

Evidence-based capacity building and support to the Groups for Coordination and Cooperation in response to domestic and other forms of gender-based violence

The Victimology Society of Serbia is implementing a project called Evidence-based capacity building and support to the Groups for Coordination and Cooperation in response to domestic and other forms of gender-based violence, funded by the organization UN Women. Overall goal of the project is strengthening capacities of GCC established in 20 basic prosecutors' offices in Serbia for efficient and effective needs and risk assessment and development of individual safety plans for victims of domestic, but also of other forms of gender based violence as defined by the Law on suppression of domestic violence.

The project will start with the research component (baseline study), with the aim to provide insights and clear benchmarks regarding the current state of work of GCC and response to cases of DV and other forms of violence as defined in the Law, and to assess GCC's needs relevant for building their capacities and improving their coordinated response to DV and GBV cases. The results obtained by the research study will be the basis for designing other project activities aimed at:

- a) building capacities of members of 20 GCC for working with victims of GBS and for mapping victims' needs and developing individual safety plans
- b) providing support to GCC in developing safety plans using different tools (meetings, consultancy, interactive platform, and providing technical equipment), and
- c) providing support to victims through VDS victim support service and in cooperation with local NGOs

In addition to the above, the following activities will be implemented: Implementation of accredited training for working with victims of gender-based violence for GCC (employees in social work centers, police, prosecutor's office and civil society organizations); Development and implementation of training for mapping victims' needs; Writing manuals for mapping victims' needs and developing individual safety plans and forming of a special online platform for the exchange of experiences and practices of GCC.

The project is being implemented from June 21, 2021 to November 21, 2022.