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**PROJECT EVALUATION REPORT**

**„CAPACITY BUILDING V“**

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## 1. Abstract

At the request of the Foundation "Ženski centar" [Women's Centre], Trebinje we performed evaluation of the Project "Capacity Building V", mostly funded by OAQ FOUNDATION, Grant Application Form. The project is funded and supported by Swedish organization "Kvinna till Kvinna.", Czech Embassy in BiH, "Lara" Foundation and Lushy. Project evaluation has been performed by "OIKOS INSTITUTE" from Bijeljina and it covers entire fiscal year 2018. The team that worked evaluation were: Zoran Mastilo, Ph.D. Professor of Economic Science, director of Institute; Vesna Miletić, BSc. Economics, research associate of the Institute; and Nedeljko Veselinović, BSc. in Economics, external associate of the Institute. The main evaluated issues, main evaluation findings and recommendations have been provided in the text.

*Evaluation* is an assessment process that not only determines the value or performance issues considered, but it also tries to assess and describe these values with the aim of improving changes in the given area. Evaluation is not only an unbiased description of the characteristics, but also an analytical interpretation and recommendations for improving these characteristics. Evaluation therefore has an element of judgment on itself and is oriented towards the *activities* and *change*. It is of both descriptive, and regulative type.

**Process evaluation:** Process evaluation assesses the steps that an individual or an organization takes in project implementation, in order to determine the effectiveness and success of the project.

## 2. Introduction

The project "Capacity Building V" is an upgrade of the "Capacity Building" project launched in 2009 as a way to help improve the quality of life of women and children both in society and in the BiH family. Association for helping children and women victims of domestic violence - NGO "Women's Center" Trebinje was founded in 2002, which was re-registered in the "Women's Center" Trebinje Foundation in 2016. Within the activities conducted by the "Women's Center" Trebinje since the establishment of the Project, a Multidisciplinary team was formed and the whole region of East Herzegovina was rounded up. Therefore, 63 governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations signed the document "The Platform for Joint Action of the Multidisciplinary Team for the Suppression of Domestic Violence in Eastern Herzegovina" with the Foundation "Women's Center" Trebinje as an upgrade of the aforementioned agreements and individual protocols. During 2018, the Foundation has established cooperation with governmental institutions both at the level of the Republic of Srpska and with institutions at the level of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The structure of the Foundation consists of: Managing Board, Director and Deputy Director. Membership has 21 persons, out of which 7 are employed according to the employment contract, 2 persons are employed under the contract on temporary and occasional work and 10 volunteers. One expert, one financial assistant, 1 assistant manager, 2 psychologists, 2 lawyers and 2 activists are employed in the profession.

### **3. Project Objective**

The mission of the Foundation is the fight for women's and children's human rights as well as economic empowerment of women. OAK FOUNDATION has been supporting the plans and activities of the Women's Center Trebinje Foundation for many years, which is aimed at building the capacity of institutions / organizations that directly or indirectly deal with domestic violence, by providing a multidisciplinary approach to empower women and children victims of domestic violence the entire region of Eastern Herzegovina. The project covers all municipalities of Eastern Herzegovina (Trebinje, Ljubinje, Gacko, Nevesinje, Bileca and Berkovići). The project also encompasses the Entity level (Republika Srpska) in the part related to the economic empowerment of women victims of domestic violence, as well as the development of social entrepreneurship and the provision of self-financing of the foundation itself ("Women's Center") through the establishment of a cooperative and raising the plantations of organic figs to 9 ha, supported by the OAK Foundation and the Czech Embassy in BiH. Also, the project included educational workshops for 131 women politicians from the Election Unit 9 from all political parties active in the area. "Women's Center" Trebinje, as a partner with "Larom" from Bijeljina, monitors the work of police officers in the RS. The comprehensive evaluation question set out in this evaluation was: What are the successful elements of individual, professional and institutional cooperation between project participants and what aspects of the project should be further improved? In this evaluation, a combination of qualitative and quantitative approach was used. In the process of data collection, reports, questionnaires, evaluation sheets, individual interviews and interviews with the group were prepared and submitted by the Center's director. Case studies were conducted on the spot in Eastern Herzegovina.

During the evaluation of the project, we worked on the following projects:

- "Capacity Building V" financed by OAK FONDATION and Lushy
- "Campaign to supplement the Family Law of the RS supported by the" Trail "Foundation
- "Construction of water intakes and irrigation systems" drop by drop "for the organic fig plantation in Trebinje" supported by the Embassy of the Czech Republic in BiH
- "Together for Life without Violence II" supported by Swedish organization "Kvinna till Kvinna."
- "Strengthening Institutional Support for Victims of Gender-Based Violence" supported by the Foundation "Lara" from Bijeljina.
- Other activities of the Women's Center Trebinje Foundation in 2018.

The projects aimed to improve the quality of life of women, both in society and in the family, in the Republic of Srpska, with an emphasis on the highly undeveloped region of Eastern Herzegovina.

### **4. Findings**

During the reporting period, Trebinje Women's Center organized a full-day interactive workshop on "Public Appearance" and "Advocating and Developing Their Own Campaigns" (131 of them) for women politicians, all political parties in 13 municipalities of the RS Electoral Unit. The target group were potential candidates for the 2018 General Elections. The result is the election of a deputy in the 2018 General Elections in the National Assembly of the Republic of Srpska from the Electoral Unit 9, unlike the previous elections.

Education for the officers of the Centers for Social Work from East Herzegovina on the topic of domestic violence, work and accommodation in a safe house of victims, held in the period from 05.06.2018. - 09.06.2018. Representatives of Centers for Social Work from East Herzegovina and representatives of the Women's Center Trebinje gathered in Neum for 20 participants organized by the Women's Center Trebinje Foundation. Representatives from Trebinje, Gacko, Bileca and Nevesinje were present. The aim of this training was to introduce the representatives from the Center for Social Work on the following topics: - Domestic violence from the perspective of the victim of domestic violence and interview with the victim, rules and procedures in safe houses and the importance of staying in a safe house for victims of domestic violence.

