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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 provide protection against domestic violence and violence against women following the standards of international instruments, applicable in the Republic of Kosovo. Based on this, the Strategy includes 4 strategic objectives: 1) Identifying and preventing violence, 2) Advancing and harmonizing public policies with international standards, 3) Institutional strengthening in prevention and addressing of domestic violence, and 4) Provision of general services and specialized support services to victims. These objectives are further divided into 13 specific objectives, which contain at least nine concrete activities for each specific objective.

This is the first annual report (January-December 2022) for monitoring the implementation of the activities foreseen in the 2022-2024 Action Plan for the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026. The report was compiled 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, Developing and Monitoring of Strategic Documents and their Action Plans.³ Also, the methodology to monitor the implementation of the Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women was used according to the “Monitoring Framework for 2022” which was drawn up by the Ministry of Justice in cooperation with the Working Group responsible for monitoring the strategic document.

The data presented are shown in a narrative and graphic form, in order to provide more detailed information regarding the implementation of the activities foreseen in the action plan for the implementation of the strategy. The Action Plan contains a passport of indicators, but the assessment of progress according to the passport of indicators is done on a three-year basis, and since this reporting is for the one-year period January - December 2022, it is reported only at the level of implementation of the activities planned for the corresponding period.

In general, there is a satisfactory implementation of the activities planned to start and/or end in 2022, where 59% or 78 of the planned activities are fully implemented/or partially implemented and 41% or 55 activities are not implemented during 2022.

As a whole, the report presents the general overview of the implementation of the Action Plan for the first year, the general progress of the implementation of the strategy according to the strategic objectives, the general performance according to the implementing structures, conclusions and recommendations, as well as Appendix 1, containing detailed explanations on the implementation of each activity.

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 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>

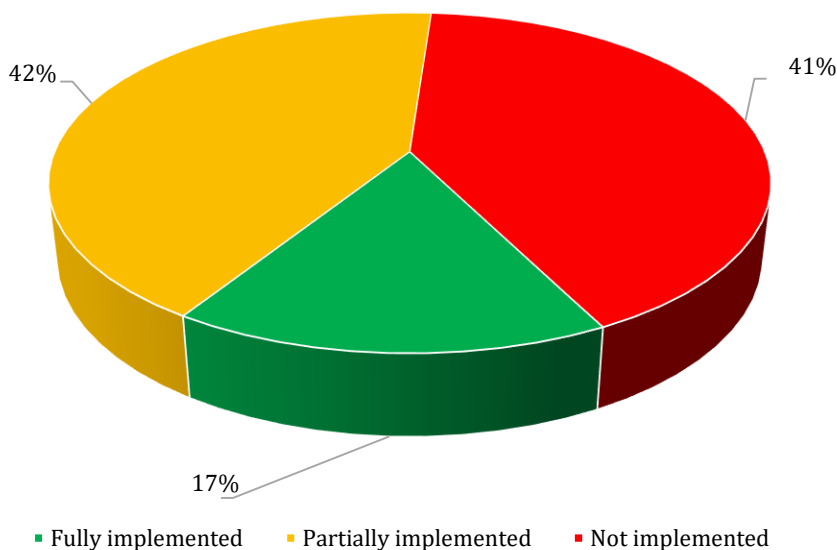
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The findings of the annual Report on the Strategy, which simultaneously reflect the current situation regarding domestic violence and violence against women in the Republic of Kosovo, provide information on key activities that comply with the criteria defined in local legislation, the Program of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo 2021–2025,⁴ the Istanbul Convention,⁵ the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women (CEDAW),⁶ the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,⁷ the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda,⁸ as well as other sector strategies. It turns out that improvements have been made through the implemented activities of the Strategy in the field of advancing and harmonizing public policies with international standards as well as institutional strengthening for the protection and treatment of victims.

These activities of the Strategy have been evaluated based on three evaluation categories: 1) fully implemented; 2) partially implemented or under implementation; and 3) not implemented.

Fig. 1: The state of implementation of Strategy activities for the period January-December 2022.



Based on figure 1, we note that most of the activities that are foreseen in the Strategy Action Plan for this period have been fully implemented or are being implemented, and data shows that 59% of the activities have been implemented or partially implemented. Of the 133 activities planned during the reporting period, 22 activities (17%) have been fully implemented, 56 activities (42%) have been partially implemented or are in the process of being implemented, and 55 activities (41%) have not started to be implemented.

⁴ Program of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo 2021–2025, May 2021: <https://kryeministri.rks-gov.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Programi-i-Qeverise-se-Kosoves-2021-2025.pdf>

⁵ Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention): <https://rm.coe.int/168046246b>

⁶ Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women (CEDAW): <https://hrrp.eu/alb/docs/CEDAw-a.pdf>.

⁷ Accessible at: https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/system/files/swd_2020_284_en_final.pdf.

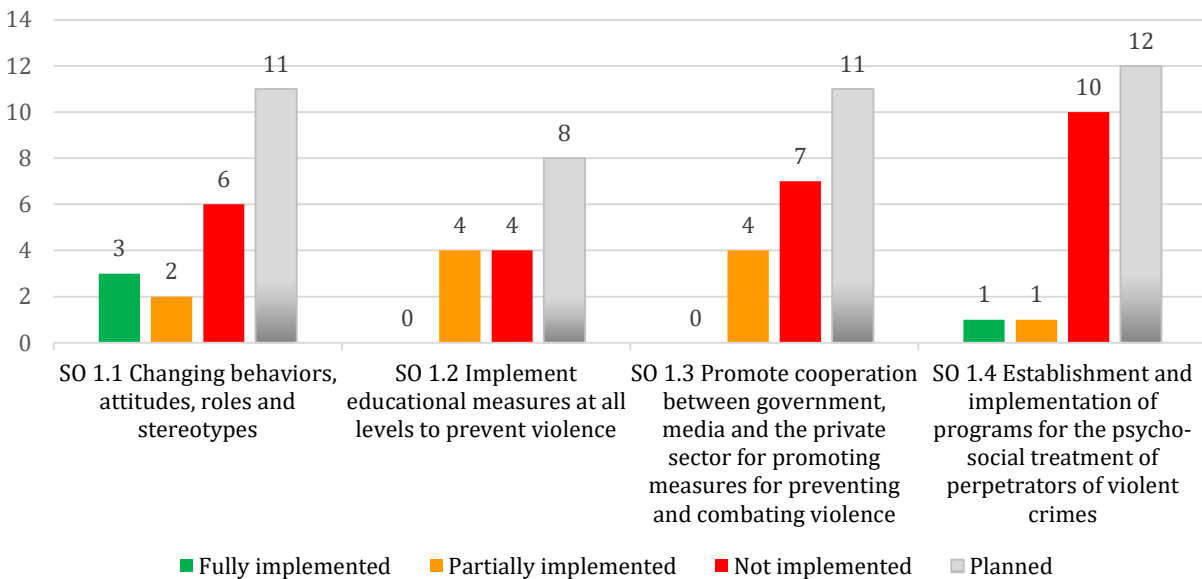
⁸ Accessible at: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals> and <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/21252030%20Agenda%20for%20Sustainable%20Development%20web.pdf>.

II. OVERALL STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS BY STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Strategic Objective #1: Identifying and preventing violence

Prevention and identification are presented as two very important phases in dealing with the phenomenon of domestic violence and violence against women. Consequently, the Action Plan also reflects their importance, where of all the strategic objectives, the largest number of activities is foreseen within this objective. In this regard, out of a total of 42 planned activities, 4 of them have been fully implemented (10%), 11 of them have been partially implemented (26%), and 27 activities remain unimplemented (64%).

Fig. 2: Results within Strategic Objective #1



The significantly higher implementation within this strategic objective is present in specific objective 1: “*changing behaviors, attitudes, roles and gender stereotypes that justify violence*” as regards the number of planned activities. Whereas, the largest number of unimplemented activities, as regards planned activities, is presented in specific Objective 4 “*Establishment and implementation of programs for the psycho-social treatment of perpetrators of violent crimes*”.

The main success stories in this objective that are worth being mentioned are: the annual campaign of 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence and domestic violence; Promoting positive role models of Change Agents in the community, which challenge gender stereotypes and express non-tolerance towards violence; Continuous awareness campaigns/activities by the Kosovo Police; and, Identification of needs for the treatment of perpetrators of acts of domestic violence and violence against women and evaluation of programs for this purpose.

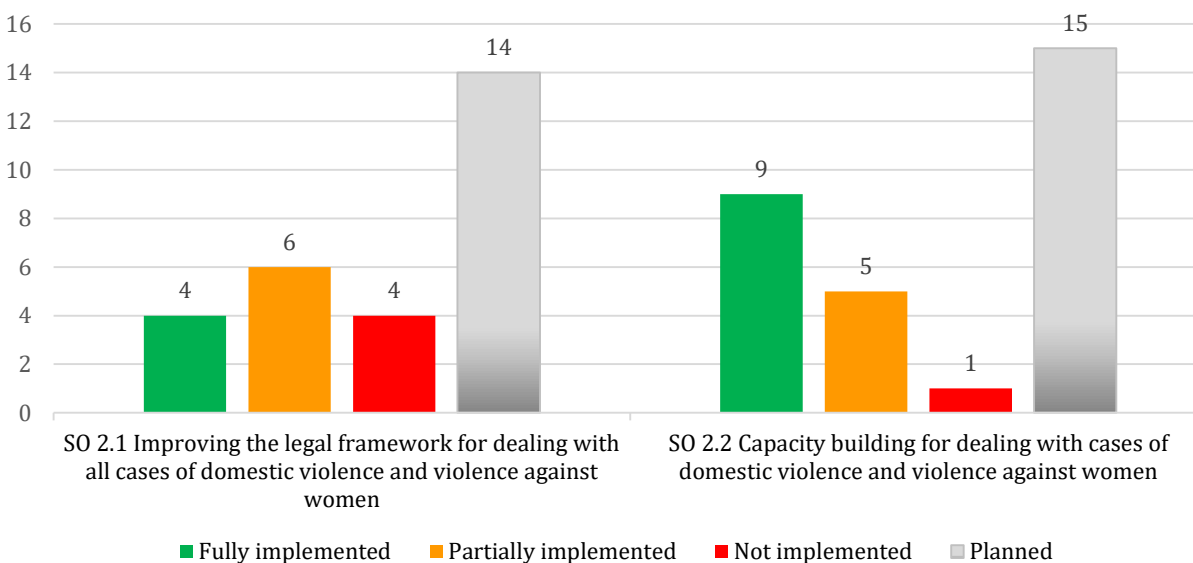
The biggest challenges and gaps within this objective are presented in the capacities of the institutions for the implementation of concrete activities (drafting of relevant programs and analyses), as well as the lack of budgetary capacities (awareness campaigns, information sessions and relevant research).

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

Strategic Objective 2 includes a total of 29 activities, which aim to improve the legal framework, investments in human and infrastructural resources, and close cooperation with civil society organizations, in order to facilitate the processes of treating victims and managing cases of domestic violence and violence against women

Within Strategic Objective 2, a total of 13 activities have been fully implemented (45%), 11 activities have been partially implemented (38%), while 5 activities remain unimplemented (17%), during this reporting period.

Fig. 3: Results within Strategic Objective #2



Specific Objective 2 “Capacity building for dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women” has the most fully implemented activities, with a total of 60%.

As regards objective 2, the following are considered success stories: Drafting of the State Protocol for Treatment of Sexual Violence Cases in Kosovo, Reporting on the application of adherence procedures in cases of domestic violence and violence against women, and Building capacities of judges and prosecutors, professional associates, victims’ defenders and other relevant actors for the fair and effective implementation of legislation with a focus on the punishment of perpetrators of criminal acts of domestic violence and of persons who violate protective orders. Moreover, it is worth noting that the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence, which has already been submitted to the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo, provides an important step

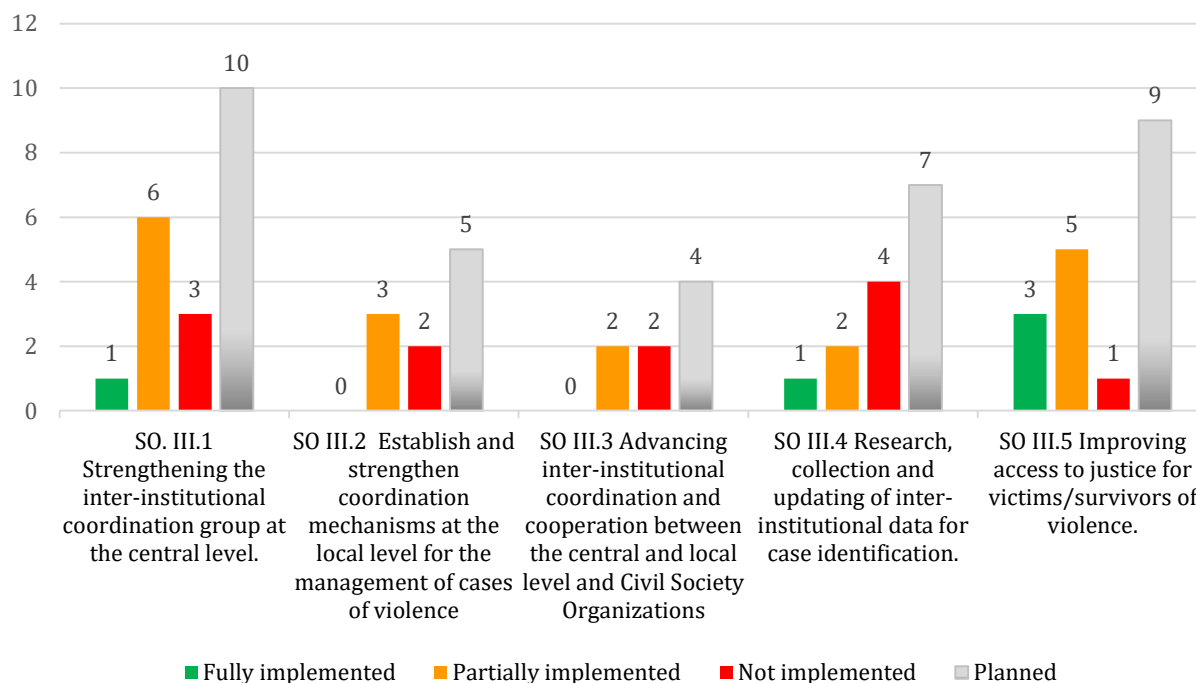
to undertake the necessary changes for the implementation of a significant number of follow-up activities of this Strategy.

In terms of challenges and gaps, Strategic Objective 2 is faced with a lack of budget capacity to address some of the activities aimed at the treatment and access to victims of domestic violence (number of friendly rooms, provision of technology for communication with the victim, and others). In addition, the leading institutions have also faced a lack of human capacities, which have turned out to be necessary for the continuous monitoring or re-examination of the legal framework (monitoring of the implementation of the legal definition for toughening the punishments for recidivist perpetrators of violence, re-examination of Standard Operating Procedures, review of the Regulation on the work of Victim Defenders).

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

Within Objective 3, a total of 35 activities are planned. Within these activities, 5 activities have been fully implemented (14%), 18 activities have been partially implemented or are being implemented (51%), while 12 activities remain unimplemented (34%).

Fig. 4: Results within Strategic Objective #3



Strategic objective 3 foresees 5 specific objectives, within which the greatest progress is reflected in specific objective 1 “Strengthening the inter-institutional coordination group at the central level”, while the lowest percentage of implementation is presented in specific objective 3 “Advancing

inter-institutional coordination and cooperation between the central and local level and Civil Society Organizations”.

