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SK-DOMESTIC Domestic and Gender-based Violence

2022

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

B. PERFORMANCE

1. Programme progress and results

Objectives

In light of the prevalence of violence against women in Slovakia and more than 20 years of women non-governmental organizations (hereinafter referred to as "NGOs") initiatives the violence against women is a well-recognised public issue in Slovakia. As in the previous year, the media paid an increased attention to the situation of women and both various aspects of gender equality and violence against women had been in focus of their attention. As from its establishment in 2015, in 2022 the Coordination-Methodological Centre for the Prevention of Violence against Women (hereinafter referred to as "CMC") continued its operation fuelling the experts' as well as public discussion. Also, in the course of 2022 the business have been increasable more active and supported and/or developed their own initiatives targeting discrimination and violence against women thus becoming more visible and active in the field of promoting equality, e.g. Ikea addressed violence against women through research and campaigning^[1]. Several political representatives, including the President of the Slovak Republic publicly addressed the issue of domestic and gender-based violence and the specific needs of women and girls and highlighted the role of women in society on various occasions.

As regards the situation of the NGOs, in spite of the fact that the Ministry of Justice of the SR financially supported the establishment and operation of 8 Intervention Centres for Victims of Domestic Violence in 2022, the financial situation of women NGOs, including those providing specific and vital services to women experiencing violence and their children, remains very unstable. The ongoing uncertainty about future resources to ensure the operation - scope of support provided and activities represents a fundamental obstacle for increasing the availability of specific services. Moreover, capacity building and core costs grants are primarily provided through the European funds. Thus, as in the last decade, the European funds, particularly the Norway Grants, remains important source of contribution to an effort to set up a network of counselling centres and women's shelters in Slovakia. The same applies to the operation of the CMC and the non-stop free of charge helpline for women experiencing violence. In 2022, they are still financed by schemes like European Social Fund or Norway Grants. The National Action Plan on Prevention and Elimination of Gender-Based Violence 2021-2027 scheduled the resolution of their sustainability after 2026.

As regards activities related to promoting gender equality and equal opportunities to women from the human rights perspective, the Norway Grants have been an important donor to fund activities related to this topic.

The Norway Grants thus represents important source of support for prevention, protection and assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence in Slovakia.

[1] <https://spectator.sme.sk/c/22950924/parents-were-at-the-greatest-risk-during-the-pandemic.html>

Outcome 1: Understanding of gender equality increased

Nine projects are being implemented under Outcome 1. All of them are in their full implementation. All of them have already started with the survey focused on gender equality understanding before campaigns held and lectures provided. As the lectures and campaigns are planned through the whole implementation period of the projects, just preliminary results of the baseline value can be presented now. The survey has been conducted by the Project Promoters (hereinafter referred to as "PP") before the implementation of relevant activities (such as lecture or campaign). 68.61% of the population to be targeted by the awareness-raising activities within the projects have been favourable to gender equality and 54.83% have rejected gender stereotyping. 57.20% of the students in targeted schools within the projects have been favourable to gender equality and 54.88% have rejected gender stereotyping. The achieved value are measured after the implementation of the relevant activity by the PPs. The achieved value will be calculated at the end of the projects' implementation, once the all lectures and campaigns are provided or implemented.

The implementation of the survey by the PPs did not run smoothly from the very beginning. Most of the PPs are small, non-governmental organisations and have challenged their obligation to run surveys that had to be done in order to

establish the baselines of the outcome's indicators. The NGOs informed the Programme Operator (hereinafter referred to as "PO") that they have neither capacity nor they possess sufficient expert knowledge to run and evaluate such surveys. The PPs claimed that they would have to employ professional market research agencies and asked whether not running the survey would mean the cancellation of the Project Contract.

As it can be seen from the preliminary results, in the end the efforts to enforce the fulfilment of the task by the Project Promoters has been successful. However, seeing this issue from a broader perspective, the objection of the PPs that such surveys shall be run by and evaluated by skilled professional, so as not to lose its probative value, should be considered relevant. The PO agrees with the objection of the PPs and for the future recommends running such survey by the Financial Mechanism Office for all the Programmes relevant.

Nine institutions active in the field of gender equality (MyMamy, OZ Žena v tiesni, EsFEM, Institute of Human Rights, InTYMYta, Risoto, Slovak national centre for human rights, Freedom of Choice, Union of Maternity centres) are directly supported in the Programme as a PP or project partner. If we took into account also the organizations, which are benefiting from the projects through the conferences or other events, in that case the achieved number would be 20. The number would be even higher, if we took into account the organizations about which the project DGV01010 informs on its webpage. Therefore, the actual value of the indicator *Number of institutions active in the field of gender equality supported* (target value 12) depends on the point of view.

So far, 17 awareness-raising campaigns promoting gender equality have been held (the Programme's target value is 15). Most of the campaigns are connected with the period of 16 days of activism against domestic and gender based violence at the end of the year.

