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INTRODUCTION

The National Strategy on Protection Against Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women 2022 - 2026 was approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in January 2022.¹ This Strategy aims to ensure protection against domestic violence and violence against women in accordance with the standards of international instruments applicable in the Republic of Kosovo. Based on this, the Strategy includes 4 strategic objectives: 1) Prevention and identification of violence, 2) Advancing and harmonizing public policies with international standards, 3) Institutional strengthening in prevention and addressing of domestic violence and 4) Providing general services and specialized support services to victims. These objectives are further divided into 13 specific objectives, each containing at least nine concrete activities.

This is the second Annual Report (January–December 2023) on monitoring the implementation of activities outlined in the Action Plan 2022-2024 for the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection Against Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women 2022 - 2026. The report is prepared based on the reporting standards of strategic documents, according to Administrative Instruction 07/2018 on Planning and Drafting Strategic Documents and Action Plans² and the Manual for Planning, Drafting and Monitoring Strategic Documents and their Action Plans.³ Additionally, the methodology for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy on Protection Against Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women according to the “Monitoring Framework for 2022” was used, which was prepared by the Ministry of Justice in cooperation with the Working Group responsible for monitoring the strategic document.

The report includes data on overall implementation, and implementation according to strategic and specific objectives, and presents overall performance according to implementing structures. The presented data is shown both narratively and graphically to provide more detailed information regarding the implementation of the activities outlined in the Action Plan for the implementation of the Strategy. The Action Plan contains an indicator passport, but the progress assessment according to the indicator passport is done on a triennial basis. Since this reporting is for the annual period January - December 2023, reporting is only done at the level of implementation of the activities outlined for the relevant period. Additionally, besides the charts presented with respect to the outcome of the implementation of strategic and specific objectives for 2023, the outcome from the implementation of the same objectives in the previous reporting period of 2022 are also retained to compare the achieved results year by year. In the end, the report presents conclusions and recommendations, as well as risks and steps that need to be taken to overcome them.

In Annex 1, detailed explanations are provided by the responsible institutions for the implementation of each activity according to the Action Plan for the Strategy.

¹ 56th Meeting of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo, Decision 12/56: <https://kryeministri.rks-gov.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Vendimet-e-Mbledhjes-se-56-te-te-Qeverise-se-Republikes-se-Kosoves-1-1.pdf>

² Administrative Instruction (GRK) No. 07/2018 on Planning and Drafting Strategic Documents and Action Plans: <https://kryeministri.rks-gov.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/udhezimi-administrativ-qrk-nr.-07-2018-per-planifikimin-dhe-hartimin-e-dokumenteve-strategjike-dhe-planeve-te-veprimit-28-03-2018.pdf>

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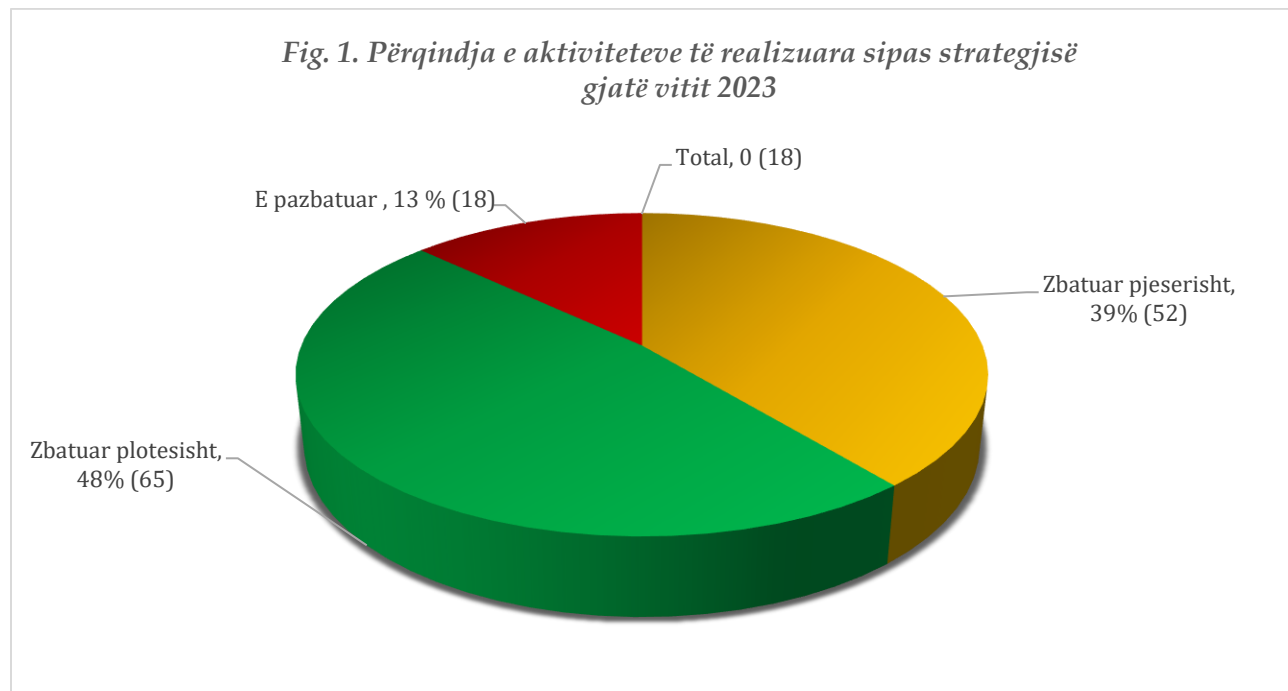
I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The findings of the Annual Report on the Strategy, which also reflect the current situation regarding domestic violence and violence against women in the Republic of Kosovo, provide information on key activities that are in accordance with the criteria established in local legislation, the Government Program 2021–2025 of the Republic of Kosovo, the Istanbul Convention, the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Declaration and Action Platform, the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda, as well as other sectoral strategies. It results that those improvements have been made through the activities implemented under the Strategy in the areas of advancing and harmonizing public policies with international standards, strengthening and enhancing institutional capacities for monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Strategy, institutional empowerment for the protection and treatment of victims, as well as the treatment of perpetrators of violence against women through the psycho-social program.

These activities of the Strategy are assessed based on three evaluation categories: 1) fully implemented; 2) partially implemented or in progress; and 3) not implemented.

Compared to 2022, a noticeable increase in the progress of the implementation of the activities planned for 2023 is observed. Thus, out of a total of 135 activities planned to be carried out during 2023, 86% or 117 activities have been fully implemented or are in progress, while 13% or 18 activities have not been implemented according to the planned dynamics in the Action Plan for 2023.

The activities for this period of the Strategy are assessed based on three assessment categories: 1) fully implemented; 2) partially implemented or in progress; and 3) not implemented.



II. OVERALL IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS FOR 2023

Regarding the percentage of activities implemented according to the Strategy, Figure 1 shows the status of the implementation of the Strategy activities for the reporting period.

Based on Figure 1, we observe that the majority of the activities foreseen in the Action Plan of the Strategy for this period of 2023 have been fully implemented or are in progress. The data shows that 87% of the activities have been implemented or partially implemented. Out of 135 activities planned during the reporting period, 65 activities (48%) have been fully implemented, 52 activities (39%) have been partially implemented or are in progress, and 18 activities (13%) have not been implemented.

The other activities not included in this report are planned to be implemented according to the Action Plan after 2023.

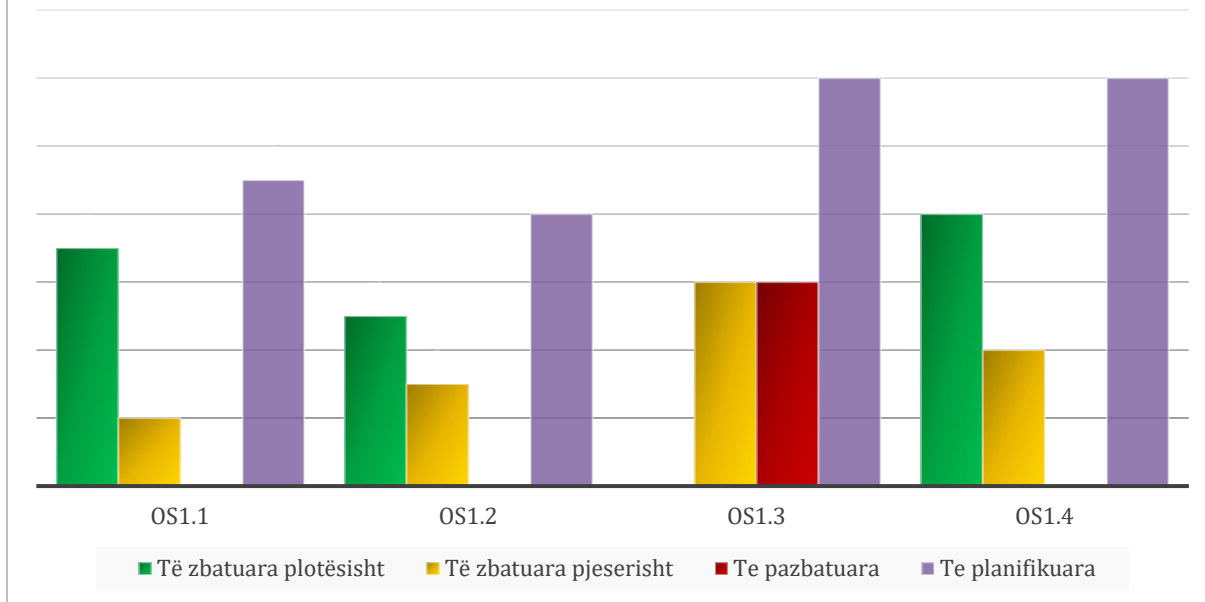
It is also worth noting that during the reporting period for 2023, in addition to the activities planned for implementation this year, activities that have been continuously linked from the previous reporting period have continued to be implemented. This includes some activities that were not implemented during the previous period but have continued to be implemented this year. As a result, all together, they have reflected a significantly higher level of implementation of activities in this period of the second year of implementation, 2023, of the Strategy (2022-2026).

III. OVERALL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Strategic Objective #1: Prevention and identification of violence

Prevention and identification of domestic violence and violence against women have continued to be priorities and addressed as very important phenomena this year according to the Action Plan. Among all the strategic objectives, the highest number of activities is planned within this objective. In this regard, out of a total of 41 planned activities, 20 have been fully implemented (49%), 15 have been partially implemented (37%), and 6 activities remain unimplemented (around 13%). This indicates that the level of implementation in 2023 is significantly higher compared to the previous year (2022).

*Fig. 2: Rezultatet në kuadër të Objektivit Strategjik #1.
Parandalimi dhe identifikimi i dhunës
2023*



The significantly higher implementation within this strategic objective is present in the Specific Objective SO 1.4 *“Establishment and implementation of programs for the psycho-social treatment of perpetrators of violent crimes.”* and SO 1.1 *“Changing behaviour, attitude, role and stereotype”* in relation to the number of planned activities. On the other hand, the highest number of unimplemented activities, compared to the planned activities, is in the Specific Objective SO 1.3 *“Promote cooperation between government, media and the private sector for promoting measures for preventing and combating violence”*.

Key success stories in this objective include: Monthly awareness activities on domestic violence and violence against women with special focus on vulnerable groups of women and girls; Addressing domestic violence and early marriages; Promoting positive role models of Change Agents in the community who challenge gender stereotypes and express zero to violence; Peer education for the prevention and identification of sexual harassment in schools, and for creating critical attitudes towards the negative and sexist portrayal of women and girls in various fields of life; Continuous awareness campaigns by the Kosovo Police on domestic violence, sexual harassment, drug use, human trafficking, traffic safety, and calls to citizens to stop family violence and report cases of violence to the Kosovo Police; Public information sessions through media on the consequences of domestic violence and the responsibilities of the Kosovo Police in dealing with this phenomenon, including information on effective investigation and immediate police response to calls for help,

proper management of dangerous situations, and investigation of all allegations of violence against women and domestic violence, highlighting aggravating circumstances.

A continuing success story during this reporting period is the annual 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign. Expansion of the home visit program for positive parenting counselling for women and families at health service centres for women and families, or at social work centres, as well as increased identification of domestic violence cases identified through observations during home visits.

Institutionally, the establishment of the Inter-Institutional Group for the Prevention of Early Marriages in the Roma, Ashkali, and Egyptian communities proposed by the Ministry of Justice is noteworthy during this period (2023). The issue of marriages under the age of 18 has also been addressed under the draft Civil Code, and the establishment of this group will help raise societal awareness of the consequences of early marriages and their prevention.

To inform about the measures that need to be taken to address domestic and gender-based violence, intensive informative sessions with civil society have been held, awareness-raising visits for victims regarding the importance of reporting violence, as well as informative sessions in self-help mother associations and groups of women victims of violence in shelters concerning services related to domestic violence through free legal aid and victim compensation.

As part of the home visit program for maternal and child care, pregnant women, mothers, and fathers are advised on positive parenting. Those trained to implement the home visit program are also trained with the module for good parenting. During this year (2023), 252 healthcare professionals, nurses, educators and social workers have been trained to provide these counselling services.

As an initiative to protect children and parents from the harmful use of various internet sites, and to ensure information for children and parents about the safe use of the internet, social media, and electronic communications, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Independent Media Commission (IMC) and the Terre des hommes Lausanne Foundation in Kosovo (TdHk). According to this memorandum, the parties undertake to enhance the level of mutual cooperation for the implementation of joint activities in the area of child protection in the media. In this regard, the Memorandum aims for IMC licensees to take appropriate measures to ensure the protection of children and minors from programs that may harm their physical, mental and moral development, especially programs with inappropriate content or extreme violence. At the same time, this Memorandum aims to promote media topic addressing child protection, protection against discrimination, community

rights, justice for minors, and similar initiatives, Among the activities envisaged are joint organizations such as: awareness campaigns, training sessions, informative sessions, roundtable discussions, conferences and meetings for the protection of children and minors in audio and audiovisual media services.

A success story during this reporting period is the intensive training of personnel in psycho-social treatment programs for perpetrators of family violence and violence against women. Health personnel from all centres providing psycho-social treatments have been trained, and they have also been certified by the Doctors Chamber for the treatment of perpetrators of violence and health professional training according to their program within the institution where perpetrators of violence are treated by court decision. During this period, all cases prioritized by orders and requests presented by the court and prosecutors at KPFI have been treated, where resocialization and reintegration have also been carried out based on internal protocols and specific programs approved for the treatment of individuals addicted to substances or with mental health problems. Perpetrators of domestic violence, in accordance with their age group, have been treated within institutions by trained professionals to address individuals with substance addiction or mental health issues. Simultaneously, continuous hospital and psychiatric examinations of perpetrators of violence (men and women) have been conducted to provide mandatory psychiatric treatment throughout the year. In this regard, a challenge during this period remains the lack of available spaces for the treatment of perpetrators of violence with mental health and substance addiction problems, resulting in a reduction in the number of cases referred to pre-trial detention due to insufficient bed capacity.

Since the Strategy envisages the preparation and publication of an annual report on the treatment of perpetrators, during the reporting period, for the first time in Kosovo, a program for the treatment of perpetrators of violence against women was launched in 2023, and all preparations have been made for the piloting of the 6-month program in 2024 according to the DULUTH method.

A challenge during this period has been delays in conducting the survey on the general perception of domestic violence and violence against women, which was planned to be completed in 2022 but has not yet been finalized. The statistical report of this analysis has been prepared by the Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS), but analysis of the data is lacking. Thus, in December 2023, the Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the British Embassy, resumed this research, which is expected to be completed by the end of April 2024. Furthermore, a challenge remains in the measurement of the campaign's effectiveness, as no measuring instrument has yet been developed to assess the level of awareness among individuals, especially men and boys, regarding domestic violence and violence against women, which the campaign has targeted.

In addition to the challenges mentioned above, within this objective, difficulties have been identified in the capacities of institutions to implement specific activities in the development of relevant programs and analyses, as well as the lack of sufficient budgetary capacities to organize awareness campaigns, informative sessions and relevant research.

A challenge remains in encouraging the media to establish self-regulatory guidelines and standards to increase respect for the dignity of women, thereby helping to build positive gender roles and prevent violence against women. Educating media professionals to handle issues of domestic violence and violence against women with greater responsibility and professionalism is essential. Preparation and implementation of clear policies and functional complaint mechanisms that prohibit discriminatory materials with sexist content or those that promote domestic violence and the harmful effects of certain traditional or customary practices in both audiovisual and print media are crucial.

Another challenge is encouraging the media to report and analyze domestic violence and violence against women properly, responding professionally and complying with the principles of ethics and personal data protection, in line with the Strategy on Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and the Istanbul Convention. Additionally, cooperation with media and technology information companies to prevent violence, sexual harassment, or persecution of women and girls through social media and the internet remains a challenge.

Progress by results expected within Strategic Objective 1 during the reporting period according to the Strategy

- There has been a noticeable increase in the number of awareness-raising campaigns and informative sessions throughout the reporting period by all key institutional and sectoral stakeholders to raise public awareness not to tolerate domestic violence and violence against women as a result of integrated actions.
- There has been an increase in informative sessions and awareness-raising among civil society, women's associations and shelters dealing with victim protection against violence to encourage reporting of violence cases and inform them of their rights as well as access to free legal aid to address and realize their rights as provided by the applicable legislation.
- Establishment of a database for perpetrators who have received psycho-social services/treatment during and after serving their sentences. This has been realized within the existing database for recording cases of domestic violence and violence against women. This database is a new module developed alongside the development of the program for the treatment of perpetrators of

violence against women. Currently, the treatment program is being implemented, and at the same time, the monitoring process is being developed to enable the measurement of indicators in line with SDG indicators 5.2.2. and 11.7.2, as well as other international-level indicators;

- Curricular programs of pre-university educational institutions have been developed for sexual education at all levels, providing knowledge for the prevention, identification, protection and overall combating of domestic violence and violence against women.
- Training, standards, manuals and protocols have been implemented for the staff of pre-university educational institutions to be more professionally prepared to identify and refer cases of domestic violence or violence against women according to standards;
- In the course of the home visit program for maternal and child care, pregnant women, mothers and fathers are advised on positive parenting. Trainees for the implementation of the home visit program are also trained under the module for good parenting. A total of 42,004 home visits have been conducted, of which 36,336 were for children aged 0-3 years, 5,668 visits were for pregnant women, 1,880 visits were for children in the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities, 511 visits were for pregnant women from the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities, 487 children were referred to other specialists during the visits, 151 children were identified with developmental delays and referred during the home visits, 1,115 social cases were identified and reported, and 9 cases of domestic violence were identified during the home visits.
- Concrete initiatives have been taken to provide psychosocial treatments for perpetrators of domestic violence in accordance with international requirements and standards. The capacity of the Kosovo Probation Service has been strengthened to monitor and rehabilitate perpetrators of violence through intensive training of trainers in the implementation of the Psychosocial Treatment Program for working with perpetrators of domestic violence.

A challenge remains the cooperation between the government, media, and private businesses, which needs to be strengthened and accompanied by positive results in actions against domestic violence and violence against women.

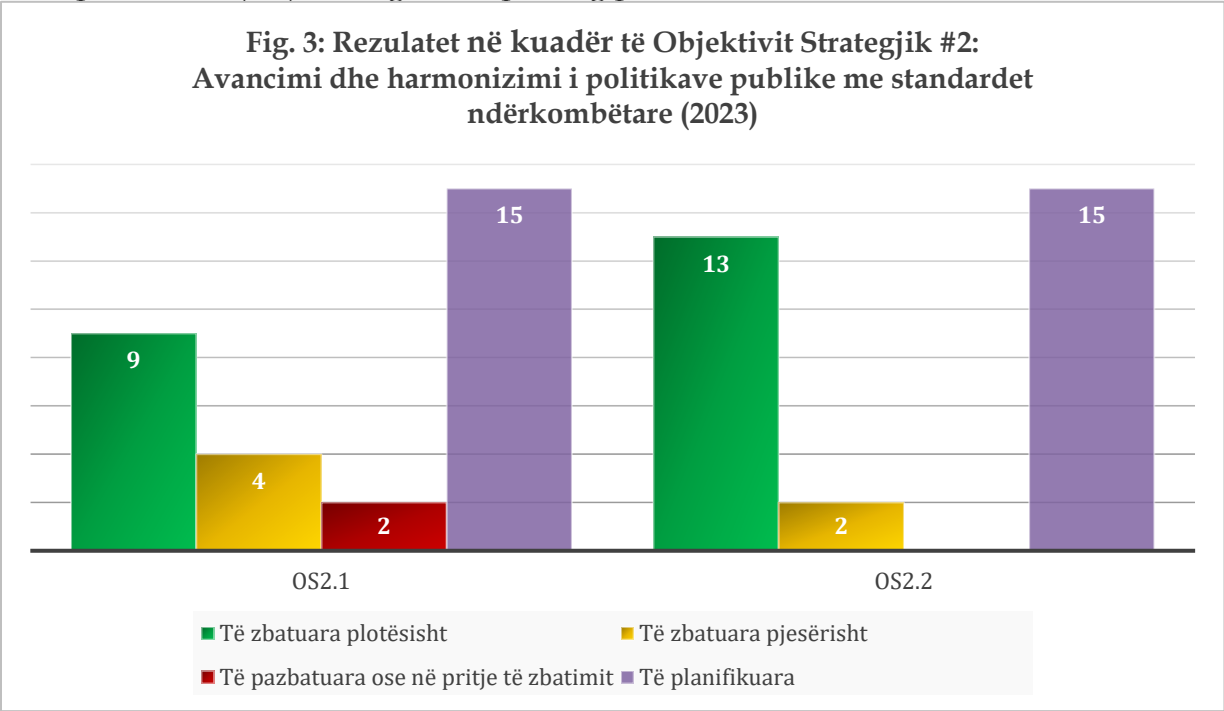
During this reporting period, there has been significant representation of women, men, youth, girls, and boys from all relevant institutions at both local and central levels in all awareness-raising activities organized regarding educating society about domestic violence and violence against women as an intolerable phenomenon. It is expected that

after the research conducted on the general public perception of this phenomenon of violence, the results of the awareness-raising campaigns and their impact on changing behaviours and stereotypes regarding domestic violence and violence against women, in general, will be understood, which is also the aim of Strategic Objective 1 of the Strategy.