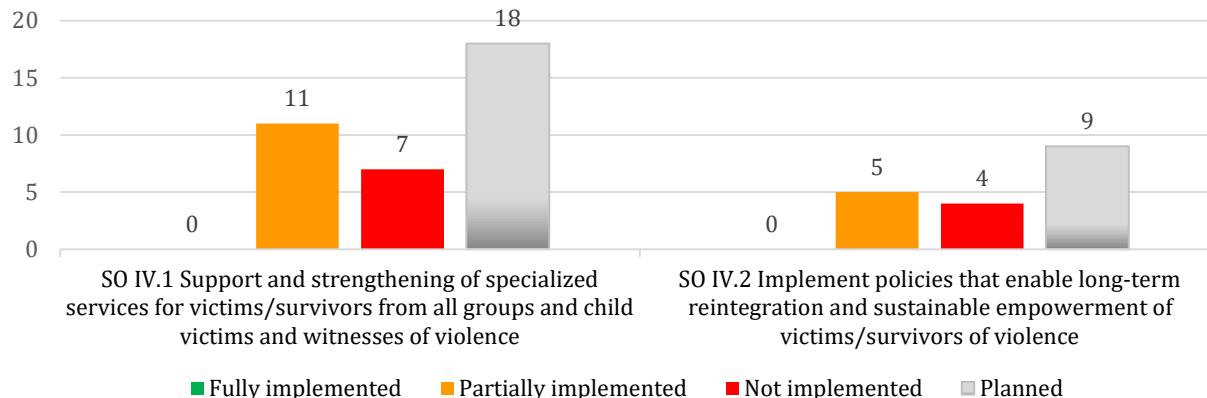
The main success stories in this objective are: Assigning in the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence the responsibility of the Office of the National Coordinator as the national body that oversees the coordination, monitoring and implementation of the Istanbul Convention, and reports on the implementation of this Convention in GREVIO; Budget planning for the establishment of this Office; Strengthening the capacities of the officials of the responsible institutions integrated into the database against domestic violence, in the identification of cases in the application during the registration process; Facilitating access to justice for citizens who do not have sufficient financial means, especially for victims of gender-based violence, sexual violence, non-majority communities and displaced persons; Support with free legal aid for persons exposed to violence in court proceedings; and Sensitization of society through advocacy and awareness for access to justice focusing on property rights, gender-based violence, survivors of sexual violence during the war and other rights derived from relevant legislation.

As for the challenges related to the specifics of this objective, some of the actions that have not yet been implemented relate to the limited number of human capacities (Preparation of a guide on the type of administrative data, research, and the methodology of collection and analysis of these data, in accordance with the definitions and requirements in the Istanbul Convention); Inter-institutional cooperation (Strengthening the capacities of responsible central and local institutions for the collection of administrative data in accordance with the agreed methodology; Cooperation with civil society (support from central and local state bodies, as well as working together with civil society); the lack of budget planning and inadequate planning of actions (the protection offered and the relevant institutions where victims/survivors of domestic violence and violence against women should be addressed, as well as the creation of a separate financial budget line for the functioning of the Coordinating Mechanisms in the local level).

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

Strategic objective 4 contains 27 activities foreseen in the Action Plan. During the reporting period, none of these activities has been fully implemented, however 16 activities are being implemented (59%), while 11 activities remain unimplemented (41%).

Fig. 5: Results within Strategic Objective #4



Compared to the previous strategic objectives, where most of the activities have been implemented or are being implemented, in this part a very low execution of the activities planned by the relevant institutions can be observed. Of the two specific objectives foreseen, specific objective 1 “*Support and strengthening of specialized services for victims/survivors from all groups and child victims and witnesses of violence*” reflects 67% of the general implementation of strategic objective 4.

However, some of the activities are currently being implemented, including the appointment of coordinators and profiled judges in courts, for dealing with cases of domestic violence in civil and criminal cases; establishment of a special directorate in the police at the central level and units from the regional and local level to deal with cases of domestic violence and violence against women, engagement of 20 police officers, and creation of a database for the number of victims/survivors of reintegrated violence empowered through relevant programs, at the central and local level.

Within this objective, some serious challenges are presented in terms of planning and engagement in the implementation of actions (providing support and housing services for special groups such as boys and men victims of domestic violence, LGBTI+ persons, etc.); improper planning of human capacities (functionalization of the National Helpline for all forms of violence against women and domestic violence, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in all official languages in Kosovo, in accordance with the requirements of the Istanbul Convention as well as the establishment of a unit for handling cases of domestic violence in prosecutor's offices where a large number of cases of domestic violence are presented); lack of cooperation with the public and private sector (providing employment opportunities for survivors of domestic violence and violence against women); and inadequate budget planning (financial support of services for child victims and child witnesses of violence as well as victims of sexual assault provided by public institutions or specialized NGOs).

III. OVERALL PERFORMANCE ACCORDING TO IMPLEMENTING STRUCTURES

As for the performance of the responsible institutions, the following table reflects the state of implementation of activities during the reporting period.

No.	Institution	Planned in 2022	Fully implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	Planned after 2022
1	NC-MoJ	50	6	22	22	
2	KP	6	3	3	0	1
3	MIA - PA	5	0	5	0	1
4	MLGA	7	0	4	3	
5	MoH	9	0	1	7	1
6	MESTI	9	0	4	5	1
7	AGE	2	1	0	1	
8	IMC	6	0	3	3	1
9	KJC	8	2	3	3	
10	KPC	3	0	1	2	
11	MIET	3	0	0	3	
12	MFLT	9	0	2	7	2
13	KRC	1	0	1	0	
14	AoJ	6	6	0	0	
15	KAPS	2	1	1	0	
16	AFLA	3	1	2	0	
17	VAMO	2	2	0	0	
18	Office of the General Prosecutor	3	0	3	0	
Total		133	22	56	55	7

IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The National Strategy on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026 has a relatively good implementation during the first year, where over 59% of the activities defined for the reporting period have been fully implemented or are being implemented. Out of a total of 140 activities, 7 of them are planned to start implementation during the year 2023/2024, therefore their implementation has not started during the reporting period.

Also, it is worth noting that progress has been achieved in the implementation of activities such as:

- Improvement of the legal framework and strengthening capacities for addressing cases of domestic violence and violence against women, taking into account the standards of the Istanbul Convention;
- Issuance of the Guideline for Sentencing Policy by KJC;
- Provision of physical space for interviewing the victim and perpetrator of violence;
- In most courts, there are technological and IT equipment that can assist the needs that may be presented, in order to conduct the trial;
- Kosovo Police has investigated 2764 cases of domestic violence, notifying the victims' defenders by phone but also through the daily report electronically;
- the Academy of Justice has developed annual training curricula for building the professional capacities of judges, prosecutors, professional associates, victims' defenders and other relevant actors for the fair and effective implementation of legislation, with a focus on the punishment of perpetrators of criminal offences of domestic violence, as well as persons who violate protective orders;
- The budget for the establishment of the Office of the National Coordinator against Domestic Violence is planned;
- Several Local Coordinating Mechanisms against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women have been created;
- With the supplementation of the Law on Free Legal Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence, victims based on gender are direct beneficiaries of free legal aid;
- AFLA, through the support of donors, has ensured the opening of mobile offices for free legal aid in 6 other municipalities: Klinë, Podujevë, Lipjan/Shtime, Kaçanik/Hani i Elezit;
- Judges have already been profiled in a part of the courts and during the year 2023, the profiling of judges will be done in all courts of Kosovo.

Some of the recommendations that emerge from this report are as follows:

- Increasing the efforts of the institutions responsible for this Strategy, by properly planning the actions and by allocating the budget for these actions;
- Including the activities of this Strategy in the performance plans of each responsible institution, as well as their prioritization;
- Establishing all the institutional mechanisms foreseen by this Strategy as soon as possible;

- Further development of inter-institutional cooperation, increasing communication and meetings with all actors;
- Higher involvement of civil society and strategic partners in the development of the activities of this Strategy, in particular in those activities where the institutions do not have sufficient capacities;
- Maintaining gender-disaggregated data for all actions, when applicable;
- Drafting of Rules of Procedure for data collection and reporting by the institutions responsible for the implementation of the Strategy.

V. RISKS AND STEPS TO ADDRESS THEM

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

- Delays in establishing the Office of the National Coordinator against Domestic Violence;
- Improper planning of activities as well as lack of sufficient budget for financing activities;
- Lack of accountability from the responsible institutions and institutional officials; incorrect addressing of activities and insufficient reporting;
- Limited institutional capacities to improve data collection and real-time use of the database created at the Ministry of Justice with the coordination of all relevant institutions;
- Lack of genuine cooperation between the Government, the media, civil society and private businesses regarding actions against domestic violence and violence against women.

In order to address these risks, the implementing institutions of this Strategy must undertake the actions foreseen as soon as possible, always ensuring close coordination with all actors.

Regarding these actions, some steps should be taken in terms of:

- Preliminary budget planning, allocation of adequate funds, and creation of budget lines for proper and timely implementation of activities;
- Following the approach based on human rights, and addressing the intersection of gender discrimination with other forms of discrimination;
- Building the capacities for data collection and reporting related to domestic violence and violence against women, and actions taken, or delays in taking these actions;
- Genuine cooperation with strategic partners, civil society, media and private businesses related to the planned actions.

ANNEX 1

Action Plan monitoring report for 2022

Activities fully implemented	Activities partially implemented	Not implemented

No.	Objectives and actions	Dead line	Source of funding	Leading and supporting institution	Product (Output)	Reference documents	Progress in implementation
I.	Strategic objective:	Prevention and identification of violence					
I.1	Specific objective:	Changing behaviors, attitudes, roles and gender stereotypes that justify violence					
I.1.1.	Conduct an analysis to understand general perception on violence	2022	Kosovo Budget Donors	MoJ/Coordinator's Office	Report with findings and recommendations	MICS Report, Kosovo Agency of Statistics	This activity is carried over to 2023, due to the lack of budget planning.
I.1.2	Promoting positive role models of "Agents of change in the community", who challenge gender stereotypes and show zero tolerance to violence	2022-2024 (Ongoing)	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ / Coordinator's Office AGE, all ministries and development partners, human rights institutions, NGO	Video messages and posters of loved ones for the public that serve as positive role models and encouragement not to accept and tolerate domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 7, 12, 12/5 and 13, Chapter IV, Articles 18 and 19, Chapter V, Article 42)	Promotion of positive role models of change agents in the community was developed through 7 professional video messages and 25 non-professional video messages. Addressing the video messages was aimed at sensitizing the public about non-tolerance towards domestic violence and violence against women. The same video messages were distributed on the official website of the Ministry of Justice, social networks and television, while the 25 non-professional video messages were distributed by artists, sportsmen, women's rights activists, influential people in the community, politicians, ministers, deputy ministers, etc. The development of this activity is based on the plan of the Minister of Justice. The said activity started in July 2022, with continuation for 2023. In addition to video messages, leaflets on reporting domestic

							violence, the Law on Free Legal Aid and the Law on Crime Victim Compensation were distributed. All video messages have been distributed through the official website of the Ministry of Justice, as well as on the social networks (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) of the Ministry, as well as various actors have distributed the video messages on their social networks (Facebook and Instagram).
I.1.3	Information sessions and mobilization of community leaders as partners and collaborators in actions against domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024 (Ongoing)	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ / Coordinator's Office, religious communities AGE, all ministries and development partners, human rights institutions, NGO, international institutions	More community leaders informed on the importance of their attitude against domestic violence and violence against women A memorandum of cooperation signed between the 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)	In the framework of the planned activity, meetings-information sessions were held with the mayors of five municipalities (Prishtina, Shtime, Ferizaj, Gjilan and Dragash). The purpose of these meetings was to provide information on the importance of their call and actions as mayors in addressing and fighting domestic violence and violence against women, as well as community mobilization for the purpose of information (local communities, religious communities, NGOs, schools, etc.) . In all the meetings, the role of leaders in communities, as well as the role of the Local Coordinating Mechanism against domestic violence and violence against women and girls have been emphasized.

I.1.4.	Monthly awareness activities on domestic violence and violence against women with a particular focus on vulnerable groups of women and girls	2022-2024 (every month)	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ / Coordinator's Office AGE, all ministries and development partners, human rights institutions, NGO, international institutions	At least 12 awareness-raising activities carried out each year More women and girls from vulnerable groups informed of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 13)	As part of the planned activity, meetings were held with the shelters and sheltered victims (Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj and Gjakova). Due to the confidential nature and security, these meetings cannot take place in other spaces. Addressing the issues in the held meetings are based on information on the legal basis, victims' rights, legal representation through free legal aid, crime victim compensation, education and training, social housing as well as integration and rehabilitation for victims of domestic violence. Women and girls of different ages, as well as victim women from the Roma, Ashkali, Egyptian, Serbian and Bosnian communities (Prizren) attended the meetings. NGO's representing women caregivers in the family, self-supporting mothers and the LGBTQ+ community were also part of the organized meetings. On November 25 th , in all primary and secondary schools, the first lesson is dedicated to domestic violence and violence against women and girls. This activity was developed in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Municipalities. Two meetings were organized with women's businesses in Kamenica and Drenas (survivors of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo and women with disabilities). In cooperation with the OSCE mission, 13 information sessions were organized with students and pupils of secondary and primary schools. The topics elaborated in these sessions are related to gender equality, domestic violence, violence against women and girls, as well as gender-based violence. 190 persons participated in these sessions, 130 of them girls and 60 boys.
I.1.5.	Ongoing awareness campaigns/activities by the Kosovo Police	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	KP Responsible local institutions, NGO	At least three awareness-raising activities carried out each year	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 13)	During the year 2022, the domestic violence sector held 226 lectures in primary and secondary schools with a total of 9307 participants (students). During the year 2022, 20,000 awareness flyers were distributed throughout the country, through the Regional Police Directorates, as well as 3 awareness messages were

							prepared and distributed through the official pages of the KP. The lectures are only from the field of domestic violence prevention and so are the flyers.
I.1.6	Education and promotion of positive models of boys and men as “Agents of change in the community”, who challenge gender stereotypes and show zero tolerance to domestic violence and violence against women and they do not accept the “codes of honor and shame”, which encourage violent actions, up to fatality.	2022-2024 (Ongoing)	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ/Coordinator’s Office, AGE, all ministries and development partners, human rights institutions, NGOs.	Video messages and posters of persons loved by the public that serve as positive role models and encouragement not to accept and tolerate domestic violence and violence against women. More men and boys allies of women and girls in the fight against domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 7, 12, 12/5 and 13, Chapter IV, Articles 18 and 19, Chapter V, Article 42)	Topics such as “What is violence?”, “Why does violence happen?”, “To whom does it happen?”, “Where should it be reported?”, “Where should help and support be sought?” and “How do you get compensated as a victim of crime?”, are addressed through awareness-raising videos by Change Agents in the community (Rita Ora, Vera Ora, Lorik Cana, Distria Krasniqi, Shkurte Fejza, Mrika Nikqi and Ilire Vinca). The launch of the partnership with “Adem Jashari” Airport in the distribution of messages against domestic violence and violence against women and girls, as well as public enterprises such as VALA, KEDS, KRU-Prishtina, Kompania PASTRIMI and municipal enterprises have contributed to raising awareness by including on consumer bills the helpline numbers to the Kosovo Police for reporting and the message that domestic violence is a crime and must be reported.
I.1.7	Annual campaign of 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence and domestic violence (25 November – 10 December)	2022-2024 (once annually)	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ/Coordinator’s Office, AGE, all ministries and development partners, human rights institutions, NGOs	1 awareness campaign coordinated between institutions, partners and NGOs, with 16-day duration,	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12 and 13)	For the first time, this activity has been planned, directed and organized by the Ministry of Justice in cooperation with strategic partners, civil society and with the support of the Embassies in the Republic of Kosovo. The planned activities are inter-institutional and cross-sectoral, including the local level and civil society in the country. The campaign was organized with 43 activities carried out by MoJ, while more than

					carried out annually. Coordination of messages and activities to maximize impact.		200 activities were coordinated within this campaign. As part of the campaign, 16 video messages were made, as well as awareness messages with leaflets against domestic violence, violence against women and girls and gender-based violence, as well as messages through electricity and water bills were distributed.
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 the Government of Kosovo Donors	MLGA Municipality / Civil Registry Offices, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, human rights institutions, NGOs	Young people who decide to start a family are informed about the law protecting the family and the various forms of domestic violence and violence against women.	Istanbul Convention (chapters III and IV)	Not implemented.
I.1.9.	Assessment of effectiveness of piloted premarital counselling programs/courses, and drafting guidelines for their distribution throughout Kosovo	2024-2025	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MLGA Municipality / Civil Registry Offices, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, human rights institutions, NGOs	Report prepared on the assessment of the effectiveness of such programs/centers with relevant findings and recommendations.	Istanbul Convention (Chapters III and IV)	Not implemented.

