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1 General data

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1. Brief background of the project (extract from project document)

Brief description of the project reflecting on the overall context.

Center for Roma Initiatives is implementing the project "Active Involvement of Roma and Egyptian women in Preventing Violence and Child Arranged Marriage in Montenegro" by working to strengthen Roma and Egyptian activists' capacities and coordinate the informal women's REA network "THE FIRST". In this way we are creating opportunities to influence the implementation of gender-based violence policies and timely response by those institutions responsible for providing support to victims of domestic violence and child arranged marriage regarding Roma and Egyptian women on national and local level. At the same time additional activities are contributing to strengthen the capacities of one female Roma organization such as the Center for Roma Initiatives to create conditions for licensing services which will provide support to the victims of child arranged marriages. The planned activities contribute to the significant work results of the Center for Roma Initiatives organization and the informal women's REA network "THE FIRST" in communities and provision of services with focus on women's rights, prevention and strengthening of prevention of domestic and gender-based violence and child arranged marriages. CRI believes that the position of Roma and Egyptian women in the society is improving by empowering them to adequately address the various aspects and levels of identified priority needs. By strengthening the collaboration with informal women's REA network "THE FIRST" our voice is heard more clearly and our importance in society is increasing. This project aims to further build the capacity and skills of Roma and Egyptian activists who are able to take a more significant part in activities in their communities, but also to create conditions for licensing services for victims of child marriage. The project is also directed towards national network and forming mobilized teams of Roma and Egyptian activists and aims to direct influence on the Roma communities with interventions in the area of gender-based violence and child arranged marriages as well as collaboration with existing NGOs which possess licensed services for working with victims of domestic violence.

2. Status of achievement of the project objective

Description of the overall objective of the project and the status of its achievement, challenges encountered, risks.

In the reporting period, during the implementation of the project "Active involvement of Roma and Egyptian women in the prevention of violence and child arranged marriages in Montenegro" signing the Memorandum that aims to regulate and strengthen cooperation between the organization Center for Roma Initiatives and the women's REA Network "THE FIRST" as well as engagement and continuous communication with the activists of the women's REA network "THE FIRST" contributed to the achievement of the project's goal - Improving the institutional protection and rights of Roma and Egyptian women from gender-based violence and ensuring the social and legal protection of Roma and Egyptian children from illegal child and arranged marriages in Montenegro by daily activism in their local communities in terms of monitoring, reporting and processing cases of child arranged marriage and domestic violence. They have counseling conversations every day with the aim of empowering Roma and Egyptian women to report cases of violence, hold discussions about the consequences of child arranged marriage and the importance of education. Bearing in mind that the REA network "THE FIRST" has thirteen members who are active in their local communities in Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Tivat and Bar, as a special success we highlight the mechanism we found to include each of them in a way that in cities where there is more than one activist, they will take turn/rotate by month. Thus, instead of the planned 6 activists, 13 will be included during the implementation of the project. Through the regular monthly reports submitted by the mediators in the

reporting period, 800 Roma and Egyptian women and girls were included through direct conversation. Activists and members of the REA network the FIRST who were engaged in a certain month at the end of that month submitted reports to the project team with indicated number of direct conversations with women and girls from the Roma and Egyptian community with whom they discussed the importance of reporting violence, child arranged marriages, the importance of education as well as provided direct services of escorting the beneficiaries to the institutions, counseling and referral. All direct conversations were cumulated and registered by the project team in order to keep records of the total number of conversations and services with beneficiaries in the field in 6 Montenegrin cities (Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Bar and Tivat). The form of the monthly report is attached.

Also, the preparation of the "Strategic Plan of the organization for the period 2022 - 2025" will contribute to the organization's adequate direction of its work in the next five years.

3. Status of achievement of the project results

Description of the planned results of the project and the status of their achievement, challenges encountered, risks.