2. Strategic Objective #2: Advancing and aligning public policies with international standards.

Strategic Objective 2 includes a total of 30 activities for the reporting period of 2023, aiming to improve the legal framework, invest in human and infrastructural resources, and cooperate closely with civil society organizations to facilitate the processes of victim treatment and management of cases of domestic violence and violence against women.

Within Strategic Objective 2, 22 activities have been fully implemented (73%), 6 activities have been partially implemented (20%), and 2 activities remain unimplemented (6%) during this reporting period.



Specific Objective II.2 “Capacity building for dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women” has fully implemented all the activities that are foreseen to be implemented within the reporting period of January-December 2023.

The following are considered success stories related to Objective 2: The comprehensive analysis of the civil and criminal legal framework on violence against women and

domestic violence, along with identifying measures to harmonize this legal framework with international instruments, including CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention. This analysis led to the assessment report on the alignment of laws, policies and measures with the Istanbul Convention by GREVIO. As a result, 3 legislative amendments and supplementations were made, including amendments and supplementation to the Criminal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code and the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence and Violence against Women, all of which have been adopted by the Assembly and are now applicable. Additionally, specific protocols and programs for the treatment of perpetrators struggling with substance addiction or mental health issues were developed and approved. Two Instructions have been drafted and approved for the treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence, outlining how perpetrators are addressed within the three levels of healthcare provision. There has been cooperation with public enterprises to distribute the message "TODAY AND EVERY OTHER DAY" to every household as part of the campaign against violence, along with calls for reporting. Telekom Kosovo VALA has been instrumental in disseminating these messages: "Do not commit violence! Report to 192!" along with the screening of films addressing the phenomenon of violence against women and domestic violence, as well as trafficking and sexual violence against girls, through the Cinematographic Center.

Success stories during this reporting period also include the review of curricula and training modules in the training department of the Kosovo Police and their updating according to the requirements of the national and international legal framework (with a gender perspective included) for enhancing the professional capacities of cadets and police officers; Reviewing short-term training programs that address domestic violence and violence against women as core training in Crime Investigation; Domestic Violence Investigation; Advanced Crime Investigation Training; Police officers' training on defining gender-based violence and sexual harassment according to the laws of Kosovo, as well as on how to handle these cases, in accordance with the Kosovo Criminal Code; 12 types of training session in total, including 19 training sessions covering topics of sexual harassment and gender-based violence, among others, have been conducted, including specialized trainings such as: Sexual Harassment in the Workplace; Approach to Gender-Based Violence Training; and Domestic Violence Investigation Training;

Furthermore, a success story is a progress in the preparation and implementation of the curriculum and the conduct of training for healthcare workers to identify, treat and refer cases of domestic violence and violence against women.

Progress has also been made in the allocation of physical space and friendly rooms for interviewing victims and perpetrators of violence, while efforts continue to expand these facilities to other police stations. At the same time, an increase in the number of Protection Orders issued by the court to protect victims from perpetrators of violence has been observed.

Progress by results expected within the Strategic Objective 2 during the reporting period according to the Strategy:

Some of the expected results from the implementation of specific objectives under Strategic Objective II during the reporting period are:

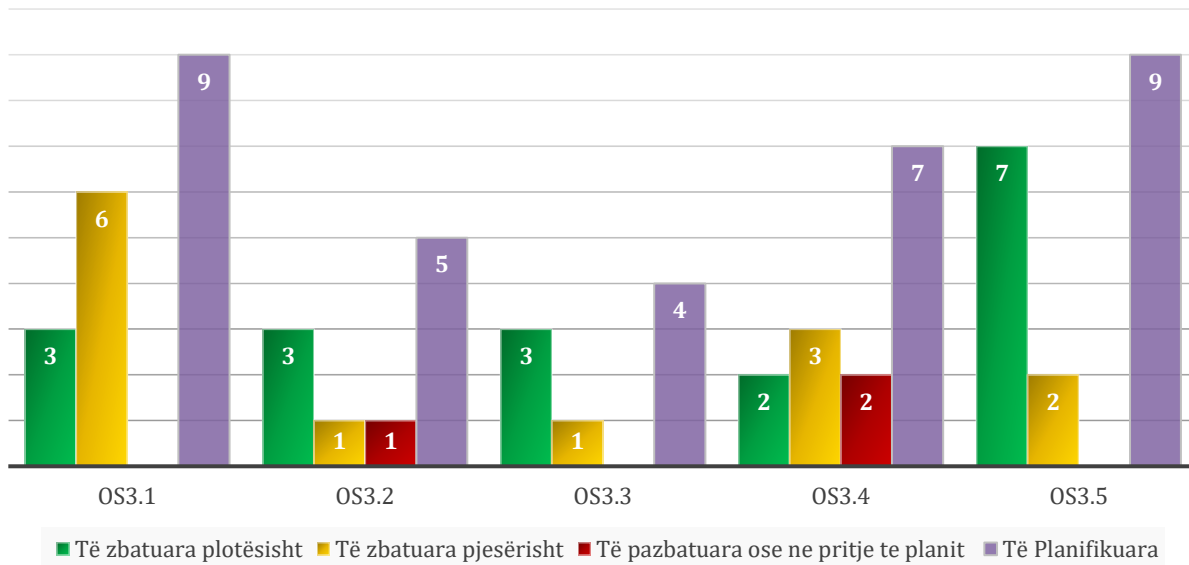
- Increase in the number of legislative acts and policies approved for protection against domestic violence and violence against women.
- The considerable number of professionals trained and educated by all responsible institutions for the treatment of cases of domestic violence and violence against women according to protocols and standards derived from the legal acts foreseen in the Strategy. High participation of institutional representatives and professionals from both genders observed.
- Development and advancement of an integrated inter-sectoral database for the collection and processing of data related to cases of domestic violence and violence against women.

During the reporting period, there is an increase in responsibility and higher prioritization at the institutional level in the investigation of reported cases of all forms of domestic violence and violence against women and in the punishment of perpetrators of violence in accordance with the applicable legislation. In parallel, concrete initiatives have been launched for the development and implementation of pilot programs for the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence, which are also expected to impact the reduction in the number of criminal charges against adult and juvenile perpetrators in the future, which is also the aim of Strategic Objective 2.

3. Strategic Objective #3: Institutional strengthening in the prevention and addressing of domestic violence

34 activities have been planned within Objective 3. Among these activities, 18 have been fully implemented (53%), 13 have been partially implemented or are in progress (38%), and 3 remain unimplemented (8.8%).

Objektivi Strategjik 3: Fuqizimi institucional per mbrojtje dhe trajtim te viktimave
Zbatimi i aktiviteteve sipas strategjise (2023)



Strategic Objective 3 foresees 5 specific objectives, within which the greatest progress is reflected in Specific Objective III.5 *“Improving access to justice for victims/survivors of violence”*, while the lowest percentage of implementation is presented in Specific Objective III.4 *“Research, collection and updating of inter-institutional data for case identification”*.

The success stories during this reporting period within this objective are: almost double increase in the number of information sessions held with various groups of women, young women, girls, men, young men, and boys, about gender roles and the existence of coordinating mechanisms for protection from domestic violence and violence against women at the local level, as well as protection, treatment and access to justice through these mechanisms, compared to the previous reporting period; Furthermore, in all municipalities, the ‘16 Days of Activism’ campaign was conducted, and efforts were made to raise citizens’ awareness about prevention of domestic violence and violence against women and the consequences of domestic violence, with information sessions in schools, meetings, visits, etc.

Additionally, the implementation of activities with youth continued in the “Municipality for Youth” project in municipalities with vulnerable communities. The first round of the training and subgrant program for youth was implemented in 10 municipalities across Kosovo, which are beneficiaries of the project with agreements signed by the MLGA for implementation. There was a significant increase in the

participation of girls in the implementation and monitoring of subgrants in these municipalities compared to boys, including all vulnerable groups.

Another success story during this period is the drafting of the document “Manual 2023”, which lists information about violence and its forms, as well as the services provided by responsible institutions, including free legal aid and crime victim compensation. Information leaflets on the forms of violence, responsible service-providing institutions, and reporting numbers have also been prepared and distributed. Additionally, leaflets have been prepared on new forms of violence provided for in the Criminal Code - Sexual Harassment. To continuously raise citizen awareness, information meetings have been held with various municipal stakeholders (from Free Legal Aid providers). The content, design, publication and distribution of materials to inform victims/survivors of domestic violence and violence against women as well as the general public of their rights and the services where they can get help, including free legal aid for those exposed to violence, have been prepared in a language they understand to ensure accurate information about services for domestic violence cases. Information has also been prepared and distributed in official languages and formats suitable for persons with special needs (braille alphabet, etc.) about the applicable legislation, the protection offered, and the relevant institutions where victims/survivors of domestic violence and violence against women should address their cases.

During the reporting period, financial support has been provided for Shelters providing Housing Services to victims of Domestic Violence: To ensure financial sustainability for shelters that provide housing services for victims of domestic violence, the Ministry of Justice has increased the budget for Shelters from €1 million to €1.5 million. From this budget, 10 shelters across Kosovo are, for the first time, fully supported for the housing and psycho-social treatment services of victims during their accommodation in the shelters.

A success story is also the establishment of the monitoring and evaluation system for the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026 during this reporting period. The reporting instrument was finalized after consultation with responsible institutions reporting on the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women (2022-2026). This instrument provides a clear overview of the implementation of the Strategy and helps the Ministry of Justice in its monitoring and evidence-based decision-making. For the first time, this format enables the reporting of non-governmental and international organizations in support of the implementation of the Action Plan activities.

Challenge: Regarding the challenges related to the specifics of this objective, there are several actions that remain to be implemented, which are related to limited human capacities and the determination of the type and methodology in collecting and analyzing these data, in accordance with the definitions and requirements of the Istanbul Convention. These issues are expected to be addressed with a Guide on Inter-Institutional Cooperation, which also includes strengthening the capacities of the responsible central and local institutions for collecting administrative data in accordance with the agreed methodology.

Although cooperation with civil society has been evident with support from central and local state bodies during this reporting period, this cooperation needs to be further intensified in the future and extended to all municipalities.

At the same time, during this reporting period, challenges and difficulties have been observed in proper budget planning by the relevant institutions where victims are addressed. These institutions face difficulties in carrying out activities for the protection of victims/survivors of domestic violence and violence against women.

Progress towards the expected results from the implementation of specific objectives under Strategic Objective III during the reporting period:

- The Government of Kosovo has dedicated the appropriate budget and adequate funds to strengthen the Office of the National Coordinator against Domestic Violence, to enable efficient coordination and monitoring of actions against violence. It remains for the office to be further strengthened with sufficient human resources for more efficient functioning.
- A Guide for the standards of operation and action of coordinating mechanisms at the local level against domestic violence and gender-based violence has been drafted and launched, in accordance with the multi-sectoral coordinated approach according to the new applicable law. The purpose of the Guide is the establishment and coordination of the local coordinating mechanism, the drafting of procedures and protocols including the local level database, advocacy for budget allocation from municipal decision-making, mapping and defining referrals for specific services, as well as capacity building. Also, coordination and alignment of policies with women's organizations and civil society by supporting women in the community and marginalized groups.
- Progress has been made in the establishment and operationalization of local Coordinating Mechanisms for the management of cases of domestic violence and violence against women in several municipalities, but there is still a need to work on establishing and operationalizing these mechanisms in other municipalities of Kosovo. Some municipalities have been supported in breaking

down this national strategy into local strategies, including the drafting of work plans. Furthermore, it remains to work on ensuring adequate human and financial resources to ensure the smooth functioning and sustainability of these mechanisms in all municipalities of Kosovo.

- The Kosovo Police has been strengthened through the establishment of a special directorate at the central level and units at the regional and local levels for handling cases of domestic violence and violence against women. Simultaneously, logistical support has been provided for units handling cases of domestic violence by ensuring transportation for victims to access emergency services, whether medical, court appearances or other support services.

A challenge remains in securing emergency funds (petty cash) for the Kosovo Police and Centers for Social Work (CSW) to meet the emergency needs of victims during the handling of domestic violence cases while staying at police stations and CSWs.

- Regarding data for the management and coordination of cases and administrative data for cases handled in a multi-sectoral manner, an Administrative Instruction is expected to be drafted related to detailed guidelines, protocols and the methodology of collecting and updating information from all responsible institutions in real-time for cases that seek and receive free legal aid and professional support. This Guide will contribute to improving the way data is collected by also focusing on indicators related to sustainable development. In this regard, it is expected that the victim reporting categories (girls, women, boys and men) for sexual violence, not just domestic violence, will be recorded in the database, according to categories up to 15 years old and those over 18 years old, in accordance with SDG 16.2.3 definitions and requirements of the Istanbul Convention. Furthermore, this Guide will strengthen the capacities of responsible central and local institutions for collecting administrative data in accordance with the agreed methodology.

During the implementation period in 2023, significant efforts and activities have been made to improve access to justice for all women and girls, and the number of applicants for legal aid is increasing. The issue of ensuring the sustainable provision of free legal aid throughout Kosovo remains a challenge due to insufficient human and financial resources, which are occasionally covered by donors for areas not covered by existing regional offices in Kosovo.

Within Strategic Objective III, progress has been made in the operationalization of coordinating mechanisms in several municipalities during the reporting period, and it

is expected to advance similarly in other municipalities. In parallel, coordination has also been improved, both among these mechanisms and with civil society as a whole, and this will continue in future implementation periods of the Strategy.

Meanwhile, with the approval of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence, the responsibility of the National Coordinator's Office as a state body overseeing coordination, monitoring the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, and reporting on the implementation of this Convention to GREVIO has been defined. According to the new Law on Protection from Domestic Violence, Violence against Women and Gender-Based Violence, the duties and responsibilities of the National Coordinator have been specified. Similarly, according to the applicable law, political responsibility in addressing domestic violence and violence against women has increased. Therefore, in the coming period, further work will be done to advance the monitoring and evaluation processes of institutions, both for the implementation of this national strategy and for public policies against violence in general.

During the reporting period, delays have been noted in conducting periodic national surveys (every 4 years) on the phenomenon, scale, profile of perpetrators and the perception of citizens regarding domestic violence and violence against women, which remains to be carried out next year. Furthermore, in the future, efforts will continue to be made to create facilities for employers/businesses employing sensitive categories of society, including victims of domestic violence and violence against women, which is related to the process of the measure mentioned above.

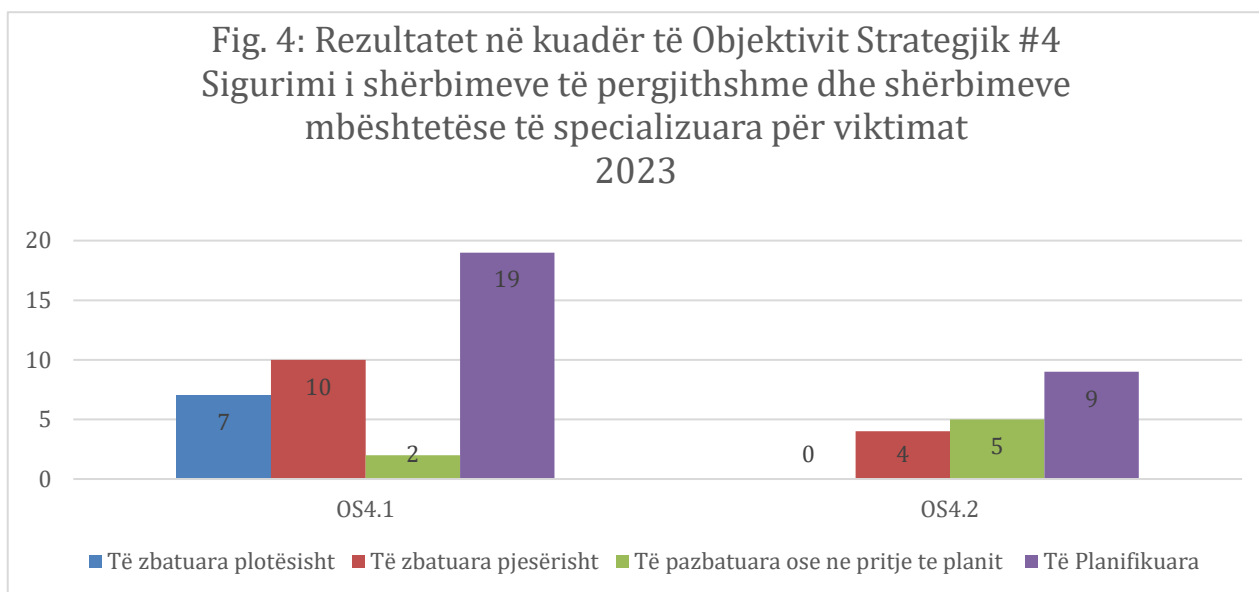
Regarding the implementation process, a database for the number of reintegrated and empowered victims/survivors of violence through relevant programs, at both central and local levels, has been created, starting at the end of the reporting period (2023). Various institutional mechanisms have been involved in implementing this measure for a six-month period, with the possibility of continuation in future reporting periods.

4. Strategic Objective #4: Provision of general services and specialized support services to victims

Strategic Objective IV contains 28 activities outlined in the Action Plan. During the reporting period, 7 activities have been fully implemented (25%), 14 activities are in progress (49%), and 7 activities remain unimplemented (25%).

Unlike previous strategic objectives, where the majority of activities have been implemented or are in progress, in this section, there is a noticeably lower implementation of planned activities by relevant institutions.

Figure 6 presents the results of the applicability of specific objectives for 2023 and those of 2022, showing that this year's applicability is at a higher level than the previous year, but there are still delays in implementation compared to other strategic objectives during the reporting period.



Out of the two specific objectives outlined, Specific Objective IV.1, “*Support and strengthening of specialized services for victims/survivors from all groups and child victims and witnesses of violence*” shows better applicability compared to other activities of this Strategic Objective IV. For this specific objective, 55% of the activities have been fully implemented or are in progress (IV.1), whereas, for specific objective IV.2, only 13% of the planned activities within Strategic Objective IV are in progress.

However, some of the activities have been successfully implemented during the reporting period for 2023, including the appointment of coordinators and specialized judges in courts for handling cases of domestic violence in civil and criminal aspects; Profiling of professionals providing reintegration services for sustainable empowerment of victims; 67 officers profiled in 33 municipalities; Establishment of a Unit for handling cases of domestic violence within the Prosecution Offices where a large number of domestic violence cases are presented. In all basic Prosecution Offices, Coordinators and Deputy Coordinators for domestic violence have been appointed, and

there has been an increase in the number of female Police Officers from 995 to 1024 compared to the previous reporting period.

Challenges, within this objective, still arise during this reporting period concerning serious challenges regarding planning and engagement in implementing actions (providing supportive and shelter services for specific groups such as boys and men victims of domestic violence, LGBTI+ individuals, etc.); lack of cooperation with the public and private sectors (providing employment opportunities for survivors of domestic violence and violence against women); and inadequate budget planning (financial support for services for child victims and child witnesses of violence as well as victims of sexual assaults provided by public institutions or specialized NGOs).

Challenges (delays) have also been observed in recruiting NGOs to provide public financial support for funding projects that contribute to the economic empowerment and well-being of victims of domestic violence/violence against women in implementing the priorities set out in the Strategic Objectives of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026 and its Action Plan for this objective. Although the call has been announced three times by the AGE, according to the evaluation of the selection committee, none of the NGOs has met the criteria based on the public call.

The shelters (10) serving to handle cases of domestic violence and violence against women continue to provide quick access to available services for victims and serve as a platform for advocacy to obtain financial resources from the respective municipalities and support the inclusion of gender-based violence survivors in social housing programs. However, so far, only 21 municipalities provide financial support to these shelters, and it remains a challenge to involve other municipalities in their financial contribution to support victims of violence.

A continued challenge is also subsidizing kindergarten payments to victims of domestic violence and violence against women: There is still no accurate data on the number of beneficiary children. Until the reporting period, only 11 municipalities subsidize payments for kindergartens.

Delays in the development of a three-year social housing plan in the municipalities and planning of social housing for victims of cases of domestic violence and violence against women (rents, provision of housing). 15 municipalities have approved the three-year plan, 8 municipalities are in progress, while other municipalities do not have a social housing plan

Progress and challenges towards the expected results of implementing specific objectives under Strategic Objective 4

- Adequate funds have been allocated to NGOs to provide specialized support services for survivors of violence, in accordance with the

requirements/standards of the Istanbul Convention; however, there is a delay in selecting some NGOs that will assist victims in their sustainable reintegration due to their failure to meet the selection criteria by the reporting period

- Lack of concrete plans and programs to invest with priority in the reintegration and sustainable empowerment of violence survivors through the efficient functioning of relevant programs;
- There is still no evident progress regarding the improvement of women's property rights, as another opportunity for their long-term empowerment or enjoyment and assurance of equal exercise.

Slower implementation is observed in the operationalization of specialized support service centres for all forms of violence and challenges in obtaining the necessary budget support from central and local government. Similarly, challenges and delays are observed in supporting and operationalizing reintegration programs, which enable the sustainable empowerment of survivors of various forms of violence.

IV. OVERALL PERFORMANCE BY IMPLEMENTING STRUCTURES

Regarding the performance of responsible institutions, the implementation status of activities during the reporting period is reflected in Table 1.