The various PPs organize the campaigns on the same topic, but in various ways. It means all of them are different and interesting. The project DGV01003 of MyMamy organizes festival FemFest, the main theme of which is the status of women in society. The content of the festival in 2022 was a discussion on the topic of Women in regional politics accompanied with screening of the movies and a concert of Dorota Nvotová. Before each of these events, a short video shot on the topic of gender equality in our society was shown, and the PR manager informed about the context of FemFest, the reasons and the need to organize such events in the east of Slovakia.

The project DGV01005 implements many activities in 4 MRCs. They organize small appropriate awareness- campaigns for women from MRCs on the occasion of the International Day of Women and Roma Day. The organized workshops were dedicated to the topic of the important Roma women.

Two public discussions were carried out in the DGV01006 project. The topics are chosen with regard to the interest declared by the participants. In both cases, the participation exceeded the PP's expectations. It turns out that the issue of co-dependency and toxic relationships in the context of gender stereotypes is a topic that continues to be one that the public perceives as necessary to discuss.

So far the lectures specifically focused on gender equality have been provided in 58 schools (target value 89) in 25 districts. 13 of them are schools with MRCs (target value 30). The lectures are planned through the whole projects' implementation; the target value of these indicators thus can be met. Based on the projects applications provision of the lectures in 157 schools (72 in MRCs) are expected. At the programme level, it is difficult to say if the indicators will be achieved or not, as some schools are involved in more projects. At the programme level, every school is counted just once.

Outcome 2: Victims of domestic and gender-based violence protected and supported

In 2022, the selection process of the calls DGV02 and DGV03 was finished. The project contracts for all projects approved were concluded.

Under the DGV02 call focused on support of existing services and local intervention teams there have been 7 projects, including one from the reserve list. At the end of 2022, one of the PPs decided not to implement the project. It was the project DGV02016 and the reason is that the PP has been provided with other financial sources, thus the grant have become superfluous. The division of the funds through the sources would mean an administrative burden for such a small organization. The PP also found the publicity requirements to be too demanding for the organizations in the area of domestic violence with limited personal capacity.

Only 9 existing counselling centres, compared with target value 35, are being supported. The similar situation is with the existing places in women's shelters – 85 to be supported in comparison with the target value 200. The expectations of the Programme were too ambitious. To support the services in targeted values would mean that almost all services available in Slovakia would be supported in the Programme, which has proven to be unrealistic. As the calls on services in DGV were postponed and their launching was in the course of COVID-19 pandemic, it affected the prices and the project grants applied for were higher than expected during the Programme Concept Note preparation. The area of DGV is very sensitive and financially and capacity undersized. This was evident during the calls, in which not many applications were submitted and except for one project application, all submitted applications were approved. The funds initially allocated to the calls were not committed and have been reallocated or are going to be reallocated.

On the other hand, all the key players in the DGV area are supported within the Programme, which means that the Norway Grants are considered trusted, reliable and beneficial source of support for the well-known active organizations in the area.

All the projects already started their implementation by providing the counselling services to victims of violence in May/June 2022. So far, 283 beneficiaries (target value 700) have been provided with the services. Based on the PPs' expectations the target value will be overachieved. This target will be overachieved even though the target values of the indicators Number of existing counselling centres supported and Number of existing places in shelters supported are not going to be met. The awareness-raising and educational campaigns are being prepared and the target value (10) will be overachieved based on the PPs' plans, as well.

Under the DGV03 call, all three submitted project applications were approved and the project contracts concluded in autumn 2022. The new counselling centres to be established or specialised to meet the required standards are not going to be supported only under this call, but also the existing organizations are going to spread their services by establishing the new counselling centres as their branches in new locations. A good example is the project DGV02013 as a joint project of the NGOs - services providers in Košice Self-governing Region – Fenestra Košice, OZ Hana Spišská Nová Ves and Help to Family Michalovce. Altogether 7 new counselling centres are going to be established (target value 15) and 15 new places established of the women's shelters (target value 50).

Together 12 counselling centres and women shelters meeting the European standards are involved in the projects. At the end of Programme implementation 8 more counselling centres should meet the European standards.

The target values of the indicators Number of shelters and counselling centres enhanced in terms of children needs (43) and Number of services providers running or participating in a consortium with public institutions at local level (43) will not be achieved due to reasons already mentioned. However, all the counselling centres and women's shelters involved in the Programme are working on their enhancement in terms of children needs.

Outcome 3: Response systems to victims of domestic and gender-based violence improved

Under outcome 3 the predefined project of the Institute for Labour and Family Research "Improving the victim-oriented approach – a tool enhancing the capacity to fight violence against women and domestic violence" is in full implementation from 2022.

7 regional coordination and methodological teams were established and are operating in 7 Self-governing Regions in Slovakia. For all the regions, the regional action plans have been elaborated and published.

So far 32 out of 47 planned lectures and consultations were provided to supporting professions. At the end of 2022, 6 training modules for Centres for Children and Family in the field of prevention and intervention in cases of sexual abuse were implemented. More than 1 850 participants took part. The on-line education Crisis intervention on the topic of violence against women was attended by 11 people; Profile of the perpetrator of violence against women by 13 people, Counselling for homeless women experiencing violence in partner relationships by 39 persons. Face-to-face training on the topic of Selected aspects of the investigation of sexual offenses committed against women and children was also carried out with 12 participants from the Police Force. At the same time, a specialized course for domestic violence investigators was completed, and on October 12, 2022, the course was accredited by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic. The total number of professional staff trained is 1 933.