					Guidelines developed for the extension of these programs/courses throughout the country, based on this assessment.		
I.1.10	Counselling program for positive parenting at the health service centers for women and the family, or at the centers for social work.	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoH/ counselling or consultants for mothers and children, MFLT/CSW, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, municipalities, human rights institutions, NGO, international institutions	Module on positive parenting developed and ready to apply with parents (mothers and fathers) Professionals trained to apply this module	Istanbul Convention (Chapters III and IV) Family code	<p>Within the program of home visits for mother and child care, pregnant women, mothers and fathers are counseled on positive parenting. Those trained to implement the home visiting program are also trained in the good parenting module.</p> <p>405 home visits were carried out, with the following medical personnel: 48 doctors, 307 nurses, 16 educators, 34 social workers.</p> <p>As for the inclusion of grandparents in counseling, although if they are present during the home visit, they offer advice on supporting young parents, we have no data since this service is not included in the reporting indicators.</p>
I.1.11	Evaluation of the counselling program for positive parenting at the health service centers for women and the family, or at the centers for social work and drafting guidelines for their	2025-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoH/counselling or consultants for mothers and children, MFLT/CSW, MoJ/Office of the National Coordinator, AGE, municipalities,	The report prepared on the evaluation of the efficiency of such programs with the relevant findings and	Istanbul Convention (Chapters III and IV)	This activity is planned to start in 2025.

	distribution throughout Kosovo			human rights institutions, NGO, international institutions	recommendations		
I.1.12	Awareness-raising campaign for parents to prevent early marriages	2022 T4-2024	No need to calculate additional costs ⁹	MASHT, DKA, QPS, OJQ	2 campaigns carried out annually	Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024 (activity II.1.14)	During this year MESTI is drafting a package for teachers, part of which will be the prevention of early marriages through the teaching process and of course we will also start with information sessions in the field. (It was not implemented during 2022 due to delays and the commitment of experts for the design of the package for teachers. Once the package for teachers is approved, we will start with sessions/campaigns).
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 the Government of Kosovo MESTI	MESTI, partner institutions	Report with recommendations	Core pre-university education curricula/subject programs University curricula/syllabus Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	This research started in 2022 and, based on the action plan of the Strategy for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, at the request of MESTI, it is being carried out by the Pedagogical Institute of Kosovo and is expected to be completed during this year. This activity was not carried out during the year 2022, because the Pedagogical Institute of Kosovo does not have enough budget to carry out the research. The results of the research will come out at the end of 2023.

⁹ This activity is planned in the Kosovo Program for Gender Equality 2020 - 2024 and it is about 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 there is no cost for the year 2024 in the reference document.

I.2.2.	Information sessions on violence with officials of municipal directorates of education, school principals, school psychologists/psychologists and academic units.	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo MESTI	MEST, MED schools, Academic units University Center for Human Rights, other partners.	More officials of municipal education directorates, school principals, school psychologists/psychologists informed about domestic violence and violence against women and their role	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	During 2022, the sensitization campaign for the implementation of Protocol 21/2013 was carried out (infographs/posters showing the system of prevention, identification, treatment and reporting of violence were distributed in DKA and activities/discussion tables were held in schools); A number of meetings were held in the regions (6 roundtables in the municipalities: Klinë, Prizren, Pejë, Gjiçan, Ferizaj and Prishtina) where the aspects of school dropout and violence were discussed, generally the context of child protection; 183 teachers and psychologists were involved in these municipalities, 98 of them girls/women and 85 boys/men. Infographics have been developed for the implementation of protocol 21/2013 for the prevention and referral of violence in schools. These infographics in all municipalities have been developed in four languages: Albanian, Serbian, Bosnian and Turkish. Promotion of children's rights and protection policies through speaking out and participating in TV shows on aspects of school violence, child protection and school dropouts (5 TV shows, 2 radio appearances and 5 written responses to various newspapers).
I.2.3	Addressing and monitoring the implementation of the recommendations arising from the comprehensive research	2023-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo MESTI	MESTI	Curricula and additional materials that affect the prevention of domestic violence and violence against women	Pre-university and university education policies	Activity planned to start in 2023.
I.2.4	Preparation of a guide for the staff of pre-university education	2022-2023	Budget of the Government	MESTI	Prepared guide in accordance with international	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 12,	This guideline is planned to be drafted this year. According to our annual plans, since we had a deadline for year 2023, this guideline shall be drafted.

	institutions regarding the identification signs of predispositions of domestic violence of children in schools, in order to prevent and refer to the responsible instances.		nt of Kosovo MESTI		standards and best practices	13, 14 and 15)	
I.2.5	Preparation and development of a training program for quality coordinators and school psychologists prevention, identification, treatment and referral of incidents of sexual harassment at school, as well as domestic violence and violence against women, in the responsible instances	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo MESTI	MESTI, Partners	2 sessions for participants from 10 municipalities per year/total of 30 municipalities for 3 years More quality coordinators and school psychologists informed and ready to prevent, identify, treat and refer incidents of sexual harassment in schools and other forms of violence to the responsible instances	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	During 2022, discussion sessions were held with quality coordinators in the municipalities: Ferizaj, Pejë, Gjakovë, Gjilan, Prizren and Mitrovica with the aim of preventing and increasing the efficiency of reporting violence. Teachers/coordinators in these sessions were 171 participants (94 girls/women and 77 boys/men).

I.2.6	Comprehensive research regarding the engagement of psychologists in schools and the identification of needs for each institution.	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	MESTI	The research report carried out and published along with the recommendations provided.	Legislation on Education Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Article 14)	Not implemented.
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 the Government of Kosovo Donors	MESTI, OSCE, Council of Europe	Newsletter finalized and distributed to all educational institutions in Kosovo A new publication detailing the requirements of Article 14 of the Istanbul Convention will be ready by 2022, with the support of CoE	Istanbul Convention (Article 14) Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo	During 2022, the newsletter on the role of the education sector in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention was drafted and it is expected to be sent to schools in the Republic of Kosovo by the end of April 2023. Of course, this year too informative sessions will be organized with teachers about the role of the school in implementing this Convention. This newsletter was drawn up at the end of December 2022 and all the recommendations that derive from the Convention, namely Article 14 are part of it and are surely obligatory. It will soon be published and distributed in all MEDs.
I.2.8.	Information sessions with Parents (Mothers and Fathers) Council and Pupils and Students' Council on the equality between girls and boys and consequences of domestic violence	2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	MESTI, Pre-University Education Institutions	Regularly organized information sessions on an annual basis More parents (mothers and fathers) as well as more students informed about	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 12, 13, 14)	This activity is expected to be realized in the following years due to the consolidation procedures of the Parents' Council. This activity cannot be realized without the consolidation of the Parents' Council. We look forward to organizing sessions with them this year and in the years to come.

					the equality between girls and boys and consequences of domestic violence		
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 the Government of Kosovo	MEST, Pre-University Education Institutions	Girls' and boys' education programs on prevention and identification of sexual harassment in schools and to combat the negative and sexist portrayal of women and girls, organized on an annual basis by offering trainings to MED.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 12, 13, 14)	During the year 2022, informative sessions were organized with teachers and students of the municipality of Prishtina, Gjilan, Prizren, and Drenas on prevention, identification of sexual harassment and the way of reporting. This activity is planned to be carried out with teachers from other municipalities, which we have already started. These sessions were carried out jointly with MESTI-OSBE and 20 participants from each municipality were involved. In total, there were 80 teachers, 57 women and 23 men (municipal officials, female teachers, teachers and school psychologists were involved).
I.3	Strategic objective	Enhancing cooperation between government, media and the private sector to promote measures to prevent and combat violence					
I.3.1	Encourage the media to set guidelines and self-regulatory standards to increase respect for women's dignity, in order to help build positive gender	2022-2023	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	IMC, AGE, Media, Audiovisual Media Authority, MoJ / Office of the National Coordinator, NGO	The media are encouraged and supported to set and applies self-regulatory guidelines and standards that avoid	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Article 17)	IMC has reached a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Kosovo Gender Studies Center (KGSC) and the Agency for Gender Equality (AGE), which, among other things, aims to eliminate hate speech in the media. In this regard, IMC, AGE and KGSC have sent an open letter to the media, with the request that during the broadcast of the program contents they should be careful and take all the appropriate actions in order to efficiently implement the Code of Ethics,

	roles and prevent violence against women				discrimination and violence against women.		namely to avoid the contents that promote hate speech, vulgar and offensive language, as well as encourage or promote any form of discrimination and non-tolerance, with special emphasis on women, as during live broadcasts where there is also the possibility of misuse of the media space by guests in shows but also in other program contents.
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 the Government of Kosovo	IMC AGE, Media, Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Union of Journalists, MoJ / ONC, NGO	More men and women professionals of visual and print media, who treat responsibly and pay due attention to domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17)	On June 13 th , 2022, the Independent Media Commission (IMC) hosted a group of young journalists from Kosovo on a working visit, as part of a study visit. https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3512 . In the framework of the cooperation between the IMC with the Department of Journalism of the University of Pristina (UP), the OSCE and the Kosovo Journalists Association (AJK), during the months of July-August 2022, the second phase of practical work has continued in IMC, for journalism students selected by the Journalism Department. Link: https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3507 . On November 23, 2022, the Independent Media Commission (IMC) hosted a group of young journalists and journalism students from the School of Journalism Ethics on a study visit, as part of a study visit organized by the Press Council of of Kosovo (PCK). ¹⁰ Participation and presentation of IMC regulations in the seminar on handling cases of sexual assault and sexual violence and the importance of sensitive reporting in the media. ¹¹
I.3.3	Increased number of women media	2022-2026	Budget of the Government	IMC AGE, Media,	More women professionals	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III	This part cannot be enforced by the regulator, but only by the media. Because according to the law on IMC, Article 3, Powers of the IMC, item 1 defines that:

¹⁰ https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3547

¹¹ https://www.kpm-ks.org/lajmi_i_plot/3532?fbclid=IwAR21iS8_DF6c1yOvi9vZ58ULJenEiNJ692KPsqjXVErDYgr575dKC6FAA2M

	professionals (journalists, executives, analysts, etc.) as well as training them to access prepare and manage media information through technology.		nt of Kosovo	Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Union of Journalists, MoJ /ONC, NGO	in the media field Women in the media trained to use technology in media information management	Articles 15, 17)	<i>"Independent Media Commission shall be an independent body for regulation, management, and oversight of the broadcasting frequency spectrum. IMC shall regulate the rights, obligations and responsibilities of natural and legal persons that provide audio and audiovisual media services."</i> Therefore, the KPM regulates the media and their work, but it has no authority to interfere in the internal organization of the media.
I.3.4	Urging to use non-sexist language and avoiding advertisements, or audio-visual materials written with sexist content and in favour of violent and discriminatory attitudes, in public and private media institutions	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	IMC, AGE, media, Audiovisual Media Authority, Faculty of Journalism, Union of Journalists, MD/Office of the National Coordinator, NGOS	TV shows, spots, advertisements and articles in public and private media use non-sexist, non-discriminatory and co-tolerant language against violence against women and domestic violence	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17)	IMC has forwarded a statement to all licensed media for signature, through which the media pledges to advance gender equality in Kosovo in the field of media as well as to advance gender equality and work to eliminate the negative portrayal of women in the media. Moreover, the media pledge to implement the obligations arising from the Code of Ethics for Audiovisual Media Services, as well as the basic principles of non-discrimination and gender equality protected and promoted by national and international legislation.
I.3.5	Preparation and implementation of clear policies and functional grievance mechanisms that prohibit discriminatory, sexist content, or	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Audiovisual Media Authority, Union of Journalists, MoJ / Office of the National Coordinator, AGE,	Clear and appeal mechanism and limited policies applicable in public and private media	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17)	IMC has defined this issue in the Code of Ethics for Audiovisual Media Services. As for their implementation, IMC conducts monitoring of audiovisual media services also in terms of sexist program contents as part of the implementation of the Code of Ethics by the media, but without focusing only on one aspect, such as the transmission of violent or sexist content. Based on the Code of Ethics, the legal

	that support domestic violence and harmful effects of certain traditional or customary practices in the audiovisual and print media			NGO IMC,			provisions related to this action of the Strategy are foreseen, including the transmission of content based on gender, forms of discrimination and non-tolerance based on gender. This part was for <i>ex officio</i> cases, while as far as the complaints mechanism is concerned, during 2022, IMC has not received any complaints related to violent, discriminatory or sexist content in the media, however, any person or organization can submit a complaint if they consider that their rights protected by IMC legislation have been violated, and once a complaint has been formally filed, the legal procedure is the same regardless of whether it is filed by a citizen or <i>ex officio</i> . Link for complaints: https://www.kpm-ks.org/ankesa-gdp/286/ankesa-gdp/286
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 the Government of Kosovo	Moj/Office of the National Coordinator, Media, ICT Companies, Union of Journalists, AGE, NGOs	Girls and women are safer and protected from forms of violence they may endure while using the internet and social media	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17, Chapters 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	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	AGE, Media, ICT companies, Pre-University Education Institutions	Children and parents more capable to navigate the internet safely Certain sites required for use by children	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17, Chapters IV and V)	Not Implemented.

	electronic communications			MoJ / Office of the National Coordinator, NGOs	and parents, equipped with security codes and control filters A manual to avoid violence and safe browsing the internet and social media, prepared and available to parents and children		
I.3.8	Encourage the media to report properly and analyze domestic violence and violence against women by reacting professionally and respecting the principles of ethics and protection of personal data	2023-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	IMC AGE Media Media, Audiovisual Media Authority, Union of Journalists, MoJ / Office of the National Coordinator, NGOs	A manual on reporting and analysis of domestic violence and violence against women by audiovisual and print media, prepared and is made available to professionals for implementation Media actively and positively involved in reporting and	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17)	Activity planned to start in 2023.

					raising awareness on domestic violence and violence against women		
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 the Government of Kosovo	KJC KPC JA Kosovo Police NGOs Media institutions	Instances of attacks on journalists, domestic violence and hate crime, hate speech and discrimination, as well as cases of violations of the rights of LGBTI persons have been urgently investigated and reviewed. Number of decisions issued by the courts	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17)	<p>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL OFFENSES BY ADULT PERPETRATORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of unresolved cases at the beginning of the year – 1371 cases with 1616 persons involved; - Number of new cases – 2977 cases with 3481 persons involved; - Number of cases at work – 4349 cases with 5097 persons involved; - Number of resolved cases – 3015 cases with 3610 persons involved; - Number of unresolved cases at the end of the year – 1334 cases with 1487 persons involved. <p>The way of solving cases by the prosecution (for persons):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criminal charges against 377 persons were dismissed; - A direct indictment was filed against 1,617 persons; - The indictment led to a punitive order against 42 persons; - The investigation against 121 persons was terminated; - 1231 persons were indicted after the investigative procedure; - Mandatory treatment measures were imposed against 83 persons; - Transfer of competence took place against 139 persons;