No	Institution	Planned	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented
1	NC-MoJ	50	25	21	4
2	KP	6	5	1	0
3	MIA - MU	6	2	3	1
4	MLGA	5	1	3	1
5	MH	8	6	1	1
06	MESTI	9	4	5	0
7	AGE	3	1	0	2
8	IMC	7	0	6	1
9	KJC	8	4	3	1
10	KPC	3	2	1	0
11	MIET	3	0	0	3
12	MFLT	10	1	5	4
13	ARK	1	1	0	0
14	AJ	6	6	0	0
15	KAPS	2	2	0	0
16	AFLA	3	1	2	0
17	VAAO	2	2	0	0
18	OCSP	3	2	1	0
Total		135	65	52	18

V. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022 – 2026 has shown significantly better implementation during the second year compared to the first one, with around 87% of the activities specified for the reporting period being fully implemented or in progress. Out of a total of 135 activities, 18 activities (13%) were not implemented.

Progress achieved in the implementation of strategic objectives during this reporting period includes:

- Improvement of the legal framework and strengthening of capacities for handling cases of domestic violence and violence against women, considering the standards of the Istanbul Convention;
- Establishment of the Directorate within the Kosovo Police for the Prevention and Investigation of Domestic Violence;
- Amendment/supplementation of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence and harmonization with the Istanbul Convention;
- Development of guidelines/protocols for the functioning and operation standards for coordinating mechanisms at the local level, in line with the coordinated multi-sector approach;
- Promotion of positive models of "Change Agents in the Community", challenging gender stereotypes and expressing intolerance towards violence through promotional videos featuring different actors aimed at community change;
- Full analysis of the civil and criminal legal framework on violence against women, and domestic violence, as well as the identification of measures to be taken to align this legal framework with international instruments, including CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention;
- Creation of new modules in the integrated database to identify cases of domestic violence and address perpetrators of violence against women;
- Certification of 15 facilitators to provide the program for treating perpetrators of domestic violence;
- Strengthening the capacities of Kosovo Probation Service, Correctional Service, Social Workers, and Clinical Psychologists to provide the program for treating perpetrators of violence against women;
- Enhancement of the monitoring and evaluation system for the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026.
- Strengthening the capacities of officers of responsible institutions integrated in the database against domestic violence, in identifying cases in the application during the recording process;

- Preparation and distribution of information in official languages suitable for persons with special needs (braille, etc.), on the applicable legislation, the protection offered and the relevant institutions where victims/survivors of domestic violence and domestic violence should be addressed towards women;
- Greater involvement of civil society and strategic partners in the implementation of Strategy activities;
- The increase in the budget for shelters, from €1 million to €1.5 million. From this budget, 10 shelters at the Kosovo level, for the first time, are fully supported for shelter and psychosocial treatment services for victims during their sustainability in shelters.
- Training on domestic violence and standard procedures for 150 police officers from the investigation sector and police officers from patrol units as first responders in domestic violence cases;
- 2638 cases of domestic violence have been investigated;
- Increasing the number of female police officers from 995 to 1024;
- The increase in information sessions from 28 to 51 sessions within the year in primary and secondary schools organized by municipalities with different groups of women, young women, girls, men, young men and boys about gender roles and the existence of coordinating mechanisms for protection from domestic violence and violence against women at the local level, as well as protection, treatment and access to justice through these mechanisms;
- Two guidelines have been prepared for the treatment of perpetrators of violence and the training of health professionals according to their program within the institution where perpetrators of violence are treated by court decision;
- Education of peers, girls, and boys (peer education) for the prevention and identification of sexual harassment in schools, as well as for maintaining a critical stance towards the negative and sexist portrayal of women and girls in various areas of life;
- Appointment of coordinators and judges profiled in courts for the treatment of domestic violence cases in civil and criminal aspects;
- Establishment of a unit for the treatment of domestic violence cases in Prosecution Offices where a large number of domestic violence cases are presented;
- Joint training on the treatment and prevention of domestic violence and violence against women for police officers, prosecutors and judges on duty, Victim Advocates, CSW, MoJ, VAO, Forensic Psychiatry, in criminal and civil aspects and the impact of trauma on the victim;
- A total of 42,004 home visits have been conducted for children aged 0-3 years, during which, among other things, 1115 social cases and several (9) cases of domestic violence have been identified and reported;

- The Guideline for Processing Cases for Free Legal Aid has been implemented, prioritizing cases of victims of violence and marginalized groups, and addressing civil, family and property legal issues.
- Free legal aid has been provided to 6081 citizens, 2890 women and 3191 men, including victims of domestic violence during 2023 in criminal and civil matters. In civil - family field, free legal aid has been provided to 782 beneficiaries of free legal aid.
- By gender, 527 women and 255 men from all marginalized groups and ethnicities have benefited. A total of 1214 legal actions have been taken thereof.

VI. RISKS AND STEPS TO ADDRESS THEM

Based on the current state of implementation of the Strategy, some of the identified risks are:

- The full operationalization of the Office of the National Coordinator against Domestic Violence with the necessary human capacities and resources for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy on Domestic Violence and Violence against Women;
- Inadequate planning of activities and lack of sufficient budget for financing activities arising from the Strategy;
- Lack of an emergency fund for the needs of victims during the period when they seek help from the police;
- Failure to clarify roles and competencies of some institutions for the implementation and reporting of activities arising from the Strategy according to the Istanbul Convention;
- Lack of accountability from some responsible institutions and institutional officials, improper addressing of activities, and inadequate reporting against the set indicators/measurable indicators specified in the Strategy and according to international standards for victims of violence (according to the Istanbul Convention);
- Limited institutional capacities to improve the collection and reporting of data and the real-time use of the database created at the Ministry of Justice with the coordination of all relevant institutions;
- Lack of data showing the results and impact of awareness campaigns carried out among men, boys and the general public against changing perceptions and stereotypes about gender-based and sexual violence.
- Lack of proper cooperation between the Government, media, civil society and private businesses regarding actions against domestic violence and violence against women.
- Insufficient support programs for the economic reintegration of violence victims and the provision of housing for single mothers who are victims of violence, as well as the lack of financial support for their children in kindergartens, etc.

To address these risks, the implementing institutions of this Strategy must undertake the necessary actions as soon as possible, always ensuring close coordination with all stakeholders.

Regarding these actions, steps should be taken to:

- Review the Action Plan and more clearly define the roles and obligations of the responsible institutions for the implementation of the Strategy on Domestic Violence and Violence against Women (2022-2026);

- Preliminarily and timely plan the budget planning, allocation of adequate funds and creation of budget lines for the proper and timely implementation of activities according to the dynamics of the Action Plan of the Strategy;
- Build capacities for data collection and reporting related to domestic violence and violence against women, as well as actions taken or delays in taking these actions;
- Ensure more structured and accurate reporting of data by relevant institutions regarding victims of violence according to the indicators defined in the Strategy (Istanbul Convention) and international standards;
- Strengthen and further empower the level of monitoring of the implementation of activities by responsible institutions for the implementation of the Strategy, and ensure accountability and transparency in reporting cases of domestic violence and violence against women, including the protective measures and services that have been taken or not taken for them;
- In future reports, institutions should focus more on reporting their activities (results) with a primary focus on victims of violence and women and girls who seek help and support from relevant institutions in cases of threats and for preventing violence against them, as well as those who seek support in realizing their rights, not only in initiating procedures but also until the final realization of their rights in protection against violence;
- Proper cooperation with strategic partners, civil society, media and private businesses concerning the actions envisaged according to the Strategy and the Istanbul Convention.

During the reporting period, it has been observed that the roles, competencies and obligations of some institutions responsible for implementing the Strategy have undergone changes from those initially envisaged in the Strategy, resulting in some activities remaining unimplemented so far. Therefore, it is necessary to review the Strategy document and the Action Plan and to more precisely define the roles and obligations of some relevant institutions that will be responsible for implementing the envisaged activities in the next reporting period and beyond.

ANNEX 1

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Activity fully implemented	Activity partially implemented	Not implemented

No.	Objectives and actions	Deadline	Source of funding	Leading and supporting institution	Deliverable (Output)	References to documents	Implementation progress
I.	Strategic Objective:	Prevention and identification of violence					
I.1	Specific Objective:	Changing behaviour, attitudes, roles, and gender stereotypes that justify violence.					
I.1.1.	Conducting an analysis to understand the general perception of violence	2022	Kosovo Budget Donors	Moj / Office of the Coordinator	Report with findings and recommendations	MICS Report by the Kosovo Agency of Statistics.	<p>The Kosovo Agency of Statistics, in cooperation with EUROSTAT, has completed a survey on the general perception of violence. This survey was concluded in June 2023, and the data has been incorporated into the Agency's database. The survey lacks an analysis basis, and meetings have been held between the Agency and UNFPA to engage experts in preparing the analysis. So far, there is no information on when the analysis process of this survey will be completed. This analytical report was not completed in 2023 due to budget constraints faced by the Agency of Statistics.</p> <p>- In December 2023, considering the importance of the perceptions of men and women regarding violence and all its forms, a survey on the perception of domestic violence, violence against women, and gender-based violence was initiated in cooperation with the British Embassy. This survey aims to produce an analysis and develop policies in the field of prevention and identification of domestic violence and other forms of violence. The survey began in January 2024 and will conclude in June 2024. A questionnaire has been developed, and it is currently in the stage of conducting focus groups. The survey will guide the daily nationwide campaign with the motto "TODAY AND EVERY OTHER DAY"</p>
I.1.2	Promoting positive role models of "Community Change Agents" who challenge gender stereotypes and express zero tolerance for violence	2022-2024 (Ongoing)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Moj / Office of the Coordinator, AGE, all ministries and strategic partners, human rights institutions, Civil Society Organizations.	Video messages and posters featuring beloved public personalities serving as positive role models and encouraging the rejection and intolerance of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 7, 12, 12/5 and 13; Chapter IV, Articles 18, 19; Chapter V, Article 42)	<p>The promotion of positive role models as change agents in the community has been developed through 7 professional video messages and 25 non-professional video messages. The purpose of these video messages was to raise public awareness about zero tolerance towards domestic violence and violence against women. These same video messages have been distributed on the official website of the Ministry of Justice, social networks and television, while the 25 non-professional video messages have been shared by artists, athletes, women's rights activists, influential community personalities, politicians, ministers, deputy ministers, etc. The conduct of this activity was based on the plan of the Minister of Justice. This activity started in July 2022 and has continued into 2023. In addition to the video</p>

						messages, leaflets were distributed about reporting domestic violence, the Law on Free Legal Aid and the Law on Compensation of Crime Victims. All video messages were shared through the official website of the Ministry of Justice, as well as on the Ministry's social networks (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). Various stakeholders also shared the video messages on their social networks (Facebook and Instagram).
I.1.3	Outreach sessions and mobilisation of community leaders as partners and collaborators in actions against domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024 (Ongoing)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Moj / Office of the Coordinator, religious communities, AGE, all ministries and strategic partners, human rights institutions, NGOs, international institutions	More community leaders informed of the importance of their stance against domestic violence and violence against women A Memorandum of Cooperation signed between leaders of religious and other communities and the Office of the National Coordinator for Protection from Domestic Violence on joint actions against all forms of violence	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 13) As part of the planned activity, information session meetings were held with the Mayors of five municipalities (Prishtina, Shtime, Ferizaj, Gjilan, and Dragash). The purpose of these meetings was to inform about the importance of their calls and actions as Mayors in addressing and combating domestic violence and violence against women, as well as to mobilize the community for the purpose of information (local communities, religious communities, NGOs, schools, etc.). In all meetings, the role of community leaders and the role of the Local Coordinating Mechanism against domestic violence and violence against women were emphasized. In the context of addressing domestic violence and violence against women, 6 information meetings were organized with the religious community (Islamic Community of Kosovo, Catholic Church, Protestant Church and Jewish Community in Kosovo). During the 16 Days of Activism campaign, 2 meetings were organized with women and men from the religious community (with women and girls from the Islamic Community and with women and men from the Catholic community). On 30 November 2023, based on the Strategy and Action Plan for Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2023, under the strategic objectives for violence prevention, the Minister of Justice Albulena Haxhiu signed cooperation memorandums with religious communities (Islamic Community, Catholic Church and Protestant Church). Through these memorandums, agreements were

							made to conduct information sessions against violence for the religious community and to mobilize community leaders as partners and collaborators in actions against domestic violence and violence against women girls.
I.1.4.	Monthly awareness-raising activities on domestic violence and violence against women with special focus on vulnerable groups of women and girls	2022-2024 (monthly)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Moj / Office of the Coordinator, AGE, all ministries and strategic partners, human rights institutions, Civil Society Organizations.	At least 12 awareness-raising activities conducted annually More women and girls from vulnerable groups informed of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 13)	During the months of January-December, four meetings were held with vulnerable groups of women and girls. Women and girls were met in the municipalities of Dragash, Prizren, Peja, Fushe Kosova, Gjakova and Kamenica, as well as refugee women from Ukraine. The focus during the meetings was on domestic violence and early marriages. Additionally, as part of the activity, the Ministry of Justice addressed the issue of early marriages, and on 13 December 2023, at the proposal of the Minister of Justice, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo established an Inter-Institutional Group on the prevention of early marriages in the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities. The issue of marriages under the age of 18 has also been addressed under the draft Civil Code, and the establishment of this group will help raise societal awareness of the consequences of early marriages and their prevention. Activities undertaken to fulfil this measure: 1. Visit to shelters in Peja and Mitrovica with marginalized groups of women. During these meetings, the importance of reporting violence was discussed, along with the need for addressing services related to domestic violence, as well as free legal aid and victim compensation (April and May 2023). 2. Visit to the association of single and caregiving mothers (March 2023). 3. Inauguration of the shelter in Gjilan (March 2023). 4. A visit room for family members has been created in the women's prison in Lipjan.

							5. A round table was organized with civil society, the Committee on Human Rights, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, etc. The topic addressed was “Actions taken to address domestic and gender-based violence”.
I.1.5.	Ongoing awareness campaigns/activities by the Kosovo Police	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	Kosovo Police, Responsible local institutions, and civil society organizations.	At least three awareness-raising activities conducted annually	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 13)	<p>During the months of January-December, four meetings were held with vulnerable groups of women and girls. Women and girls were met in the municipalities of Dragash, Prizren, Peja, Fushe Kosova, Gjakova and Kamenica, as well as refugee women from Ukraine. The focus during the meetings was on domestic violence and early marriages. Additionally, as part of the activity, the Ministry of Justice addressed the issue of early marriages, and on 13 December 2023, at the proposal of the Minister of Justice, the Government of the Republic of Kosovo established an Inter-Institutional Group on the prevention of early marriages in the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities. The issue of marriages under the age of 18 has also been addressed under the draft Civil Code, and the establishment of this group will help raise societal awareness of the consequences of early marriages and their prevention. Activities undertaken to fulfil this measure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit to shelters in Peja and Mitrovica with marginalized groups of women. During these meetings, the importance of reporting violence was discussed, along with the need for addressing services related to domestic violence, as well as free legal aid and victim compensation (April and May 2023). 2. Visit to the association of single and caregiving mothers (March 2023). 3. Inauguration of the shelter in Gjilan (March 2023). 4. A visit room for family members has been created in the women’s prison in Lipjan. 5. A round table was organized with civil society, the Committee on Human Rights, the Ministry of

							Internal Affairs, etc. The topic addressed was “Actions taken to address domestic and gender-based violence”.
I.1.6	Educating and promoting positive role models of boys and men as “Community change agents”, who challenge gender stereotypes, do not tolerate domestic violence and violence against women, and do not accept “codes of honour and shame”, which encourage violent actions, up to fatality	2022-2024 (Ongoing)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Moj / Office of the Coordinator, AGE, all ministries and strategic partners, human rights institutions, Civil Society Organizations.	Video messages and posters featuring beloved public personalities serving as positive role models and encouraging the rejection and intolerance of domestic violence and violence against women More men and boys allies to women and girls in combating domestic violence and violence against women.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 7, 12, 12/5 and 13; Chapter IV, Articles 18, 19; Chapter V, Article 42)	In addressing domestic violence, 4 video messages have been produced and promoted with the following topics: Virtual violence, reporting, sexual harassment and the launch of the “close to you” application
I.1.7	The annual campaign of 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence and domestic violence (November 25 - December 10)	2022-2024 (Once a year)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Moj / Office of the Coordinator AGE, all ministries and strategic partners, human rights institutions, NGOs.	1 awareness-raising campaign coordinated between institutions, partners and NGOs, with a duration of 16 days, carried out annually. Coordinating messages and activities to maximize impact	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 13)	“16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence” is a global campaign initiated in 1991 by the Center for Women’s Global Leadership. This annual campaign begins on November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and lasts until December 10 – International Human Rights Day. The campaign was launched with the aim of drawing attention and mobilizing actions against one of the most widespread and persistent human rights violations in the world – gender-based violence. Over the years, the campaign has grown to become a powerful platform for awareness and advocacy to eliminate all forms of violence against women. The campaign brings together individuals, organizations and governments in a collective effort to challenge and change the status quo. This year, for the second time, the Ministry of Justice has organized over 80 activities addressing the complex issue and phenomenon of all forms of gender-based violence throughout the territory of the Republic of Kosovo. During the campaign, we cooperated

						<p>with line ministries, the Office of the President, our institutional and strategic partners, as well as international agencies. To amplify the message that we all need to work together to prevent and end all forms of violence against girls and women, we built clear goals oriented towards three main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion throughout the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo; • Dissemination of the message to every household; • Inclusion of all age groups and all communities. <p>- For the achievement of Objective No. 2 “Dissemination of the message to every household”, cooperation with publicly-owned enterprises has been necessary. Through cooperation with publicly-owned enterprises, the campaign slogan “TODAY AND EVERY OTHER DAY” along with our messages against violence and calls for reporting, have been placed on electricity bills, TERMOKOS bills, and on the bills of all water supply companies in the municipalities of Kosovo, including RWC Prishtina, RWC Hidroregjioni Jugor, RWC Hidrodrini, RWC Hidromorava, RWC Bifurkacioni, RWC Mitrovica. Through these bills, the message has reached every household in the Republic of Kosovo. Through cooperation with Telecommunications of Kosovo VALA, on the day of the campaign launch, the message from the Ministry of Justice: “The Ministry of Justice has made more severe penalties for criminal offences of domestic violence and gender-based violence. “Do not commit violence! Report to 192!” has been sent to all VALA users, i.e. to over 800.000 users.</p> <p>- Through films and theatrical performances that address the position and role of women in society, we aimed to generate interest and discussion on various topics throughout the municipalities. Therefore, in cooperation with the</p>
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							Kosovo Cinematography Center, we organized film screenings in the municipalities of Podujeva and Shtime, which addressed the phenomena of violence against women and domestic violence, as well as trafficking and sexual violence against girls. Following the film screenings, together with representatives from the Kosovo Cinematography Center and actors, directors or producers of the films, we held discussions with the attending audience, thus addressing important themes that are often refused to be discussed. Film "Driver" in the Municipality of Podujeva Film "The Salon" in the Municipality of Shtime Film "One Month" in the Municipality of Shtime
I.1.8.	Piloting of premarital counselling programs/courses, which provide mandatory information on applicable legislation on family protection from violence, marital and property rights, etc.	2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MLGA Municipality/Civil Status Offices, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, human rights institutions, NGOs,	Young women and men who decide to start families are informed of the law on family protection and the various forms of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Chapters III and IV)	Not implemented, pending the plan
I.1.9.	Assessment of effectiveness of piloted premarital counselling programs/courses, and the development of guidelines for their expansion throughout Kosovo.	2024-2025	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MLGA Municipality/Civil Status Offices, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, human rights institutions, NGOs	The report prepared on the assessment of the effectiveness of such programs/centres with findings and relevant recommendations. The guidelines developed for the expansion of these programs/courses nationwide based on this assessment.	Istanbul Convention (Chapters III and IV)	Not implemented, pending the plan
I.1.10.	Counselling programs for positive parenting at the health service centres for women and the family, or	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	MoH/ counselling or consultants for mothers and children, MFLT/CSW,	Positive parenting module developed and ready to use with parents	Istanbul Convention	During the period January - December 2023, the health service centres worked on the positive parenting counselling program for women and families. The positive parenting module was

	the centres for social work.		Donors	MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, municipalities, human rights institutions, NGOs, international institutions	(mothers and fathers) Professionals trained to apply this module	(Chapters III and IV) Family code	developed with trained health professionals based on modules in 29 Family Medicine Centers in the region, where a total of 2568 visits and counselling sessions on positive parenting for women and families were provided. In cooperation with the NGO Medika Gjakova, training sessions were held for health services and health care for stress and trauma for women and girls who have survived gender-based violence and sexual violence on the topic: qualification of health care professionals; Institutionalization of sensitive health services to stress and trauma; International networking and advocacy; In the first phase, 100 health care professionals were trained, 50 from Prizren, 50 from Gjakova; In the second phase, 140 health care professionals were trained, 50 from Mitrovica, 50 from Peja, 20 from Istog, and 20 from Klina. The training participants also included healthcare professionals: general practitioners, gynaecologists, nurses, psychologists and midwives from public health institutions. In the next training phase, a total of 16 healthcare professionals were trained, 8 from Prizren and 8 from Gjakova. In the second phase, the following health professionals were trained: 20 from Mitrovica, 8 from n Peja, 2 from Istog, and 2 from Klina. The number of trainers trained by gender: Gjakova: 8 trainers - 7 of them women and 1 man; Prizren: a total of 8 - 6 women and 2 men; Mitrovica: a total of 8 - 7 women and 1 man; Peja: a total of 8 - 4 women and 4 men; Istog: a total of 2 - 1 woman and 1 man; Klina: a total of 2 - 2 women and 0 men. In total, there were 36 healthcare professionals participating in the training to become trainers. The same 36 participants were also trained in the second phase of the training of trainers.
I.1.11.	Evaluation of the effectiveness of the counselling program for positive parenting at the health service centres for women and the family, or	2025-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoH/ counselling or consultants for mothers and children, MFLT/CSW, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator,	The report prepared on the assessment of the effectiveness of such programs	Istanbul Convention (Chapters III and IV)	Pending, according to the plan. This activity is scheduled to begin in 2025.

