Prevention and Protection from Domestic Violence; 4) increased level of awareness and sensibility of the local community concerning issues of violence against women and children.

Within this project, the SOS line Berane will,
jointly with the SOS line Podgorica, conduct following activities: development of the SOS line strategic plan; meetings with heads of the relevant bodies addressing problem of domestic violence; interviews with the heads of these bodies to get information on key challenges in the Protocol implementation; training of the staff in the relevant bodies for better implementation of the Protocol; development of the analysis of current state of affairs with accompanying guidelines for improvement of the Protocol implementation; printing of the analysis; media presentation of the project results; production of the brochure on mechanisms and possibilities of protection of victims of domestic violence.

The target groups of the project are heads of relevant bodies in charge for addressing domestic violence issues, employees of police, centres for social work, health care system and judiciary, as well as the general public, whereas the beneficiaries are women, children and elders who are victims of domestic violence in Berane.

The project will last for 5 months and it is supported with 8,500 EUR.

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With legal support to the better realization of the right of children and young people with disabilities, implemented by the NGO Alliance of associations of parents of children and youth with disabilities , „Our initiative“ from Podgorica

The overall objective of the project is to improve general position of children and young people with disabilities in Montenegro. In specific, the project aims to strengthen the capacities of 10 non-governmental associations gathering parents of children with disabilities and working on affirmation of the rights of children and youth with disabilities and their implementation. Expected project results are: 1) increased capacities of the local associations for information dissemination about the rights of children and youth with disabilities; 2) raised awareness of parents about rights of children and youth with disabilities; 3) increased possibilities for legal assistance in the implementation of the rights of children
and youth with disabilities; 4) increased presence of topics related to the rights of children and youth with disabilities in the media.

Within this project framework, the Alliance of associations of parents of children and youth with disabilities „Our initiative“ Podgorica will conduct following set of activities: planning, preparation and implementation of the 15 two-days long workshops in Podgorica, Plav, Andrijevica, Berane, Rožaje, Mojkovac, Kolašin, Danilovgrad, Ulcinj, Budva and Tivat; provision of legal texts and forms for the parents that are participating at the workshops; provision of legal opinions, advice and writing of legal applications; presentation of the project in media.

The target groups of the project are families of the children and youth with disabilities, as well as the associations of parents of children with disabilities, centres for social work, regional units of Health Care Fund, representatives of local authorities and media, while beneficiaries are children and youth with disabilities.

The project will last for 5 months and it is supported with 6,210 EUR.

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Alimony – the right of each child and an obligation of each parent, implemented by the NGO Shelter from Podgorica

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the establishment of the comprehensive legislation and procedures, as well as to raise awareness about the problem of not giving the mandatory support for the children. In specific, the project aims to improve the level of understanding of the problem related to alimony and to produce recommendations for efficient and effective realization of the right of children to alimony with broad mobilization of diverse social actors. Expected project results are: 1) collected reliable information about the problem of not giving the mandatory alimony; 2) analysis of the current legal and policy measures for the payment of alimony with recommendations for amendments and
changes of those measures; 3) comparative analysis of the legal framework and solutions for not paying the alimony; 4) networking of stakeholders to advocate effective measures for the payment of mandatory alimony for children.

*Key activities* of the project are: collection of the necessary data in the field of not giving alimony for minors; working on the analysis of the current legislative framework and judicial practice; production of the policy study with recommendations; establishment of the coalition of stakeholders (primarily non-governmental organizations dealing with women’s rights) to advocate amendments of legislation and solutions which enable effective and efficient measures for the payment of mandatory alimony.

The *target groups* of the project are: non-governmental organizations that are engaged in protection of women’s rights; state institutions (such as the Centre for Social Work in Podgorica) and judiciary (such as the Basic Court in Podgorica, the Basic State Prosecutor’s Office) while *beneficiaries* are divorced parents (primarily mothers) to whom children are trusted and who have the problem of not getting the mandatory alimony.

The project will last for 5 months and it is supported with 5,000 EUR.