10 specialised police teams will be created after completing a specialized course for investigators in the field of domestic violence conducted by the Academy of Police Force in the SR. In the course of 2023, at least two specialized investigators will be working in the district units of the Police Force investigating violent crimes.

8 rooms in police stations are going to be customized to the needs of victims of domestic and gender-based violence in 2023.

The research activities continue with the Norwegian partner in the area of the situation of women and children who live in women's shelters. Each of the partners prepares a research part at the national level. Based on the results the standards for institutions active in the field of DGV will be elaborated and put in place. An in-depth analysis is also going to be carried out in 2023.

Based on the survey conducted by the PP the baseline value of the indicator Level of satisfaction of institutions and organisations involved in the response systems with the effectiveness of the response system is 6 and at the end of project implementation the level 8 is expected.

Despite the enormous effort of all the involved, the predefined project of creation of the Sexual Assault Centre in Bratislava has been unfortunately cancelled due to national difficulties and limited time for implementation. The funds allocated to the Project in amount of 1 200 000 euro have been proposed to be reallocated from the Programme. The Programme modification proposal will be submitted to the donors in 2023.

Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme

After closing all calls, there are only 3 projects implemented in cooperation with a Norwegian partner – predefined project DGVPP002 and two projects focused on gender equality – DGV01004 and DGV01010.

The partnership of the CMC within the predefined project with the Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies started in 2015 and currently focuses on research activities. In addition to exchanging experience and knowledge, both partners are implementing the joint research project on support services for women experiencing violence with results relevant to both countries. A wider impact of the partnership on strategies and professional procedures for the protection of women experiencing violence and their children are therefore assumed.

In the project DGV01004 Gender Equality Promotion (GEP) there is the Norwegian partner KUN involved. The main activity of the project is public campaign focused on fight against disinformation on gender equality. The experts of the partner organization, Arni Hole and Karin Hovde, provided consultations for the two-stage campaign. Now they consult the material for the public campaign in the form of feedback to texts, content and influencers. The transfer of know-how from Norwegian partner is connected with the Norwegian situation – defining how gender equality is anchored in Norway today and what progress has been achieved in the areas of family/work life balance. The Norwegian partner also provides consultancy on the content of workshops for youth, advising on what worked/what did not work in working with youth according to their experience.

In DGV01010 project 34all (three for all) - "Three substantial messages on comprehensive sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health and rights for each target group" the Norwegian organization Sex og Politikk is involved. The Norwegian partner provided the PP with the best practice related to Pink Competency offering academic help and education regarding gender and sexual diversity, Uke6 – the practice of the methodological week on comprehensive sexuality education and Sex og Samfunn - practice of the youth clinic in Oslo regarding services, education and impact of activities.

In the project DGV03019 the Norwegian organization Alternative to Violence is a cooperating organization. The PP has agreed on non-formal cooperation with the Alternative for Violence, which is an organization with 15 offices located all around Norway and have been working in the field since 1987. . Alternative to Violence will assist in preparation of courses and help with a transfer of know how particularly focusing on children in violent relations. For the education purposes, a documentary movie will be produced by the PP Alliance of women in Slovakia, which is already experienced in the documentary production. The movie will be designed after a consultation with the Norwegian Alternative to Violence and shall particularly focus on the situation of children in violent parent´s families.

In 2022, the PO participated in two conferences for SYNERGY Network against Gender-based and Domestic Violence members, which were organised and partially funded by the Council of Europe, the International Partner Organization

(hereinafter referred to as "IPO"). On 10 March, the international conference Digital Dimension of Violence against Women was held, organised together with the Active Citizen's Funds of Greece and Cyprus. On 30 March, a second conference of SYNERGY Network was held to respond to urgent emerging needs from Ukraine, the SYNERGY Conference on the protection of asylum seeking, migrant and refugee women and girls. In addition, a Study visit was held in Strasbourg in November 2022 to raise awareness regarding violence against Roma women. The Slovak Republic plans to host a SYNERGY conference and meeting in December 2023, which will involve the CoE in planning and implementation.

In December 2022, the bilateral call DGVBF04 on strengthening the bilateral relations between Norway and Slovakia through activities such as networking, exchanges, sharing and transfer of knowledge, technology, experience and best practice between the Slovakian and Norwegian entities active in the field of domestic and gender-based violence was launched. The allocation is 95 126.95 euro.