	at the centres for social work, and the preparation of guidelines for their dissemination throughout Kosovo.			AGE, municipalities, human rights institutions, NGOs, international institutions	with findings and relevant recommendations.		
I.1.12	Awareness-raising campaign for parents to prevent early marriages	2022 Q4 - 2024	No need for additional cost calculations. ⁴	MESTI, MED, CSW, NGOs	2 campaigns implemented annually	Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024 (Activity II.1.14)	MESTI developed a package of thematic modules for child protection within the school context. Module 11 is dedicated to preventing early marriages. A total of 100 copies have been distributed to high schools across approximately 20 municipalities. Additionally, information sessions were organized with parents from the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities in the municipality of Gjakova. One campaign has been implemented in the municipality of Gjakova
I.2.	Specific Objective:	Undertaking educational measures at all levels to prevent violence					
I.2.1.	Comprehensive research on aspects of preventing domestic violence through pre-university and university education	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government MESTI	MESTI Institutions Partners	Report with recommendations	Core preuniversity education curricula/subject programs University curricula/syllabus Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	A comprehensive study has been conducted on the aspects of preventing domestic violence through pre-university and university education by the Pedagogical Institute and MESTI. The findings will be presented and recommendations will be discussed with participants, MESTI, MoJ and educators in April 2024. The research was conducted in 2023. The launch will take place this year. There is no delay!
I.2.2.	Information sessions on violence with officials of municipal directorates of education, school principals, school psychologists and academic units.	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government MESTI	MESTI, MED, schools, academic units University Center for Human Rights, other partners.	More officials of the municipal directorates of education, school principals, and school psychologists informed of	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	MESTI sent recommendations to 968 schools to conduct extracurricular activities during the "16 Days of Activism". MESTI organized 9 information sessions with teachers, and 3 of them have also been held with students, discussing digital violence supported by the Council of Europe with an expert in this area. A total of 234 students, 28 teachers and 8 psychologists have

⁴ This activity is planned under Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024 and it is precisely the activity II.1.14 of this document. As long as the cost for this activity is calculated in the reference document, there is no need to calculate additional costs in this Strategy. Calculations for additional costs should be made only if the cost for 2024 is missing in the reference document

					domestic violence and violence against women and their role		been involved).
I.2.3	Addressing and monitoring the implementation of the recommendations arising from the comprehensive research	2023-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government MESTI	MESTI	Educational programs and additional materials impact the prevention of domestic violence and violence against women.	Pre-university and university educational policies	The development of 12 thematic modules for child protection in the school context was completed in 2023. They include: 1. Prevention and referral of violence in schools, 2. Prevention of school dropout, 3. Child protection on the internet, 4. Prevention of discrimination in schools, 5. Promotion of gender equality, 6. Prevention of hate speech, 7. Prevention of domestic violence, 8. Prevention of child trafficking, 9. Prevention of sexual harassment, 10. Prevention of early marriages, 11. Prevention of child labour, 12. Youth initiative program. During 2023, the "Child Protection Policy in Pre-University Institutions" was drawn up https://masht.rks-gov.net/politika-per-mbrojtjen-e-femijeve-ne-institucionalet-e-arsimit-parauniversitary/ https://masht.rks-gov.net/thematic-module-perpromoktjen-e-fijemi/
I.2.4	Preparation of a guide for the staff of pre-university education institutions regarding the identification signs of predispositions of domestic violence of children in schools, in order to prevent and refer to the responsible instances.	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government MESTI	MESTI	Guide prepared in accordance with international standards and best practices	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	This Guide will be drafted in the first half of 2024. A drafting group has been established by MESTI and experts are engaged by the Council of Europe.
I.2.5	Preparation and development of a training program for quality coordinators and school psychologists in prevention, identification, treatment and referral of incidents of sexual harassment at school, as well as domestic violence and violence against	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government MESTI	MESTI Partners	2 sessions for participants from 10 municipalities per year / a total of 30 municipalities over 3 years More school quality coordinators and school	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	Information sessions have been held in seven regions with quality coordinators during the month-long campaign against violence to prevent and increase the efficiency of violence reporting. These sessions were held in Prishtina, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Prizren and Mitrovica. The involvement has increased as this is being continuously implemented year after year. In 2024, other municipalities are expected to be included, which are currently being realized

	women, in the responsible instances				psychologists are informed and ready to prevent, identify, address and refer incidents of sexual harassment and other forms of violence to the responsible authorities		
I.2.6	Comprehensive research regarding the engagement of psychologists in schools and the identification of needs for each institution.	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	MESTI	The research report was completed and published along with the provided recommendations.	Education legislation Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 14)	The research has not been conducted. However, based on a specific government grant, the budget has been allocated to each municipality for employing psychologists in each school, based on the number of students within the school, and the municipalities are in the process of hiring them. The data for this can be seen as follows: in 2017/2018, there were 79 psychologists, in 2018/2019, there were 84 psychologists/pedagogues, in 2019/2020, there were 99 psychologists/pedagogues, and in 2020/2021, there were 109 psychologists/pedagogues. In the past two years, the number has increased by 20% due to the obligations that municipalities have taken on for hiring psychologists and pedagogues
I.2.7.	Drafting and disseminating an information leaflet on the role of the education sector in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention	October 2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MESTI, OSCE Council of Europe	Information finalized and distributed to all educational institutions in Kosovo A new edition detailing the requirements of Article 14 of the Istanbul Convention is expected to be ready by 2022, with the support of CoE	Istanbul Convention (Article 14) Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo	The Information Guide for school staff on the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, known as the Istanbul Convention, has been prepared. Approximately 300 copies have been distributed to 8 Municipal Education Directorates. This Guide was developed and published in 2023
I.2.8.	Information sessions with the Council of Parents	2026	Budget of Kosovo	MESTI, Pre-University	Information sessions organized		This activity is expected to be implemented in the coming years due to the procedures for

	(Mothers and Fathers) and Pupils and Students on the equality between girls and boys and the consequences of domestic violence		Government	Education Institutions	regularly on an annual basis More parents (mothers and fathers) as well as more students informed of the equality of girls and boys and the consequences of domestic violence	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13 and 14)	consolidating the Parents' Council. This activity cannot be implemented without the consolidation of the Parents' Council. We expect to organize sessions with them this year and in the years to come.
I.2.9.	Peer education of girls and boys on prevention and identification of sexual harassment in schools and to maintain a critical attitude towards the negative and sexist portrayal of the image of women and girls in different areas of life	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	MESTI, Pre-University Education Institutions	Educational programs for girls and boys for the prevention and identification of sexual harassment in schools, as well as to combat the negative and sexist portrayal of women and girls, organized annually. Providing training for MEDs.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13 and 14)	In 2023, in cooperation with OSCE, we held 3 workshops/information sessions with students and teachers in the municipalities of Gjakova, Prishtina and Gjilan on the education of children and the prevention of peer sexual harassment. In previous years, similar sessions were held in the municipalities of Ferizaj, Gjakova and Prizren. In 2024, we expect to organize such sessions in other municipalities as well.
I.3	Strategic Objective	Promote cooperation between government, media and the private sector for promoting measures for preventing and combating violence					
I.3.1	Encourage the media to establish self-regulatory guidelines and standards to increase respect for the dignity of women, thereby helping to build positive gender roles and prevent violence against women.	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government	IMC, AGE, Media, Audiovisual Media Authority, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, NGOs	Media are encouraged and supported to establish and apply self-regulatory guidelines and standards that avoid discrimination and violence against women.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 17)	Initially as a preliminary notice: due to the non-functioning of the IMC for more than 8 months, from October 2022 until June 2024, because of the failure to appoint members by the Assembly, many activities have been postponed or remained unimplemented during 2023. Regarding encouragement, it is usually done through public meetings with the media, conferences, open letters, or written requests for specific issues, which cannot technically include all those communications in the report. As an example, although not related to gender reporting issues, the IMC urged the media for accurate and impartial reporting on the situation in northern Kosovo during the terrorist attack on 24 September 2024 (https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3617), and this has been fully

							<p>implemented by the media.</p> <p>Within the mandate and legal powers, the IMC monitored the media in the implementation of legal obligations - the Laws and regulations of the IMC, including the Code of Ethics, which is related to the activity concerned. From the results of the monitoring reports, no violations have been found by the media regarding reporting on violence against women and domestic violence. Therefore, apart from these reported activities, there is nothing additional to report related to the activities of this Strategy.</p> <p>In order to efficiently implement the Code of Ethics, namely to avoid content that promotes hate speech, and vulgar and offensive language, as well as to discourage or promote any form of discrimination and intolerance, with particular emphasis on women, during live broadcasts where there is a possibility of misuse of media space by guests on shows but also in other program content.</p>
I.3.2	Education of professionals and media professionals to deal more responsibly and professionally with issues of domestic violence and violence against women.	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	IMC, AGE, Media, Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Association of Journalists, Moj/OC NGOs	More professionals from visual and print media who responsibly address and pay proper attention to domestic violence and violence against women.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 15, 17)	<p>On 22 May 2023, the Independent Media Commission (IMC) held a working meeting with a group of young journalists from Kosovo, as part of a study visit organized by the OSCE, during the 5th edition of the annual program for young journalists, where participants visit institutions and organizations of interest and directly observe the regulation and functioning of the media.</p> <p>The meeting was a continuation of several other meetings of this format and cooperation between the IMC and young journalists and journalism students, aiming to promote ethical standards of journalism and improve the quality of reporting in the media. https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3571</p> <p>Four journalism students at the University of Prishtina have completed their internships at the IMC.</p> <p>As part of the cooperation between the IMC, the Department of Journalism at the University of Prishtina (UP), OSCE, and the Association of Journalists of Kosovo (AJK), during the period April-</p>

							<p>June 2023, the third phase of internships at the IMC for selected journalism students from the Department of Journalism continued.</p> <p>The engagement of students in internships at the IMC aimed to research and analyze program content regarding the monitoring of advertisements. The internship was planned and carried out in the monitoring of media content related to specific program contents - advertisements on the topic "Gender misrepresentation in advertisements". https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3577</p>
I.3.3	Increased number of women media professionals (journalists, executives, analysts, etc.) as well as training them to access prepare and manage media information through technology.	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	IMC AGE, Media, Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Association of Journalists, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, NGOs	<p>More women professionals in the media field</p> <p>Women in media trained to use technology in media information management</p>	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 15, 17)	<p>Workshop on the topic "Monitoring media reporting on women in the Prizren region"</p> <p>The Independent Media Commission, in cooperation with OSCE, organized a one-day workshop on 19 October 2023, on the topic "Monitoring media reporting on women in the Prizren region". Participants included representatives from several NGOs in the Prizren region, whose scope involves gender equality issues. During the workshop, they had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the organization and functioning of the audiovisual media regulator in Kosovo.</p> <p>Regarding the media landscape and monitoring, the organization and role of the Independent Media Commission (IMC), its activities, monitoring and methodology of work were presented. Concerning the media environment, the rules and procedures for licensing were presented through public competition and through the application procedure (without terrestrial frequency), the number of licensees, licensing categories, broadcasting languages, and geographical coverage of the media, as well as the transparency of the IMC's work, where all meetings, decisions and other activities are public. https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3620</p> <p>Lecture by the IMC at the "Ukshin Hoti"</p>

⁵ https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3532?fbclid=IwAR21iS8_DF6c1yOvi9vZ58ULJenEiNJ692KPsqJXVErDYgr575dKC6FAA2M

							<p>University The Chairperson of the Independent Media Commission, Mr. Jeton Mehmeti, delivered a lecture at the “Ukshin Hoti” University on 13 November 2023, on the topic “The Socio-Economic Consequences of Disinformation”. In his lecture, he discussed the economic and social consequences that fake news can have on society, emphasizing the need to increase individual awareness about media literacy and cooperation with competent institutions to prevent the spread of disinformation. https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3624 KPM lecture at AAB University https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3628 .</p>
I.3.4	Urging to use non-sexist language and avoiding advertisements, or audiovisual materials written with sexist content and in favour of violent and discriminatory attitudes, in public and private media institutions	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	IMC, AGE, Media, Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Association of Journalists, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, NGOs	Television programs, commercials, advertisements and articles in both public and private media outlets use non-sexist, non-discriminatory and non-tolerant language towards violence against women and domestic and international	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 15, 17)	<p>During the reporting period, the IMC did not receive any complaints about the use of sexist language. It has also monitored the media for the use of sexist language through the report on “Gender misrepresentation in advertising” (April-May 2023). violence.</p>
I.3.5	Preparation and implementation of clear policies and functional grievance mechanisms that prohibit discriminatory, sexist content, or that support domestic violence and harmful effects of certain traditional or customary practices in the audiovisual and print media	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	IMC, Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Association of Journalists, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, NGOs	Complaints mechanism and clear and applicable restrictive policies in public and private media	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 15, 17)	<p>Memorandum of Cooperation between the Independent Media Commission and the Terre des hommes Laussane Foundation in Kosovo i The Independent Media Commission (IMC) and the Terre des hommes Laussane Foundation in Kosovo (TdHK) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on December 15. According to this Memorandum, the parties undertake to raise the level of mutual cooperation for the implementation of joint activities in the area of child protection in the media. In this regard, the Memorandum aims for IMC licensees to take appropriate measures to ensure the protection of children and minors from programs that may</p>

							harm their physical, mental and moral development, especially programs with inappropriate content or extreme violence. Another objective of this Memorandum is to promote media topics addressing child protection, protection against discrimination, community rights, justice for minors, and similar initiatives, Among the activities envisaged are joint organizations such as awareness campaigns, training sessions, informative sessions, roundtable discussions, conferences and meetings for the protection of children and minors in audio and audiovisual media services.
I.3.6	Cooperation with media and information technology companies to avoid violence, sexual harassment or harassment of women and girls through social media and internet	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	Moj/Office of the National Coordinator, Media, ICT Companies, Association of Journalists, AGE, NGOs	Girls and women are safer and protected from the forms of violence they may experience while using the internet and social media	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 15, 17, Chapter IV and V)	Not implemented
I.3.7	Design and maintenance of various websites, to provide information for children and parents on the safe use of the Internet, social media and electronic communications	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	AGE, Media, ICT Companies, Pre-University Education Institutions Moj/Office of the National Coordinator, NGOs	Children and parents are more empowered to navigate safely on the internet Certain necessary websites for use by children and parents, equipped with security codes and control filters A manual for avoiding violence and safe navigation on the internet and social media, prepared and available to parents and children	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 15, 17, Chapter IV and V)	Not implemented
I.3.8	Encourage the media to report properly and analyze domestic	2023-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	IMC AGE Media,	A manual on reporting and analyzing domestic	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III,	KPM developed an awareness/information campaign regarding accurate reporting by the media, compliance with legislation, and

	violence and violence against women by reacting professionally and respecting the principles of ethics and protection of personal data			Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Association of Journalists, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, NGOs	violence and violence against women by audiovisual and written media, prepared and available to professionals for implementation Media actively and positively involved in reporting and raising awareness about domestic violence and violence against women	Articles 15, 17)	encouraging citizens to submit complaints to IMC. Link: https://fb.watch/qdPcCSpql/ Regarding encouraging the media to report in a certain manner, regardless of the issue being reported, IMC, through the Code of Ethics, has previously defined standards that encourage and obligate the media to be professional in what they broadcast to the public.
I.3.9	Investigation with priority of possible cases of attacks on journalists, domestic violence and hate crime, hate speech and discrimination, as well as cases that violate the rights of persons of the LGBTI community with priority	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	KJC KPC AJ Kosovo Police NGOs Media institutions	Cases of attacks against journalists, domestic violence, hate crimes, hate speech and discrimination, as well as cases that violate the rights of LGBTI+ individuals, are investigated and dealt with urgency The number of decisions issued by the Courts	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 15, 17)	CRIMINAL OFFENCES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR ADULT PERPETRATORS 2023 Number of unresolved cases at the beginning - 1344 cases, involving 1488 individuals; Number of new cases - 2833 cases, involving 3397 individuals; Number of cases under investigation - 4167 cases, involving 4885 individuals; Number of resolved cases - 3069 cases, involving 3450 individuals; Number of unresolved cases at the end - 1098 cases, involving 1435 individuals. Methods of resolving cases by the Prosecution Office for individuals: Criminal charges were filed against 345 individuals; The direct indictment was brought against 1478 individuals; An indictment order was filed against 24 individuals; The investigation was terminated for 137 individuals; The indictment was filed after an investigation of 1270 individuals; Compulsory treatment measures were imposed on 72 individuals; 124 individuals were referred to another jurisdiction;

						<p>Court decisions for individuals with verdicts: 1483 individuals were found guilty by the Court; 18 individuals were acquitted by the Court; Indictment was rejected for 21 individuals; Compulsory treatment measures were imposed on 160 individuals; 9 court rulings issued on statutory limitation</p> <p>CRIMINAL OFFENCES AGAINST LGBT Number of unresolved cases at the beginning - 0 cases, involving 0 individuals; Number of new cases - 1 case, involving 2 individuals; Number of cases under investigation - 1 case, involving 2 individuals; Number of resolved cases - 1 case, involving 2 individuals; Number of unresolved cases at the end - 0 cases, involving 0 individuals. Methods of resolving cases by the Prosecution Office for individuals: The indictment was filed following an investigation of 2 individuals. Incitement to hatred, national and religious intolerance ...Article 147</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of unresolved cases at the beginning - 18 cases, involving 64 individuals; • Number of newly received cases - 12 cases, involving 17 individuals; • Total cases in progress - 30 cases, involving 81 individuals; • Number of resolved cases - 4 cases, involving 6 individuals; • Number of unresolved cases at the end - 26 cases, involving 75 individuals. <p>Methods of resolving cases: • Indictment was filled following an investigation against 5 individuals; • Indictment was dismissed against 1 individual;</p> <p>Court decisions for individuals with decisions: • 2 individuals - judgment of conviction.</p> <p>Criminal offences of assaults and threats against journalists: Number of unresolved cases at the beginning: 10 cases, involving 14 individuals; Number of cases under investigation: 19 cases,</p>
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							<p>involving 24 individuals; Number of newly received cases: 9 cases, involving 10 individuals; Number of resolved cases: 11 cases, involving 11 individuals; Number of unresolved cases at the end: 8 cases, involving 13 individuals. Methods of resolving cases by the Prosecution Office for individuals: Indictment for issuing a punitive order was failed against 1 individual; The direct indictment was filed against 4 individuals; The indictment was filed following an investigation against 6 individuals. Court decisions for individuals with judgments: 3 individuals were found guilty by Court decision;</p>
I.3.10	Engagement of the private sector in preventing violence by ensuring the health and well-being of all working women and men/employees in this sector as well as creating working conditions that prevent sexual harassment, persecution and violence.	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Ministry of Economy and Environment Private Sector Moj/Office of the National Coordinator AGE NGOs	Private companies are encouraged and supported to establish protocols or guidelines to prevent violence, sexual harassment and harassment at the workplace	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 17) ILO Convention C190 "Elimination of violence and harassment in the world of work"	Unimplemented activity.
I.3.11	Encourage and support the private sector to avoid the use of sexist, violent and harmful content in the design of goods and services as well as in their marketing	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Ministry of Economy and Environment Private Sector Moj/Office of the National Coordinator AGE NGOs	Private business engaged in developing ethical standards in the design and marketing of goods and services	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 17)	Unimplemented activity.