Contact person: Budislavka Saveljić, Executive Director
Journalistic research and debate: political discrimination – examples, basis, causes and consequences, implemented by the Monitor’s Centre for Media and Democracy (MCMD) from Podgorica

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen human rights and reduce the level of political discrimination in Montenegro. In specific, the project aims at raising awareness about the problem of political discrimination, its causes and consequences. Expected project results are: 1) recorded, published and publicly available specific cases, causes and consequences of political discrimination and human rights violation; 2) strengthened capacities of the Monitor’s Centre for Media and Democracy to promote human rights and democratic reforms; 3) strengthened cooperation between civil society organizations and media in the field of monitoring of the problems related to political discrimination, as well as the cooperation between MCMD, weekly Monitor and institutions of legislative,
judicial and executive power, and also anti-discriminatory bodies; 4) empowered role of the weekly Monitor and other media in monitoring and research of issues regarding political discrimination and human rights. 

**Key activities** of the project are: journalistic research of political discrimination during five months, which includes specific affected cases; creation, publication and distribution of five research articles in the weekly Monitor; organization of the public debate on topic „Political discrimination - basis, causes and consequences“; formulation of the conclusions and recommendations; production, publication and distribution of the special eight-page supplement „Political discrimination - basis, causes and consequences“ in 5000 copies.

The **target groups** of the project are representatives of the discriminated groups, public and state institutions, political parties, civic sector, Ombudsman’s Office and other anti-discriminatory bodies, media, while **beneficiary** is the public at large.

The project will last for **5 months** and it is supported with **6,300 EUR**.

Contact person: Zoran Radulović, President
The system of implementation of short-term penalties of deprivation of liberty and alternative sanctions in Montenegro, implemented by the Institute for Legal Studies from Podgorica

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights in Montenegro through active participation of CSOs in monitoring of implementation of the policy and legal framework for the protection of human rights. Specifically, the project aims to analyze the system of implementation of short-term penalties of deprivation of liberty and alternative sanctions imposed by the judicial institutions in Montenegro. Expected project results are: 1) produced analysis of the implementation of short-term penalties of deprivation of liberty and alternative sanctions within the courts and for the sentenced crimes; 2) conducted research on efficiency of short-term penalties of deprivation of liberty and alternative sanctions through the level of recidivism and rehabilitation programme during and after execution of the sanctions; 3) prepared comparative-legal analysis on
implementation of penalties of deprivation of liberty with particular emphasis on the work in public interest and home detention; 4) improved level of awareness and knowledge of judicial officials about the system of implementation of short-term penalties of deprivation of liberty in comparative legal systems.

The key activities are: preparation of the research methodology; field research in the three selected courts (Bar, Podgorica and Bijelo Polje); desk research; collection of the comparative data; consolidation of the research materials and work on the study; printing of the study; organization of the one-day conference; submitting the Initiative to the Ministry of Justice and to the Supreme Court of Montenegro.

Target groups of the project are: basic courts, the Bureau for Execution of Criminal Sanctions, Ministry of Justice, while beneficiaries are prisoners, judicial officials, representatives of the institutions and organizations engaged in the protection of human rights and citizens of Montenegro. The project will last for 3 months and it is supported with 5,000 EUR.

Contact person: Dr Ilija Vukčević, Executive Director
My right – right to free movement, implemented by the Association of Paraplegics Cetinje (partner: Association of persons with physical disabilities of Montenegro)

The overall objective is to improve the position of persons with disabilities in Royal Capital of Cetinje. In specific, the project is related to the improvement of legislation in order to promote the physical accessibility of public buildings for access and movement of persons with reduced mobility and persons with disabilities. Expected project results are: 1) produced and published manual on accessibility of buildings in public use in the Royal Capital Cetinje; 2) organised round table „The right to free movement of persons with reduced mobility and persons with physical disabilities“; 3) submitted an initiative to the Parliament of the Royal Capital Cetinje for the adoption of Action plan of adaptation of priority facilities in public use for accessibility and movement of persons.
with reduced mobility and persons with disabilities; 4) printed leaflets for raising public awareness about this issue.

Key activities of the project are: development of Manual for accessibility of buildings in public use in the Royal Capital of Cetinje; preparation and realization of the round table „Right to free movement of persons with reduced movement and persons with disabilities“; as well as preparation, printing and distribution of promotional leaflets for the citizens of Cetinje.

