

Raising awareness on victims' rights in Serbia

In December 2017, project entitled Raising awareness on victims' rights in Serbia was launched.

The project has two main goals:

- 1) To raise awareness of victims and service providers/practitioners from both state institutions and civil society organizations in Serbia about rights and services for victims of crime;
- 2) To foster networking and strengthening cooperation of relevant state institutions and civil society organizations on the regional and local level in order to facilitate referrals and enable equal access to victim support for all victims.

The project is oriented toward achieving following specific objectives:

- 1) To inform victims about their rights and available services.
- 2) To inform service providers/practitioners from both state institutions (including police, social welfare centres, prosecutors' offices, judiciary) and civil society organizations about victim support services in order to secure equal access to victim support for all victims.
- 3) To enable networking and establishing cooperation among relevant institutions and civil society organizations on the regional and local level in order to facilitate referrals and enable equal access to victim support for all victims.
- 4) To establish dialogue with relevant policy-makers, i.e. ministries, including Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, and Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Policy, as well as with other state institutions, such as the Republic Prosecutors' Office and the judiciary authorities for advocating for victims' rights and establishing networks of institutions and organizations on the regional and local level in Serbia that would facilitate referrals and enable equal access to victim support for all victims.
- 5) To prepare a comparative analysis and benchmarking of victim support systems in the Western Balkan countries, relevant for future advocacy for victims' rights in both Serbia and other Western Balkan countries, for networking and cooperation at a broader, regional level.

The project lasts until the end of June 2018. It is implemented with the financial support of the World Bank. The realization of the project is directly involved: prof. dr Vesna Nikolić-Ristanović, Dr. Sanja Čopić, Jasmina Nikolić and Bejan Šaćiri.

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