I.3.12	Establishing encouraging incentives as well as monitoring and evaluating initiatives ⁶ undertaken by the private sector to prevent and combat domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Ministry of Economy and Environment Private Sector MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator AGE NGOs	The private sector is encouraged to take action against domestic violence and violence against women There is a monitoring and evaluation mechanism for these initiatives, based on which the level of stimulation of private businesses in this direction is determined	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 17)	Unimplemented activity.
I.4	Specific Objective:	Developing and implementing programs for the psycho-social treatment of violent perpetrators					
I.4.1	Develop an analysis to understand the causes of domestic violence with a focus on the perpetrator	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ MH	Punitive measures for changing violent behaviour for perpetrators addicted to alcohol and intoxicating substances, foreseen and defined in the amendments to the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence	Istanbul Convention (Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter II, Article 16)	In cooperation with the Council of Europe, an analysis has been developed to understand the causes of domestic violence more accurately. This analysis preceded the process of providing the program for perpetrators of violence against women. Through this analysis, practical modules of the program for treating perpetrators of violence against women have been developed. Furthermore, during the drafting of the amendments to the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence, Violence against Women, and Gender-Based Violence, this analysis has pushed forward the amendment of the respective Article regarding the program for treating substance abuse and alcohol addiction offenders as perpetrators of violence against women. We are currently in the drafting phase of the Administrative Instruction for this area
I.4.2	Assessment to understand measures	2022	Budget of Kosovo	MoJ MH	Assessment of the situation and	Istanbul Convention	This activity was carried over to 2023 due to a lack of budget planning. The planned activity is

⁶Providing information and training on domestic violence and violence against women for private sector employees; informing supervisory staff and preparing them to properly identify and refer cases of violence that may be encountered to their employees; Taking measures and creating facilities for young mothers, divorced women, employees who have been subject to violence, etc., are some of the initiatives that can be taken by the private sector in this regard.

	imposed for perpetrators addicted to alcohol and intoxicants		Government Donors		recommendation on punitive measures for changing violent behaviour for perpetrators addicted to alcohol and intoxicants	(Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter II, Article 16)	expected to be conducted in two phases during 2023. This activity is related to activity 1.41, which concerns issuing the Administrative Instruction derived from the new Law on Protection from Domestic Violence.
I.4.3.	Identify the need for treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, and assessment of programs for this purpose	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ, MFLT, MH, Institute of Forensics	The evaluation report prepared with identified needs and suggestions for the types of programs that can be implemented.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	Curricula developed and according to the new Law on Protection from Domestic Violence against Women and Gender-Based Violence, programs related to perpetrators of violence against women will be addressed through Administrative Instruction.
I.4.4.	Development of a package of modules for psycho-social treatment programs for perpetrators	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MH, MFLT, MoJ,	Resource package with modules of psycho-social treatment programs prepared	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	Developed Resource package with psycho-social treatment program modules developed
I.4.5.	Training of staff of psycho-social treatment programs for perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, and perpetrators of sexual crimes	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MH MoJ Independent institutions NGOs	The staff of psycho-social treatment programs for perpetrators of violence are trained and educated for their roles.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	80 women and 60 men among health personnel from all centres that provide psycho-social treatments have been trained, for two days each, and have been certified by the Doctors Chamber.
I.4.6.	Implementation of psycho-social treatment programs for	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	MH, MFLT, MoJ,	Treatment programs for perpetrators of	Istanbul	Two guidelines have been prepared for the treatment of perpetrators of violence and the training of health professionals according to their

	perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, as well as programs for perpetrators of sexual crimes		Donors		domestic violence and violence against women are functional and staffed with trained professionals for this purpose,	Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	program within the institution where perpetrators of violence are treated by court decision.
I.4.7.	Treatment and resocialization of violent perpetrators while serving a sentence	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MH Moj Partners	Perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women are educated to use non-violent behaviour and are treated while serving their sentence	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	The Kosovo Forensic Psychiatry Institute provides services according to existing protocols and has treated all cases with priority based on Orders and requests submitted by the court and prosecutors to KFPI, where re-socialization and reintegration are conducted according to internal protocols. Special protocols and programs for the treatment of offenders addicted to substances or with mental health problems are approved. Professionals trained to treat individuals with substance addiction or mental health problems, including perpetrators of domestic violence, according to their age group, have been treated within the institutions. The special protocols and programs for the treatment of perpetrators addicted to substances or with mental health problems are approved. We have two Guidelines for the treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence, where according to these guidelines, they are treated at three health care levels. At KFPI, victims of domestic violence and violence perpetrators have been treated for 2023 based on gender: 157 male perpetrators of domestic violence and users of narcotic substances with a court decision, while 18 are female perpetrators of domestic violence. We have 6 males who are in compulsory psychiatric treatment under detention, while 2 females are also in compulsory psychiatric treatment under detention. There have been 145 hospital examinations, of which 127 were men and 18 were women. Due to the lack of free places for hospitalization, there have been 40 cases sent to detention on remand. Victims of domestic violence who have been examined for psychological damage expertise include 7 women and 1 man for domestic violence, as well as 4 women due to sexual violence.

I.4.8.	Measuring the frequency of recidivism cases by sharing data on whether recidivist perpetrators were treated while serving their sentences, or subsequently in psychosocial programs designed for them	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Moj	The frequency of recidivist cases of domestic violence and violence against women decreases, as a result of the psycho-social treatment of the perpetrators during and after sentencing	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	The program for the treatment of perpetrators of violence against women is in progress. Currently, 12 men who commit violence against women are being treated. The frequency measurement report is in progress.
I.4.9	Engagement and capacity strengthening of the Kosovo Probation Service to monitor the rehabilitation of violent perpetrators	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Moj	Kosovo Probation Service strengthened with trained staff to monitor the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	In relation to this activity, an intensive two-week training of trainers on the implementation of the “Psychosocial Treatment Program” for working with perpetrators of domestic violence was conducted, supported by the Council of Europe project. Nine (9) Probation Officers (4 men and 5 women) from each Regional Directorate participated in this training and oversaw alternative punishments, where part of this punishment is the criminal offence of domestic violence. This activity is related to the Program for the Treatment of Perpetrators of Domestic Violence. Participants included: 2 from the Prishtina Shelter, 2 from the Safe House in Gjakova, 4 health workers (3 doctors and 1 nurse), and 6 activists.
I.4.10.	Creating a database of perpetrators who have received psycho-social services/treatment during and after serving their sentences, as well as perpetrators of sexual crimes and their ongoing updating.	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MFLT, MoJ, partners, MH, UP	Data collected, shared and updated regularly	Istanbul Convention (Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter II, Article 16)	The database for the treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence has been developed within the current database for the identification of cases of domestic violence with the support of UNDP, while its launch was made on 08.12.2023 by the Ministry of Justice. This basic data is a new module developed alongside the development of the program for the treatment of perpetrators of violence against women. Currently, the treatment program is in progress and at the same time the monitoring process is being developed.
I.4.11	Preparation of the annual	2022-	Budget of	MFLT, MoJ, partners	Annual reports	Istanbul	The program for the treatment of perpetrators of

	report on the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence	2026	Kosovo Government Donors		published regularly	Convention (Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter II, Article 16)	violence against women is in progress. Currently, 12 men who commit violence against women are being treated. According to the plans, this program is planned to be completed as a pilot project in June 2024.
I.4.12.	Increasing the number of beds, preparation of the specific protocol and training of professionals in the Forensic Psychiatric Institution for perpetrators who are mentally ill and addicted to alcohol and drugs ⁷	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	MH, Forensic Psychiatry Institute	<p>Protocols and special programs for treating perpetrators addicted to substances or with mental health problems have been approved.</p> <p>Professionals trained to treat individuals with substance addiction or mental health issues, who are also perpetrators of violence, in accordance with their age group. Reduction in cases of putting perpetrators under detention on remand due to lack of beds, there are no sufficient beds.</p>		<p>Special protocols and programs for the treatment of offenders addicted to substances or with mental health problems are approved. Professionals trained to treat individuals with substance addiction or mental health problems, including perpetrators of domestic violence, according to their age group, have been treated within the institutions.</p> <p>Reduction in cases of putting perpetrators under detention on remand due to lack of beds. Special protocols and programs for the treatment of perpetrators addicted to substances or with mental health problems are approved. We have two Guidelines for the treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence, where according to these guidelines, they are treated at three health care levels.</p> <p>Professionals trained to treat individuals with substance addiction or mental health problems, including perpetrators of domestic violence, according to their age group, have been treated within the institutions for mentally disturbed persons.</p> <p>Reduction in cases of putting perpetrators under detention on remand due to lack of beds, there are no sufficient beds. At Mental Health Centers in the region, victims of domestic violence were treated; in Ferizaj, 4 cases of domestic violence were treated; in Mitrovica, 10 women and 5 women and 10 men cases of domestic violence were treated by court decision; in Gjakova, 30 cases of domestic violence were treated in the MHC by court decision, where the measure of compulsory psychiatric treatment was imposed at liberty. Within this process, 111 psycho-social therapeutic sessions were held.</p> <p>MHC - Prizren, treated by court order 21 cases of domestic violence, including 5 women and 16</p>

⁷ Who should be treated with special protocols and programs in accordance with their age and the fact that apart from addiction or mental health problems, they are perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women.

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II.	Strategic Objective:	Advancing and harmonizing public policies with international standards.					
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II.1	Specific Objective:	Improving the legal framework to handle all cases of domestic violence and violence against women.					
II.1.1	Amendment/supplementation of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence and harmonization with the Istanbul Convention and the conduct of ex-post assessment of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	Assembly MoJ/NC OPM AGE	Law on Protection from Domestic Violence amended and harmonized with the Istanbul Convention, approved and assessed	Istanbul Convention (Chapter V)	Law approved by the Assembly of Kosovo
II.1.2	Full analysis of the civil and criminal legal framework on violence against women, and domestic violence ⁸ , as well as identification of measures to be taken to harmonize this legal framework with international instruments, including CEDAW and the Convention Istanbul	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ AGE Specialized NGOs	The analysis report with findings and recommendations, as well as suggestions for interventions in the civil and criminal legal framework, has been completed	The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women The Istanbul Convention, etc.	The assessment report on the alignment of laws, policies, and measures with the Istanbul Convention [GREVIO] started in July 2021. This analytical report lasted about a year and a half and is based on information provided by local institutions and civil society, a process coordinated by the Ministry of Justice. For each article of the Istanbul Convention, the report analyzes the local legal framework, mechanisms, and measures; identifies needs and deficiencies and; provides concrete recommendations on compliance with the Istanbul Convention. As part of this analysis and the recommendations from the report, the Ministry of Justice has taken actions to harmonize laws and policies with GREVIO. In this regard, we have taken steps to amend the Criminal Code and the Criminal Procedure Code, as well as to amend the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women. Both of these legal documents have been voted on by the Assembly and are applicable.
II.1.3	Preparation and submission of draft acts for amending/supplementing the legal framework, in accordance with the findings from	2023	Budget of Kosovo Government	MoJ	Draft acts prepared in accordance with the findings from the analysis consulted and submitted to the	The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against	In the course of presenting draft acts for amending and supplementing the civil legal framework, the Ministry of Justice has undertaken actions in 3 draft acts: Amending and supplementing the Criminal Code, amending and supplementing the Criminal Procedure Code and amending and supplementing the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence.

⁸ In this analysis, all forms of violence against women should be considered according to the Istanbul Convention, with a particular emphasis on harmonizing the minimum age for marriage, issues of sexism and the use of hate speech, issues of migration, seeking asylum and deportation, etc.

	the above analysis				Assembly for review and approval	Women The Istanbul Convention, etc.	
II.1.4.	Amendment/supplementation of legislation to provide for exemption from court fees for the expertise needed in dealing with cases of domestic violence (psychologist, sign language interpreter, court fees, etc.)	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	KJC	Victims of violence exempted from court fees, as expressed in the amendments to be approved in the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence	Istanbul Convention	The Draft Administrative Instruction on Unification of Court Fees proposed by the Kosovo Judicial Council was in public discussion from 20.02.2024 to 06.03.2024. Cases of domestic violence are exempt from court fees.
II.1.5.	Review and enrich Standard Operating Procedures on integrated services	2023	Government, Municipality and donors	MoJ, Municipalities, donors, AGE	Creating the approach for the provision of new, effective, accessible and integrated services among system stakeholders	Istanbul Convention (Chapter IV)	Based on the new law, the Ministry of Justice in cooperation with the Agency for Gender Equality is in the process of harmonizing Standard Operating Procedures. This process is expected to be completed in August 2024.
II.1.6.	Drafting of the National Protocol on the treatment of cases of sexual violence	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ, KP, KPC, KJC, IFM, CSW, VAAO, MoJ, specialized NGOs	Guidelines/protocols for the proper functioning of Coordination Mechanisms at the local level, prepared and approved in accordance with international standards	Istanbul Convention	The protocol aims to pay attention to all victims/survivors of sexual violence, regardless of nationality or affiliation to any community, social or national origin, race, ethnicity, colour, birth, origin, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, citizenship, religion and belief, political affiliation, political or other opinions, social or personal status, age, family or marital status, pregnancy, maternity, property status, health condition, disability, genetic inheritance, or any other basis. A separate chapter will mention the victims/survivors of sexual violence during the war, referring also to the relevant legislation and mechanisms for their treatment. For ease of use by all professionals, the protocol is divided into three parts: - The first part contains general information about the document: its purpose, the legal and policy framework on which the treatment of sexual violence cases is based, the multi-sectoral coordinated approach, the phases of case management, the role of the case manager, and the need for professional support for the professionals who directly handle cases of sexual violence. - The second part contains dedicated information for each of the main institutions responsible for handling cases of sexual violence,

							<p>based on the case management steps described in the first part, and divided into separate chapters for each institution.</p> <p>- The third part contains general information on the treatment of cases of victims/survivors of sexual violence during the war, the implementation of this protocol also under conditions of natural and other disasters, as well as important advice on the role of institutions in prevention.</p> <p>An important part of the Protocol includes annexes and references, which provide more information and knowledge as needed during the case handling. The State Protocol for the Treatment of Cases of Sexual Violence in the Republic of Kosovo was prepared in response to the need to unify and improve the steps taken, while also reflecting international standards in this regard. The preparation of this Protocol also fulfils the obligation to implement the Istanbul Convention, the legislation in force, and the National Strategy of the Republic of Kosovo on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022 - 2026, approved by the Government of Kosovo on 26.01.2022.</p> <p>For this purpose, by Decision no. 36, dated 23.03.2022, of the Minister of Justice, a Working Group was established for drafting this Protocol, which was approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on 23 November 2023.</p>
II.1.7.	Effective investigation and prompt police response to calls for help, proper management of dangerous situations and investigation of all allegations of violence against women and domestic violence, highlighting aggravating circumstances	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government	Police	Cases of domestic violence and violence against women are treated with responsibility and priority, not overlooking any aggravating circumstances.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter V, Article 46 and Chapter VI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2638 cases of domestic violence have been investigated. <p>In all cases where the suspect has committed actions that have consumed elements of the criminal offence of “Domestic Violence”, as an aggravating circumstance during the investigation and risk assessment in these criminal offences, the following is taken into account:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Criminal background of the suspect 2. Possession of a weapon by the suspect, regardless of whether the weapon is legal or illegal 3. Re-commission criminal offence of domestic violence 4. Use of various tools to inflict violence and injuries on the victim 5. Use of different narcotic substances or addiction to alcohol, etc. 6. When the criminal offence is committed in the presence of children
II.1.8.	Allotment of physical space for interviewing the victim and perpetrator of violence	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	KJC, Court, Police, Prosecution Office	The victim’s right to confidentiality and privacy is ensured in all phases of case management, including in civil	Istanbul Convention (Article 56)	<p>Currently, there are 28 operational-friendly rooms in 41 police stations.</p> <p>During 2023, 2 friendly rooms have been arranged.</p> <p>In those police stations where there are no friendly rooms, separate offices have been allocated for the treatment of victims of domestic violence.</p>

					and criminal court processes.		
II.1.9.	Providing communication technology for interviewing the victim and perpetrator of violence.	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors,	KJC, Court, Police, Prosecution Office	The victim's right to confidentiality and privacy is ensured in all phases of case management, including in civil and criminal court processes.	Istanbul Convention (Article 56)	In most courts there are technological and IT equipment that can assist the needs that may arise, in order to conduct the trial. Since the adoption of the Strategy, no obstacles have been encountered in the treatment of cases, due to lack of technology.
II.1.10.	Summoning victim advocacy officer when the party appears before the court	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	Police, Court VAAO	The victim's advocacy officer is also present in cases where the request for a protection order is initiated by the party	Istanbul Convention (Article 56)	In 2638 cases, victims' advocacy officers have been notified via phone calls as well as through daily electronic reports. In no case has the victim's advocacy officer failed to appear at the Police Stations. Based on assessments by the Kosovo Police, 127 Protection Orders have been issued. Additionally, 589 Protection Orders have been issued by the Court, which are monitored by the Kosovo Police.
II.1.11.	Monitoring the implementation of the legal provision for harsher sentences of recidivist perpetrators of violence	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	KJC	Severer punishments for recidivist perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, in accordance with the applicable legislation	Istanbul Convention	With the issuance of the Guidelines for Sentencing Policy, the aim is for the penalties to be within the limits set by the Penal Code. The same provides for mitigating and aggravating measures, as well as recidivist actions. The same guideline has been distributed to judges. Subsequently, higher instance courts unify the case law for this part.
II.1.12.	Establishment of a digital monitoring system for adequate implementation of protective orders in accordance with the Law on Electronic Supervision and monitoring of the effectivity of this system	2023-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	MIA Police	Digital system in place Adequately conducted monitoring		Not implemented - This activity is scheduled to begin in 2023.
II.1.13.	Review of the regulation on the internal work of victims advocacy officers (KPC)	2023	Budget of Kosovo Government	KPC	Regulation approved		A draft Regulation has been prepared by the Commission for Normative Issues of the KJC with the support of international partners. It is expected to be finalized and submitted to the KPC for approval in due course.
II. 1. 14.	Reporting on the application of adhesion procedures in cases of domestic violence and	2022 - 2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	KJC	Regular and on-demand reporting with detailed data is mandated		The Criminal Procedure Code obliges such procedures, especially when it is possible to rule on property legal claims, ensuring that it does not delay the proceedings, and evidence is available for such claims.

	violence against women		Donors				This activity is quite specific, as it requires an analysis of court decisions in cases involving domestic violence offences. Subsequently, the number of rulings on property legal claims needs to be extracted.
II.1.15.	Implementation of the peer review on criminal prosecution and judgment of domestic violence cases	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	KJC, KPC	Reports with finalized recommendations		Unimplemented activity.
II.2.	Specific Objective:	Strengthening capacities for handling cases of domestic violence and violence against women.					
II.2.1	Development of annual training curricula for capacity building of judges/prosecutors, professional associates, victim advocates and other relevant actors for the fair and effective implementation of legislation focusing on the punishment of perpetrators of domestic violence as well as persons violating protective orders	December 2022, 2023, 2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	Academy of Justice Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC)	Training curriculum designed and approved ⁹	Rule of Law Functional Review Strategy 2021 Prosecutorial System Strategic Plan 2019-2021 Training Program of the Academy of Justice	As in previous years, the training curriculum for 2023 has been drafted and approved by the Governing Board on 22 November 2022. In accordance with the legal requirement (by December 1 at the latest), the Academy published the annual training program for 2023 on 25 November 2022. For more details, see the following link: https://rksgov-my.sharepoint.com/:b/g/personal/xhevdet_pllana_rks-gov_net/EeW1dqdX7qlMILFACJWjGu4Bebb0l9waMCD-00pUP7WB9w?e=MmcPxJ In determining the training curriculum for 2023, all heads of the judicial and prosecutorial systems, judges and prosecutors who handle relevant cases both criminal and civil, were present. Specific requests from the Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women were also taken into consideration. During the reporting period, the training program for domestic violence was further reviewed with experts from the Council of Europe for the 2024 training program. This review ensured that the updated program aligns fully with the laws, policies and the Istanbul Convention, which remains to be implemented throughout 2024.
II.2.2.	Providing training for judges and prosecutors on preventing and combating violence against women domestic violence and gender-based crimes - the criminal aspect	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government	Academy of Justice (AoJ) Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC)	5 specialized training sessions conducted during the year	Supreme Court Guideline No. 113/2020 on the legal definition and treatment of cases of domestic	2023 was characterized by numerous activities in the area of domestic violence. Beyond the 4 activities included in the training program, due to significant budget shortages, with the support of the Academy's strategic partners (ODAT, Council of Europe, EKOJUST, UNDP, EULEX), a total of 14 training activities were developed and implemented on the following topics: Specialized Training Program on Domestic Violence; Prosecution and Adjudication of Cases of Domestic Violence; Risk Assessment in

⁹The CoE project is working together with the Academy of Justice to enhance the knowledge of legal professionals in handling cases of violence against women and domestic violence.