The Programme also contributes to strengthening of bilateral relations between the donor and beneficiary countries by the excellent cooperation with the Helsedirektoratet - the Donor Programme Partner (hereinafter referred to as "DPP"), IPO, CMC, PO and the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR (the members of the Cooperation Committee). In 2022, the DPP and IPO provided advice and reflections in selection procedures and in the Cooperation Committee's meetings; monitored the progress in the Programme and provided strategic advice on domestic and gender-based violence and support to the Programme. The DPP followed-up of the collaboration between the Norwegian partner and CMC, engaged a Norwegian partner in the planned pre-defined project of Sexual Assault Centre in Slovakia and facilitated contacts towards World Health Organization, preparing their contributions. The IPO provided direct support to the PDP of CMC by providing translation into Slovak for an online HELP course on Women's Access to Justice, to support training initiatives under PDP for lawyers, prosecutors, Ministry of Justice of the SR employees and the judicial academy. Further, the IPO shared opportunities for additional funding of Slovakia's women's rights NGOs with the PO and the Cooperation Committee members and provided translations into Slovak of key Council of Europe guidance documents on the rights of displaced women and girls.

C. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

1. Monitorings carried out

In 2022 in addition to the review of Projects Interim Reports reviewing the progress of the project every 4 months, including the phone and e-mails communication with the PPs, regular monitoring, including site visits were carried out. The risk monitoring on the predefined project was carried out because of delay in the implementation and low spending and 6 results monitoring of the projects focused on gender equality – DGV01003, DGV01004, DGV01005, DGV01006, DGV01008 and DGV01009. The monitoring reports are going to be completed at the beginning of 2023.

Due to personnel changes at the end of 2022 the other regular monitoring planned were postponed to 2023.

The projects on gender equality are being implemented in slight delay; however, there are no doubts about their successful implementations by the end of eligibility period.

The predefined project has struggled with public procurement issues at the ministries involved and the delay has been much more appreciable. The project will also be a subject to the PO's regular monitoring, including site visit in 2023.

The regular monitoring on the rest of the projects is planned for 2023. It will be mainly the results monitoring and for some projects compliance monitoring.

2. Evaluations carried out

The evaluation is not planned in the programme, as it will be carried out by the National Focal Point.

D. ANNEXES

1. Results achieved
2. Communication summary
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Annex 1: Results achieved

Objective: Domestic and gender-based violence prevented and victims protected and assisted								
Outcome 1: Understanding of gender equality increased								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) favourable to gender equality	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	0	0	-	(+15%)	The PPs informed the PO about the shares and number of respondents under the project. The preliminary baseline is 68.62%. The final baseline will be known, once the last awareness-raising activity is started, as the survey is conducted before the particular activity.
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) that reject gender stereotyping	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	0	0	-	(+15%)	Based on the survey conducted by the PPs. The preliminary baseline is 54.83%. The final baseline will be known, once the last awareness-raising activity is started, as the survey is conducted before the particular activity.

Share of students (in targeted schools) favourable to gender equality	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	0	0	-	(+20%)	The PPs informed the PO about the shares and number of respondents under the project. The preliminary baseline is 57.18%. The final baseline will be known, once the last lecture has started, as the survey is conducted before the lecture.
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-
Share of students (in targeted schools) rejecting gender stereotyping	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	0	0	-	(+15%)	Based on the survey conducted by the PPs. The preliminary baseline is 54.87%. The final baseline will be known, once the last lecture has been provided, as the survey is conducted before the particular lecture.
Output 1.1: Measures targeting education and awareness-raising activities in the field of gender equality implemented								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of awareness-raising campaigns promoting gender equality	Cumulative number	0	8 (IFR 2022)	-	-	17	15	There are 9 projects. All of them have to have at least one awareness-raising campaign.

<p>Number of institutions active in the field of gender equality supported</p>	<p>Cumulative number</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>22 (IFR 2022)</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>There are 9 directly supported organizations as the PP or partner. In IFR 2022, besides those 9 organizations, the organizations supported through the projects' activities (e.g. conference, workshop, information on the project's website) were counted. The PO decided to report only directly supported organizations, as this was the intention of the indicator. The target value will not be achieved, as not enough projects were supported. There was reallocation between the outcomes in the Programme.</p>
<p>Number of schools from marginalised Roma communities to which lectures specifically focused on gender equality have been provided</p>	<p>Cumulative number</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>1 (IFR 2022)</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>This is the number of individual schools. More of the schools are being involved in more projects. It is supposed that the target value could be achieved, as not all of the projects have already started with the lectures.</p>
<p>Number of schools provided with lectures focused on gender equality</p>	<p>Cumulative number</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>14 (IFR 2022)</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>58</p>	<p>89</p>	<p>This is the number of individual schools. More of the schools are involved in more</p>

								projects. It is supposed that the target value could be achieved, as not all of the projects have already started with the lectures.
Outcome 2: Victims of domestic and gender-based violence protected and supported								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of beneficiaries of services provided	Cumulative number	0	0 (APR 2021)	-	-	283	700	The projects just started their implementation in spring/summer 2022. The target value of the indicator should be achieved.
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	256	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	27	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Share of supported counselling centres meeting CoE standards	Percentage	TBD, tbd	-	0	0	-	(+20%)	There are 12 counselling centres and women shelters meeting the European standards. At the end there should be 20 counselling centres and women's shelters meeting the standards. The baseline will be submitted to the FMO by the end of March 2023.
Output 2.1: Services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence preserved								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment

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Number of awareness raising and educational campaigns implemented by the centres and shelters	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	10	The projects have just started their implementation. The indicator is going to be achieved as more campaigns are planned within a project.
Number of existing counselling centres supported	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	9	35	No more existing counselling centres are going to be supported. The expectations of the PO was unrealistic. The number could be higher if we also count the women shelters and new established women shelters. The number of the organizations providing the services in Slovakia is limited. The programme covers all the well-known organizations.
Number of existing places in shelters supported	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	75	200	10 more places can be supported. All the well-known organizations are supported by the programme. The expectations of the PO was too high.
Number of service providers running or participating in a consortium with public institutions at local level	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	5	43	The indicator will not be achieved. Based on the information submitted in the project applications of supported projects 12

								organizations are going to be supported. The expectations of the PO was too high. There are not so much organizations in Slovakia to be supported. Moreover, the situation with COVID-19 pandemic affected it a lot. The area is sensitive and it is difficult to involve new organizations and new people to the area.
Output 2.2: Services for victims of domestic and gender-based expanded or enhanced								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of counselling centres established or specialised to meet the required standards	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	15	The projects have just started their implementation in 2022. 7 new counselling centres are expected. The expectations of the PO was too high. The area is too sensitive and it is difficult to expect creation of new centres, as the stable system of financing (e.g. from state budget) is not established. Moreover, to involve people into the area is very ambitious. It is not lucrative area.

Number of places in shelters created or specialised to meet the required standards	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	50	15 new places are expected. Not enough projects submitted.
Number of shelters and counselling centres enhanced in terms of children needs	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	43	19 shelters and counselling centres are expected. Not enough applications were submitted. The PO's expectations were too high.
Outcome 3: Response systems to victims of domestic and gender-based violence improved								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Annual number of cases of gender-based and domestic violence officially reported	Annual number	708	937 (APR 2021)	-	-	692	800	The numbers reported show the cases of violence in intimate partnerships. As regards the cases of domestic violence the numbers are the following: 721 cases of domestic violence (perpetrators: children (428), parent (127), brother (107), grandchild (45), others (14)) – the gender of the victim is not possible to identify.
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	845	-	-	613	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	92	-	-	79	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Level of satisfaction of institutions and organisations	Scale 1-10	TBD, Baseline survey to be	-	Reported 2024			(+2)	-

involved in the response systems with the effectiveness of the response system		conducted at the beginning of the PDPs' implementation.						
Output 3.1: Coordination and methodological teams established								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of regional coordination and methodological teams established	Cumulative number	0	5 (IFR 2022)	-	-	7	7	7 regional teams are operating and 7 regional action plans have been elaborated.
Output 3.2: Institutions in the field of DGBV trained								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
In-depth analyses carried out	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	2	for the PDP 1 planned in 2023; PDP2 has been cancelled
Number of lectures and consultations provided to supporting professions	Cumulative number	0	4 (IFR 2022)	-	-	32	57	47 is the target; the PDP2 has been cancelled
Number of professional staff trained	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	1,895	150	more than expected because of the needs in project
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	1,629	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	266	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Roma</i>								
<i>Roma</i>	-	-	0	-	-	2	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	1,893	-	-

Number of standards for institutions active in the field of Domestic and Gender Based Violence elaborated and in place	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	4	the target is 1 - to be implemented in 2023 with the NKVTS; the PDP2 has been cancelled
Output 3.3: Specialised police teams created								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of specialised police teams created	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	10	to be created in 2023
Output 3.4: Police facilities upgraded to cater for sensitivity to victims of domestic and gender-based violence								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of rooms in police stations customized to the needs of victims of domestic and gender-based violence	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	8	to be customized in 2023
Output 3.5: Sexual Assault Centre (SAC) piloted to assist survivors by providing medical care and forensic medical examination (FME) in cases of sexual violence								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
SAC unit established and operationalised	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	1	the project has been cancelled
Number of consultations in cases of sexual violence provided by SAC	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	40	the project has been cancelled
Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment

	nt		value	Numerato r	Denominato r	Achieveme nt value		
Level of satisfaction with the partnership	Scale 1-7	7, Survey conducted by the FMO	-	-	-	7	4.50, Target is ≥ 4.5 , and an increase on the baseline value	for now there is only the baseline value, which is repeated in the achievement section, until there is the update achievement
Level of trust between cooperating entities in Beneficiary States and Donor States	Scale 1-7	7, Survey conducted by the FMO	-	-	-	7	4.50, Target is ≥ 4.5 , and an increase on the baseline value	for now there is only the baseline value, which is repeated in the achievement section, until there is the update achievement
Number of best practices transferred from Norway to Slovakia	Cumulative number	1, One best practice was transferred during FM09-14.	1 (APR 2021)	-	-	3	3, Net number of practices transferred during FM14-21 will be 2.	DGV01004, DGV01010
Share of cooperating organisations that apply the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership	Percentage	N/A	-	6	6	100.00 %	50.00 %, Target is minimum 50 %	Just three projects are implemented in cooperation with a Norwegian partner. All the cooperating organisations are applying the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership.
Bilateral Output 1: Cooperation between Donor and Beneficiary State entities supported								