						<p>Court decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1201 persons were found guilty by court decision; - 64 persons were released by court decision; - 31 persons have been denied the indictment; - 75 imposed mandatory treatment measures; - 11 rulings of the Court on statute barred cases. <p>CRIMINAL OFFENSES AGAINST LGBTI+ PERSONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of unresolved cases at the beginning of the year - 1 case with 1 person involved; - Number of new cases - 2 cases with 2 persons involved; - Number of cases at work - 3 cases with 3 persons involved; - Number of cases solved - 3 cases with 3 persons involved; - Number of unsolved cases at the end of the year - 0 cases with 0 persons involved. <p>The way of solving cases by the prosecution (for persons):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criminal charge was dismissed for 1 person; - A direct indictment was filed against 1 person; - An indictment was filed against 1 person after the investigative procedure; <p>CRIMINAL OFFENSES OF ATTACK AGAINST JOURNALISTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of unsolved cases at the beginning of the year - 6 cases with 9 persons involved;
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I.3.10	Engagement of 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	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	Ministry of Economy and Finance Private sector MoJ / Office of the National Coordinator AGE NGO	Private companies are encouraged and supported to create protocols or guidelines to prevent violence, sexual harassment and	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Articles 15, 17) ILO Convention C190 "Elimination of violence and	Non-implemented activity.

	harassment, persecution and violence.				persecution in the workplace	harassment in the world of work"	
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 the Government of Kosovo Donors	Ministry of Economy and Finance Private sector MoJ / Office of the National Coordinator AGE NGO	Private business engaged in developing ethical standards in designing and marketing of goods and services	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Article 17)	Non-implemented activity.
I.3.12	Establishing encouraging incentives as well as monitoring and evaluating initiatives ⁶⁵ undertaken by the private sector to prevent and combat domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	Ministry of Economy and Finance Private sector MoJ / Office of the National Coordinator AGE NGO	Private sector is encouraged to take action against domestic violence and violence against women There is a monitoring and evaluation mechanism of these initiatives, based on which the level of stimulation of private businesses in this regard is determined.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III Article 17)	Non-implemented 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 the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ MoH	Punitive measures to change violent behavior for perpetrators addicted to alcohol and intoxicants, provided and defined in the amendments to the Law on Protection From Domestic Violence	Istanbul Convention (Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter III, Article 16)	This activity has been carried over to 2023 due to the lack of budget planning. The planned activity is expected to take place in two periods during 2023.
I.4.2	Assessment to understand measures imposed for perpetrators addicted to alcohol and intoxicants	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ MoH	Situation assessment and recommendation on punitive measures to change violent behavior for perpetrators addicted to alcohol and intoxicants	Istanbul Convention (Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter III, Article 16)	This activity is carried over to 2023 due to the lack of budget planning. The planned activity is expected to take place in two periods during 2023.
I.4.3.	Identify the needs for treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, and assessment of programs for this purpose	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MFLT, MoJ MoH, Forensics Institute	Evaluation report prepared with identified needs and suggestions for types of programs that may be set up.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	The curriculum for the training of professionals for the provision of programs for perpetrators of domestic violence in the Republic of Kosovo. (hereinafter the Curriculum) aims to establish the basis for the creation and development of programs for perpetrators of violence in Kosovo, in accordance with the standards of the Convention of the Council of Europe on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention) and other international standards. The Ministry of Justice

						<p>of the Republic of Kosovo has approved the Curriculum in December 2022, so that the development, implementation and provision of programs for perpetrators of domestic violence in Kosovo in the future are in accordance with this document.</p> <p>This Curriculum is divided into three main sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first section defines what programs for perpetrators of domestic violence are, including key principles, key approaches, context and funding, and provides examples of some inspiring programs across Europe. 2. The second section describes how programs for perpetrators of violence can be developed and implemented in Kosovo. It defines the objectives, principles and approaches, specifics of the local context, structure, duration, service delivery and evaluation of the programs. 3. The third section defines the modules and their content for each phase and session of the program for perpetrators of violence. This version of the Curriculum is particularly inspired by the British Respect program and, at this stage, does not distinguish between compulsory and voluntary programs. <p>The curriculum fulfills one of the obligations derived from the National Strategy of the Republic of Kosovo for Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026, namely Specific Objective I.4 "Creation and implementation of programs for the psycho-social treatment of perpetrators of criminal offenses of violence." The current curriculum is</p>
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I.4.4.	Development of a package of modules for psycho-social treatment programs for perpetrators	2022-2023	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MFLT, MoJ MoH	Source package with modules of psycho-social treatment programs prepared	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	<p>Within the program of home visits for mother and child care, pregnant women, mothers and fathers are counseled on positive parenting. Below is the number of trainees over the years: 2022 Home visits: Doctors: 48 Nurses: 307 Educators: 16 Social Workers: 34 Total 405.</p> <p>As for the inclusion of grandparents in counseling, even though they are present during the home visit and are offered advice on supporting young parents, we have no data since this service is not included in the indicators for reporting.</p>
I.4.5.	Training of staff of psycho-social treatment programs for perpetrators of domestic violence	2022-2023	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	MoJ MoH Independent institutions NGO	Personnel of psycho-social treatment programs of perpetrators of	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	<p>The personnel of the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry are well trained and informed according to the psychosocial training program for perpetrators of violence. There are two instructions, one for treatment</p>

	and violence against women, and perpetrators of sexual crimes		Donors		violence, trained and qualified		of perpetrators of violence and the other for the place and method of treatment of perpetrators of violence.
I.4.6.	Implementation of psycho-social treatment programs for perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, as well as programs for perpetrators of sexual crimes	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MFLT, MoJ MoH	Treatment programs for perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, functional and with professionals trained for this purpose	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	Two guidelines for the treatment of perpetrators of violence and the treatment of health professionals are carried out according to their program within the institution where perpetrators of violence are treated by court decision.
I.4.7.	Treatment and re-socialization of violent perpetrators while serving a sentence	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoH MoJ Partners	Perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women are educated to use non-violent behaviour and are treated while serving their sentences	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	Perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women are educated to use non-violent behavior and are treated during the execution of the sentence in the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry by Court Decision.
I.4.8.	Measuring the frequency of recidivism cases by sharing data on whether recidivist perpetrators were treated while	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MD	Frequency of recidivist cases of domestic violence and violence against women decreases, as a result of	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)	Non-implemented activity.

	<p>serving their sentences, or subsequently in psycho-social programs designed for them</p>				<p>psycho-social treatment of perpetrators during and after sentencing</p>		
I.4.9	<p>Engagement and capacity strengthening of the Kosovo Probation Service to monitor the rehabilitation of violent perpetrators</p>	2022	<p>Budget of the Government of Kosovo</p> <p>Donors</p>	MoJ	<p>Kosovo Probation Service engaged to monitor the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence</p>	<p>Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Article 16)</p>	<p>Within the framework of the development of the Curriculum for the training of professionals with an integrated approach to services for perpetrators of domestic violence, two trainings for trainers were held, on December 12th and 13th and the other on December 14th and 15th, 2022. The purpose of organizing the training is an integrated approach to the treatment of perpetrators of violence through the "DULUTH MODULE". This activity is planned to continue in 2023, when the "DULUTH MODULE" will be piloted.</p> <p>Beneficiaries of the two rounds of training are a total of 39 professionals, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 from the Ministry of Justice, 4 officials from CSW Prishtina, 1 from CSW Lipjan, 5 from the Institute of Forensic Psychiatry, 4 from the Correctional Service, 4 from the Probation Service, 4 from the Prison Health Department, 2 from AGE, 2 from Prishtina Shelter, 2 from the Safe House in Gjakova, 4 health workers, 3 doctors, 1 nurse and 6 activists.
I.4.10	<p>Creating a database of perpetrators who have received psycho-social services/treatment during and after</p>	2022-2024	<p>Budget of the Government of Kosovo</p>	<p>MFLT, MoJ Partners, MoH, UP</p>	<p>Collected, disaggregated and regularly updated data</p>	<p>Istanbul Convention (Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter III, Article 16)</p>	<p>This activity is related to the curriculum and piloting of the 1st program module for the treatment of perpetrators of domestic violence.</p>

	<p>serving their sentences, as well as perpetrators of sexual crimes and their ongoing updating.</p>		Donors				
I.4.11	<p>Preparation of the annual report on the rehabilitation of perpetrators of violence</p>	2022-2026	<p>Budget of the Government of Kosovo</p> <p>Donors</p>	MFLT, MoJ Partners	Regularly published annual reports	Istanbul Convention (Chapter II, Article 11, Chapter III, Article 16)	Not implemented.
I.4.12	<p>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 drugs¹²</p>	2022-2026	<p>Budget of the Government of Kosovo</p>	MoH, Forensic Psychiatric Institution	<p>Specific protocols and programs for the treatment of perpetrators addicted to substances, or with mental health problems, approved. Professionals trained to treat people addicted to substances or with mental health problems, as well as perpetrators of</p>		<p>Special protocols and programs for the treatment of perpetrators addicted to substances, or with mental health problems, are approved. There are two Guidelines for the treatment of Domestic Violence Perpetrators. According to these Guidelines, they are treated at three levels of health care. Professionals trained to treat people with addictions to substances or with mental health problems, also perpetrators of violence, in accordance with their age group, are trained in psychiatric institutions. The reduction of cases of sending defendants to custody due to the lack of beds are limited - there are not enough beds. In the Mental Health Centers in the region, victims of gender-based violence were treated; 118 cases were men (perpetrators of domestic violence and users of narcotic substances by court decision), 46 women were victims of domestic violence, 13 were boys of domestic violence, 7 children, and 6 are minority victims of domestic violence.</p>

¹² 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.

					violence, in accordance with their age group Reduced cases of sending defendants into custody due to lack of beds.		
II.	Strategic objective:	Advancing and harmonizing public policies with international standards.					
II.1	Strategic 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 implementation of an ex-post evaluation of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Assembly/Moj/NC OPM AGE	Law on Protection against Domestic Violence, amended, harmonized with the Istanbul Convention, adopted and evaluated	Istanbul Convention (Chapter V)	Amending and supplementing of Law on Protection against Domestic Violence, violence against women and gender-based violence has been approved in the Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons, Victims of Sexual Violence of War and Petitions on 14 September 2022, after reviewing the consolidated draft by the expert engaged by this Committee through UN Women, who has collected all inputs from all actors through the working group meetings held.
II.1.2	Full analysis of the civil and criminal legal framework on violence against women, domestic violence ¹³ , as well as identification of	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	Moj AGE Specialized NGOs	Analysis report with findings and recommendations, as well as suggestions for interventions in the civil and	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	Awareness campaign through video messages for the realization of rights and existing institutional services for free legal aid, compensation for victims of crime, social services, housing services and other services.

¹³ In this analysis, all forms of violence against women should be considered according to the Istanbul Convention, and special emphasis should be placed on the harmonization of: the minimum age for marriage, issues of sexism and the use of hate speech, issues of migration, seeking asylum and deportation, etc.

	measures to be taken to harmonize this legal framework with international instruments, including CEDAW and the Convention Istanbul				criminal legal framework, completed	Istanbul Convention, etc.	
II.1.3	Preparation and submission of draft acts for amending/ supplementing the legal framework, in accordance with the findings from the above analysis	2023	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	MoJ	Draft acts prepared in accordance with the findings from the analysis, consulted and sent to the Assembly for review and adoption	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women Istanbul Convention, etc.	Not implemented.
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 the Government of Kosovo	KJC	Victims of violence released from court fees, expressed in the amendments to be adopted in the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence	Istanbul Convention	The issues related to the completion of the legislation related to the payments of expertise are legal issues. Therefore, a legal initiative is needed here to supplement the current legislation. Meanwhile, the judges have already been informed that the strategy has entered into force and the parties are exempted from paying expertise and similar fees.
II.1.5.	Review and enrich Standard Operating	2023	Government, Municipal	MoJ, Municipalities, donors, AGE	Creating access for the provision of	Istanbul Convention, (Chapter IV)	In cooperation with the US Embassy, all operational steps to complete the change in the Standard Operating Procedures have been discussed. These

	Procedures on integrated services		ity and donors		new, effective, accessible and integrated interconnected services		procedures stem from the Law on Protection from Violence and Violence against Women and Girls. The new Law on Protection from Domestic Violence has been passed in principle by the Assembly of Kosovo and is in the spirit of the Istanbul Convention. The drafting of the Standard Operating Procedures is expected to be finalized after the entry into force of the law. In cooperation with the OSCE, training was developed for the practical implementation of the revised SOPs for the procedure with victims of trafficking in Kosovo for the participants from the KP Directorate, VAMO within the Office of the Chief Prosecutor of Kosovo and other relevant institutions. The training served to inform the members of Kosovo's anti-trafficking institutions with the revised SOPs for trafficked persons in Kosovo. 24 participants - 14 women and 10 men attended.
II.1.6.	Drafting of the National Protocol on treatment of cases of sexual violence	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	MoJ, KP, KPC, KJC, IFM, CSW, VPAO, MoH, 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/survivors of sexual violence, regardless of nationality or affiliation with any community, social or national origin, race, ethnicity, color, birth, origin, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, nationality, religious belief and faith, political affiliation, political opinion or other opinions, social or personal status, age, family or marital status, pregnancy, maternity, financial status, health status, disability, genetic inheritance or any other basis. In a separate chapter, the victims/survivors/survivors of sexual violence during the war will also be mentioned, making reference to the legislation and the relevant mechanisms for their treatment. For the easiest 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

						<p>on which the treatment of cases of sexual violence is based, the coordinated multi-sectoral approach, the stages of managing a case, the role of the manager/ the case manager, as well as the need for professional support of professionals who deal directly with cases of sexual violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The second part contains information dedicated to each of the main institutions responsible for handling cases of sexual violence, based on the case management steps described in the first part, as well as divided into separate chapters for each institution. - The third part contains general information on the treatment of cases of victims/survivors/survivors of sexual violence during the war, the implementation of this Protocol also in conditions of natural disasters and other disasters, as well as important advice on the role of institutions about prevention. <p>Annexes and references are also an important part of the Protocol, which create opportunities for more information and knowledge, depending on the need during the treatment of cases. State Protocol for Handling Cases of Sexual Violence in the Republic of Kosovo was prepared as a response to the need to unify and improve the steps taken by reflecting international standards in this regard. The preparation of this Protocol also fulfills the obligation to implement the Istanbul Convention, the legislation in force, as well as the National Strategy of the Republic of Kosovo for 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, the Working Group for the drafting of this Protocol was appointed, while it was approved by the Government of the Republic of Kosovo on 23 November 2023.</p>
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II.1.7.	Effective investigation and prompt police response to calls for help, proper management of dangerous situations and investigation of all allegations on violence against women and domestic violence, highlighting aggravating circumstances.	Ongoing	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Police	Cases of domestic violence and violence against women are treated responsibly and with priority, without ignoring any aggravating circumstances	Istanbul Convention (Chapter V, Article 46 and Chapter VI)	The Kosovo Police, while handling cases including domestic violence, is committed to applying a focused approach, the victim being at the center of all measures, cooperating effectively with all relevant actors, as well as considering the principles of the victim's safety, privacy, confidentiality, respect and non-discrimination. During the year 2022, 2764 cases of domestic violence were reported and all of them were handled by the Police. The Kosovo Police has formed special sectors with professional staff who have priority and deal only with cases of domestic violence. Repeater of violence, user of drugs, alcohol, gambling and possession of a firearm, etc., are considered aggravating circumstances.
II.1.8.	Allotment of physical space for interviewing the victim and perpetrator of violence.	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	KJC, Court, Police, Prosecution Office	The victim's right to confidentiality and privacy is ensured at all stages of case management, including in civil and criminal proceedings.	Istanbul Convention (Article 56)	In all police stations, there is a separation of physical space for interviewing, but there are only 26 friendly rooms dedicated only to victims of domestic violence, which means not in all police stations. We have 26 friendly rooms and where there are no friendly rooms, special offices have been designated for dealing with cases of domestic violence which, with the support of local and international partners, are planned to be equipped as friendly rooms.
II.1.9.	Providing communication technology for interviewing the victim and perpetrator of violence.	2022-2023	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	KJC, Court, Police, Prosecution Office	The victim's right to confidentiality and privacy is ensured at all stages of case management, including in civil and criminal proceedings	Istanbul Convention (Article 56)	The courts, based on the legislation in force, take measures to ensure that the parties are provided with the right to privacy during court sessions. This is a legally guaranteed basic right. In civil proceedings, hearings are closed to the public, meaning that only parties and necessary participants in the proceedings can attend. This is a task that has been fulfilled by the judiciary.

