

## **Institutionalization of Quality Services for the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Victims of Violence II**

The Victimology Society of Serbia started the project titled *"Institutionalization of Quality Services for the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Victims of Violence II"* on July 1, 2025. The project is financed by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) through Austrian Development Cooperation.

The general goal of the project is the prevention and response to gender-based violence through activities aimed at informing, educating, and providing support to potential and actual victims. The specific goals of the project are:

- Strengthening the capacities of local community employees for the prevention, intervention, and prevention of re-victimization in cases of gender-based violence.
- Rational use of existing resources for the prevention and intervention in cases of gender-based violence at the local level, in general, and specifically in relation to vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and persons with disabilities.
- Expanding best practices for using existing resources for the prevention and intervention in cases of gender-based violence at the local level to other city municipalities.
- Empowering victims and their children to recognize, respond to, and use their own capacities to address domestic violence and other forms of violence.
- Advocating for the recognition, funding, and space for local organizations that provide support for GBV (Gender-Based Violence) at the local level, as well as greater engagement of city municipalities in GBV-related issues.

Main activities within the project include:

1. Rational use of existing resources for the prevention and intervention in cases of domestic violence at the local level. This activity will focus on maintaining continuous cooperation at the local level within the municipality of New Belgrade. Partners involved will include the New Belgrade Center for Social Work (CSR), New Belgrade Police Station, the Center for Support of the Elderly, Children, and Persons with Disabilities "New Belgrade," the New Belgrade City Municipality, pedagogical/psychological services in schools, and gerontological institutions.
2. Advocating for the expansion of best practices for connecting local communities for the prevention and response to violence to other local communities (Obrenovac and Surčin).
3. Capacity building of employees to work with victims of gender-based violence.
4. Support for victims and the implementation of the program "From Victim to Winner." Throughout the project's duration, VDS will provide support to victims who approach the VDS Information and Victim Support Service, either individually or referred by CSR and the Police.
5. Informing citizens about available support services in local communities.

The project will be implemented from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2026.