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline value	Previous achievement value	Achievements until end of December 2022			Target value	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Achievement value		
Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner	Cumulative number	0	3 (IFR 2022)	-	-	3	4	For DGV03019 the Norwegian partner is the cooperating organisation - initially they agreed to be project partner.
Number of staff from beneficiary states in exchanges focused on children victims of violence	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	4	The Norwegian partners are involved only in projects focused on gender equality
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Type of exchange</i>								
<i>Online</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Physical</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Number of staff from beneficiary states in exchanges or secondments focused on the establishment of sexual assault units	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	6	The project has been cancelled.
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-

<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Type of exchange</i>								
<i>Online</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Physical</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Number of staff from donor states in exchanges focused on children victims of violence	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	2	The project has been cancelled.
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Type of exchange</i>								
<i>Online</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Physical</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Number of staff from donor states in exchanges or secondments focused on the establishment of sexual assault units	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	0	2	The project has been cancelled.
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-

<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Type of exchange</i>								
<i>Online</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Physical</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	-
Number of workshops on sharing experience on providing services to minorities	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2022)	-	-	2	2	DGV01010

Annex 2: Communication summary

1. Best projects

The project DGV01004 Gender Equality Promotion (GEP) of the civic association Human Rights Institute is one of the best practice example. The project aims at the condition of successful gender equality, which is conditioned by the support of the surrounding society. Therefore, the project focuses on sensitizing and educating people about gender equality and thus increasing its public support. The project includes three different types of activities, such as breaking down the most common myths related to gender equality, an online campaign in the form of videos on various topics related to gender equality and educational workshops in secondary schools. A great asset of the project is the consultation and transfer of know-how by experts from the Norwegian partner organization KUN - Centre for Equality and Diversity.

The project DGV01005 GENDER EQUALITY for ROMA COMMUNITY (GER) of the organization People in Need is considered very important as it directly focuses on women from marginalized Roma communities in questions of gender equality. Its aim is to raise awareness of gender equality and empower women in four marginalized Roma communities (hereinafter referred to as "MRC"). There are educational activities, campaigns - dissemination activities, and strengthening activities to support girls and women in MRC implemented. The activities are based on the real needs of Roma girls and women formulated by their "own voice". The unifying lines of the project are the visibility of (Roma) women, the development of friendship among women, and the breaking of stereotypes (especially stereotypes in connection with the myth of parenthood as motherhood, female friendship/enmity, religious faith as a barrier of gender equality and others). Project outputs are min. of 20 workshops in cooperation with primary and secondary schools, 4 workshops in the community, a wall calendar dedicated to the topic of prominent Roma women, a quartet representing prominent women - women activists ("women without borders" and "Saints as we do not know them"), as well as an exhibition of works by Roma children.

2. Visibility of the Grants and the Donors

2.a. Communication activities

The PO proceeds in line with the Communication plan for the programme. The PO communicates its dissemination and publicity activities with Royal Norwegian Embassy to Slovakia and the Press Department of the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic. Through the web site www.eeagrants.sk and Facebook profile <https://www.facebook.com/EEANorwayGrants/> the PO communicates with general public and besides the basic information presents the programme activities and results. Information about the programme and projects implemented are published.

The Domestic and Gender-based Violence Programme webpage www.norwaygrants.sk/dgv is a subpage of the national single web page operated in Slovak and English. Within this page, 3 articles were directly dedicated to this programme in 2022. Two news were dedicated to the Call closure within DGV02 and DGV03; the latest news was the announcement of the DGVBF04 call.

2.b. Project stories

Activities on social media, precisely the Facebook page, in the programme DGV for the year 2022 focused on presenting individual projects, announcing their conferences, seminars and another online or in-person events. One of the most visible activities within this programme was connected to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, presented in four posts. The latest post announced in the year 2022 was the Call opening (DGVBFO4) for the grant application submitted under the Bilateral Fund to strengthen bilateral relations between entities from Norway and Slovakia. Overall, the programme DGV has earned on Facebook a number of posts (15), likes (47), and shares (1) and had a significant reach of posts (3257) to individuals. The post with the most likes (8) was a video from the project - We Build Bridges for Help (DGV02022) related to the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which aimed to raise awareness about domestic violence. This particular project is one of those that focus on activities that provide quality specialized counselling services to victims of violence.

3. Media coverage

[Vicepremiérka Remišová: Bezpečný domov, právne poradenstvo aj terapie pre obeť domáceho násillia podporíme sumou 3,2 milióna eur | Ministerstvo investícií, regionálneho rozvoja a informatizácie SR \(gov.sk\)](#)

[Blog N: Kampaň Zastavme násillie na ženách 2022 prebiehala aj v regiónoch \(dennikn.sk\)](#)

[Docentka Pavelová: Za pätnásť rokov našej existencie máme viac ako tisíc odliečených klientov - Občas Nečas \(ukf.sk\)](#)

[Obete domáceho násillia budú mať v Nitre viac bezpečných priestorov - EMEFKA](#)

4. Website and social media

Link to programme website		Total number of page views in the reporting year	
http://www.eeagrants.sk/en/programs/d...		171543	
	Link or account handle	Number of posts published in the reporting year	Number of followers
Facebook	https://sk-sk.facebook.com/people/Granty-EHP-a-N%C3%B3rska-na-Slovensku/...	15	1661

5. Visuals

EEA and Norway Grants media library (ealibrary.org) will be completed by the multimedia assets of the Domestic and Gender-based Violence Programme projects after obtaining high quality materials and official permissions and legal copyrights for the photo gallery and the video materials.