						<p>violence according to the KPC and the Istanbul Convention.</p> <p>Cases of Domestic Violence; Protocol for Handling Cases of Sexual Violence; Advanced Training on Preventing Domestic Violence – Istanbul Convention and Victims of Sexual Violence. A considerable portion of these training sessions were regional and were repeated with the sole purpose of involving judges and prosecutors from all regions, including other legal professionals. Activity: The Specialized Training Program on Domestic Violence has its specificity as it combines both criminal and civil aspects and will therefore be included in the reporting on other measures according to this Strategy.</p> <p>For more information, see the published reports in the AD's newsletter:</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulShk23Sq_.pdf (fq-13)</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulMrs23Sq_.pdf (fq-10, 20, 22)</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulPrill23Sq_.pdf (fq-18)</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulMaj23Sq_.pdf (fq-4, 5, 10, 11,18,19, 20)</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/bultetor2023shq_.pdf (fq23)</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/bul_korrik_gusht_.pdf (fq-15)</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/Bulshtatshq_.pdf (fq-7)</p> <p>https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/Bulnentorshq_.pdf (fq-24)</p>
II.2.3	Providing training for judges on the civil aspect, respectively court procedures for deciding on requests for protection orders, and concerning the division of joint property after divorce,	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government	Academy of Justice (AoJ) Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC)	2 training sessions held during the year	<p>The civil aspect of domestic violence is included in the training: Specialized Training Program for Domestic Violence (see the previous column) since it was a combination of criminal and civil aspects. Therefore, we are also presenting it here, emphasizing only the content regarding the civil aspect such as the violation of protection orders and the relevant legal provisions, the Istanbul Convention, and the role of the Center for Social Work as well as other important aspects in civil procedure. In addition, one (1)</p>

	alimony, financial maintenance of the spouse, etc.						training has been conducted, which is consistently deemed necessary for judges, on the topic of protection of Child Rights in Cases of Divorce and in Cases of Domestic Violence, which addressed the relevant legal issues and case law in this area through the interpretation of legal provisions and applicable legislation. Additionally, one (1) training on case laws in family matters was conducted. For more information, see the published reports in the AD's newsletter: https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulShk23Sq_.pdf (fq-13) https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulMrs23Sq_.pdf (fq-14-15, 21-22)
II.2.4	Capacity building of judges and prosecutors in handling cases when perpetrators with mental disorders are involved in criminal-civil proceedings	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government	Academy of Justice KJC KPC	Number of training sessions held; At least 60 judges and prosecutors trained Equal and non-discriminatory treatment of persons with mental disorders, aimed at respecting physical integrity and human dignity		During the reporting period, the Academy of Justice (AoJ), in cooperation with OPDAT and OSCE, conducted numerous training sessions on the innovations of the Criminal Procedure Code, and in 4 of these training sessions, the legal amendments concerning the criminal procedure of perpetrators with mental disorders were included. Additionally, specific training was conducted exclusively for the criminal procedure of perpetrators with mental disorders. Perpetrators with mental disorders were also addressed in the Specialized Training Program for Domestic Violence mentioned in the previous columns, as it not only covered the reported content but also addressed the social and preventive treatment of domestic violence and offenders, and inter-institutional cooperation when offenders are mentally ill or addicted to narcotic substances. For more information, see the published reports in the AD's newsletter: https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BIJan23Sq_.pdf (fq-11) https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulShk23Sq_.pdf (fq-13) https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulQersh23Sq_.pdf (fq-13)
II.2.5.	Capacity building of judges and prosecutors in handling cases of gender-based violence, domestic violence and sexual harassment with a victim-centred approach and	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	Academy of Justice KJC KPC	2 specialized training sessions conducted during the year	Istanbul Convention	In the reporting period, 10 training sessions were conducted for the relevant measure. Eight (8) of them on the topic: Multi-institutional approach to Gender-Based Violence, with special emphasis on cases of child abuse that have been held in the 7 regions of Kosovo. (Held twice), as well as 2 other training sessions on the topic of Compensation for victims-amendments in the law and the other one on Criminal Offenses against the sexual integrity of children.

	explanation of trauma and trauma impact on the victim						For more information, see the published reports in the AD's newsletter: https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulMrs23Sq_.pdf (fq-11, 14, 19, 21) https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulPrill23Sq_.pdf (fq-10, 13,15) https://ad.rks-gov.net/media/Buletini%20Informativ/2023/BulMaj23Sq_.pdf (fq-10)
II.2.6.	Review of training curricula and modules in the training department of the Kosovo Police and their updating according to the requirements of the national and international legal framework (including the gender perspective) on professional capacity building of cadets and police officers	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors,	Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (KAPS) Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA)/Kosovo Police (KP), AGE	The revised curriculum for raising the professional capacities of cadets and police officers Updated and unified training modules for strengthening the capacities of Police Officers with a focus on domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention	The Kosovo Academy for Public Safety 2023 established professional working groups together with the Public Safety Agency (KP, PIK, EMA, KC, KCS and KSC) as a result of which we have the Review of Professional Training which includes gender-based violence in the following areas: - Correctional Officer - Inspector of the Police Inspectorate of Kosovo and - Police Officer (who has been partially revised) In addition to the professional training session, the short-term training session that deals with domestic violence and violence against women has also been revised as follows: 1. Basic Crime Investigation Training 2. Domestic Violence Investigation Training 3. Advanced Crime Investigation Training
II.2.7.	Training of newly appointed police officers and staff for handling cases of domestic violence and violence against women.	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government	Kosovo Police AGE	Better-informed and specialized Police Officers in handling cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	In cooperation with AGE, six two-day training sessions on domestic violence and standard operating procedures for domestic violence were held, training 150 Police Officers from the investigations sector and patrol units as first responders to domestic violence cases.
II.2.8.	Training of police officers on the definition of gender-based violence and sexual harassment under the laws of Kosovo, as well as on how to handle these cases in accordance with the Criminal Code of Kosovo	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	Kosovo Academy for Public Safety Kosovo Police AGE	Number of training held The number of Officers/Police Officers who participated in the training Updating training courses in		During 2023, the Kosovo Academy for Public Safety conducted a total of 12 types of training sessions, totalling 19 sessions, which included topics on sexual harassment and gender-based violence. Among others, specialized training sessions were also conducted on: * Sexual Harassment in the Workplace; * Approach to Gender-Based Violence Training; and *Domestic Violence Investigation Training;

					accordance with amendments and supplementations to the Criminal Code regarding gender-based violence and sexual harassment, with a focus on the victim.		Trainees: Male 962 Female 202 Total 1164
II.2.9.	Joint training sessions on addressing and combating domestic violence and violence against women, for police officers, prosecutors/judges on duty, Victims' Advocate, CSW, MoH, VA, and Forensic Psychiatry, in the criminal and civil aspect and trauma impact on the victim	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government	AoJ, AGE, KP, KPC, KJC, CSW, MH, VAAO, Forensic Psychiatry, General Council for Social and Family Services (GCSFS)	Informed employees specialized in dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women, through a coordinated multi-sector approach, including the trauma-informed approach, prioritizing the restoration of victims' feelings of security, choice and control.	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Out of 30 training sessions held, 22 were joint training sessions involving judges, prosecutors and other legal professionals. From the reports published in the bulletin, participation can be observed from other profiles as well. In total, there were 22 Professional Associates from the Court and Prosecution Office (10 women, 12 men), 09 Legal Officers from the Court and Prosecution Office (06 women, 03 men), 02 Administrative Staff from the Prosecution Office (02 men), 22 Officers from the Victim Advocacy and Assistance Office (08 women, 14 men), 01 Analyst from the KPC (01 man), 61 Advocacy Officer (30 women, 31 men), 01 Secretary KBA (01 man), 10 Officers from the Agency for Free Legal Aid (07 women, 03 men), 36 Officers from the Center for Social Work (22 women, 14 men), 80 Police Officers (35 women, 45 men), 08 Officers from the Institute of Forensic Medicine (IFM) (03 women, 05 men), 03 Forensic Medical Experts from the Ministry of Justice (01 woman, 02 men), and 01 Child Protection Senior Officer from the Municipality of Prishtina (01 man).
II.2.10.	Training of VAAO staff	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government	VAAO-OCSP, Academy of Justice, OPDAT, OSCE, GIZ	VAAO profiled and trained	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	During 2023, the VAAO staff participated in 68 different activities in all regions of Kosovo, including workshops and training sessions related to the handling of cases of domestic violence. Additionally, 3 participants from the VAAO staff attended training abroad in Budapest, Hungary, focusing on the treatment of cases of domestic violence and gender-based violence.
II.2.11.	Training sessions on policies against domestic violence and violence against women in the sector of protection and social welfare	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	MFLT, CSW	Professionals from the protection and social welfare sector, trained on issues of violence against women and domestic violence	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	In progress
II.2.12.	Curriculum preparation and development of training for health workers for identification, treatment and referral of	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	MH	Professionals and health professionals, trained on issues of violence against	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Training sessions held in the seven regions of the Republic of Kosovo with Module 1: Understanding gender-based violence; Module 2. The role of the healthcare system in gender-based response; Module 3. Principles and standards of healthcare services provision; Module 4. Identification of gender-based violence;

	cases of domestic violence and violence against women				women and domestic violence		Module 5. Examination and healthcare; Module 6. Documentation of gender-based violence; Module 7. Assessment and safety planning; Module 8. Referral and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP); One training in seven regions; Number of healthcare professionals by gender: 88 female healthcare professionals, 67 male healthcare professionals, totalling 155 healthcare professionals; Gender-based violence in cooperation with UNFPA-AMC: Three modules: Orientation Program on Adolescent Health (four-day training), Professional Ethics and Patient Rights (one-day training), Sexual and Reproductive Health of Persons with Special Needs (two-day training). The number of trained professionals is 63 females, while 46 male healthcare professionals, totalling 109; a total of two trainings in the first six months. In the second half of the year, training sessions were held for identification, treatment referral and registration of victims of domestic violence, gender-based violence and violence against women with all key stakeholders in three regions: Mitrovica, Peja and Gjilan. Participants included healthcare professionals: 10 doctors; 5 doctors; 6 medical technicians; 2 nurses; 4 police officers, and 2 female police officers; one victim advocacy officer; 2 mental healthcare doctors, and 5 nurses; In the training held for gender-based violence in the Peja region, participants included: 5 physicians, 3 doctors; 6 nurses, 2 medical technician; 4 police officers, and 2 female police officers; one victim advocate; 2 mental health doctors, and one nurse; In the training on gender-based violence/DV/VWheld in the Gjilan region, 4 doctors, 2 physicians, 5 nurses, and 3 medical physicians participated; 4 female police officers and 2 male police officers; 2 doctors and one mental healthcare nurse. A total of 94 certified participants and accredited modules as well as trained trainers from the Chamber of Physicians of the Republic of Kosovo with 11 points and from the Chamber of Nurses of the Republic of Kosovo with 10 points.
II.2.13.	Curriculum development and training of experts who are licensed for psychological expertise, for the elements of psychological violence in accordance with the legislation applicable to this form of violence	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors,	MFLT	Experts trained to implement the applicable legislation	Guidelines of the Supreme Court of Kosovo regarding the legal definition and treatment of cases of Domestic Violence according to the Criminal Code of the	Partially implemented

						Republic of Kosovo under the number GJ.A.SuA 113/2020 dated 12.06.2020	
II.2.14.	Joint trainings between judges, prosecutors and police officers to stop the issuance of acquittal verdicts despite the statements of victims of violence, applying mainly to the prosecution of this criminal offence	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors,	KJC KPC KP	Proper implementation of legislation and standards for protection from domestic violence.	Istanbul Convention	The training plan has been developed by the Academy of Justice for the courts so that for the part of the training related to domestic violence, training sessions on gender-based crimes are conducted this year. The training sessions held so far and planned for 2024 are Protection of Child Rights in cases of divorce and in cases of domestic violence; Compensation of Victims; Prosecution and Punishment of cases of domestic violence; Training on judicial practice in family cases. So far, regular training sessions have been held on domestic violence issues.
II.2.15.	Holding regular lectures, on an annual basis, by judges and prosecutors/prosecutors to raise awareness of professionals and young professionals regarding the handling of cases of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	KJC and KPC	Lectures held annually. More professionals and self-aware professionals.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	There is a training plan for newly appointed judges, who as part of the initial training program, also receive training on domestic violence, and similarly, in the ongoing training program for judges with permanent mandates, trainings on domestic violence are also included.
II.2.16.	Upgrading and development of community policing and intelligence-led policing related to domestic violence and violence against women, and training of Police Cybercrime Investigation Unit on online violence against women	2024-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors,	MIA/KP	Community policing developed in support of the identification and prevention of cases of domestic violence. The Cyber Crime Investigation Unit, capable of tracking and preventing violence against women and girls online.	Istanbul Convention	This activity is planned to be implemented in 2024. The Kosovo Police, as part of the Integrated Community Policing Strategy, has foreseen a series of activities related to domestic violence. These include organizing awareness campaigns, enhancing human and professional capacities, etc.

III.	Strategic Objective:	Institutional strengthening in the prevention and addressing of domestic violence					
III.1	Specific Objective:	Strengthening the inter-institutional coordination group at the central level					
III.1.1	Establishing and making functional the support mechanism of the Office of the National Coordinator for Protection against Domestic Violence	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	Office established restructured an adequate number of staff for the purposes and responsibilities of this office, as well as trained to support the office.	Istanbul Convention	This activity is in process. During December, the procedures for the employment and operationalization of the support office were initiated. This process is expected to be completed at the end of May 2024.
II.1.2.	Training and strengthening of the capacities of the staff of the Office of the National Coordinator for Protection against Domestic Violence in terms of monitoring and evaluation of the entire legislation and policies against domestic violence and violence against women	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC			This activity is related to the internal Regulation of the Ministry of Justice and the number of persons who will be engaged in this secretariat has been determined. It is expected that the Office will be operational by the end of 2023. This activity is related to activity III.1.1
III.1.3	Establishing a system for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	A monitoring-evaluation system established and functional tools to be used by the central and local level to monitor the implementation of activities and objectives of the strategy prepared and agreed	Istanbul Convention	On 16 June 2023, the reporting instrument was finalized after consultation with the responsible institutions that report on the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women (2022-2026). This instrument provides a clear overview on the implementation of the strategy and helps the MoJ in its monitoring and evidence-based decision-making. This format enables for the first time reporting by non-governmental organizations and international organizations that support implementation of the activities of the Action Plan.
III.1.4	Capacity building for the stakeholder responsible for the implementation of the objectives and activities of this strategy,	2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	ONC-Moj, MFLT, Municipalities	Capacities of implementing partners enhanced and strengthened	Istanbul Convention	Pending according to the implementation plan

	at the central and local level						
III.1.5	Periodic monitoring of the implementation of the National Strategy for Protection from Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and its action plan, as well as the publication of relevant outcomes	Ongoing (on an annual basis)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC Institutions responsible for implementation at the central and local level NGOs International organizations operating in this area	Standard monitoring report format prepared by the Office of the National Coordinator. Data on the progress of Strategy implementation collected on the biannual basis from all responsible stakeholders Monitoring report with detailed data according to strategic and specific objectives, published annually on the MoJ website	Istanbul Convention	<p>Through the reporting form, the responsible institutions send data on quarterly basis by activities foreseen in the 2022-2026 Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p>In February 2023, the "ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL STRATEGY ON PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN" for 2022 was published on the official website of the Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>In addition, on 16 June 2023, the reporting instrument was finalized after consultation with the responsible institutions that report on the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women (2022-2026). This instrument provides a clear overview of the implementation of the Strategy and helps the MoJ in its monitoring and evidence-based decision-making. This format enables for the first time reporting by non-governmental and international organizations that support implementation of the activities of the Action Plan.</p> <p>In the framework of the monitoring of the Strategy and Action Plan, the reporting format has been sent to the institutions responsible for drafting the 6-month Report (January - June 2023).</p>
III.1.6	Defining under the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence the responsibility of the Office of the National Coordinator as a state body that supervises the coordination, monitors the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, as well as reporting on the implementation of this Convention in GREVIO	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	Profiling and training of the staff of the Office of the National Coordinator on recognition, coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention Reports prepared and submitted according to GREVIO requirements	Istanbul Convention	The new Law on Domestic Violence, Violence against Women and Gender-Based Violence defines the duties and responsibilities of the national coordinator. Political responsibility in addressing domestic violence and violence against women has increased under the new law. The latter appoints the minister as national coordinator.
III.1.7	Capacity building of the	2022	Budget of	MoJ/NC	Professionals	Istanbul	This activity is in progress

	state body and other institutions responsible for reporting to GREVIO		Kosovo Government Donors	AGE	trained to prepare reports in GREVIO according to standards ¹⁰	Convention	
III.1.8	Developing a report on the response of the responsible institutions in cases of domestic violence and violence against women and assessing the possibilities for inspection regarding the assistance provided by the responsible institutions and the quality of inter-institutional cooperation	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	The assistance provided by the responsible institutions and the quality of inter-institutional cooperation, evaluated. The report on the response by the responsible institutions in cases of domestic violence and violence against women prepared and published		As part of the activity, a report on responsibility in cases of domestic violence and violence against women was prepared, as well as inspections were carried out in certain cases. Due to confidentiality, the inspection reports for certain cases have not been published, while the official letters sent to the institutions responsible for the cases have been drawn up and sent on time.
III.1.9	Publication of best practices identified during the operation of responsible institutions	Annually	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	A report with the best operating practices of the responsible institutions published		After the drafting and publication of the annual report for 2023, recommendations and good practices will be identified during the operation of the responsible institutions.
III.1.10	Establishing cooperation relations with authorities of other countries to strengthen international cooperation in the fight against domestic violence of violence against women	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	International cooperation in the fight against domestic violence and violence against women, with authorities of other countries, established and strengthened		The Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the Correctional and Probation Service in Sweden, is in the process of finalizing the document defining areas of cooperation. This process will be followed by a long-term project with this institution in the field of correctional and probation service as well as addressing domestic violence. The project is expected to last for 5 years.
III.2.	Specific Objective:	Establishing and strengthening coordination mechanisms at the local level for the management of cases of violence.					
III.2.1	Extending the multi-sectoral coordinated	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo	MoJ/NC, municipalities,	Coordination Mechanisms		In cooperation with the OSCE for the implementation of the outreach and coordinated multi-sectoral approach to the treatment of domestic

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

	approach to addressing domestic violence and violence against women throughout Kosovo, through the establishment of Coordination Mechanisms in municipalities where they are not available		Government Municipalities Donors	All institutions responsible for being members of CM at the local level, NGOs	established throughout Kosovo, in line with the multi-sectoral coordinated approach of the Istanbul Convention	Istanbul Convention (Article 7)	violence and violence against women throughout Kosovo, 36 Coordinating Mechanisms have been established at the country level. During the first 6 months, 3 Coordinating Mechanisms were established in the municipalities of Novoberda, Shterpce, and Mamusha. The establishment of Coordination Mechanisms in the four northern municipalities - Leposaviq, Zubin Potok, North Mitrovica and Zveqan remains a challenge. With the approval of Draft Law No. 08/L-185 on prevention and protection from domestic violence on 21/09/2023 in the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, the expansion of the competences of the Local Coordination Mechanism is foreseen. As part of the outreach and establishment of local coordinating mechanisms, 34 local coordinating mechanisms have been established so far. Municipal Coordinating Mechanisms were not included in the previous Law on Protection from Domestic Violence. The legal basis, responsibilities and operation of this Mechanism have been established, as well as the Guidelines for the effective work of the Municipal Coordinating Mechanism have been drawn up.
III.2.2	Development of guidelines/protocols for functioning and operating standards on coordination mechanisms at the local level, in accordance with the coordinated multi-sectoral approach.	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC, MLGA AGE	Guidelines/protocols for the proper functioning of Coordination Mechanisms at the local level, prepared and approved in accordance with international standards	Istanbul Convention (Article 7)	On 17 May 2023, the Guide for the operationalization of local mechanisms against domestic violence and gender-based violence was launched. The purpose of the Guide is the establishment and coordination of the local coordination mechanism, the design of procedures and protocols including the database at the local level, advocacy for budget allocation from municipal decision-making, mapping and definition of referrals for specific services, as well as capacity building. The Guide also addresses coordination of policies with women's and civil society organizations supporting women in the community and marginalized groups. This document was drafted in cooperation with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo. The new law foresees the drafting of the Administrative Instruction on Operationalization of the Local Coordinating Mechanism.
III.2.3	Providing sufficient financial resources for the functioning of the Coordination Mechanisms at the local level	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MFLT, MoJ/NC, municipalities, All institutions responsible for being members of CM at the local level, NGOs	Full-time Coordinators of Coordination Mechanisms are to be appointed in each municipality. Coverage of coordination costs and activities of Coordination Mechanisms from	Istanbul Convention	Activity not implemented.

					the annual budget of the municipality		
III.2.4	Capacity building/strengthening of members of the Local Level Coordination Mechanisms through periodic training sessions on dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women, through a coordinated multi-sectoral approach	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC AGE Municipalities Police MFLT/CSW MH VAAO NGOs	Periodic joint trainings of the members of the Coordination Mechanisms developed on an annual basis Professionals from all areas trained to adequately and responsibly deal with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 7)	As part of capacity building, in cooperation with the Women's Network and Shelters, trainings were organized at the regional level for the local coordinating mechanism. These trainings mainly focused on knowledge and implementation of the state protocol for handling cases of sexual violence.
III.2.5	Supporting the municipalities in breaking down this strategy into local strategies, including the drafting of work plans for the Coordination	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC MLGA AGE Municipalities NGOs	2022-2026 Strategy broken down into applicable and easily monitored local action plans		The Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, has supported the municipalities (Rahovec, Gjilan, Malisheva and Skenderaj) in breaking down the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women into local strategies. Likewise, the Ministry of Justice, through the Ministry of Local Government Administration, addressed the municipalities concerning the legal obligation to draft local strategies for implementing the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women. As part of this support, the MoJ, based on the new Law on Domestic Violence, Violence against Women and Gender-Based Violence, will issue administrative instructions related to this issue.
III.3.	Specific Objective:	Advancing inter-institutional coordination and cooperation between the central and local level and Civil Society Organizations.					
III.3.1	Organizing regular consultation roundtables with NGOs and civil society during the preparation and updating of the legal framework and policies on protection against domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC AGE Municipalities Institutions responsible for drafting the legal or institutional framework related to domestic violence and violence against women	Legal and policy framework for domestic violence and violence against women, updated in consultation and cooperation with specialized NGOs and civil society	Istanbul Convention	In cooperation with UNWOMEN, UNFPA/OSCE/EULEX and civil society, tables were organized with special emphasis on the legal framework that addresses violence against women and gender-based violence. The Legal Framework and protection policies against domestic violence and violence against women have been the subject of debate and discussion at these tables, especially the Draft Law on Prevention and Protection from Domestic Violence, Violence against Women and Gender-Based Violence.
III.3.2	Support from central and local state bodies, as well as working together with	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	MoJ/NC AGE Municipalities	Istanbul Convention recognized and	Istanbul Convention	In cooperation with the Kosovo Women's Network, the Ministry of Justice is in the process of harmonizing joint strategic actions, focusing on the organization of the daily campaign against violence and all its

	civil society and NGOs, as esteemed partners in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention (<i>drafting joint implementation plans</i>)		Municipalities Donors		understood to be properly implemented by NGOs and civil society		forms. This activity is planned to be implemented from March 2023. In relation to this process, we are also coordinating with a strategic support partner for implementation of the Istanbul Convention.
III.3.3	Strengthening the capacity of NGOs to properly report the implementation of activities on domestic violence and violence against women, in accordance with the requirements and standards of the Istanbul Convention	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC AGE Municipalities	Relevant NGO staff and civil society, well informed on adequate reporting according to Istanbul Convention standards ¹¹	Istanbul Convention	In June 2023, as part of the reporting capacity building of NGOs, a whole-day training was held on the new reporting mechanism.
III.3.4	Adequate funding of NGOs working closely on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, in terms of prevention, including NGOs working with boys and men, and providing prevention and rehabilitation services with perpetrators of violence	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC MFLT AGE Municipalities MCYS	NGOs that act in implementation of the Istanbul Convention, mainly in terms of prevention, as well as those focused on boys and men or rehabilitation services for perpetrators of violence, supported with financial and infrastructural resources	Istanbul Convention	During 2023, the Ministry of Justice cooperated with a very large number of NGOs. In this regard, it is worth emphasizing the cooperation with INTEGRA, SIT and the 10 shelters. The cooperation with these two organizations is related to the implementation of the Istanbul Convention, including addressing prevention.
III.4.	Specific Objective:	Researching, collecting and updating inter-institutional data for case identification.					
III.4.1	Preparation of a guide on the type of data (administrative and through research) as well as the methodology of	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ AGE KAS	Guide prepared with the defined methodology ¹²	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	In accordance with the law in force, a working group has been established to draft the administrative instructions deriving from the law.