During the implementation of the project, in the period from 01.12.2021. to 30.06.2023. the project team implemented activities related to the achievement of the following results:

- **Result 1: Through targeted work in the communities, Roma and Egyptian women and girls are empowered to exercise their rights to a life free of violence and are familiar with the existing licensed services and the consequences of child arranged marriage.** Through direct conversation 800 Roma and Egyptian women and girls were included in Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Nikšić, Tivat and Bar. In cooperation with local mediators and through the work of the Center for Roma Initiatives from 01.12.2021. to 30.06.2023. 14 cases of child arranged marriage were identified, reported and processed. In the same period 17 cases of domestic violence were identified, reported and processed. Continuous communication with members of the network is carried out on a daily basis, while at four meetings with members of the network information was exchanged about the current situation on the field and cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages.
- **Result 2: The Center for Roma Initiatives will work on strengthening the capacities of the members of the organization as well as creating the technical conditions for starting the licensing of the first shelter for victims of child arranged marriage** within which the organization's Strategic Plan for the period 2022-2025 was finalized in the reporting period. Two internal database were created: a database for registering cases of domestic violence and a database for registering cases of child arranged marriages. An analysis was made that contains data for the last three years on child arranged marriages with special reference to the following chapters: events registered by the Center for Roma Initiatives in 2020, 2021 and 2022, events for which charges were brought by the competent prosecutor's office with dismissed cases and a chapter containing an analysis of cases decided by the courts. Also, the analysis contains information on possible reintegration programs and the experiences of at least five victims who stayed in certain shelters. The aforementioned analysis is in the process of being translated into English.
- **Result 3: The national network of Roma and Egyptian activists is empowered to influence and monitor policies related to Roma women's rights and gender-based violence at the local and national levels and actively engage in accountability mechanisms to combat domestic violence and child arranged marriages, as well as strengthened to become active participants in networking at the national and local level with related Roma and non-Roma organizations that deal with similar issues, as well as relevant institutions** where a memorandum of cooperation was signed at the very beginning at the first meeting of the

Center for Roma Initiatives and the Women's REA Network "THE FIRST". Through continuous communication and at the four meetings in a row with the representatives of the women's REA Network "THE FIRST" we exchange experiences and information from the field. In the reporting period, the third meeting of the network was held and with members we discussed the licensed services of the Center for the Roma Initiatives, the way in which psychological counseling services are provided as well as the SOS line for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages, so that they could introduce them to Roma and Egyptian community. During the implementation of the project, five study visits to licensed services were organized in Nikšić and Podgorica. On that occasion, 14 activists from Nikšić, Podgorica, Bijelo Polje and Tivat visited the Safe Women's House, SOS phone for women and children victims of violence Podgorica, Montenegrin Women's Lobby, SOS phone for women and children victims of violence Nikšić, Defendologija Day Center.

- Through a direct conversation activists and members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST" had the opportunity to learn about the methods, ways of working and services provided to victims of domestic violence and sexual exploitation. A two-day training was held for members of the organization and activists in which 12 members of the organization and the women's REA network THE FIRST took part, of which one part of the activists followed the training via the zoom platform. During the two-day work the participants improved their knowledge and skills in providing services of a confidential person and working on the national SOS line for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages through experience in the work of the organizations: SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence Podgorica and SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence Nikšić.

Result 4. The Center for Roma Initiatives will promote two licensed services provided by the Center for Roma Initiatives in 12 Roma and Egyptian settlements in six Montenegrin cities: Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Tivat and Bar. The project team worked on the preparation of promotional material: a flyer that contains a detailed description of the licensed services and an emergency phone number and pendants that contain the message "Safe Support" and a phone number. On that occasion, in cooperation with the activists of the women's network "THE FIRST" we talked to about 1.200 women and men using the door-to-door method about the licensed services of the Center for Roma Initiatives: Psychological counseling and the national SOS line for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages.

4. Description of activities implemented (Describe the activities carried out during the period this Interim Progress Report covers. Outline the benefits of these activities to the community and list any problems encountered and how they were overcome)

Description of the implemented activists, results achieved, challenges encountered, risks.

Support with relevant data (such as number of trainings, participants disaggregated by sex, locations, etc.)

Enclose as Annexes agendas, lists of participants, materials produced, reach report for campaigns, etc.