Videos of the DGV projects are planned to be completed in the first half of 2023.

[Žena v tiesni | Kampaň Ženské práva sú ľudské práva \(zenavtiesni.sk\)](#)

Annex 3: Overview of contracted projects

1. Project summary

	Number	Total Grant	Amount budgeted to dpps (estimate)
Total number of projects contracted	20	€ 7,989,572	€ 345,770
Number of pre-defined projects contracted	1	€ 1,400,000	€ 301,120
Number of projects with a donor project partner	3	€ 1,775,752	€ 345,770
Number of projects with a donor project partner Norway	3	€ 1,775,752	€ 345,770
Number of projects with a donor project partner Iceland	0	€ 0	€ 0
Number of projects with a donor project partner Liechtenstein	0	€ 0	€ 0

2. Call details

Call title	Outcome(s)	Call amount	Submission deadline	Number of applications received	Grant amount applied for	Grant demand %	Number of applications approved for funding	Grant amount awarded	Number of projects contracted	Amount contracted
DGVBF02 for bilateral relations for establishing and development of partnership - Support of intervention teams at local level on services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence, including children		€ 11,623	06/08/2021	0	€ 0	0.00 %	0	€ 0	0	€ 0
DGVBF03 Open Call for Bilateral Relations for Establishing And Development of the Partnership - Improvement of the Quality of Services so that They Meet the Required Standards, Including Specific Services for Children Victims		€ 18,623	24/09/2021	0	€ 0	0.00 %	0	€ 0	0	€ 0

Open call DGVBFO1 for bilateral relations for establishing and development of the partnership - Support of organisations promoting equality between women and men and work life balance		€ 10,000	15/12/2020	6	€ 9,224	92.24 %	3	€ 5,377	3	€ 0
Open Call for bilateral initiatives between Slovakia and Norway in the field of Domestic and Gender-based Violence (DGVBFO4)		€ 95,127	20/12/2023							€ 0
Open Call for Proposals on Improvement of the Quality of Services so that They Meet the Required Standards, Including Specific Services for Children Victims (DGV03)	Outcome 2	€ 2,000,000	02/11/2021	3	€ 1,367,011	68.35 %	3	€ 1,367,011	3	€ 1,361,178
Open Call for Proposals on the Support of Intervention Teams at Local Level on Services for Victims of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence, Including Children (DGV02)	Outcome 2	€ 3,697,691	16/09/2021	10	€ 5,160,757	139.57 %	6	€ 3,697,691	7	€ 3,697,691
Open call on the support of organisation promoting equality between women and men a work life balance (DGV01)	Outcome 2	€ 1,700,000	15/10/2019	11	€ 1,914,122	112.60 %	9	€ 1,530,703	9	€ 1,530,703

Annex 4: Risk management

Risk description	Likelihood (1-4)	Consequence (1-4)	Risk score	Planned response in 2023
Opposition to the standards of the Istanbul Convention by conservative groups in society	3 medium high	3 medium high	3.00	The risk has to be accepted. The communication is important. The Programme is fluently continuing. 19 projects are being implemented. There is the same aim regarding the fight against violence and equality between women and men also for the conservative groups. The MLSAF SR cooperates with the NGOs dealing with the issue of DGV.
Resistance from established service providers to monitoring activities and the setting of required standards	2 medium low	2 medium low	2.00	The leading services providers were involved in the setting of the required standards. They were accepted in the calls and incorporated in the project contracts. There is persistent cooperation with the CMC and the social services providers on the strategy of the programme set up and implementation. The PO is open to their recommendations.
Limited capacity of the Norwegian organisation active in the field	3 medium high	2 medium low	2.45	Within all the calls, there are only 2 projects involving a donor project partner. It can only be accepted. Within the bilateral fund the call DGVBF04 was launched at the end of 2022 to support the bilateral cooperation.
Capacity of Project Promoters to comply with the procedures for verifying expenditure	2 medium low	2 medium low	2.00	The PO is in touch with the project promoters and provides them with consultations.
Lack of knowledge and experience in organisations included in the expanded network of providers and the possible misconception of notions (indicators, methodology of calculations, conditions etc.)	3 medium high	2 medium low	2.45	There are no newly established institutions involved in the projects and if, there is a wellexperienced organizations involved as the applicant or partner. The PO provides the project promoters and project partners with consultations during the projects' implementation.