II.1.1 0.	Invitation of victim advocates when the party addresses the court	2022-2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Police, Court VAAO	Victim's advocate present even in cases when the request for a protective order is initiated by the party	Istanbul Convention (Article 56)	In all cases, without exception, the Kosovo Police calls the victims' advocate.
II.1.1 1.	Monitoring the implementation of the legal provision for harsher sentences of recidivist perpetrators of violence	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	KJC	Harsher sentences for recidivist perpetrators of domestic violence and violence against women, in accordance with applicable law	Istanbul Convention	The same circumstance is treated as an aggravating circumstance among other circumstances that are taken into account when measuring the punishment. The Guide for Penal Policy also deals with this matter. The current case management system, although it is advanced in some aspects, for now cannot provide such statistics, but in other phases it will be possible to do this, namely to unify the judicial practice for this part.
II.1.1 2.	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 the Government of Kosovo	MIA Police	Digital system set up Adequately conducted monitoring		This activity is planned to start in 2023.
II.1.1 3.	Review of the regulation on the internal work of victims' advocates (KPC)	2023	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	KPC	Reviewed regulation		Non-implemented activity.

II. 1.14.	Reporting on the application of adhesion procedures in cases of domestic violence and violence against women	2022 - 2026	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	KJC	Reporting done regularly and upon request with detailed data		After every request received regarding the reporting according to the strategy, the KJC has made a report regarding the activities.
II.1.15.	Implementation of the peer review on criminal prosecution and judgement of domestic violence cases	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	KCK, KPC	Reports with recommendations finalized		Non-implemented activity.
II.2.	Strategic 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	December 2022, 2023, 2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Academy of Justice (AJ) Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC)	Training curriculum designed and approved ¹⁴	Strategy for the functional review of the rule of law 2021 Strategic Plan of the Prosecutorial System 2019-2021 Training program of the Academy of Law	The training programs are developed and designed based on the assessment of training needs, including the specific requirements and priorities of the KJC and the KPK, the Strategy for the Rule of Law and other strategies related to the work of the judiciary, the prosecution and other legal professionals. within the justice system in Kosovo. The Academy has published on its website the annual training program for 2022, dated December 1 st , 2021.

¹⁴ The KiE project is working together with the Academy of Justice to strengthen the knowledge of legal professionals to deal with cases of violence against women and domestic violence.

	violating protective orders.						
II.2.2.	Providing training for judges and prosecutors on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence and gender-based crimes - the criminal aspect.	Ongoing	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Academy of Justice (AJ) Kosovo Judicial Council (KJC) Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC)	5 specialized training sessions held during the year	Instruction of the Supreme Court no. 113/20120 regarding the legal qualification and handling domestic violence cases according to the KPC and Istanbul Convention.	<p>During the year 2022, 5 trainings were carried out for the prevention and combating of domestic violence - the criminal aspect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training 1. Specialized training program. 67 participants took part in this training. 50 judges and 17 prosecutors.¹⁵ - Training 2. Raising the capacities of judges and prosecutors for accusations and punishments in cases of domestic violence. 1 judge, 2 prosecutors and 5 professional associates of courts and prosecutions participated in this training.¹⁶ - Training 3. Istanbul Convention: Strengthening implementation to end violence against women, domestic violence and gender-based violence. This training was attended by 1 judge, 9 professional associates from the courts and prosecution offices, as well as 3 free legal aid officials.¹⁷ - Training 4. Istanbul Convention: Strengthening implementation to end violence against women, domestic violence and gender-based violence. This training was followed by 1 judge and 3 professional associates from the prosecution office.¹⁸ - Training 5. Istanbul Convention: Strengthening implementation to end violence against women, domestic violence and gender-based violence. This training was attended by 1 prosecutor, 11 professional

¹⁵ Newsletter, page 13: <https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulShk22SQ.pdf>

¹⁶ Newsletter, page 29: <https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulTet22SQ.pdf>

¹⁷ <https://ad.rks-gov.net/sq/aktivitetet-dhe-lajmet-2022/Details/16036>

¹⁸ <https://ad.rks-gov.net/sq/aktivitetet-dhe-lajmet-2022/Details/16049>

						<p>associates from the courts and prosecution offices, 2 officials from Free Legal Aid and 4 police officials.¹⁹</p> <p>Also, 4 other trainings on non-discrimination on the basis of gender, ethnicity, religion and race were carried out.</p> <p>- Training 1. Inciting national, racial, religious or ethnic hatred, ridicule or intolerance 4 judges and 5 prosecutors attended this training.²⁰</p> <p>- Training 2. Access to justice for vulnerable-criminal groups. 3 prosecutors and 18 professional associates have followed this training.²¹</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, alimony, financial maintenance of the spouse, etc.	Ongoing	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Academy Justice of (AJ) Kosovo Prosecutorial Council (KPC)	2 trainings held during the year	<p>In the civil field, 3 training activities were carried out:</p> <p>1) Table for family matters. 11 judges have followed this training.²²</p> <p>2) Court proceedings in cases of protection against domestic violence with special emphasis on the types of measures, implementation and civil consequences. Beneficiaries of this training were 24 judges (1 from the Supreme Court, 3 from the Court of Appeals and another 20 from the Basic Courts), 3 police officers, 2 officers for protection and assistance to victims, as well as 2 professional associates from the courts.²³</p> <p>3) Protection of children's rights in cases of divorce and in cases of domestic violence. This roundtable was followed by 16 judges (2 judges from the Court of Appeals, 2 judges from the Supreme Court and 12</p>

¹⁹ <https://ad.rks-gov.net/sq/aktivitetet-dhe-lajmet-2022/Details/16053>

²⁰ Newsletter, page 12: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulQer22Sq_.pdf

²¹ Newsletter, page 22: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulshSQ22_.pdf

²² Newsletter, page 14-15: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulMa22SQ_.pdf

²³ Newsletter, page 7: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulPrill22SQ_.pdf

							others from the basic level of courts from all regions of Kosovo). ²⁴
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 the Government of Kosovo	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, in order to respect their physical integrity and human dignity		For details, see the announcement on the web at the following link: 8 training activities were carried out for the legal innovations brought by the Code of Criminal Procedure, within which the criminal procedure with perpetrators with mental disorders was handled. These activities were held in different periods of time and in all regions of Kosovo, in the framework of which lawyers, as well as officials for the protection and assistance of victims participated. In the framework of these activities, 127 judges, 98 prosecutors, 74 lawyers, 11 victims' advocates, 7 professional associates and legal officers of the courts and prosecutions, as well as 1 official from the Probation Service were trained.
II.2.5.	Capacity building of judges and prosecutors in handling cases of gender-based violence, domestic violence and sexual harassment with a victim-centered approach and explanation of trauma and trauma	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Academy of Justice KJC KPC	2 joint trainings held during the year	Istanbul Convention	Two training activities were carried out for the aspect of sexual harassment: 1) The roundtable "Criminal offenses against sexual integrity". The main purpose of the roundtable was to examine current issues related to criminal offenses against sexual integrity and to eliminate dilemmas in the interpretation of legal provisions regarding these criminal offenses. ²⁵ 2) Training dedicated to justice for children "Criminal offenses against the sexual integrity of children". ²⁶

²⁴ Newsletter, page 27: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulTet22SQ_.pdf

²⁵ Training program, page 61: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/PT2022_.pdf

Details in the June newsletter, page 10: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulQer22Sq_.pdf

²⁶ Details in the June newsletter, page 10: https://ad.rks-gov.net/Uploads/Documents/BulQer22Sq_.pdf

	impact on the victim.						<p>In the first activity, 4 judges, 5 prosecutors and 2 police officers were trained, while in the second activity, 5 judges, 4 prosecutors and 5 professional associates were trained.</p> <p>In both activities, the focus was on the victim, taking into account the basic principles and concepts of the legislation in force, as well as through the study of practical cases that enabled the discussion and exchange of participants' perspectives on the specific case.</p>
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 the Government of Kosovo Donors	Kosovo Academy for Public Safety (KAPS), Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA)/Kosovo Police (KP), AGE	Reviewed curriculum for building the professional capacity of cadets and police officers Updated and unified training modules for strengthening the capacities of police officers focusing on domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention	<p>In 2022, the Kosovo Police revised the basic training for new police officers. During 2022, the following curricula were revised:</p> <p>Curriculum of the investigation module "Prevention and Investigation of Criminal Offenses and Misdemeanors". In the professional training for police officers, there are 3 teaching units, in which 11 hours deal with domestic violence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic violence investigation training – 35 hours; - Basic criminal investigation training – there is a unit on domestic and international legal issues related to domestic violence. <p>As for local and international legal issues, the curriculum includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criminal Code of Kosovo; - Law on protection from domestic violence; - National Strategy for Protection from Domestic Violence and Violence against Women; - The Istanbul Convention. <p>In addition to the cadets, police officers were also trained in the "Domestic Violence Investigation" training and in the basic crime investigation training. During 2022, the following trainings were carried out,</p>

						<p>which include topics on dealing with domestic violence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Professional training for police officers, which includes the module “Prevention and investigation of criminal offenses and misdemeanors”; 2) Training “Investigation of Domestic Violence”; 3) Basic criminal investigation training. <p>Professional training for police officers includes the following learning units:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Legal aspects in cases of domestic violence; 2) Investigation and response in cases of domestic violence; 3) Studies of domestic violence cases. <p>The “Investigation of domestic violence” training has the following teaching units:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Domestic violence according to the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo, the Istanbul Convention and the National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women; 2) Victims of domestic violence; 3) Domestic violence, violation of Human Rights; 4) Power, control and cycle of violence; 5) Law on Protection from Domestic Violence; 6) Probable cause/reasonable suspicion; 7) Arrest; 8) Interviewing the victim, the witness and the suspect; 9) Interviewing Children; 10) Reaction to the incident of Domestic Violence; 11) Compilation of the police report; 12) The role of the Office for Protection and Assistance to Victims in Cases of Domestic Violence;
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							The Basic Crime Investigation Training has this unit of study: 1) Domestic violence.
II.2.7.	Training of newly appointed men and women police officers on handling with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Ongoing	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	Kosovo Police AGE	More informed men and women police officers specialized in handling domestic violence cases and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	19 trainings were held with 649 participants, 21 workshops with 225 participants, 9 roundtables, forums, meetings etc. with 67 participants. 9 were held abroad (trainings, roundtable conferences, study visits, etc.) with 21 participants. The trainings, workshops, conferences were held in cooperation with local and international partners. Likewise, the Kosovo Police, in cooperation with the OSCE, held 6 workshops at the country level in the field of domestic violence for medical personnel (doctors and nurses) with the participation of 185 officials, 4 workshops with high school students in the field of sexual assault and harassment with the participation of 120 students, 5 workshops with Security Forums with 210 participants.
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 the Government of Kosovo	Kosovo Academy for Public Safety Kosovo Police AGE	Number of trainings held Number of police officers who have participated in trainings Update training courses in accordance with the amendments to the Criminal Code related to gender-based violence and sexual harassment,		There have been held: - 19 trainings with 649 participants; - 21 workshops with 225 participants; - 9 roundtables, forums, and meetings with 67 participants; - 9 trainings, conferences, roundtables, study visits were held abroad, where 21 participants took part. Trainings, workshops, conferences were held in cooperation with local and international partners. - in cooperation with the OSCE, 6 workshops were held at the country level in the field of domestic violence for medical personnel (doctors and nurses) with the participation of 185 officials; - 4 workshops with high school students in the field of sexual assault and harassment with 120 students; - 5 workshops with Security Forums with 210 participants.

					with a focus on the victim.		
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, Forensic Psychiatry, in the criminal and civil aspect and trauma impact on the victim.	Ongoing	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	AJ, AGE, KP, KPC, KJC CSW, MH, VAAO, Forensic Psychiatry, General Council of Social and Family Services (GCSFS)	Men and women employees informed and specialized in handling cases of domestic violence and violence against women, through a coordinated multi-sectoral approach, including access to information about the trauma, prioritizing the restoration of the victim's sense of safety, choice and control.	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Trainings for the Istanbul Convention, trainings for people with mental disorders and trainings where the aspect of gender discrimination was addressed, reported in the previous columns, were joint trainings. In addition to judges and prosecutors, other legal professionals have also benefited, starting from police officers, victims' advocates, free legal aid officers, lawyers and other legal professionals, and we have presented the number of beneficiaries in previous reports.
II.2.10.	Training of VAAO staff	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	VAAO-OCSP, Academy of Justice, OPDAT, OSCE, GIZ	VAAO staff profiled and trained	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	The staff of the Office of Victim Advocates has participated in several trainings and study visits abroad, which were organized by the Academy of Law, the OSCE, the Program for Civil Rights - CRPC, the American Embassy, etc., such as: I. Training organized by the Academy of Law, April 2022 - "Examination of protective orders and measures provided by the Law", where 2 Victims' Advocates participated;