Activity 1.1: Signing a Memorandum of cooperation with the women's REA network "THE FIRST"

On 11th December 2021 a Memorandum of cooperation was signed with the members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST". The signing was attended by 13 members from several Montenegrin cities (Nikšić 5, Podgorica 4, Bar 1, Tivat 1, Bijelo Polje 3). This Memorandum regulates mutual cooperation that includes activities within the implementation of the project project "Active Involvement of Roma and Egyptian women in Preventing Violence and Child Arranged Marriage in Montenegro" which is supported by the international organization UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) and is aimed at strengthening the capacities of Roma and Egyptian activists to engage in activities related to the suppression of gender-based violence and

child arranged marriages, as well as to undertake interventions related to the rights of Roma and Egyptian women. (Annex 1: Signed Memorandum of Cooperation)

Activity 1.2: Continuous work on identification, monitoring and processing of cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages

In the period from 01.12.2021. to 30.06.2023. a total of 16 Roma and Egyptian activists were engaged (Podgorica: Ajša Krasnići, Mirsada Avdijaj, Behija Ramović i Šejla Pepić; Nikšić: Fljora Beriša, Veljbana Naza, Minira Delija, Valentina Delija , Đeljana Kastrati; Bijelo Polje: Elma Šahman, Sanja Selimović i Tanja Swlimović, Tivat: Ljuljeta Vučković, Berane: Šeherezada Rizvanović and Zena Dubović, Bar: Vafija Tuša). The mentioned activists and members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST" were in daily communication with Roma and Egyptian women and girls in their local communities. Through informative conversations they pointed out to them the importance of reporting domestic violence and the possibility of providing them with the service of a confidential person in the reporting process. The work of mediators in the field is of great importance in order to identify and report cases in a timely manner, as well as to provide adequate assistance to victims. Based on the communication and regular monthly reports submitted by the mediators to the Center for Roma Initiatives **800 interviews** were conducted with Roma and Egyptian women and girls on the importance of education, reporting domestic violence and child arranged marriages. In cooperation with local mediators and with the work of the Center for Roma Initiatives from 1st December 2021. to 30th April 2023, **14 cases of child arranged marriages** were identified, reported and processed. In the same period **17 cases of domestic violence** were identified, reported and processed. During their work in the community, members of the network provided help and support to the beneficiaries through counseling, providing services of a confidential person, going with beneficiaries to institutions at their request (Centers for social work, health institutions, security centers...), providing assistance in translation because most of women from the Roma and Egyptian community do not speak the Montenegrin language. Members also went to the soup kitchen to help beneficiaries get a free meal.

Activity 1.3: Building an informal support network through the formation of a watch dog team in targeted Roma and Egyptian settlements

Members of the women's network THE FIRST and representatives of the Center for Roma Initiatives formed a watch dog team to identify cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages in 6 Montenegrin cities: Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Tivat and Bar. By continuous communication, transfer of information and timely response we enable adequate support for (potential) victims and emotional support. Our informal network of support is on the field every day and respond to the needs of the community they identify. Continuous communication with the community allows them to respond in a timely manner and provide assistance during the COVID 19 pandemic by providing hygiene packages for the most vulnerable families, writing requests and official letters to relevant organizations and institutions, through counseling, writing requests and letters for receiving one-time financial assistance as well as other forms of daily support and assistance.

Activity 2.1: Preparation and implementation of a two-day training via zoom application for at least 10 members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST"

In the period of 18 and 19 May 2023 a two-day training for members of the organization and activists was held in the Ethno village of Montenegro in which 12 members of the organization and the women's REA network "THE FIRST" took part, of which one part of the activists followed the training via zoom platform. During the two-day work, the participants improved their knowledge and skills in providing the service of a confidential person and working on the national SOS line for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages through experience in the work of the organizations: SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence Podgorica and SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence Nikšić. The training contributed to the

organization improving its work on the SOS line through the creation of internal documents. In the same period, we also organized a one-day seminar for relaxation, i.e. reduction of burn out syndrome, so that the present activists used the time after the training to relax in nature.