In 2018, the Women's Center held two five-day trainings on the topics: "Training for trainers" and "Rules and procedures in dealing with the victim of domestic violence and documenting domestic violence" for 20 police officers from the Trebinje Police Directorate. In the first part of the training, police officers were trained to acquire the knowledge gained at seminars on the topic of domestic violence, as well as from the previous work experience, which is more efficiently transmitted to their colleagues who did not go through the education of the Women's Center.

Continuous provision of direct services to victims of domestic violence continued in 2018: legal aid, psycho-social counseling and others in case of 142 interventions. The most frequent were short-term interventions as well as the services provided by the Women's Center, which involved mostly psychosocial treatment for women and children - victims of domestic violence, legal counseling and assistance in writing the necessary legal acts when the situation demanded.

During the reporting period, the plantation was expanded for 2 additional hectares and cleared of wicker and high plantations. A complete fence for 9 ha was procured, as well as a "drop by drop" irrigation system for organic fig plantations in Trebinje.

In the reporting period, an advocacy campaign was held to supplement the Family Law of the RS in the part of the permanent abolition of parental rights for parents who sexually abused children. It was partly successful.

During the reporting period, Fodacija, together with the Foundation "Lara" from Bijeljina, conducted monitoring of the work of RS police officers in the area of domestic violence and documenting criminal acts of domestic violence.

The project objectives of the "Together for Living without Violence II" project supported by Kvinna till Kvinna achieved the following results:

1. Domestic violence victims have a quality chain of support from organizations and institutions in Eastern Herzegovina through the continuous development and improvement of a multidisciplinary team to combat domestic violence.
2. Women victims of domestic violence have the possibility of (self) employment in the RS through the introduction of a package of economic measures for the economic empowerment of women victims of domestic violence in the government's (only) employment program.
3. Women victims of domestic violence have easier access to information on existing economic support programs in 2018 for their category through the establishment of an online platform for informing about existing calls and support for this category in the labor market of the RS.

The project "Strengthening Institutional Support for Victims of Gender-Based Violence" is a three-year activity aimed at improving the response of the police and prosecutors, including

newly established standards for the protection of women against violence. Key target groups in this project are police officers, representatives of the prosecution, decision makers in this field of rights and policies for the protection of women from violence at the entity level, and representatives of NGOs involved in the protection of women from violence. The overall project aims to contribute to better criminal justice protection for victims of gender-based violence and the establishment of zero tolerance for violence against women. The project is an extension of the activities of project promoters, the Foundation "Lara" Bijeljina and the "Women's Center" Trebinje Foundation from 2016/2017 on monitoring police responses to gender-based violence and strengthening institutional support to victims. It is based on results, mapped problems, based collaborations and created capacities at that stage of project implementation.

**Finally, by inspecting the documentation and reports, it can be noted that the goals set have been achieved very successfully, despite some problems of a financial nature (insufficient budget). We appreciate the need for these projects to continue in the coming years and to develop a wider network of donors.**

Throughout the year, successful cooperation with all electronic media on the territory of the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region of Eastern Herzegovina was realized as well as the redesigned website of the Association. Evaluation cards were processed by the manager of the organization Ljiljana Čičković, which is one of the great merits and praises for the successful implementation of this Project, as well as for all other employees of the Foundation "Women's Center" Trebinje.

## 5. Evaluation Results

<b>Implementation Partner(s):</b>	Foundation “ Ženski centar” [Women's Centre], TREBINJE
<b>Project name and No.</b>	Capacity Building V

### Scoring system:

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| 1 | Unacceptable  |
| 2 | Poor - requires significant improvement             |
| 3 | Meets certain requirements. Improvement recommended |
| 4 | Meets requirements / expectations                   |
| 5 | Exceeds requirements / expectations                 |

**REQUEST****EVALUATION****Communication**1 2 3 4  5

Implementation Partner performs openly and transparently, answering questions, responding to problems or issues within an appropriate time frame.

**Accuracy / validity of work performed**1 2 3 4  5

Implementation Partner accomplished the agreed-upon results specified in the IP Agreement.

**Timeframe**1 2 3  4 5

Implementation Partner adhered to the time limits and conditions established in the IP Agreement and, generally speaking, performed its obligations within defined timeframes.

**Periodic and final narrative reports**1 2 3 4  5

Implementation Partner delivered both periodic reports and a final narrative report within the adequate.

**Financial reports**1 2 3  4 5

Implementation Partner submitted detailed financial statements in appropriate time frames.

**Invoicing**1 2 3 4  5

Implementation Partner adhered to the invoicing requirements of the Organization (e.g., accepted and followed the terms and conditions of payment and invoicing that exist within the Organization):

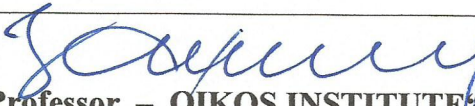

**Advance payments (HFD)**Yes [ ] No [  ]

**Implementation Partner has the ability to implement the project without the requirement for advance payments:**

**6. Recommendations**

**Common recommendations of the Organization's Manager and "OIKOS INSTITUTE" - Research Centre Bijeljina relating to the future involvement of the partner in the implementation:**

- Partner **should not be hired** in the implementation of future projects..
- Partner **should be hired** in the implementation of smaller-size and lower-complexity projects.
- Partner **should be hired** in the implementation of projects of similar size complexity in the future.
- Partner **should be hired** in the implementation of **even more complex and extensive projects**.

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