						<p>II. The training organized by the Academy of Law, May 2022 - "Review of protective orders and the measures provided for by Law II", where 7 Victim Advocates participated;</p> <p>III. Training organized by OSCE, November 01-03, 2022 for Police Investigators of Domestic Violence, Prosecutors, Judges, Victim Advocates - "Handling cases of Domestic Violence", where 9 Victim Advocates participated.</p> <p>IV. The training organized by the Academy of Justice and the US Embassy, November 9th, 2022 - "Changes to the Law on compensation for victims of crime", where 6 victim advocates participated.</p> <p>V. Training organized by the Academy of Justice, November 30th, 2022 - "Trafficking against human beings, forced prostitution, sexual abuse, rape", where 7 Advocates of victims participated.</p> <p>VI. Study visit to the Czech Republic, October 2022 - Exchange of experiences in dealing with cases of domestic violence, attended by 1 Victim Advocate.</p> <p>VII. Training in Durrës, October 28-30, 2022 - "Raising the capacities of staff in case management", where 1 participant from VAAO took part.</p> <p>The participation of the VAAO staff in the above-mentioned trainings has had a positive effect on increasing knowledge and providing services to victims of cases of domestic violence, but also other cases in general.</p>
II.2.1 1.	Training sessions on policies against domestic violence and violence against women in the sector of protection and social welfare	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	MFLT CSW	Men and women professionals in the sector of protection and social welfare, trained on issues of	<p>Istanbul Convention (Article 15)</p> <p>MFLT, DSFP and CSWs have participated in the two-day intensive training for capacity building on the development and provision of programs for perpetrators of domestic violence, with the aim of equipping the participants with knowledge and methods on the provision of training on programs for perpetrators of violence, in accordance with the</p>

					violence against women and domestic violence		<p>standards of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), as well as other international standards. The training was based on the curriculum for training professionals to provide programs for perpetrators of domestic violence, approved by the Ministry of Justice and supported by the Council of Europe project "Reinforcing the fight against violence against women and domestic violence - phase III" .</p> <p>Five (5) officials from social services have been trained in the TOT training. The Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, through the General Council for Social and Family Services, within the framework of the profession's standards that are drawn up and approved by the National Qualifications Authority, has designed 25 training modules for social and family service providers. In the framework of these modules, the modules: "Working with victims of sexual crimes and trafficking: Treatment and referral", as well as "Working with victims of domestic violence, treatment and referral" were designed.</p> <p>With the support of the Kosovo Women's Network, the modules have been designed, validated and the trainings of trainers (TOT) have been organized and held related to the treatment of the categories according to the modules. Fifteen (15) trainers have been certified to provide capacity building for social service providers for these two modules.</p>
II.2.1 2.	Curriculum preparation and development of trainings for health workers for identification,	2022	Budget of the Government of Kosovo	MoH	Men and women professionals in the health sector trained	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	As for the health workers (professionals) of the three health levels, they are trained in the identification, treatment and referral of victims of domestic violence and violence against women. However, there is a need for further training and it is an ongoing process. The Ministry of Health, since 2013, has drafted and is

	treatment and referral of cases of domestic violence and violence against women				in issues of violence against women and domestic violence	<p>implementing the “Guidelines on Gender-Based Violence for Health Service Providers and Standard Operating Procedures”. The Gender-Based Guide for Health Service Providers has been implemented and monitored for 10 years by the Ministry of Health, all health institutions and is in line with the Istanbul Convention as well as all other government documents and recent developments in the field. As for the training program, we are continuing to hold it with health professionals with a trainer certified by the Kosovo Doctors Chamber. The trainings were held during 2022, a total of 210 health professionals were trained and accredited by the Kosovo Doctors Chamber. In total, seven trainings were held throughout the region of the Republic of Kosovo, where in each region 30 health professionals were trained for the identification, treatment and the referral of victims of domestic violence where the number of women professionals outnumbered that of men. During 2023, in the entire RKS region seven trainings are planned on gender-based violence, domestic violence, violence against women, sexual violence according to the State Protocol in the Republic of Kosovo, for handling SD cases in their identification, treatment and referral. In collaboration with AMC and UNFPA, we held a two-day training on gender-based violence with health professionals, where participants were (48 doctors and nurses) from ten municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo. The purpose of the roundtable was for stakeholders to cooperate in reporting violence, inter-institutional cooperation, and in addressing cases of domestic violence. A total of 48 health professionals have been trained and certified in the region of the Republic of Kosovo. In March, in cooperation with Action for Mothers and Children (AMC) implementers, in support of UNFPA, we held informative sessions, roundtables, and three trainings</p>
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							<p>on the topics: Orientation Program on Adolescent Health (4-day training), attended by 20 participants (7 doctors and 13 nurses in the region; Professional Ethics and Patients' Rights (1 day training), attended by 18 participants (9 doctors and 9 nurses); Sexual and Reproductive Health of Persons with special needs (2-day training) with 18 regional participants (8 doctors and 10 nurses), participated in the SHSRPNV training. All trainings are accredited by the Kosovo Doctors and Nurses Chambers. Regarding the pandemic period Covid-19 according to the Standard Operating Procedure for the treatment of victims of Domestic Violence, in collaboration with AMC and UNFPA, we held a two-day training on gender-based violence with health professionals, with 15 doctors and nurses from ten municipalities of the Republic of Kosovo. The purpose of the roundtable was for stakeholders to cooperate in reporting gender-based violence. All these health professionals were trained and certified by the Association of Doctors of the Republic of Kosovo. A total of 63 professionals were certified by the Association of Doctors of the Republic of Kosovo for gender-based violence and domestic violence.</p>
II.2.1 3.	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 the Government of Kosovo Donor	MFLT	Experts trained to implement applicable legislation	Instruction of the Supreme Court of Kosovo - Regarding the legal qualification and handling cases of domestic violence according to	<p>This activity has been implemented within the framework of the four modules that MFLT has prepared:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mental health; 2. Developmental psychology, case treatment and referral; 3. Work with users of narcotic substances; 4. Psychosocial services and counseling skills. <p>This training cycle has prepared and licensed ten (10) TOTs. Furthermore, from these ten (10) TOTs, 210 social service professionals from the public and non-governmental sectors have been trained.</p>

						the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo with number GJ.A.SuA 113/2020 dated 12.06.2020	
II.2.1 4.	Joint trainings between judges, prosecutors and police officers to stop the issuance of acquittal verdict of despite the statements of victims of violence, applying mainly the prosecution of this criminal offense	2022-2024	Budget of the Government of Kosovo Donors	KJC KPC KP	Duly implementation of legislation and standards for protection from domestic violence	Istanbul Convention	This duty, in addition to being included in the current strategy, is a legal obligation, that is, an obligation arising from the law. Even at the time when the strategy had not been issued, this was an obligation that fell on the courts, therefore the same is a permanent goal.
II.2.1 5.	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 the Government of Kosovo	KJC and KPC	Lectures held annually Awareness of more professionals raised.	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15)	The training plan for the courts has been drawn up by the Justice Academy, so that for the part of the trainings related to domestic violence and gender-based crimes, there are trainings this year. Trainings that have been held so far are: 02-03.03.2022 Receiving the Child Victim's Statement from the expert; 15-16.02.2022 Domestic Violence; 22.03.2022 Gender equality; 25-26.2022 Receiving the statement from the expert when the child is a victim. Until now, trainings on issues of domestic violence have been held on a regular basis.

II.2.1 6.	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 the Government of Kosovo Donor	MIA/KP	Community policing developed in support of the identification and prevention of domestic violence cases. The Police Cybercrime Investigation Unit trained to prosecute and prevent online violence against women and girls	Istanbul Convention Konventa e Stambollit	This activity is planned to be implemented in 2024.
III.	Strategic Objective:	Institutional strengthening in 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 staff recruited in appropriate numbers for the purposes and responsibilities of this office	Istanbul Convention	The Ministry of Justice is in the process of drafting the Regulation on Internal Organization. The support mechanism of the Coordinator's Office is foreseen by a new regulation. The budget for the operationalization of the support mechanism has been allocated and is expected to be operationalized by the end of 2023.
II.1.2.	Training and strengthening of the capacities of the staff of the Office of the National Coordinator for	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.

	Protection against Domestic Violence in terms of monitoring and evaluation of the entire legislation and policies against domestic violence and violence against women						
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	The Ministry of Justice / Office of the National Coordinator against domestic violence is mandated to monitor the implementation of the National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence Against Women 2022-2026. As a result of its Action Plan, the primary responsibility for drafting this report has been determined to be the Office of the National Coordinator for Protection from Domestic Violence. This office, through a form that will be compiled in the first months of the implementation of the strategy, will regularly request and collect data from all institutions responsible for the implementation of the measures and activities provided for in the action plan of this Strategy. The same will be discussed during the regular meetings of the Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Group against Domestic Violence. Then, the collected information will be processed, as well as the monitoring report will be prepared, based on the indicators defined both in activities and at the level of specific and strategic objectives. Data will be requested and collected from civil society organizations and international partners that operate in the field of protection from domestic violence and violence against women, as well as from international organizations and donors that focus on this issue.

						<p>Monitoring the implementation of the strategic document and its effectiveness are essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to ensure that the objectives are being met, (ii) to monitor invested contributions and activities, (iii) to ensure that implementation is on track, (iv) to alert the responsible institutions of problems/drawbacks or potential problems before the situation becomes critical, (v) to suggest corrective actions or revise the strategy based on experience gained. <p>By monitoring the strategy and performance indicators, institutions will be able to create an overview of the situation, i.e. at what point is the strategy towards achieving the defined goals, drawing lessons, taking corrective measures, and if possible, its review processes. In cooperation with the Council of Europe, a reporting form has been prepared for all institutions.</p>
III.1.4	Capacity building for the stakeholder responsible for the implementation of the objectives and activities of this strategy, at the central and local level	2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	ONC-MoJ, MFLT, Municipalities	Capacities of implementing partners enhanced and strengthened	<p>Istanbul Convention</p> <p>Through the re-functionalization of the Inter-Ministerial Coordinating Group against domestic violence, 22 (monthly) coordination meetings were held with the aim of agreeing on concrete initiatives. Two meetings were held with a strategic partner and donor: in February and June 2022, (EU, CoE , USA, USAID, UNDP, UNWOMEN, UNICEF, ADA, SWEDEN, NORWAY, FINLAND embassies, and others) both meetings focused on the strategic objectives of the Ministry of Justice.</p> <p>At the municipal level, 6 meetings were held with mayors of municipalities (Prishtinë, Shtime, Gjilan, Kamenicë, Ferizaj and Gjakovë), and over 35 meetings were also organized with the prosecution offices, courts, victims' advocates, centers for social work, shelters and the police.</p>

III.1. 5	Periodic monitoring of the implementation of the National Strategy on Protection from Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and its action plan, and publication of relevant results	Ongoing (on annual basis)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC Institutions responsible for implementation at the central and local level NGOs International organizations acting in this area	Standard format of the monitoring report prepared by the Office of the National Coordinator. Data on Strategy implementation progress collected every six months from all responsible actors. Monitoring report with detailed data according to strategic and specific objectives, published annually on the MoJ website	Istanbul Convention	Through the reporting form, the responsible institutions on a quarterly basis send data according to the activities foreseen in the 2022-2026 Strategy and Action Plan.
III.1. 6	Defining under the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence the responsibility of the Office of the	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	Profiling and training of the staff of the Office of the National Coordinator on	Istanbul Convention	In the new draft Law on Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women and Girls, the scope and responsibility of the Coordinator is defined. This draft law passed the first reading on March 8, 2023 and its amendment is being made by the responsible committees.

	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				recognition, coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the Istanbul Convention ⁷¹ Reports prepared and submitted according to GREVIO requirements		
III.1.7	Capacity building of the state body and other institutions responsible for reporting to GREVIO	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC AGE	Professionals trained to prepare reports in GREVIO according to standards ²⁷	Istanbul Convention	This activity has been postponed to 2023.
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	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MD/KN	Assistance provided by responsible institutions and the quality of inter-institutional cooperation, appreciated. Report on the response by the responsible		Each institutional actor in response to cases of domestic violence has a corresponding reporting document, and there are also inspection mechanisms by the relevant Ministries regarding the monitoring of actions. In the framework of the reporting response, it is necessary to build a monitoring body for the implementation of the Standard Operating Procedures by the responsible institutions.

²⁷ Ibid.

	quality of inter-institutional cooperation				institutions in cases of domestic violence and violence against women prepared and published		
III.1.9	Publication of best practices identified during the operation of responsible institutions	Every year	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/NC	Report on the best practices of the functioning of the responsible institutions published		Activity not implemented.
III.1.10	Developing cooperation relations with authorities of other countries to strengthen international cooperation in the fight against domestic violence and 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		Activity not implemented.
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 approach to addressing domestic violence and violence against women throughout	2022-2024	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities	MoJ/NC, Municipalities, All institutions responsible for being members of CM at the local level,	Coordination Mechanisms established throughout Kosovo, in line with the multi-sectoral	Istanbul Convention (Article 7)	Continuing the strengthening and establishment of the Coordinating Mechanism at the local level and in cooperation with the OSCE, a round table was held to improve inter-institutional cooperation and coordination for cases of domestic violence in Dragash. A total of 20 officials participated, 7 of them were women.

	Kosovo, through the establishment of Coordination Mechanisms in municipalities where they are not available		Donors	NGO	coordinated approach of the Istanbul Convention		
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)	In cooperation with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, in September 2022, actions were taken to draft guidelines/protocols for the operation and action standards for the local mechanism/coordinator. This document, which will be a guideline with a multi-sectoral approach, will be launched as an official document in April 2023 in three languages. This document is in line with the directives of the Istanbul Convention (Article 7).
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 to be appointed in each municipality. Coverage of coordination costs and activities of Coordination Mechanisms from the annual budget	Istanbul Convention	Activity not implemented.

					of the municipality		
III.2.4	Capacity building/strengthening of members of the Local Level Coordination Mechanisms through a periodic training session 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 MoH VAAO NGO	Periodic joint training sessions 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)	In cooperation with the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) at the regional level, two trainings were organized with (monthly workshops - November and December) the Local Coordinating Mechanism and the shelters for the implementation of the State Protocol for Handling Cases of Sexual Violence as well as the Initiative for Institutionalization of quality rehabilitation and integration services for survivors of domestic violence and violence against women and girls. In cooperation with OSCE, a workshop was organized in the municipality of Dragash to support the finalization of the action plan against domestic violence for the Municipal Coordinating Mechanism against Domestic Violence. There were 28 participants in this workshop, 6 women and 22 men.
III.2.5	Supporting the municipalities in breaking down this strategy into local strategies, including the drafting of work plans of the Coordination Mechanisms.	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC MLGA AGE Municipalities NGO	Strategy 2022-2026 broken down into applicable and easily monitored local action plans		In cooperation with OSCE and UN Women, initiatives have been undertaken to support municipalities in the drafting of work plans for local coordinating mechanisms. APs have been drafted and finalized for the municipalities of Shtime, Malishevë, Gjakovë, Kamenicë and Vushtrri. In the future, work plans for other municipalities will be analyzed, which are not in line with the strategy and AP for protection against domestic violence and violence against women 2022-2026.
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 round tables with NGOs and civil society during the preparation and	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities	MoJ/NC AGE Municipalities Institutions responsible for drafting the legal	Legal and policy framework for domestic violence and violence	Istanbul Convention	In cooperation with the OSCE, three non-governmental organizations (NGOs) "Jeta-Vita" in Gjakovë, NGO "Humanus Vita" in Glllogovc and "Jeta" in Deçan have been supported, which organized six information sessions on gender-based violence,

	updating of the legal framework and policies on protection against domestic violence and violence against women		Donors	or institutional framework related to domestic violence and violence against women	against women, updated in consultation and cooperation with specialized NGOs and civil society		domestic violence, sexual violence and sexual harassment.
III.3.2	Support from central and local state bodies, as well as working together with civil society and NGOs, as esteemed partners in the implementation of the Istanbul Convention (drafting joint implementation plans)	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Municipalities Donors	MoJ/NC AGE Municipalities	Istanbul Convention recognized and understood to be properly implemented by NGOs and civil society	Istanbul Convention	Activity not implemented.
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	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 ²⁸	Istanbul Convention	The project of the Office of the Council of Europe “Reinforcing the fight against violence against women and domestic violence - phase III” has supported the Office of the National Coordinator on the role of this body according to Article 10 of the Istanbul Convention. More specifically, the support is related to the monitoring and evaluation of mechanisms and policies on domestic violence and violence against women in general and in particular on the National

²⁸ In the context of the GREVIO evaluation, the CoE can support civil society in providing shadow reporting if required.

	standards of the Istanbul Convention						<p>Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026.</p> <p>Within this support, the following documents and instruments have been developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guideline “Monitoring and Evaluation of Mechanisms and Legislation in the field of Violence against Women and Domestic Violence”. - The instrument “Quarterly reporting form - for all reporting authorities”. The reporting form was piloted and a workshop was held with the Inter-ministerial Group against Domestic Violence on October 17, 2022, where recommendations for additions and changes were given. - The instrument “Report on progress indicators of the National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence and Violence against Women 2022-2026”.
III.3.4	Selection 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	MFLT Moj/NC AGE Municipalities MCYS	NGOs operating under the Istanbul Convention, mainly in terms of prevention and those focusing on boys and men or rehabilitation services for perpetrators of violence, supported by	Istanbul Convention	<p>For the close implementation of the Istanbul Convention and AP-domestic violence, the Inter-ministerial Coordinating Group has been operationalized, which meets on a monthly basis for monitoring and reporting on strategy activities. Part of this coordinating group is the Women's Network as well as the coalition of shelters, including strategic partners as part of the coordination (USA, EU, EULEX, CoE, UNDP, UN Women, OSCE and UNMIK). The Kosovo Correctional Service (KCS) and the Center for Counseling, Social Services and Research (SIT) have signed a Cooperation Agreement aimed at the rehabilitation and resocialization of prisoners, namely minors and perpetrators of domestic violence.</p>

					financial and infrastructural resources		The Correctional Service has drafted the “Plan on the Treatment of Prisoners in Correctional Institutions - Review and Needs”. The purpose of this plan is to review the programs that are offered in correctional institutions for inmates and the needs for new programs that should be developed with inmates with special emphasis on perpetrators of domestic violence.
III.4.	Specific Objective:	Researching, collecting and updating of 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 data collection and analysis, in accordance with the definitions and requirements of the Istanbul Convention	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ AGE KAS	Guide prepared with the defined methodology ²⁹	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	This activity will be re-evaluated after the review of the AP, which is planned to be completed at the end of June.
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 upon above	2022	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ AGE KAS Partners	Responsible officers for collecting administrative data on domestic violence and violence against women, trained and qualified	Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	This activity will be re-evaluated after the review of the AP, which is planned to be completed at the end of June.