The target groups of the project are members of the Association of Paraplegics of Cetinje and Association of persons with physical disabilities of Montenegro, persons with reduced movement ability, persons with disabilities, representatives of relevant local and national institutions and media.

The project will last for 4 months and it is supported with 5,200 EUR.

Contact person: Dejan Tmušić, President
Cadre– contact, implemented by the NGO Atak Podgorica

The overall objective of the project is to create a social environment with equal opportunities for all citizens of Montenegro in the realization of their human rights, with particular emphasis on marginalized groups. In specific, the project aims to ensure active participation of persons with physical disabilities (mainly those who are blind and visually impaired persons) in cultural and art life of Montenegro.

Expected project results are: 1) increased level of knowledge of key social actors in the field of culture and human rights about the need for stronger social inclusion and participation of visually impaired persons in the cultural and art life; 2) produced first documentary in Montenegro about blind and visually impaired persons; 3) raised awareness of citizens on the equal opportunities for participation of marginalized groups in society, through
the reduction of discrimination level and prejudice toward blind and visually impaired persons.

Key activities of the project are: organization of the national conference on discrimination and the need for greater participation of persons with physical disabilities (primarily of those who are blind and visually impaired) in cultural and art life of Montenegro; production of the documentary based on the theatre play „Blind“, written by Maurice Maeterlinck, in which visually impaired persons act jointly with professional theatre actors; web support for the promotion of the documentary; marking of the „White Cane Day“ with the premiere of the documentary; participation of the documentary at the national and international human rights festivals.

The target groups of the project are persons with disabilities and their families, and indirectly state institutions and decision makers in Montenegro, international and domestic organizations and individuals engaged in culture and human rights.

The project will last for 4 months and it is supported with 5,200 EUR.

Contact person: Dragana Tripković, President of the Managing Board
The overall objective of the project is to establish the gender equality and the principle of equal opportunities in the municipality of Ulcinj. In specific, the project is related to creation of institutional mechanisms for promotion of human rights of women and implementation of gender equality policies in Ulcinj. 

Expected project results are: 1) enhanced capacities of women to influence and to participate with local authorities and stakeholders in the development and implementation of gender based policies; 2) developed and adopted local action plan for achieving gender equality in the municipality of Ulcinj; 3) raised awareness of local community and decision makers
about the significance of introduction and respect for the concept of gender equality. 

*Key activities* of the project are: establishment of the cooperation and partnership with the local authorities; formation of the Working group for the creation of local action plan for achieving gender equality; organization of the training on strategic planning for the Working group within which the first draft Strategic plan will be devised; analysis of the situation and needs of women in the community; production of the draft local plan for achieving gender equality; public discussion about the draft local plan; creation of the final local plan; campaign for the adoption of the local plan of gender equality; media promotion of project activities and results. 

*Target groups* of the project are women from the community (marginalized women groups, women leaders, women MPs, women from rural areas), leaders of political parties whose representatives are in the local parliament, managers within local authority, while *beneficiaries* are all women in Ulcinj. 

The project will last for 5 months and it is supported by 6,300 EUR. 

Contact person: Hatidža Neljaj, Executive Director
Campaign: remember, ask, disturb!, implemented by the Centre for Women and Peace Education ANIMA Kotor

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the building of political community in which women have visible role with simultaneous promotion of political representation of women and to raise the awareness of public about the need for public action of women. In specific, the project is focused to the affirmation of the gender approach to politics and to the increase of women visibility in the political community, thus giving the contribution to the affirmation of women rights and encouraging initiatives of the civil society seeking for alternative dialogue with „political society”.

Expected project results are: 1) raised awareness and knowledge of citizens about the gender approach to politics; 2) increased number of women who act in the
political community using the alternative methods.

*Key activities* of the project include: devising, designing and printing materials for street actions; five press conferences to inform the public about the planned activities; five street campaigns which will be organized on the occasion of the 13 July (The Statehood Day in Montenegro), 21 September (International Peace Day), 17 October (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty), 25 November (as the beginning of the campaign of 16 Days of Actions against Women) and 10 December (Human Rights Day).

The *target groups* of the project are citizens of Kotor and Podgorica and *beneficiaries* are all citizens of Montenegro.

The project will last for *5 months* and it is supported with *6,500 EUR*.

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