Activity 2.3: Creation of two databases for registering cases of child arranged marriages and domestic violence

Two databases were created: the database for domestic violence and the database for child arranged marriages. Electronic databases will contribute to improving the organization's work policy and electronic data archiving and monitoring of cases of violence and arranged marriages. The databases were finalized. This type of functioning will allow each member of the organization to have all the cases in one place when they access the database, as well as when one of the members of the organization that took over the case provides a service to the victim she can immediately enter the case into the database.

Activity 2.4: Preparation and implementation of a three-day training for members of the organization for the development of the Strategic Plan for the period 2022 - 2025

In the period from 24th to 26th December 2021 a training was held in Ethno Village Montenegro for members of the organization for the development of a new "Strategic Plan for the organization for the period 2022 - 2025", in which a total of 9 participants from Nikšić (4f 2m) and Podgorica (2f, 1m) took part. During the three-day work a draft of the Strategic Plan was prepared. With consultations with the expert who led the training the work continued until the end of January, that is, until the final document was created (the agenda, photos and list of participants are provided in Annex 3). In addition to the members of the organization, two external associates who are also members of the Advisory Board of the Center for Roma Initiatives participated in the training. The training made it possible for the members of the organization to acquire/improve the knowledge and methodology of strategic planning so that they could apply the same in the following period in their work.

Realization of the training for the development of the new "Strategic plan of the organization for the period 2022 - 2025" is of great importance for the organization in order to have this document for the next 4 years and adequately direct our work, ensure long-term business sustainability as well as strengthen the capacity, credibility and professionalism of the organization. Based on the previous work, as well as on the analysis of the environment and the analysis of the organization's capacity, the organization defined the key problems of the target group: Inadequate realization of the rights of the Roma and Egyptian community in terms of human and women's rights, Inadequate protection of women from domestic violence in the Roma and Egyptian community in Montenegro, Inadequate social protection and care for girls victims of child arranged marriages in Montenegro, Inadequate socio-economic living conditions of Roma and Egyptian women, Inadequate political participation and activism of Roma and Egyptian women, Insufficient quality and conditions of primary and secondary education of children and youth from Roma and Egyptian communities and Insufficient financial sustainability of the organization and then within the framework of the strategic plan we defined strategic and operational goals as well as activities related to further building of capacities, educating and empowering women and girls from Roma and Egyptian community, Improving their protection and socio-economic living conditions, upgrading project management and skills of the members of the organization, further fundraising and ensuring our sustainability. (Annex 3: List of participants, agenda and photos).

2.5. Preparation and creation of a publication that will show cases of child arranged marriages for the last 3 years

A publication has been created that contains data on child arranged marriages in the last three years with special reference to the following chapters: events registered by the Center for Roma Initiatives in 2020, 2021 and 2022, events for which charges were brought by the competent prosecutor's office with dismissed cases and a chapter containing an analysis of the cases decided by the courts.

Also, the analysis contains information on reintegration programs and the experiences of five victims who stayed in certain shelters. The analysis will contribute to bringing together for the first time the advantages, weaknesses, disadvantages and perspectives of the procedures in which the victims are children and women from the Roma and Egyptian community. It is being translated into English.

Activity 3.1: Preparation and realization of four meetings with members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST"

On 11th December 2021 the Center for Roma Initiatives held a meeting with the informal women's network "THE FIRST" in Podgorica (WOKO hotel), which was attended by 13 participants from several Montenegrin cities (Nikšić 5, Podgorica 4, Bar 1, Tivat 1, Bijelo Polje 2). At the meeting the members of the network were informed about the activities of the project, as well as how their connection and strengthening of cooperation in the coming period will affect the work in local communities regarding domestic violence and child arranged marriages.

On 15th March 2022 the second meeting of members of the REA network "THE FIRST" was held in Podgorica. The meeting was attended by 14 members who on that occasion exchanged experiences and challenges in their work in monitoring, reporting and processing cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages. Meetings with members of the REA Network THE FIRST are of great importance because in this way through direct conversation the members exchange information from the field in order to improve their work in the coming period, as well as to strengthen their mutual cooperation and networking in the matter of action in cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages, as well as the protection of Roma and Egyptian women and girls.