¹¹ In the context of the GREVIO assessment, CoE can support civil society in providing shadow reports if requested.

¹² Authorities are encouraged to consider the Council of Europe Report "Mapping support services for victims of violence against women and domestic violence: methodology and tools". Look: <https://rm.coe.int/seminar-pristina-report-eng/16807316df>

	data collection and analysis, in accordance with the definitions and requirements of the Istanbul Convention						
III.4.2	Strengthening the capacities of the responsible central and local institutions for the collection of administrative data in accordance with the methodology agreed above	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ AGE KAS Partners	Officers/responsible officers for collecting administrative data on domestic violence and violence against women, trained and qualified	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	This activity is related to activity II.4.1
III.4.3	Mobilizing and coordinating with stakeholders (such as Higher Education and Research Institutions, NGOs, field experts, independent institutions, etc.) to agree on the methodology of data collection and processing through research	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ AGE Institute of Statistics Partners	Identified partners and collaborators, agreed on the methodology and application of international standards	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	This activity is related to the drafting of the administrative instruction deriving from the law in force.
III.4.4	Conducting periodical national research (every 4 years) on the phenomenon, dimensions, profile of perpetrators and the perception of citizens towards domestic violence and violence against women.	2023	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ MFLT AGE Partners	Study report published, with detailed and disaggregated data	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	In cooperation with the Kosovo Women's Network, research on the perception of domestic violence will begin in 2024. Such research has already been developed by the Kosovo Statistics Agency and we are in the final stages of the report of this research, which was developed only with a category of respondents (women and girls). This research will begin from the middle of 2024.
III.4.5	Strengthening the capacities of officers of responsible institutions integrated into the database against domestic violence, in identifying cases in the application during the recording	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/ONCPDW Responsible institutions	Officers/database entry officers, trained and qualified to perform their duties responsibly	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	1. The training was held at CSW-Prishtina on 04/04/2023. The training had 23 participants, of whom 17 women and 6 men. 2. At the request of the Kosovo Police, we conducted 5 workshops with all domestic violence investigators at the central, regional and local levels within the KP. The dates of the trainings held were: First day: 18/09/2023; Second day: 22/09/2023; Third day: 25/09/2023; Fourth day: 27/09/2023; Fifth day: 28/09/2023. The total number of investigators who were trained during 5 days is 111 (65 M and 46 F).

							<p>3. At the request of the Center for Social Work of the municipality of Drenas, on 04/10/2023 we carried out the training for the social officers of this center. The number of participants in the training was 5 (of them 3 women and 2 men).</p> <p>4. On 18/10/2023, training was held with Shelters that deal exclusively with cases of domestic violence, and at the same time they are authorized to update the national database with data. The training had 9 participants, as follows: • Shelter in Prishtina (2) • Shelter in Peja (1) • Shelter in Gjilan (2) • Shelter in Ferizaj (2) • Shelter in Gjakova (2).</p>
III.4.6	Real-time recording/ updating of data by the six institutions integrated into the database against domestic violence	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ, KP, KPC, KJC, CSW, VA and Shelters.	Complete database with updated real-time data	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	<p>The database for the identification of cases of domestic violence is updated by of 497 users, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court - 216 • Prosecutor's Office - 30 • Police - 114 • VA - 24 • CSW - 101 • Shelters - 12 <p>In cooperation with the KJC, we are in the process of interconnecting the databases, where the Ministry of Justice will have the possibility of generating data on cases of domestic violence from the Judiciary system (CMIS).</p>
III.4.7	Generation of statistics and preparation of periodic statistical bulletins on the number of cases reported and handled in a multidisciplinary manner	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/ONCPDW	Quarterly and annual reports with updated, prepared and published statistics	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	In implementation
III.5	Specific Objective:	Improving access to justice for victims/survivors of violence					
III.5.1	Informing victims/survivors of domestic violence and violence against women, as well as the public as a whole, of their rights and the services where they can get help, including free legal aid for persons exposed to violence, in a language they	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/ONCPDW AFLA AGE Police Judiciary Municipalities Members of Coordination Mechanisms CSW NGOs	Information on the rights and protection of victims of domestic violence and violence against women, as well as free legal aid, prepared in clear and understandable	Istanbul Convention (Article 19)	Under this activity, with the aim of providing the right information on the services for cases of domestic violence, the MoJ has drafted the document "Manual 2023". This document lists information on violence and its forms, as well as the services offered by the responsible institutions. including free legal aid, compensation for crime victims. This manual has been translated into English and Serbian and based on the manual, informative leaflets on forms of violence, institutions responsible for service provision, and reporting numbers have also been prepared and distributed. In this regard, leaflets have been prepared for the new forms of violence provided by the Criminal Code-Sexual Harassment.

	understand			Office of the Chief State Prosecutor	language and distributed to the community		In order to raise the awareness of the citizens, informative meetings were held with various municipal actors (over 200 meetings by the providers of Free Legal Aid). The content, design, publication and distribution of materials - brochures (about 4000), posters (about 260) and leaflets (about 1600) was done in 4 languages, as well as in Braille and in digital form for deaf people. Other activities have also been undertaken, such as the promotion of the toll- free hotline, posting of information on the website, continuous presence on social networks, publication of promotional videos (production of a video to reflect the work of the AFLA during the calendar year, while Minister Albulena Haxhiu, on the occasion of the closing of the Free Legal Aid Week, also addressed the victims of violence through a video). Furthermore, the AFLA organized the Week of Free Legal Aid with the motto "Defend your right" and awareness campaigns with the aim of raising awareness of the existence of free legal aid and the opportunities it provides for better access to justice.
III.5.2	Preparation and distribution of information in official languages suitable for persons with special needs (braille, etc.), on the applicable legislation, the protection offered and the relevant institutions where victims/survivors of domestic violence and violence against women should be referred	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ / Office of the Coordinator, MCYS, Association of Journalists MEST, AGE and CM at the local level, human rights institutions, NGOs, international institutions	Awareness-raising materials for the recognition of forms of domestic violence and violence against women as well as for the protection that exists, prepared and distributed annually in several languages and according to the Braille alphabet Awareness-raising information also distributed through social media	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 17)	In order to raise the awareness of the citizens continuously during this period, informative meetings were held with various municipal actors (over 200 meetings by the providers of Free Legal Aid). Content creation, design, publication and distribution of materials - brochures (about 4000), posters (about 260) and leaflets (about 1600) was done in the 4 official languages as well as in Braille and in digital form for deaf people.
III.5.3	Organizing a week for victims' rights, with a special focus on victims of various forms of criminal offences of	Ongoing (on an annual basis)	Budget of Kosovo	VAAO,	More information and awareness on the rights of victims/survivors	Victims' Rights Week	24/10/2023 - Organization of the Regional Round Table in Prishtina on the topic of discussions by the participating institutions KPC, KJC, OSP, MoJ and NGOs on: • The obligation to inform the victims of their rights and existing services • Prevention of re-victimization - institutional coordination in

	domestic violence and violence against women, as provided for in the Istanbul Convention ¹³		Government Donors	OCSP	of domestic violence and violence against women Preparation of relevant materials and (depending on the format) an information stand for women/victims will be prepared by CoE ¹⁴	Istanbul Convention (Chapter IV, Articles 18, 19)	the identification of victims, the investigation of the case, the provision of services and the follow-up of the case 25/10/2023 - Organization of the regional roundtable in Gjakova 26/10/2023 - Organization of the regional roundtable in Mitrovica 27/10/2023 - Organization of the one-day workshop - exchange of experiences between American prosecutors and victim advocates
III.5.4	Information sessions with different groups of women, young women, girls, men, young people and boys, on gender roles and the existence of coordination mechanisms for protection from domestic violence and violence against women at the local level, as well as protection, treatment and access in justice through these mechanisms.	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MLGA Municipalities/ AGE Member institutions of the Coordinating Mechanisms NGOs	Informative sessions held in all municipalities where Coordinating Mechanisms exist and where they will be established More diverse groups of women, young women, girls, men, youth and boys, informed of protection, treatment of access to justice through these mechanisms.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 7, 12 and 13; Chapter IV, Articles 19)	From last year, the number of information sessions increased from 28 to a minimum of 51 sessions for 2023. 1. Regarding awareness in the field of preventing domestic violence and violence against women, a large part of the municipalities have marked the opening of the campaign '16 days of activism'. As for increasing public awareness of domestic violence in 30 municipalities: Decan, Obiliq, Klina, Skenderaj, Rahovec, Junik, Dragash, Glogoc, Peja, Hani Elezit, Kacanik, Prishtina, Shtërpce, Gracanica, Istog, Viti, Kamenica, Prizren, Klokot, Podujeva, Gjakova, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Suhareka, Fushe Kosova, Malisheva, Shtime, Vushtrri, South Mitrovica, Lipjan and Novoberdo, measures have been taken such as the lighting of the municipality building in orange color, the awareness of citizens on the consequences of domestic violence, information sessions in schools, meetings, visits, etc. 2. Also, the implementation of the World Bank project "Municipalities for young people" from the I MAPL project continued in municipalities with vulnerable communities: 2.1 The first round of the training and sub-grants program for youth is being implemented in 10 municipalities throughout Kosovo. The MLGA has selected and signed implementation agreements with these municipalities as beneficiaries of the M4Y project: Glogoc, Hani Elezit, Rahovec, Skenderaj, Vushtrri, Junik, Kacanik, Ferizaj, Ranillug and Zvecan. In the second phase, the project is being implemented in 15 municipalities: Glogoc, Hani Elezit, Rahovec, Skenderaj, Vushtrri,

¹³ The Istanbul Convention covers the following criminal offences: domestic violence (physical, sexual, psychological or economic violence), stalking, sexual violence, including rape, sexual harassment, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, forced abortion or sterilization. See: <https://rm.coe.int/168046246b>

¹⁴ Within the Council of Europe Project "Reinforcing the fight against violence against women and domestic violence: phase III", result 2.2

						<p>Junik, Kacanik, Ferizaj, Peja, Gjakova, Podujeva, Gracanica, Shtime and Fushe Kosova.</p> <p>- 249 volunteers were trained (25 community volunteers; 174 subproject volunteers; 50 new monitors) during the reporting period. A total of 159 women and 90 men participated in the training. Volunteers were not engaged in the first round due to late payments from the MLGA. Volunteers will be engaged in the second month of 2024.</p> <p>2.3. Additional info: Summary of sub-beneficiaries Total number of team members within awarded groups 788 Total sub-grants awarded 141</p> <p>Number of sub-grants implemented by informal youth groups 71 Number of sub-grants implemented by formal CBOs 82</p> <p>Number of male team leaders 59 Number of female team leaders 94</p> <p>This includes all vulnerable groups.</p>
III.5.5.	Facilitating access to justice for citizens who do not have sufficient funds, especially for victims of gender-based violence, sexual violence, non-majority communities and displaced persons, as well as free legal aid support for persons exposed to violence in court proceedings	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	The Agency for Free Legal Aid as well as specialized NGOs KJC KPC	The number of citizens who have benefited from free services for access to justice (including for cases exposed to violence in court proceedings), aggregated by ethnicity and gender of the beneficiaries	<p>Provision of Free Legal Services: In 2023, the AFLA provided free legal assistance to all persons who met the criteria provided by Law 04/L-17 on Free Legal Assistance and Law 08/L-035 on amending and supplementing the basic law. In 2023, free legal aid was offered to 6,081 citizens - 2,890 women and 3,191 men. By ethnicity, 5,214 of the beneficiaries were Albanians, 175 Serbs, 73 Bosnians, 54 Turks, 213 Ashkali, 156 Egyptians, 137 Roma, 54 Gorani and 5 others. Compared to 2021, we have an increase in the number of beneficiaries of free legal aid by 32.19%, while compared to 2022, we have an increase in the number of beneficiaries of free legal aid by 3.75%.</p> <p>Provision of Free Legal Services to Victims of Domestic Violence during 2023: During the year 2023, 76 citizens benefited from free legal assistance from the Criminal - Domestic Violence field - of them 54 women and 22 men. 76 legal actions were taken for them. According to their ethnicity, 66 Albanians, 3 Serbs, 1 Bosnian, 1 Turk, 4 Ashkali and 1 Roma benefited from free legal aid. While in the field of Civil - Domestic Violence, 130 citizens have benefited from free legal assistance - of them 118 women and 12 men, while 256 legal actions have been taken for them. According to their ethnicity, 118 Albanians, 1 Serb, 4 Bosnians, 5 Turks and 2 Roma have benefited from free legal aid. Looking at the trend of the cases that frequent the offices of the National Agency for Family Affairs, related to the family cases listed above, where in almost all cases of dissolution of marriage, trust of children, alimony, division of common property, contact with children, return of things, etc., the beneficiaries of free legal aid have stated that they have been continuously exposed to physical, psychological and</p>

						<p>economic violence, but they have not reported the cases. During the year 2023, in the Civil - Family field, free legal aid was offered to 782 beneficiaries of free legal aid. According to gender, 527 women and 255 men have benefited. 1214 legal actions have been taken for them. According to their ethnicity, 637 Albanians, 45 Serbs, 13 Bosnians, 1 Turk, 47 Ashkali, 34 Roma, 3 Goran and 2 others have benefited from free legal aid.</p> <p>With the legal changes made during 2022, access to justice has been made easier for some categories of citizens. Thus, Law No. 08/L-035 amending and supplementing Law No. 04/L-017 on Free Legal Aid, defines the special beneficiary categories of free legal aid, where regardless of the criteria required in Article 8 and 9 of the basic law (that is, without looking at the criteria at all), free legal aid is offered to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. sexually abused persons during the war in Kosovo in the years 1998-1999; 1.2. victims of domestic violence; 1.3. victims who witnessed violence, who are dependent on victims of domestic violence; 1.4. victims of gender-based violence; 1.5. victims of any type of sexual violence, including sexual harassment; 1.6. victims of human trafficking; 1.7. minor victims; 1.8. children living in social care institutions; 1.9. to children under guardianship seeking to initiate proceedings without the consent of their legal guardian or against their legal guardian; 1.10. persons whose rights have been violated through an action or inaction that constitutes discrimination, based on the decision of the competent body according to the law in force on protection against discrimination; 1.11. Journalists, independent journalists, photojournalists, cameramen and editors who work in/for media licensed by the Independent Media Commission (IMC) and/or member media in the Kosovo Written Media Council (KWMC). The AFLA has drawn up an objective communication strategy, the purpose of which is to focus on strengthening the need for information to improve legal knowledge and empower citizens, especially individuals or groups in a disadvantageous position, by providing legal information that leads to the enterprise of actions using existing information platforms and activating a network of civil society, local level organizations and young people to convey information. <p>AFLA has implemented the Guide for Processing Cases for Free Legal Aid, which was drafted with the support of USAID years ago, where priority is given to cases of victims of violence and marginalized</p>
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						<p>groups. There is also the Manual of Legal Aid Practitioners in Kosovo - Civil, family and property legal matters as well as the Manual of Legal Aid Practitioners in Kosovo - Administrative matters which was drafted in 2023.</p> <p>The Agency has cooperated with the Victim Advocacy and Protection Office, Kosovo Police, Shelters, Centers for Social Work, etc. through which victims can be notified of the possibility of obtaining free legal aid. The Agency has signed an Agreement of Understanding for the establishment of Municipal Coordinating Mechanisms against Domestic Violence in these municipalities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Shterpe · Ranillug · Klina · Peja · Novobrd · Decan · Istog <p>For the purpose of cooperation, the regional offices and mobile offices for free legal assistance update the list of legal service providers, public interest organizations (e.g. community groups, support groups such as victims, counseling services, advocacy groups, etc.) and social service providers (e.g. victim support, victim services counseling, shelters, etc.) in their region, holding meetings with these groups to determine their interest in regular communication with the Agency. In order to inform and raise awareness, the AFLA organizes and participates in the following awareness campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free Legal Aid Week with the motto "Defend your rights", conferences, informative meetings with various municipal actors were held, citizens were informed through distribution of 5000 brochures in 4 languages Albanian, Serbian, English and Turkish as well as in the BRAIL alphabet, 80 posters, 3 television spots, publications on web pages and social networks, 5 appearances in the media, lectures in institutions and with public interest groups and non-majority communities. With the support of the donors USAID JAK Project and GIZ, we worked on the preparation of brochures and posters that were printed on the occasion of the Free Legal Aid Week. This year we have also prepared special leaflets related to free legal aid for repatriated persons in Kosovo. - The AFLA has joined, like every other year, the world campaign "16 days of activism against gender-based violence" being part of dozens activities carried out by the Ministry of Justice. During this campaign, nearly 500 brochures were distributed. In order to reach non-majority communities, the following activities were implemented during 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 legal information sessions with the Roma community on Access to Justice together with Eukojust in different regions of Kosovo.
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							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 legal information session with the non-majority communities in the region of Peja by the AFLA, as well as many other meetings and tables.
III.5.6.	Ensuring sustainable funding and the presence of the Agency for Free Legal Aid in all municipalities, by increasing the number of legal aid officers trained on the provision of online legal aid, in its regional offices	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	The Agency for Free Legal Aid as well as specialized NGOs	The number of legal aid officers in the Agency's regional offices has increased		<p>Provision of Free Legal Aid services. Currently, Free Legal Aid is offered through 7 (seven) regional offices for free legal aid which operate in the ROFLAs in Prishtina, Mitrovica, Peja, Prizren, Gjilan, Gjakova and Ferizaj and through 14 (fourteen) mobile offices which operate in the following municipalities: Fushe Kosova, Drenas, Decan, Istog, Suhareka, Dragash, North Mitrovica, Zvecan, Leposaviq, Zubin Potok, Malisheva, Gracanica, Skenderaj and Kamenica. These offices are financed from the budget of the Republic of Kosovo. In order to fulfill the legal obligation, we submitted draft proposals to donors and managed to provide free legal assistance through 6 (six) mobile offices financially supported by GIZ until 30 June 2023, in the municipalities of Podujeva, Klina, Lipjan, Shtime, Kacanik and Han i Elezit, enabling the employment of 4 (four) officials who offered free legal assistance. Also, the Agency for Free Legal Aid has a Mobile Mobile Clinic, which carries out awareness and information campaigns for citizens.</p> <p>The AFLA has not fully complied with Article 22 of the Law on Free Legal Aid, which foresees the opening of Mobile Offices in all municipalities of Kosovo to achieve full coverage in the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo. The AFLA's budget request to open Mobile Offices in 6 municipalities has met with support from the Ministry of Justice. With the last budget circular of 2024, 4 (four) legal official positions were provided for the mobile offices supported by GIZ, and 1 (one) legal official position was also allowed for the opening of the mobile office in another municipality. But free legal aid should be offered in all municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo because the non-opening of these offices represents unequal access to justice for all citizens of these municipalities, who are in a weak economic situation.</p> <p>As for the trainings, the training plan was drawn up in advance and based on the plan, during 2023, about 40 trainings were provided with the support of donors and with the AFLA's budget. All the officials of the Regional and Mobile offices (21) participated in these trainings, as well as the officials of the 6 mobile offices supported by GIZ (6), so the total number of municipalities with trained staff is 28.</p>
III.5.7	Increasing cooperation between the Agency for Free Legal Aid and Non-Governmental	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo	Agency for Free Legal Aid Regional offices for free legal aid	Memorandums of Understanding reached between the Agency for		In June 2023, MoJ Regulation No. 05/2023 on determining the criteria for the provision of free legal aid by NGOs that entered into partnership with the Agency for Free Legal Aid. Therefore, based on the regulations, all the necessary actions have been completed; the

	Organizations that provide free legal aid		Government	NGOs that provide free legal aid	Free Legal Aid and Non-Governmental Organizations which provide free legal aid		public call for NGOs to apply for entering the partnership was opened, the Committee for evaluating the criteria was formed, and from the Committee's assessments, six NGOs met the criteria defined in the regulation. Therefore, we are now in the phase of concluding Partnership Agreements with NGOs.
III.5.8.	Informing the public and promoting through activities the Crime Victims Compensation Program ¹⁵	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government	MoJ Crime Victim Compensation Commission	The right to compensation for crime victims has been promoted through awareness campaigns, debates or other forms of promotion.		As part of public information on victim compensation, promotional activities were held through the printing of leaflets and manuals. These materials contain part of the law on victim compensation as well as information about the application process, for which offense compensation is requested and detailed information. These activities are implemented at the regional level through information channels and direct communication with citizens.
III.5.9.	Awareness raising of society through advocacy and awareness of access to justice focusing on property rights, gender-based violence, survivors of sexual violence of war and other rights arising under the relevant legislation	2022 T4	No need for additional costs ¹⁶	AGE, Victim Advocates-SPO, Ombudsperson Donors, civil Civil	Campaigns implemented	Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024, activity III.1.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AGE has produced 4 self-awareness videos which were broadcast on the public television of Kosovo - RTK: The total value is EUR 7250.00: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative instruction on registration of joint property on behalf of both spouses 2023 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYuCL7TtB1Y Prevention of sexual harassment among children https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqCHdzoEQmY Prevention of violence against teenage couples https://youtu.be/8RQ7lcjh7OMhttps://abgj.rks-gov.net/publikimet/120/video/120 Kosovo Honors the Memory of the Deceased Women Victims of Domestic Violence https://youtu.be/kl30-Pv8T1o https://abgj.rks-gov.net/publikimet/120/video/120 The AGE proposed for approval to the Government the continuation of the affirmative measure "Administrative instruction on tax-free registration of joint property on behalf of both spouses. The AI has been extended for another year, April 2023-April 2024.