²⁹ The authorities are encouraged to consider the Council of Europe Report on "Mapping Support Services for Victims of Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence: Methodology and Tools". View: <https://rm.coe.int/seminar-pristina-report-eng/16807316df>

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 researches	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 will be re-evaluated after the review of the AP, which is planned to be completed at the end of June.
III.4.4	Conducting periodic national surveys (every 4 years) on the phenomenon, size, profile of perpetrators and the perception of citizens of domestic violence and violence against women.	2023	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ MFLT AGE Partners		Istanbul Convention (Article 11)	This activity will be re-evaluated after the review of the AP, which is planned to be completed at the end of June.
III.4.5	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	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)	Out of 485 users of the database, most of the users who are responsible officials in the institutions, were already trained when the platform was launched. Due to the movement of staff and the recruitment of new officials, the Ministry of Justice organizes training for officials who have the responsibility to update the data in the database for the identification of cases of domestic violence, as well as for new officials. During 2022, according to the requests of the institutions, the MoJ has organized 6 trainings for users of the database, as follows:

						<p>Two trainings have been organized in cooperation with the Kosovo Police (KP). In October, a training was organized with the regional supervisors, with a total of 8 officials (3 women and 5 men). In March, a police officer (man) was trained by PS Vushtrri.</p> <p>In cooperation with OSCE, two trainings have been organized for the CSW of the region of Gjilan and Ferizaj. During April, 16 officials (9 men and 7 women) from the municipalities of Gjilan, Partesh, Kllokot, Ranillug, Shtërpce and Novobërdë were trained, while 9 officials (6 men and 3 women) were trained in Ferizaj, Shtime, Kaçanik and Viti.</p> <p>In cooperation with the Basic Prosecution Office in Ferizaj, in April we conducted training with two officers (2 women) from this institution.</p> <p>In cooperation with the shelter of Prishtina, an official (woman) was trained in December. In cooperation with the German GIZ, the database was re-evaluated, with recommendations on the system. For this database, 5 meetings were held with 30 representatives regarding the advancement of infrastructure, resources and services as a database process.</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	<p>Istanbul Convention (Article 11)</p> <p>The database for the identification of cases of domestic violence aims to generate updated statistics from the Police, Centers for Social Work, Victim Advocates, Courts, Prosecution offices and Shelters. Generating these data will help address policies to combat domestic violence.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Kosovo Police, all regions seem to register cases in the system. 2. The CSW, all regions seem to register cases in the system. 3. VAs, all regions seem to register cases in the system. 4. Prosecution Offices, Regions such as: Prishtina, Ferizaj, Prizren, Gjilan seem to register cases of DV in the database,

							<p>Regions such as: Mitrovicë and Gjakovë for the period 01.01.2022-31.12.2022 based on the statistical reports of the database have registered only 1 (one) case in the database,</p> <p>Region: Peja has not registered any case of DV in the database,</p> <p>5. Shelters, all regions seem to register cases in the system.</p> <p>6. Courts, (based on the statistical data generated by the database for the identification of cases of Domestic Violence for the period 01.01.2022-31.12.2022, we have no data reported by the Courts), where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statistics according to cases - All result 0 (zero), with the exception of only one case reported by the Court of Ferizaj.
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)	<p>Generating statistics and preparing periodic statistical bulletins on the number of cases reported and treated in a multi-disciplinary manner.</p> <p>Through the database, statistics are generated on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis. These statistics are updated through the platform. As for the publication, this did not happen during 2022, but the Ministry of Justice plans to publish this data this year, within the Development Plan for Communication and through the redesign of the website.</p> <p>Based on the statistical reports generated by the database for the identification of cases of domestic violence, the updating of the data for 2022 by the Institutions is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KP - 2759 cases, CSW - 448 cases, VA - 1154 cases, Prosecution Offices - 959 cases, Courts - 1 case and Shelters registered in the database. - There are a total of 2794 registered victims, of which 2279 are women and 515 are men, Albanians -2372, Serbs -128, Bosniaks - 24, Turks - 9, Gorani - 6, Roma - 73, Ashkali - 88, Egyptians - 85 and others - 9.

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, and the general public, of their rights and services where they can receive assistance, including free legal aid for persons exposed to violence, in a language they understand	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/ONCPDW FLAA AGE Police Judiciary Municipalities Members of Coordination Mechanisms CSW NGO Office of the State Prosecutor	Information on the rights and protection of victims of domestic violence and violence against women, and free legal aid, prepared in clear and understandable language and disseminated to the community	Istanbul Convention (Article 19)	In cooperation with the Kosovo Police, the Free Legal Aid Agency, and NGOs, Shelters have undertaken a series of actions regarding the distribution of information on rights and services where victims of domestic violence and victims of gender-based violence may receive help. For more information on these data, please see the reporting data from KP, FLAA, AGE as well as the reporting data on the 16 days of activism.
III.5.2	Preparation and dissemination of information in official languages and appropriate for persons with special needs (Braille, etc.), on the legislation in force, the protection provided and relevant institutions where victims / survivors of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	MoJ/Coordinator's Office AGE Kosovo Journalists Association MESTI GEOs and CMs at the local level, Human rights institutions	Awareness materials for the recognition of forms of domestic violence and violence against women as well as for the protection that exists, prepared and distributed every year in several languages and according to	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 12, 13 and 17)	This activity will be re-evaluated after the review of the AP, which is planned to be completed by the end of June.

				NGOs International institutions	the Braille alphabet Awareness information also disseminated through social media		
III.5.3	Organizing a week for victims' rights, with a special focus on victims of various forms of criminal offenses of domestic violence and violence against women, as provided for in the Istanbul Convention ³⁰	Ongoing (annually)	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	VAAO, OSP	More information and awareness on the rights of victims/survivors 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 the CoE ³¹	Victims' Rights Week Istanbul Convention (Chapter IV, Articles 18, 19)	Under the patronage of Acting State Prosecutor's Office from October 24-28, 2022 organized the "Week for the Rights of Crime Victims", with the motto "A moment of reflection of the institutional chain", thus marking the 13th anniversary of the organization, in which participated the State President, The Head of the Prosecution Council, the Head of the Judicial Council, the Presidents of the Basic Courts, the Chief Prosecutors of the Basic Prosecution Offices, Coordinators of domestic violence cases, police investigators, representatives from the AGE, victims' advocates, NGOs, local media, etc. In cooperation and with the co-financing of the US Embassy, this week has also been organized in 7 regional tables in all regions of Kosovo, in which participants have been invited from the entire working network, the Prosecutor's Office, the Courts, the Police, the Center for Social Work, NGOs but also prosecutors from the USA, where the challenges and problems in dealing with cases of domestic violence and other cases were discussed. There was also an exchange of practices and experiences with US prosecutors, from which the recommendations for each region were drawn and addressed to the Chief State Prosecutor.

³⁰ The Istanbul Convention covers the following offenses: domestic violence (physical, sexual, psychological or economic violence), persecution, sexual violence, including rape, sexual harassment, forced marriages, female genital mutilation, abortion or forced sterilization. See: <https://rm.coe.int/168046246b>

³¹ Under the Council of Europe Project "Reinforcing the fight against violence against women and domestic violence: Phase III", Outcome 2.2

							In addition to the regional tables, VAAO has also published awareness-raising material by placing informational posters at the entrance of each facility of the prosecution offices and courts, as well as regional offices for advocating and assistance in relation to the victim compensation program, the role of the victim's advocate. Also, the free helpline number - 0800 11112, which operates 24/7 days a week, has been published. Also, during this week, there were several participations in interviews on various local televisions, where the topics of providing services to victims of domestic violence were discussed. The topics addressed at the regional tables are: Obligation to inform the victim about existing rights and services; Risk assessment with special emphasis on cases of DV and acts of sexual integrity; Protocols of institutions during the handling of cases; More rigorous and faster reaction to the case when dealing with child victims, etc.
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,	2022-2026	Budget of Kosovo Government Donors	Municipalities / GEOs Member institutions of the Coordination Mechanisms NGOs	Information sessions held in all municipalities where it exists and where Coordination Mechanisms will be established More different groups of women, young women, girls,	Istanbul Convention (Chapter III, Articles 7, 12 and 13, Chapter IV, Articles 18, 19)	As for increasing public awareness of domestic violence and violence against women, there are 31 municipalities that have held various activities for the prevention of violence in accordance with the law on protection from domestic violence, such as: awareness campaigns, sessions, meetings, interviews, workshops, television appearances, etc. There are a total of 399 activities that took place during 2022, in these municipalities, while 7 municipalities: North Mitrovica, Partesh, Shtërpcë, Leposaviq, Zubin Potok, Zveçan and Ranillug, have not provided information on this point.

	treatment and access in justice through these mechanisms.				men, young people and boys, informed about the protection, treatment of access to justice through these mechanisms.		
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	Number of citizens who have received free services for access to justice, (including cases exposed to violence in court proceedings), disaggregated by ethnicity and gender of beneficiaries		<p>The number of citizens who have benefited from free services for access to justice (including for cases exposed to violence in court proceedings), divided by ethnicity and gender of the beneficiaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - During 2022, 69 citizens benefited from free legal aid from the Criminal - Domestic Violence field, while 104 citizens benefited from free legal aid from the Civil - Domestic Violence field. In total, there are 173 beneficiaries, for whom 288 legal actions were taken, of which 45 were men and 128 were women. According to their ethnicity, 150 Albanians, 3 Serbs, 5 Bosnians, 2 Turks, 4 Ashkali, 3 Egyptians and 6 Roma have benefited from free legal aid. - Looking at the trend of the cases that appear before the offices of the AFLA, related to the family cases listed above, in almost all cases of marriage dissolution, child custody, alimony, division of joint 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 economic violence, but have never reported the cases. - During this period, in the contested, civil-family field, free legal aid was offered to 725 beneficiaries of free

							legal aid, for whom a total of 1179 legal actions were undertaken. According to gender, 507 women and 218 men have benefited. According to ethnicity, 562 Albanians, 36 Serbs, 4 Bosnians, 2 Turks, 61 Ashkali, 27 Egyptians and 25 Roma, 6 Gorans and 2 others benefited from free legal aid.
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, etc.	The number of legal aid officers in the Agency's regional offices has increased		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, which operate in the municipalities: Podujevë, Klinë, Lipjan, Shtime, Kaçanik and Hani i Elezit, enabling the employment of 4 (four) officials who will provide free legal assistance. Also, free legal aid was offered until October 21, 2022 through the Mobile Clinic financially supported by UNDP, which has been operating in municipalities where there is no regional office and mobile office for free legal aid and in the deepest regions of the Republic of Kosovo, as well as for the implementation of awareness and information campaigns for citizens. In order to meet the fulfillment of the legal obligation, in continuity and through the budget requirements, the AFLA has appealed for the provision of the necessary budget for the opening of Mobile Offices, however, in the budget planning of 2023, no budget has been allocated to ensure the extent of the free legal aid in the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo. The opening of mobile offices for Free Legal Aid with the support of the donor GIZ has enabled equal access to justice for the citizens of six (6) municipalities. However, for the year 2023, based on the agreement with the donor GIZ, AFLA has been obliged to provide 50% of the amount for the payment of officials for the operation of mobile offices in 6 (six) municipalities of Podujevë, Klinë, Lipjan, Shtime, Kaçanik and Han i Elez. Based on the fact that for the year 2023 the AFLA has not managed to provide 50% of the amount for the

							operation of these mobile offices, we have requested the support of GIZ to finance 100% of the salaries for 4 officials and travel expenses for 6 (six) months for two of them with the aim that after 6 (six) months the Ministry of Justice will provide the budget for the operation of these offices, otherwise the offices will have to be closed.
III.5.7	Increasing cooperation between the Agency for Free Legal Aid and Non-Governmental Organizations that provide free legal aid	Ongoing	Budget of Kosovo Government	Agency for Free Legal Aid Regional offices for free legal aid NGOs that provide free legal aid	Memorandums of Understanding reached between the Agency for Free Legal Aid and Non-Governmental Organizations which provide free legal aid		The Council for Free Legal Aid in September 2022 has approved the Regulation for the provision of free legal aid by NGOs, but with the entry into force of Law No. 08/L-063 - on Amending and Supplementing the Laws related to the Rationalization and Establishment of Accountability Lines of Independent Agencies, this regulation had no legal effect due to the transition to the Ministry of Justice.
III.5.8.	Informing the public and promoting through activities the Crime Victims Compensation Program ³²	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.		Within the “16 Days of Activism” campaign, the Crime Victim Compensation Program was promoted.
III.5.9.	Awareness-raising of society through advocacy and	2022 T4	No need for	GE, Victim Advocates-SPO, Ombudsperson	Campaigns implemented	Kosovo Program for Gender	1. The affirmative measure for the registration of joint property in the name of both spouses free of charge has been extended for one year from April 2022 to April

³² 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.