The third meeting will be held in the following period (Annex 4: List of participants and photos from the meetings).

On 24th December 2022 the third meeting was held with the members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST". The meeting was attended by eight activists with whom we discussed the current situation on the ground, the obstacles and challenges they face in the course of their work, as well as the licensed services of our organization: psychological counseling and the national SOS line for potential and victims of child arranged marriage. Activists were introduced to the activities and work of professional workers and associates during the provision of services so that they could get to know the members of the Roma and Egyptian community in the most adequate way and to empower them to turn to us to get services.

On 18th May 2023 the fourth meeting of the members of the REA network "THE FIRST" was held at which the activists shared their experiences from their work in the field. At the meeting the activists were introduced to the campaign that will be implemented in 6 Montenegrin cities in order for women and girls from the Roma and Egyptian community to be introduced to the licensed services we provide.

Activity 3.2: Preparation and implementation of a study visit to licensed services

During the implementation of the project, five study visits to licensed services were organized in Nikšić and Podgorica. On that occasion, 14 activists from Nikšić, Podgorica, Bijelo Polje and Tivat visited the Safe Women's House, SOS phone for women and children victims of violence Podgorica, Montenegrin Women's Lobby, SOS phone for women and children victims of violence Nikšić, Defendologija Day Center.

During the month of Roma activism, on 15th March 2022 the Center for Roma Initiatives had three study visits to licensed services in Podgorica. On that occasion, 14 Roma and Egyptian activists from Nikšić, Podgorica, Bijelo Polje and Tivat visited: "Safe Women's House", "SOS Telephone for Women and Children Victims of Domestic Violence Podgorica" and "Montenegrin Women's Lobby" which provide services and support to women and child victims of violence and sexual exploitation.

On 24th December 2022, on the occasion of the beginning of the celebration of 16 days of women's activism, a study visit was made to licensed service centers in Nikšić. We visited the "SOS Helpline for women and children victims of violence Nikšić" and the "Defendologija Day Center". Activists, 8 of them (Nikšić 5, Bijelo Polje 2 and Podgorica 1) were once again introduced through a direct conversation with the services provided by these services when it comes to victims of violence and children who live and work on the street. (Annex 6: List of participants, photos and agenda).

Activists and members of the REA network "THE FIRST" visited 5 organizations and services in Nikšić and Podgorica through a total of 5 study visits.

Through a direct conversation activists and members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST" had the opportunity to learn about the work of the service so that they could apply the acquired knowledge and information in their further work. Also, the study visit contributed to the strengthening of cooperation between the participating organizations and the female activists and professional workers in the services themselves. Activists are thus encouraged to contact services if they need advice or support in reporting and processing cases of domestic violence. The study visit also contributed to getting to know the procedures and work when the organization has a work license, bearing in mind that CRI submitted the documentation for licensing counseling services (counseling - therapeutic services) and the SOS line service for victims of violence and child arranged marriages. We waited a long time for an answer due to the change in government and the division of ministries (the documents were handed over to the Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare of Montenegro and after we had contacted them several times without success we were told that there had been a change and that it is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare and that the commission for licensing services has not yet been formed.) After communication with the representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Social Welfare and the visit of the commission, we received a reply that our organization meets the requirements for licensing the two mentioned services. Licenses are issued for a period of 6 years.

Activity 3.3. Informative campaign in 6 Montenegrin cities: Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Bar and Tivat

The project team worked on the preparation of promotional material (flyers and pendants) containing detailed information on the licensed services of the Center for Roma Initiatives:

Psychological counseling for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages includes: support in psychosocial development and preservation of potential, empowerment of the beneficiary to accept change, development of communication skills and skills for recognition, problem solving and independent decision-making, development of skills for recognizing and solving problems.

The national SOS line for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages includes:

Urgent and effective provision of legal advice and support to victims, confidential conversations, emotional support and empowerment to get out of violence, information, familiarization of victims with their rights, possibilities and types of support, after reporting child marriage the competent institutions are notified without delay, the national SOS line is anonymous and confidential 24 h.