¹⁵ Kosovo Law 05 / L-036 on Crime Victim Compensation (see:<https://gzk.rks-gov.net/ActDetail.aspx?ActID=10936>) regulates the right to compensation for victims of violent crimes and their dependents. The law was adopted in 2015 listing violent crimes compensated by the Victims Compensation Fund. Crimes to be compensated include: trafficking in human beings, rape, child sexual abuse, murder, and domestic violence crimes as defined by Law on Protection against Domestic Violence.

¹⁶ This activity is planned under Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024 and it is precisely the activity III.1.6 of this document. As long as the cost for this activity is calculated in the reference document, there is no need to calculate additional costs in this Strategy. Calculations for additional costs should be made only if the cost for 2024 is missing in the reference document

						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency for Gender Equality has supported the Parliamentary Commission for Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons, Victims of Sexual Violence of War and related Petitions in the process of amending the Law on Prevention and Protection from Domestic Violence, Violence against Women and Gender-Based Violence. Total amount: EUR 3,422.00. • The AGE has carried out 6 trainings on the Standard Action Procedures for Protection from Domestic Violence. During the months of January-December 2023, 119 police officers were certified in the following municipalities: Peja, Prishtina, Gjakova, Mitrovica and Gjilan. Total amount: EUR 6,853.60. • The AGE, at the invitation of the Gender Equality Officers, held 4 workshops at the local level where the coordinating mechanisms against domestic violence were also invited and the Standard Action Procedures for Protection from Domestic Violence and the Law on Gender Equality were presented. The workshop was held in the following municipalities: Fushe Kosova, Decan, Vushtrri and Lipjan and 72 people participated, of whom 46 women and 26 men. Total amount: EUR 1,326.00. • The AGE, in cooperation with the Kosovo Institute of Public Administration and with the support of UN Women technical assistance, has carried out 16 trainings on Prevention and Treatment of cases of sexual harassment in the workplace. 36 Gender Equality Officers (GEO) at the Ministry and municipality level have been certified. In the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, 112 officials at the leadership and managerial level have been certified. The trainings were held in 11 municipalities: Drenas, Viti, Lipjan, Klina, Decan, Obiliq, Dragash, Kamenica, Skenderaj, Istog, and Prizren. 227 officials at the leadership and managerial level were trained. The AGE's budget: EUR 9,054.50. • The AGE, in the wake of the 16th Day of Activism - International Campaign for the Elimination of Violence against Women visited the Correctional Center in Lipjan, where they met with women incarcerated in this center and discussed the legislation of Kosovo in advancing and improving the position of women in society. • Illumination of the Government Building within the framework of the 16 Days of Activation campaign, the International Campaign for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Gender Based Violence, in value • Illumination of the Government Building within the framework of the 16 Days of Activation Campaign, the International Campaign for
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						<p>the Elimination of violence against women and gender-based violence, worth EUR 1,587.70.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the conference organized by the Ministry of Justice and the president within the framework of the 16 Days of Activation campaign, the International Campaign for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Gender Based Violence, the AGE supported the lighting of the Ministry of Justice Building (former Rilindja Building) in the value of EUR 1,587.70. • Printing of promotional materials (umbrellas, totebags, white cords, notebooks) within the framework of marking the 16 Days of Activism. Total amount: EUR 5477.15. <p>5. The AGE has supported the "Kosovo Center for Gender Studies" for implementing the research "<i>Gender Stereotypes and barriers that challenge the participation of women in sports</i>" in the amount of EUR 10,000.00. https://abgj.rks-gov.net/assets/cms/uploads/files/Ulumtimi%20Grat%C3%AB%20dhe%20Vajzat%20n%C3%AB%20Fush%C3%ABn%20e%20Sportit.pdf</p> <p>Campaigns awareness: 2 awareness campaigns and 2 discussion tables were carried out. Two awareness campaigns have been carried out: a) Breast Cancer Awareness Month - During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the AGE illuminated the building of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo with the color purple and the pink ribbon as a sign of solidarity with all women who have been affected by breast cancer. Total amount: EUR 1,587.70.</p> <p>b) The campaign of 16 Days of Activism, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the Government building was lit up in orange color, while at the end of the campaign a discussion table was held. Promotional materials were produced (books with contact numbers of institutions that provide services for victims of violence against women and other materials). Total value: EUR 3,541.7.</p> <p>Discussion tables: The AGE Marking March 8 International Women's Day with the theme "We undo prejudices, we aim for all inclusion" aimed at increasing the participation of women in decision-making processes at the executive legislative level, diplomatic missions and civil service. Total amount: EUR 2,000.00</p> <p>The AGE in cooperation with KKSGJ have held the traditional high-level consultative meeting, with the theme "Participation of Women in the Labor Market". Recommendations have been published for the relevant areas of increasing women's participation in decision-making</p>
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							<p>in public administration and the labor market. Total amount: EUR 1,405.50. The AGE has produced three awareness-raising videos to raise awareness and inform the public about: a) Prevention of discrimination: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X81HgDOXFDc budget €1,240.00</p> <p>b) Video spot for reporting sexual assaults - Biological evidence https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpFOmw8f8LY budget €1,240.00</p> <p>c) video spot on prevention and treatment of sexual harassment in sports https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDswiLSu1Xc budget €1,240.00</p> <p>The AGE, in cooperation with the Officials for Gender Equality at the central level - the Minister of Environment and Spatial Planning and Infrastructure (28 participants), and the Ministry of Health (15 participants), has carried out two workshops with the officials of these ministries within the 16 Days of Activism - International Campaign for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The AGE presented the legal framework for protection from domestic violence and violence against women, and the Standard Action Procedures for Protection against Domestic Violence.</p>
IV.	Strategic Objective:	Provision of general services and specialized support services to victims					
IV.1.	Specific Objective:	Support and strengthening of the specialized support services for victims/survivors from all groups¹⁷ and child victims and witnesses of violence					
IV.1.1	Advocacy at central and local levels to increase existing funding.	2022-2024	Kosovo budget and donors	MoJ, MFLT, MoH Municipality	Budget growth and sustainable funding		<p>Financial support of shelters that provide housing services for victims of domestic violence:</p> <p>In order to provide financial stability for shelters that provide housing services for victims of domestic violence, the Ministry of Justice has increased the budget for shelters from 1 million to 1.5 . From this budget, 10 shelters at the level of Kosovo, for the first time, are fully supported for housing services and psycho-social treatment of victims during their stay in shelters.</p>
IV.1.2	Providing specialized	2022-	Kosovo	MFLT, MoJ, MH	Satisfying the	Istanbul	Partially implemented

¹⁷ “Among all groups” means urban and rural areas, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, LBTI+, the elderly, single mothers, girl mothers, migrants and asylum seekers, etc.

	training, according to the profiling needed for specialized support services, in public institutions and specialized NGOs, in proportion to the number of residents in each Municipality, also providing mobile services for handling cases of domestic violence	2024	budget and donors	Municipality	minimum professional and structural standards Specialized and mobile psycho-social counselling service tailored to the needs of special groups	Convention, Law on Public Officials, LSFS, Law on Professions	
IV.1.3	Functionalization of National Helpline for all forms of violence against women and domestic violence, available 24/7 in all official languages in Kosovo, in accordance with the requirements of the Istanbul Convention	2022-2026	Kosovo budget and donors	MH MFLT Moj/NCDF AGE MESTI MLGA Municipalities Specialized NGOs	Functional efficient Helpline, with nationwide service, available 24/7, dedicated to all forms of violence against women and domestic violence, with service in all official languages in Kosovo and meeting the standards of the Istanbul Convention	Istanbul Convention	The hotline at the Ministry of Health is for all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo, functional in all official languages in Kosovo and very efficient with nationwide services available 08:00 - 16:00 (8 hours a day, 5 days of the week), dedicated to all citizens of Kosovo. It is worth noting that this hotline is not only dedicated to cases of domestic violence and violence against women.
IV.1.4	Enhancing the professional skills of the current staff and the new staff involved in reintegration and empowerment services, through workshops and training sessions, for dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024	Government, Municipality and donors	ONC-Moj KIPA GCSFS, MH Specialized NGOs Council of Europe	Validated module, professional capacity building ¹⁸ List of staff who have attended specialized trainings	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	From January 2023, social services have passed to the Ministry of Justice. Currently, a legal analysis and an analysis of the needs of Centers for Social Work is being conducted, which is expected to be published in April 2023.
IV.1.5	Supporting shelters with continuous funding	2023-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	MLGA, Municipalities, Ministry of Justice, Agency for Administration of Sequestered or Confiscated Assets, State Prosecutor's	Shelters supported in infrastructural and financial terms	Istanbul Convention	The Moj has provided additional funds of EUR 0.5 million to support shelters in 10 municipalities. Now this fund is EUR 1.5 million.

¹⁸ In accordance with the quality guidelines for shelters for victims of violence against women and domestic violence developed by CoE, training will be conducted for centers for social work and shelters (project outcome 3.1)

IV.1.6	Provision of support and shelter services for special groups (boys and men victims of domestic violence, LGBTI persons, etc.)	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Office MLGA, MFLT MF Municipalities NGOs	Specialized sheltering service tailored to the needs of specific groups	Istanbul Convention	<p>In the municipalities there are nine (9) functional shelters for victims of domestic violence, in: Gjakova, Ferizaj, Prishtina, Peja, Gjilan, Prizren, South Mitrovica, Novobrdro and Zubin Potok.</p> <p>The mechanisms support shelters to better handle cases of domestic violence and violence against women, ensuring quick access to available services for victims, serve as a platform for advocacy in order to receive financial resources from the respective municipalities and support the inclusion of survivors of gender-based violence in social housing programs.</p> <p>MLGA/ In the municipalities: Novobrdro, Prishtina, Gjilan, Gjakova, Prizren and Peja, the facilities where the shelters are located were donated by the respective municipalities, while the other shelters in Ferizaj and South Mitrovica pay monthly rent. While in Zubin Potok there is a Shelter called "Safe Regional House" and it operates in 4 municipalities in the north of the Republic of Kosovo, as well as in 6 municipalities that have provided the facility: Gjakova, Gjilan, Prishtina, Prizren, Ranillug and Peja. In terms of inter-municipal cooperation in this field, there are 21 municipalities that provide financial support for shelters: Prishtina, Decan, Glogoc, Ferizaj, Fushe Kosova, Gjakova, Gjilan, Istog, Kamenica, Lipjan, Malisheva, South Mitrovica, Obiliq, Peja, Podujeva, Prizren, Junik, Rahovec, Suhareka and Viti. In total, the financial support is in the amount of EUR 107,500. While the municipality of Vushtrri has reported that they have not offered readiness for cooperation agreements on the part of the shelter.</p>
IV.1.7	Financial support of services for victims of sexual assaults provided in public institutions or specialized NGOs	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MFLT MF Municipalities	Specialized service for victims of sexual assaults tailored to the needs of specific groups	Istanbul Convention	The provision of housing, rehabilitation and re-integration services for victims of domestic violence, women and children victims of various forms of crime in Kosovo's shelters continues.
IV.1.8	Financial support of services for child victims and witnesses of violence provided in public institutions or specialized NGOs	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MFLT MF Municipalities	Specialized service for child victims children witnessing violence, adapted to the needs of the targeted age group	Istanbul Convention	The provision of housing, rehabilitation and reintegration services for children as victims of domestic violence, as well as for children as victims of various forms of crime in the specialized shelter for children only, which exists within the NGOs Hope and Children's Homes continues.
IV.1.9	Appointment in courts of coordinators and profiled judges, for the treatment of cases of domestic violence	2022	Budget of Kosovo	KJC	Profiled judicial professionals in dealing with cases of domestic	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	With the approval of the strategy, the presidents of the courts were asked to appoint the coordinators. So far, all courts have appointed a coordinator. In a part of the courts, the judges have already been profiled, while for the other part, such a thing remains to be done.

	in the civil and criminal aspect		Government		violence and violence against women		
IV.1.1 0	Establishment of a unit for handling cases of domestic violence in prosecutor's offices where a large number of cases of domestic violence are reported	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	KPC	Profiling of professionals within prosecution offices in handling cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Coordinators and deputy coordinators of domestic violence have been appointed in all basic prosecutors' offices.
IV.1.1 1	Establishment of a special directorate in the police at the central level and units from the regional and local level for dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	MIA	Profiled police professionals in dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	According to the new organizational structure of the KP, the Directorate for the Prevention and Investigation of Domestic Violence has been formed, the Director of the Directorate has been appointed and is in the process of being staffed according to the structure.
IV.1.1 2	Purchasing vehicles for police directorate at the central level and regional unit levels.	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	MIA	Purchasing 7 vehicles for the police directorate at the central level and regional unit levels	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	The purchase of new cars is under consideration in the General Directorate of the Kosovo Police. Currently, all police stations and regional investigations are equipped with vehicles.
IV.1.1 3	Making functional the special directorate in the police at the central level and units from the regional and local level for dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government	MIA	Operationalization of a special directorate in police at the central level and units from the regional and local levels.	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Immediately after the approval of the organizational structure, which is in process, the Directorate for the Prevention and Investigation of Domestic Violence will be operationalized. Currently, the Department for the Prevention and Investigation of Domestic Violence has this responsibility.
IV.1.1 4	Increase in the percentage of women police	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government	MIA/KP	More female police officers in compliance with national and international legal provisions for complying with the principle of the victim's right to be treated by officers of the same gender	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	From 7,811 female police officers in 2022, there is an increase to 7,949 in 2023. The number of female officers is constantly moving due to the movement of staff within the police organization, even though in all the units that deal with cases of domestic violence, we have female officers. Kosovo Police staff who deal with domestic violence cases are; Regional Police Directorate: Prishtina 15 F / 15 M, South Mitrovica 8 F / 6 M, North Mitrovica 1 F/1 M, Peja 5F/5M, Prizren 3 F/9 M, Ferizaj 6 F/ 7 M, Gjilan 8 F/ 9 M and Gjakova 5 F/ 4M. Total: 51 women and 56 men.

IV.1.1 5	Establishment and functioning of friendly rooms for interviewing and treating victims at the local level for the Police	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MIA Police	Friendly rooms for interviewing victims set up and functional in the Kosovo Police buildings	Istanbul Convention	Within the Kosovo Police, there are 26 friendly-functional rooms for interviewing victims of domestic violence. The same are used for victims of trafficking and for delinquency with minors. We are in the process of building additional capacities by allocating other spaces.
IV.1.1 6	Providing the necessary means for immediate and adequate transportation of victims as well as a manageable cash budget for meals for victims, during their stay at the police station	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MIA Police MH Municipalities MFLT ACCK	Transportation of victims as needed to the police or CSW carried out promptly and by appropriate means Means of transport for the police Means of transport for the Centers for Social Work A manageable cash budget for victims	Istanbul Convention	For all victims of domestic violence and other victims, the Kosovo Police, in cases of reporting, appears at the scene and transports them to the police station or if required, to health institutions. The issue of the provision of food is being reviewed due to budget planning and it is believed that it will be fixed for the 6-month period. Based on Law 08/L-185, Article 21 paragraph 2 - The CSW must create an emergency fund for the needs of victims during the period when they are in the police. The police provides: - transportation of the victim and her dependents to the health facility for treatment or medical check-up during the case proceedings; - transport of the victim and, if necessary, her dependents to a shelter or other suitable and safe accommodation, at the request of the victim and together with the social worker. Transportation is provided by official KP vehicles
IV.1.1 7	Empowerment of VAAO with adequate human, financial and infrastructural capacities	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government	OCSP	Increasing the staff of VAAO from 25 to 40 employees and employees recruited		At the moment, 34 officials are employed in VAAO. Of them, 3 started work in 2023.
IV.1.1 8	Strengthening of VAAOs	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government	OCSP	Supply of laptop/computer, and office inventory for new		All VAAO officials are supplied with computers that have advanced performance and have access to the electronic system for case management. Also, the American Embassy has supplied the regional leaders of the VAAO with several laptops. During 2023, we did not receive any requests for the supply of IT equipment. As for the inventory, the staff are equipped with the necessary inventory and whenever they need it, the KPC enables them

					staff.		according to their requirements and budget possibilities.
IV.1.1 9	Purchase of vehicles for VAAOs	2022-2023	Budget of Kosovo Government	OCSF	Addition of vehicles (cars) for 7 cars.		The KPC has always offered support to the VAAO in this regard and at the moment there are 9 vehicles in the use of the VAAO.
IV.2	Specific Objective:	Implementing policies that enable long-term reintegration and sustainable empowerment of victims/survivors of violence					
IV.2.1	Profiling of professionals providing services for integration and sustainable empowerment of victims	2022-2024	Kosovo budget and donors	MAPL, Municipalities	List of profiled staff	Law on Public Officials, Law on Professions, Law on SFS	34 municipalities have appointed officials who are/ will be profiled.
IV.2.2	Creating a database on the number of victims/survivors of violence reintegrated through relevant programs, at the central and local level	2022	Kosovo budget and donors	MoJ/Office of the Coordinator, MFLT	Database created/updated	Istanbul Convention	The employment measure for women victims of violence was launched in December 2023. Regarding the implementation of this measure, a series of institutional mechanisms are included. This measure launched is for a period of six months with the possibility of extension and is currently in the process of implementation.
IV.2.3	Skills identification, referral for vocational guidance, and design of new programs in accordance with the identified skills development needs and adapting current vocational training programs.	2024 - 2026	Kosovo Government and donors	MFLT, MH, MoJ, MEST, specialized NGOs	List of identified skills Consolidated vocational training programs.	Istanbul Convention	This activity is planned to start in 2024.
IV.2.4	Providing employment opportunities for survivors of domestic violence and violence against women.	2022-2026	Kosovo Government and donors	MFLT, Employment Offices Municipalities Other local institutions, members of the Coordinating Mechanisms	Referred cases treated on a priority basis and employed	Istanbul Convention	Partially implemented by NGOs in cooperation with CSWs and employment offices.
IV.2.5	Development of a three-year social housing plan in the municipalities and planning of social housing for victims of domestic violence and violence against women (rent, provision of housing).	2022-2024	Government of Kosovo, Municipalities	MAPL, Municipalities	Consolidated social housing for victims	Istanbul Convention	1. The municipalities have also reported on the approval of the three-year plan for social housing, which was drawn up in 15 municipalities: Decan, Glogoc, Fushe Kosova, Gjakova, Gracanica, Istog, Kacanik, Klina, Malisheva, Novobrd, Obiliq, Podujeva, Rahovec, Skenderaj and Suhareka, while 6 municipalities are in the process: Ferizaj, Gjilan, Kamenica, Prizren, Junik, and Viti. v. During 2022, support of communities through the fund of EUR 1 million;

							vi. During 2023, EUR 2,915,000.00 have been allocated by the government for non-majority communities who are in a difficult economic and social situation and who do not have adequate housing conditions, in order to create normal living conditions in their municipalities. Out of EUR 2,915,000.00, EUR 2,000,000.00 have been allocated for the construction of houses and EUR 915,000.00 for the renovation of houses (For construction, a total of 78, 57 houses in 34 municipalities and 21 houses in the northern municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo have benefited). Out of 57 houses, the beneficiaries are 5 women. There are no data for the other 21 houses. https://mapl.rks-gov.net/shpallje-konkurse/thirrje-per-propozime/
IV.2.6	Creation of a grant fund for employment of victims of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024	Government of Kosovo, Municipalities	MoJ, MFLT	Fund created	Istanbul Convention	Not implemented.
IV.2.7	Establishment of a fund for grants for self-employment of victims of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024	Government of Kosovo, Municipalities	MFLT, MAFRD, MTI Government of Kosovo	Fund created	Istanbul Convention	Not implemented.
IV.2.8	Creating facilities for employers/businesses that employ vulnerable categories of society including victims of domestic violence and violence against	2022-2024	Government of Kosovo	MoJ, Kosovo Government, MFLT, MED	Reporting the number of employed victims.	Istanbul Convention	This activity is related to activity IV.2.2
IV.2.9	Subsidizing projects for economic empowerment of victims of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024	Government of Kosovo	AGE/OPM, Municipalities, MCYS, MTI	Projects for the economic empowerment of women implemented	Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024	In this reporting period, NGOs have not yet been selected because they have not met the criteria
IV.2.10	Subsidizing kindergarten payments to victims of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024	Government of Kosovo	AGE, Municipalities	Facilitating the situation of women victims of domestic violence and violence against women access to education for their children	Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024	Concerning the question which, according to the questionnaires prepared by the MLGA, related to how much was subsidized for kindergarten payments for victims of domestic violence and violence against women in municipalities, there are 11 municipalities that have already started to implement this: Decan, Fushe Kosova, Gjakova, Gjilan, Istog, Lipjan, Malisheva, Prishtina, Junik, Suhareka, and Vushtrri. The municipality of Fushe Kosova and Malisheva have reported with figures - 11 children in Fushe Kosova and 8 children in Malisheva. As for the municipality of Gjilan, during 2022 it has subsidized the children of self-supporting mothers and is in the process of subsidizing kindergarten

							<p>payments for children of victims of domestic violence. While the municipality of Lipjan implements the subsidy of kindergarten payments for children of domestic violence from 2016-2017.</p> <p>In the performance report, the achievements for each municipality in this field are reflected. The highest percentage is recorded in two indicators: Families in need who have been provided with social housing in the percentage of 69.13%; and Children in need who have been provide family housing in the percentage of 90.99% https://mapl.rks-gov.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Raporti-i-Performances-se-Komunave-janar-Dhjetor-2022.pdf</p>
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