

# **Conducting research and related activities within the project '#SOSagainstViolence - Media campaign for decreasing VAW during and after Covid-19 pandemic in Serbia'**

The project '#SOSagainstViolence - Media campaign for decreasing VAW during and after Covid-19 pandemic in Serbia' is implemented by the NGO Fenomena in partnership with the UN Agency for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (UN Women). Within the given project, the Victimology Society of Serbia has been engaged to conduct a research, which aims at getting to know what is the response of competent institutions and services for combating against domestic violence in the Republic of Serbia during the Covid-19 pandemic, and at developing recommendations for improving public policies and practice in crisis situations that are responsive to the rights, needs and experiences of victims.

The first step in the research is an analysis of literature and other written material, available in printed or electronic form, related to domestic violence, available services and responses of competent authorities, institutions and services in cases of domestic violence during the Covid-19 pandemic. Desk analysis should serve as a basis for developing empirical research. The second step is the empirical research aimed at collecting primary data on the actions of competent authorities, institutions and services in cases of domestic violence during the Covid-19 epidemic, through the survey and interviews.

Recommendations for the improvement of practical policies (policy briefs), which are realistic and possible for immediate application will be developed on the basis of both parts of the research (desk analysis and empirical research). Recommendations will be finalized after presenting and discussing them at two webinars, and submitted to the competent public administration bodies.

The project lasts from October 2020 to June 2021.