After preparing promotional material in the period from 22nd to 30th June 2023 we implemented a campaign called "Safe Support" in six Montenegrin cities: Podgorica, Nikšić, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Tivat and Bar in 10 Roma and Egyptian settlements where we talked to about 1,200 women and men about the aforementioned services by using door-to-door method.

5. Planned activities for the next reporting period

Description of the activities that are going to be implemented during the next reporting period.

The activities that will be implemented in the following period are:

6. Data

1. Quantitative data against the indicators set in the project proposal

Activity	Indicator	Data source	End goal
Activity 1.1: Signing a Memorandum of cooperation with the women's REA network "THE FIRST"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signing a memorandum of cooperation - Number of members of the organization and women's REA network who attended the signing of the memorandum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signed memorandum of cooperation - List of participants at the signing - Photos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A memorandum of cooperation was signed with the women's REA network THE FIRST - The signing was attended by 13 participants from several Montenegrin cities (Nikšić 5, Podgorica 4, Bar 1, Tivat 1, Bijelo Polje 2).
Activity 1.2: Continuous work on identification, monitoring and processing of cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of hired local mediators - Number of interviews conducted with Roma and Egyptian women and girls in 5 Montenegrin cities (Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Tivat and Bar) - Number of reported cases of child arranged marriage and domestic violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal database of the Center for Roma Initiatives with data on cases - Monthly reports of local mediators on field work and the number of interviews conducted 	<p>-16 Roma and Egyptian activists (Podgorica: Ajša Krasnići, Mirsada Avdijaj, Behija Ramović i Šejla Pepić Nikšić: Fljora Beriša, Veljbana Naza, Đeljana Kastrati, Minira Delija i Valentina Delija ; Bijelo Polje: Elma Šahman, Sanja Selimović, Tanja Selimović Tivat: Ljuljeta Vučković, Berane: Šeherezada Rizvanović and Zena Dubović, Bar: Vafija Tuša</p> <p>- 800 conversations were held with Roma and Egyptian women and girls about the importance of education, reporting domestic violence and child arranged marriage</p> <p>- From 1st December 2021 to 30th April 2023 14 of child arranged marriage were identified . In the same period 17 cases of domestic violence were identified, reported and processed.</p>
Activity 2.1: Preparation and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the number of present members of the women's 		In the period of 18 and 19 May 2023 a two-day training for members of

<p>implementation of a two-day training via zoom application for at least 10 members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST"</p>	<p>network "THE FIRST"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of trainers in training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -list of participants - photos 	<p>the organization and activists was held in the Ethno village of Montenegro in which 12 members of the organization and the women's REA network "THE FIRST" took part, of which one part of the activists followed the training via zoom platform. During the two-day work, the participants improved their knowledge and skills in providing the service of a confidential person and working on the national SOS line for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages through experience in the work of the organizations: SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence Podgorica and SOS telephone for women and children victims of violence Nikšić. The training contributed to the organization improving its work on the SOS line through the creation of internal documents.</p>
<p>Activity 2.3: Creation of two databases for registering cases of child arranged marriages and domestic violence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of formed bases - Number of entered cases - Number of members of the organization who have been trained to work on databases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Two databases have been created 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two databases are being developed: a database for registering cases of domestic violence and a database for registering cases of child arranged marriage
<p>Activity 2.4: Preparation and implementation of a three-day training for members of the organization for the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of members of the organization that will be involved in the development of the Strategic Plan for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of participants - Agenda for three-day training - Photos from the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 participants from Nikšić (4f 2m) and Podgorica (2f 1m) took part in a three-day training