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	additional costs ³³	Donors, civil society	Equality 2020 - 2024, activity III.1.6	<p>2023. An awareness video was made https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udZHielTjA4, budget 1,2040 euros. From this affirmative measure for the period January-December 2022, 4375 couples have benefited, the percentage of women who own property has increased to 19.18%.</p> <p>2. AGE, in order to strengthen the capacities of the governmental Commission for survivors of sexual violence during the war and organizations licensed within this process to increase women's access to justice, has financed the two-day workshop for the Commission for the Verification of the Status of survivors of sexual violence during the war. The budget spent was in the amount of 2,438.00 euros.</p> <p>3. AGE during the months of January-September 2022 has conducted 4 training sessions for the Kosovo Police on the responsibilities and obligations deriving from the Standard Operation Procedures for Protection against Domestic Violence, and the Istanbul Convention for the treatment of victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence. 95 rapid response police officers in the Municipality of Prishtina, Ferizaj, Gjilan, Gjakova have been certified. The budget spent was 5,538.60 Euro.</p> <p>4. The AGE at the local level has carried out 7 workshops - orientation sessions for the coordination mechanisms against domestic violence at the local level, where the Standard Operation Procedures for Protection against Domestic Violence and the obligations from the Istanbul Convention, which oblige the central level to respond to cases of violence</p>
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³³ 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

						<p>against women and domestic violence, have been presented. The workshops were held in: Klinë, Malishevë, Mamushë, Drenas, Obiliq, Viti and Junik, the workshops were attended by 130 participants. The budget of AGE was in the amount of 2,101.00 euros.</p> <p>5. AGE has supported the “Kosovo Center for Gender Studies” for the realization of the research “Gender Stereotypes and the barriers that challenge the participation of women in sports” in the amount of 10,000.00 euros. https://abgj.rks-gov.net/assets/cms/uploads/files/Ulumtimi%20Grat%20dhe%20Vajzat%20n%C3%AB%20Fush%20Sportit.pdf</p> <p>Awareness campaigns: 2 awareness campaigns and 2 discussion tables were carried out. Two awareness campaigns have been carried out: a) Breast Cancer Awareness Month - AGE within the month of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month has lit up the building of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo in purple color with pink ribbon as a sign of solidarity with all women who have been affected by breast cancer. Budget in the amount of 1,587.70 euros. 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, 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 budget 3,541.7 euros.</p> <p>Discussion tables: AGE Marking March 8 International Women’s Day with the theme “We undo prejudices, we aim for inclusion” with the aim of increasing the participation of women in decision-making processes at the executive legislative level, diplomatic missions</p>
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						<p>and civil service. The budget in the amount of €2,000.00</p> <p>AGE in cooperation with KCGS have held the traditional high-level consultative meeting, with the theme "Participation of Women in the Labor Market". Recommendations for the relevant areas of increasing women's participation in decision-making in public administration and the labor market have been published. The budget is worth 1,405.50 euros. 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 clip for reporting sexual rapes - Biological evidence https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpFOMw8f8LY budget €1,240.00</p> <p>c) a video clip on Prevention and treatment of sexual harassment in sports https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDswiLSu1Xc budget €1,240.00</p> <p>AGE in cooperation with the Officials for Gender Equality at the central level - the Ministry 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. AGE - has presented the legal framework for protection from domestic violence and violence against women, and the Standard Operating Procedures for Protection from Domestic Violence.</p>
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IV.	Strategic Objective:	Provision of general services and specialized support services for victims					
IV.1.	Specific Objective:	Support and strengthening of the specialized support services for victims/survivors from all groups³⁴ and child victims and witnesses of violence					
IV.1.1	Advocacy at the central and local levels to increase existing funding.	2022-2024	Kosovo budget and donors	MoJ, MFLT, MoH Municipalities	Budget growth and sustainable funding		Advocacy at the central and local level for increased funding for housing services.
IV.1.2	Increasing human resources capacities, employment of psychologists and social workers according to the profiling required for specialized support services in public institutions and specialized NGOs in proportion to the number of inhabitants in each municipality	2022-2024	Kosovo budget and donors	MoJ, MFLT, MoH Municipalities	Satisfying the minimum professional and structural standards Employment of at least one social worker per 20 victims in each CSW. Specialized psycho-social counseling service tailored to the needs of special groups	Istanbul Convention, Law on Public Officials, LSFS, Law on Professions	Not implemented.
IV.1.3	Istanbul Convention, Law on Public Officials, LSFS, Law on Professions National Helpline for all forms of violence	2022-2026	Kosovo budget and donors	MSH MFPT MD/KNDHF ABGJ MASHTI MAPL	Functional and efficient Helpline, with nationwide service, available 24/7, dedicated to all	Istanbul Convention	The Helpline at the Ministry of Health is for all citizens of RKS, functional and highly efficient with nationwide services available 08:00-16:00 (8 hours a day, 5 days a week, dedicated to all citizens of RKS. It is not only for cases of domestic violence and violence against women.

³⁴ “From all groups” means from urban and rural areas, from ethnic minorities, with disabilities, LGBTI +, the elderly, single mothers, girls mothers, migrants and asylum seekers, etc.

	against women and domestic violence, available 24/7 in all official languages in Kosovo, in accordance with the requirements of the Istanbul Convention			MoH MFLT MoJ/NCDF AGE MEST MLGA municipalities Specialized NGOs	forms of violence against women and domestic violence, with service in all official languages in Kosovo and meeting the standards of the Istanbul Convention		
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	KIPA, ONC-MoJ, GCSFS, MoH Specialized NGOs Council of Europe	Validated module, professional capacity ³⁵ building List of staff who have attended specialized training sessions	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Social Services from January 2023 have been transferred to the Ministry of Justice, currently a legal analysis and an analysis of the needs of the Centers for Social Work is being developed, which is expected to be published in April 2023.
IV.1.5.	Supporting shelters with continuous funding	2023-2026	Kosovo budget and donors	Municipalities, Ministry of Justice, Agency for Administration of Sequestered or Confiscated	Shelters supported in infrastructural and financial terms	Istanbul Convention	This activity is planned to start in 2023.

³⁵ In accordance with the quality guidelines for shelters for victims of violence against women and domestic violence developed by the CoE, trainings will be conducted for social work centers and shelters (project outcome 3.1)

				Assets, State Prosecutor's			
IV.1.6.	Provision of support and shelter services for special groups (boys and men victims of domestic violence, LGBTI persons, etc.)	Ongoing	Kosovo budget Donors	MFLT MoF Municipalities NGOs	Specialized sheltering service tailored to the needs of specific groups	Istanbul Convention	The mechanisms support shelters to better handle cases of domestic violence and violence against women, ensuring quick access to available services for victims; they 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. In the municipalities: Novobërdë, Prishtina, Gjiilan, Gjakovë, Prizren and Pejë, the facilities where the shelters are located were donated by the respective municipalities, whereas other shelters in Ferizaj and South Mitrovica pay monthly rent. In Zubin Potok there is a Shelter called "Safe Regional House", which operates in 4 municipalities in the north of the Republic of Kosovo. Also, there are 6 municipalities that have ensured the facilities: Gjakovë, Gjiilan, Prishtina, Prizren, Ranillug and Pejë. As for the inter-municipal cooperation in this field, there are 28 municipalities that provide financial support for shelters: Deçan, Dragash, Glllogoc, Ferizaj, Fushë Kosovë, Gjakovë, Gjiilan, Graçanicë, Hani i Elezit, Istog, Kaçanik, Kamenica, Klinë, Lipjan, Malishevë, Mamushë, South Mitrovica, Obiliq, Pejë, Podujevë, Prizren, Junik, Rahovec, Ranillug, Shtime, Skenderaj, Suharekë and Viti. According to the summary of the municipalities, the amount of financial support is 86,382.6. The municipality of Vushtrri has reported that they no willingness has been shown for cooperation agreements on the part of Shelters. 3. Regarding the establishment of the municipal council for the protection of victims of domestic violence based on gender, this council has been established in 27 municipalities, while the municipality of Klokot is in the process of establishing the mechanism in question.

IV.1.7.	Financial support of services for victims of sexual assaults provided in public institutions or specialized NGOs	2022-2026	Kosovo budget Donors	MFLT MoF Municipalities	Specialized service for victims of sexual assaults tailored to the needs of specific groups	Istanbul Convention	The provision of housing, rehabilitation and reintegration services for victims of domestic violence, women and children victims of various forms of crime in Kosovo 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	Kosovo budget Donors	MFLT MoF Municipalities	Specialized service for child victims and witnesses of 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 NGO, continues. Hope and Children's Homes".
IV.1.9	Appointment in courts of coordinators and profiled judges, for the treatment of cases of domestic violence in the civil and criminal aspect	2022	Kosovo budget Government	KJC	Professionals of the judiciary profiled in dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	With the approval of the Strategy, the presidents of the courts were asked to appoint the coordinators. Until now, each court has appointed a coordinator. In some courts the judges have already been profiled and the same remains to be done for the rest.
IV.1.10	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	Kosovo budget Government	KPC	Profiling of prosecutors and professionals in dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Not implemented.

IV.1.11	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	Kosovo budget Government	MIA	Police professionals profiled in dealing with cases of domestic violence and violence against women	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	A proposal has been made in the New Structure of the Kosovo Police, for the establishment of the Directorate for the Prevention and Investigation of Domestic Violence. This Directorate will have 23 members at the central level and investigators distributed at the local and regional level. The total number of investigators at the regional and local level is 107 investigators, of which 51 are women and 56 are men.
IV.1.12	Purchasing vehicles for police directorate at the central level and regional levels	2022	Kosovo budget Donors	MIA	Purchase of 7 vehicles for the special directorate in police at the central level and units from the regional level	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	The purchase of new vehicles is under consideration in the General Directorate of the Kosovo Police. Currently, all police stations and regional investigations are equipped with vehicles.
IV.1.13	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	Kosovo budget Government	MIA	Functionality of the special directorate in police at the central level and regional and local level	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	Immediately after the approval of the organizational structure, which is ongoing, the Directorate for the Prevention and Investigation of Domestic Violence will be functionalized. Currently this responsibility falls within the Sector for the Prevention and Investigation of Domestic Violence.
IV.1.14	Increase on the percentage of women police	2022-2026	Kosovo budget	MIA/KP	More women police officers in compliance with national and international	Istanbul Convention (Article 15)	The number of women officers continuously changes due to the movement of staff within the police organization, even though there are women officers in all the units that deal with cases of domestic violence. Kosovo Police staff who deal with domestic violence cases are; Regional Police Directorate: Prishtina 15

			Government		legal provisions for respecting the principle of the victim's right to be treated by officers of the same gender		W/15 M, Mitrovica South 8 W/6 M, Mitrovica North 1 W/1 M, Pejë 5 W/5M, Prizren 3 W/9 M, Ferizaj 6 W/7 M, Gjilan 8 W/9 M and Gjakovë 5 W/4M. Total: 51 women and 56 men.
IV.1.15	Establishment and functioning of friendly rooms for interviewing and treating victims at the local level for the Police	2022-2026	Kosovo budget Government Donors	MIA Police	Friendly rooms for interviewing established and functional victims in Kosovo police buildings	Istanbul Convention	Within the Kosovo Police, there are 26 friendly- rooms, functional for interviewing victims of domestic violence, the same are used for victims of trafficking and for delinquency of minors. We are in the process of building additional capacities by allocating other spaces.
IV.1.16	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	Kosovo budget Government Municipalities Donors	MIA Police MoH Municipalities MFLT ACCK	Transportation of victims as needed to the police or CSW carried out immediately and with appropriate means Means of transport for the police Means of transport for the Centers for Social Work	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 and, if required, to health institutions. The issue of the meals is being reviewed due to budget planning and it is believed that it will be fixed for the 6-month period.

					Manageable petty cash for meals for the victims		
IV.1.17	Strengthening VAAOs with adequate human, financial and infrastructural capacities	2022-2023	Kosovo budget Government	OGSP	Increase of VAAO staff from 25 to 40 employees and recruited employees		During 2022, two Victim Advocates were employed in the Victim Protection and Assistance Office, while one was transferred from the position of Legal Officer to Victim Advocate. During 2023, two more victims' advocates are expected to start work.
IV.1.18	Strengthening of the VAAO	2022-2023	Kosovo budget	OGSP	Purchase of laptops/computers, and other office inventory		All the officials of VAAO are supplied with computers, which have advanced performance, as well as have access to the electronic case management system. Also, the American Embassy has supplied the regional leaders of the VAAO with several laptops. During 2022, we received no request for IT equipment supply. As for the inventory, the staff are equipped with the necessary inventory and whenever necessary, the KPC tries to meet their requirements based on budget possibilities.
IV.1.19	Purchase of vehicles for VAAO	2022-2023	Kosovo budget	OGSP	Increase of rolling stock (cars) by 7		KPC has offered support to VAAO in this direction, so at the moment there are 9 vehicles in use of VAAO.
IV.2	Specific Objective	Implement 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	2022-2024	Kosovo budget and donors	MLGA, Municipalities	List of profiled staff	Law on Public Official, Law on Professions, Law on SFS,	34 municipalities have appointed officials who are/will be profiled.

	empowerment of victims						
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/Coordinator's Office, MFPT	Database created/updated	Istanbul Convention	This activity is planned to start being implemented within 2023, due to the analysis and development of the economic program to support survivors of violence. This economic activity will begin in 2023 in cooperation with the ILO for the economic facilities for survivors of domestic violence, gender-based violence and sexual violence.
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	MFPT, MoH, MoJ, MESTI, 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	Employment Offices Municipalities Other local institutions, members of the Coordination Mechanisms	Referred cases treated on a priority basis and employed	Istanbul Convention	Partially implemented by NGOs in cooperation with the CSW 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	2022-2024	Government of Kosovo, Municipalities	MLGA, Municipalities	Consolidated social housing for victims	Istanbul Convention	The three-year social housing plan has been drawn up in 15 municipalities: Deçan, Glllogoc, Fushë Kosovë, Gjakovë, Gracanicë, Istog, Kaçanik, Klinë, Malishevë, Novobërde, Obiliq, Podujevë, Rahovec, Skenderaj and Suharekë, and 6 municipalities are in the process: Ferizaj, Gjilan, Kamenicë, Prizren, Junik, and Viti. The 11 municipalities that have not drawn up the three-year social housing plan are: Dragash, Hani i Elezit,

	women (rent, provision of housing).						Klllokot, Lipjan, Mamushë, Mitrovica e Jugut, Peja, Pristina, Ranillug, Shtërpce, and Shtime. The municipalities that have not provided information are 6: Vushtrri, Partesh, Leposavic, North Mitrovica, Zubin Potok and Zvecan.
IV.2.6.	Establishment of a fund for grants 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 women	2022-2024	Kosovo Government	MoJ, Government of Kosovo, MFLT, , MED	Reporting the number of employed victims.	Istanbul Convention	In cooperation with the OSCE and the EU Office in Kosovo, a joint high-level conference has been organized, focused on the reintegration of survivors of gender-based violence into society. Special emphasis has been placed on access to affordable social housing for victims of gender-based violence and full economic integration in the labor market. The event included 30 participants of which: 18 men and 12 women as well as 116 online participants (of which more than half were women).
IV.2.9.	Subsidizing projects for economic empowerment of victims of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024	Kosovo Government	AGE/OPM, Municipalities, MCYS, MTI	Projects for economic empowerment of women implemented	Kosovo Program for Gender Equality	AGE has subsidized 3 NGOs, which work in the field of preventing violence against women in raising general awareness on the fight against violence against women. The total budget is 18,000.00 euros. 1) Youth Organization - AKTI, - within the project, 7 sessions/lectures were held with students in upper secondary schools of the municipalities: Podujevë,

						<p>Gjilan, Ferizaj, Fushë-Kosovë and Drenas, where 241 participants took part. Also, a three-day training was held with the subject: “Identification and prevention of domestic violence, the role and importance of local and central institutions in the treatment of psychological violence and depression”. A Video with high school students, who, in the form of messages, called for the prevention of gender-based violence was also made. The budget is 6,000.00 euros.</p> <p>2) Bussines Women Mitrovica held 4 advocacy trainings, three meetings with the Roma and Ashkali community, three discussion tables for the presentation of the Law on Gender Equality, the Law on Domestic Violence and the Law on Inheritance, and promotional materials have been distributed. The budget is 6,000.00 euros. 3) Center for Education and Community Development Friends - within the project, two-day workshops were held for teachers and students of primary schools in the municipality of Mitrovica. A two-day workshop on the Istanbul Convention was held with representatives of local communities. A video on reporting domestic violence and gender-based violence was produced and awareness materials were distributed. The budget is 6,000.00 euros.</p>	
IV.2. 10.	Subsidizing kindergarten payments to victims of domestic violence and violence against women	2022-2024	Kosovo Government	AGE, Municipalities	Facilitating the situation of women victims of domestic violence and violence against women and access to education for their children	Kosovo Program for Gender Equality	In the question which according to the questionnaires compiled by MLGA was how much was subsidized for kindergarten payments for victims of domestic violence and violence against women in municipalities, so far there are 11 municipalities that have already started with the implementation: Deçan, Fushë Kosovë, Gjakovë, Gjilan, Istog, Lipjan, Malishevë, Prishtina, Junik, Suharekë, and Vushtrri. The municipality of Fushë Kosovë and Malisheva have reported with figures, stating that there are 11 children

							in Fushë Kosovë and 8 children in the municipality of Malishevë. As for the municipality of Gjilan, during 2022 it has subsidized the children of single mothers and is in the process of subsidizing kindergarten payments for the children of victims of domestic violence. Municipality of Lipjan has started to implement the subsidy of kindergarten payments for children of domestic violence from 2016-2017.
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