Inconsistencies and distrust in the cooperation of non-government sector and public institutions	2 medium low	2 medium low	2.00	19 projects are being implemented in the Programme. Cooperation of NGOs and public sector is a part of the most of projects. Information activities towards the relevant stakeholders and the activities aimed at mutual cooperation and engagement between public organisations and the NGOs active in the field shall be held, if needed.
Sustainability of services provision after the implementation of the Programme	3 medium high	4 high	3.46	The PO will continue with pressure to the relevant ministries in order to set up the system of financing for sustainability of services provision.
Delay in the Programme implementation and the COVID-19 impact	1 low	1 low	1.00	All the projects are being implemented. There is just slight delay in some of the projects. If necessary, the activities can be held online. The projects are regularly monitored by the PO.
Overall risk of not absorbing most financing and achieving most targets (1-4):			2.00	

Annex 5: Monitoring plan

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Annex 6: Evaluation report

Not Available

Annex 7: Agreement conditions

Description	Type	Tracking	Fulfilled	Date of fulfilment	Description of measures taken
1. The maximum level of funding available from the total eligible expenditure of the programme for infrastructure (hard measures) shall be 30%.	General	Continuously tracking	N/A		The Programme Operator has taken this condition into account during the calls preparation and has included it into the conditions of the calls. It has also been a subject to the Programme Operator's verification during the project verification before decision on award of the grants. It has also been incorporated into the project contracts. The condition will be fulfilled at the end of the programme implementation.
2. The relevant public institution(s) in the Slovak Republic in charge of the policy area in question, including the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, shall be actively involved in the implementation of the programme, specifically as member(s) of the Cooperation Committee. The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family shall be a voting member at the Selection Committee subject to the absence of any conflict of interest.	General	Continuously tracking	N/A		This condition has already been fulfilled. The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR is an active member of the Cooperation Committee and a voting member of the Selection Committee. At the same time the Institute of Labour and Family Research, particularly Coordinating Methodical Centre for domestic and gender-based violence, is a member of the Cooperation Committee, as well as a voting member of the Selection Committee for the component of domestic and gender-based violence.
3. For Outcome 1 indicators "Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) favourable to gender equality (disaggregated by gender)", "Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) that reject gender stereotyping",	General	One-time fulfilment	No		The questionnaire was sent to all the project promoters of the DGV01 projects. In line with the call DGV01 within all the supported projects a survey are being conducted (at the beginning and at the end of the project activities implementation) in order to identify

<p>“Share of students (in targeted schools) favourable to gender equality (disaggregated by gender)” and “Share of students (in targeted schools) rejecting gender stereotyping,” where the baseline value is “to be determined”, (TBD), the National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator submits to the FMO the baseline value, together with a description of the data collection method used, no later than 6 months after the finalisation of the selection of projects under the Small Grant Scheme. The updated baseline value shall be agreed upon through a modification of the programme agreement.</p>					<p>all the listed Outcome 1 indicators, their baseline and target values in line with the PO’s instruction. The deadline cannot be met, as the campaigns and lectures within the projects are planned in different time and due to COVID-19 situation more of them have been postponed. Moreover, the lectures are provided through the whole implementation of the projects to the different target group. Only preliminary results can be provided, as the final baseline will be known after the last lecture has been provided or campaign held.</p>
<p>4. For Outcome 2 indicator “Share of supported counselling centres meeting CoE standards,” where the baseline value is “to be determined” (TBD), the National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator submits to the FMO the baseline value, together with a description of the data collection method used, no later than 6 months after the finalisation of the selection of projects under the last relevant call for proposals. The updated baseline value shall be agreed upon through a modification of the programme agreement.</p>	<p>General</p>	<p>One-time fulfilment</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>The condition to set baseline and target values for the stated Programme Indicators was included into the text of the Calls DGV02 and DGV03. The last project contract was signed in September 2022. The baseline is 12. The FMO will be informed at the beginning of 2023.</p>
<p>5. For Outcome 3 indicator “Level of satisfaction of institutions and organisations involved in the response systems with the effectiveness of the response system”, where the baseline value is “to be determined” (TBD), the National Focal Point</p>	<p>General</p>	<p>One-time fulfilment</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>The predefined project of Sexual Assault Centre in Bratislava has been cancelled. The baseline value related to the predefined project no. 1 is 6. The FMO will be informed at the beginning of 2023.</p>

<p>shall ensure that the Programme Operator submits to the FMO for approval the baseline value, together with a description of the data collection method used, no later than 6 months after the signature of the contract for the pre-defined projects no. 1 and 2 (numbering under Section 5.1 of Annex II to the Programme Agreement). The updated baseline value shall be agreed upon through a modification of the programme agreement.</p>					
<p>6. The National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator informs and coordinates any relevant activities with the Fund Operator of the Active Citizens Fund-Slovakia in order to seek and achieve synergies.</p>	<p>General</p>	<p>Continuously tracking</p>	<p>N/A</p>		<p>The PO cooperated with the Fund Operator of the Active Citizens Fund within the preparation phase of the Open calls in order to avoid the same focus of the Open calls. The PO is also in touch with the Fund Operator regarding the publicity and information activities.</p>