development of the Strategic Plan for the period 2022 - 2025	period 2022 - 2025	implemented training - Strategic plan	- 2 external associates who are members of the Advisory Board of the Center for Roma Initiatives were also participants
2.5. Preparation and creation of a publication that will show cases of child arranged marriages for the last 3 years	- number of created publications - number of registered cases	-created publication	A publication has been created that contains data on child arranged marriages in the last three years with special reference to the following chapters: events registered by the Center for Roma Initiatives in 2020, 2021 and 2022, events for which charges were brought by the competent prosecutor's office with dismissed cases and a chapter containing an analysis of the cases decided by the courts. Also, the analysis contains information on reintegration programs and the experiences of five victims who stayed in certain shelters. The analysis will contribute to bringing together for the first time the advantages, weaknesses, disadvantages and perspectives of the procedures in which the victims are children and women from the Roma and Egyptian community. It is being translated into English.
Activity 3.1: Preparation and realization of four meetings for members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST"	- Number of members of the network who took part in the meetings of the network	- List of participants from the meeting - Photos from the meeting	-At the meeting held on 13th December 2021, 13 participants from several Montenegrin cities took part (Nikšić 5, Podgorica 4, Bar 1, Tivat 1, Bijelo Polje 2) - On 15th March 2022 the second meeting of

			<p>members of the REA network "THE FIRST" was held in Podgorica. The meeting was attended by 14 members who, on that occasion, exchanged experiences and challenges in their work in monitoring, reporting and processing cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages.</p> <p>- On 24th December 2022 the third meeting with members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST" was held. Activists, 8 of them (Nikšić 5, Bijelo Polje 2 and Podgorica 1) were once again introduced through a direct conversation with the services provided by these services when it comes to victims of violence and children who live and work on the street.</p> <p>On 18th May 2023 the fourth meeting of the members of the REA network "THE FIRST" was held at which the activists shared their experiences from their work in the field. At the meeting the activists were introduced to the campaign that will be implemented in 6 Montenegrin cities in order for women and girls from the Roma and Egyptian community to be introduced to the licensed services we</p>
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<p>Activity 3.2: Preparation and realization of study visits to licensed services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Number of implemented study visits - Number of activists who took part in study visits to licensed services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lists of participants - Agenda - Photos 	<p>provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Five study visits being implemented to licensed services in Podgorica - On that occasion 14 Roma and Egyptian activists from Nikšić, Podgorica, Bijelo Polje and Tivat visited: "Safe Women's House", "SOS Telephone for Women and Children Victims of Domestic Violence Podgorica" and "Montenegrin Women's Lobby" which provide services and support to women and children victims of violence and sexual exploitation <p>Through a direct conversation activists and members of the women's REA network "THE FIRST" had the opportunity to learn about the work of the service so that they could apply the acquired knowledge and information in their further work.</p> <p>On 24th December 2022, on the occasion of the beginning of the celebration of 16 days of women's activism, a study visit was made to licensed service centers in Nikšić. We visited the "SOS Helpline for women and children victims of violence Nikšić" and the "Defendologija Day Center". Activists, 8 of</p>
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Activity 3.3. Informative campaign in 6 Montenegrin cities: Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Bar and Tivat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - number of flyers - number of pendants - number of cities where the campaign was implemented -number of representatives of the Roma and Egyptian community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -photos from the campaign -cities: Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Tivat and Bar 	In the period from 22nd to 30th June 2023 we implemented a campaign called "Safe Support" in six Montenegrin cities: Podgorica, Nikšić, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Tivat and Bar in 10 Roma and Egyptian settlements where we talked to about 1,200 women and men about the aforementioned services by using door-to-door method.

2. Quantitative data on no. of beneficiaries disaggregated by sex, age, disadvantaged / minority group, municipality, type of service.

- Signed memorandum of cooperation with the women's REA network "THE FIRST"

-16 activists and members of the REA network "THE FIRST" who were active during the project implementation in their local communities in the matter of suppression, reporting and processing cases of violence and child arranged marriages being involved

- 800 Roma and Egyptian women and girls familiar with the consequences of domestic violence and child arranged marriages as well as with the importance of reporting cases to relevant organizations and institutions

-Identified and reported 14 cases of child arranged marriage

- identified, reported and processed 17 cases of domestic violence

- Two databases were created

- One publication was created

- The Strategic Plan of the organization was created

- Training to strengthen the capacities of members of the network "THE FIRST" was organized
- 5 study visits were carried out
- Campaign in 6 cities: Nikšić, Podgorica, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Bar and Tivat was carried out
- About 1.200 members of the Roma and Egyptian community are familiar with the organization's licensed services.

