

THIRD PARTY PROJECT OVERVIEW – IMPACT4VALUES

CALL 1 – SMALL AND MEDIUM PROJECTS

MEDIUM PROJECTS

3. SOS Rijeka - Center for Nonviolence and Human Rights: FORZA - a Feminist Response to Gender-based Aggression

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FORZA – A Feminist Response to Gender-Based Aggression focuses on providing support to victims of gender-based violence in two key ways:

Through the operation of the SOS Rijeka Counseling Center for victims of domestic, partner, and sexual violence. Within the Counseling Center, survivors of violence can access a range of services in one place, in a safe and confidential environment: free primary legal aid, psychological counseling, support in communication with institutions, and information about housing options. This comprehensive support enables our clients, often accompanied by small children, to successfully leave violent environments and (re)integrate into society.

By advocating for the effective implementation of the housing measure for victims of domestic violence in Croatia. The advocacy aims to achieve systemic change for victims of gender-based violence. This will be accomplished through an analysis of the housing measure for victims of domestic violence (under the Act on Housing in Assisted Areas), the development of recommendations for its improvement, and a public campaign. CESI, our partner organization with extensive experience in advocacy, will also participate in these activities.

Expected Project Results

The project aims to achieve two key results:

1. Survivors of domestic, partner, and sexual violence will have access to free and high-quality social services based on women’s human rights. Services provided at the SOS Rijeka Counseling Center include psychological counseling, primary legal aid, support in communication with institutions, and information about housing options.
2. Improved implementation of the housing measure for victims of domestic violence under the Act on Housing in Assisted Areas. This improvement will be achieved through the development of an Analysis of the Housing Measure for victims of domestic violence and the implementation of an advocacy and awareness-raising campaign. The campaign will include:

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- Meetings with decision-makers (the Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy, and the Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets) to present recommendations for improving the measure,
- A roundtable discussion with stakeholders (representatives of local and regional self-government units),
- A media conference, and
- A campaign on social media.