7. Communication and visibility activities

Main communication and visibility activities implemented and results achieved.

List of links to the published content or photos of publications (billboards, reports, etc.)

All implemented activities are published on the website and Facebook page of the organization. On a daily basis the project team exchanges information about the implemented activities and the implementation of the project, and we are also in constant communication with the engaged mediators.

The organization has published information about the beginning of the project implementation and realized activities on its web and Facebook pages.

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6. Challenges and revision of the workplan (Please state any changes that need to be made to the original work plan submitted at the start of the project. If necessary attach a revised work plan)

Any major challenges encountered and any revision of the workplan proposed.

At the very beginning of the implementation of the project, the project team realized that according to the timeframe of the activities that we submitted the activity 2.4. Three-day training for the members of the organization for the development of the Strategic Plan for the period 2022 - 2025 was planned to be implemented in the eleventh month of the project realization. However, as the current Strategic Plan of the organization (2018 - 2021) expired at the end of this year we implemented this activity in the period from 24th to 26th December 2021 with the approval of UNDP representatives.

7. Evaluation

Only applicable for the final report.

All project activities were implemented in accordance with the project proposal. The project made it possible to create the conditions for the organization to license two services: a psychological counseling service and a national SOS line service for victims and potential victims of child arranged marriages by enabling the hiring of a professional worker who also performed the duties of a project coordinator at the project. Also, during the duration of the project a total of 16 local mediators were active in the field which enabled women and girls from the Roma and Egyptian community to be empowered to report domestic violence and child arranged marriages as indicated by the increased number of reported cases. In addition to cases reported directly to the Center for Roma Initiatives we also have victims who contacted directly licensed shelters for victims of domestic violence.

By working in the field the mediators had timely information from the field and informed us in order to adequately report and process cases. Their involvement contributed to gaining the trust of the community and to women from the Roma and Egyptian community knowing that they can turn to them for help and support at any time. In addition to reporting cases, informative and advisory conversations were of great importance to the community. We got this information through field work and visits to the community in the final campaign. The implementation of the campaign contributed to promoting two licensed services of the organization but also to gaining insight into the work of mediators and their importance in the field.

The creation of two electronic databases greatly facilitated the monitoring and recording of cases of domestic violence and child arranged marriages. The databases are very detailed, contain all the necessary information and outcomes about the cases and the services provided to the victims.

The development of the Strategic Plan for the period 2022 - 2025 is of great importance for the organization in order to have the plan for the next 4 years and adequately direct its work, ensure long-term sustainability as well as strengthening the capacity, credibility and professionalism of the organization.

Activities that are implemented in order to strengthen the capacities of members of the REA network "THE FIRST" and cooperation with the network are: signing a memorandum of cooperation at the very beginning of the project implementation, four meetings with network members, five study visits to licensed services, a two-day training for capacity building in work on SOS line and direct conversations with victims and a one-day relaxation seminar.

A publication containing data on child arranged marriages in the last three years with special reference to the following chapters was also prepared: events registered by the Center for Roma Initiatives in 2020, 2021 and 2022, events for which indictments were brought by the competent prosecutor's office with rejected cases and a chapter containing the analysis of cases decided by the courts. Also, the analysis contains information on reintegration programs and the experiences of five victims who stayed in certain shelters. The analysis will contribute to bringing together for the first time the advantages, weaknesses, disadvantages and perspectives of the procedures in which the victims are children and women from the Roma and Egyptian community. It is in the phase of translation into English, bearing in mind that we had certain funds left within the program, so with the consent of UNDP representatives, we redirected them to the translation of the publication and its printing.

The program "Ending Violence against Women in the Western Balkans and Turkey: "Implementing Norms, Changing Minds" funded by the European Union and implemented by the Office of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Montenegro and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN WOMEN) recognized the importance of the work of mediators in the field and the strengthening of their capacities as well as the strengthening of the capacities of our organization through a series of prepared documents and conducted trainings.

8. Concluding remarks and comments

Any additional information.