

Project title: »Supported, strong and informed« – future without violence!

Project leader: Association Humanum – Association for protection and promotion of human rights
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Partner 1: Social Welfare Center Požega

Partner 2: Community Association Red Cross Society of Požeško-slavonska County

Partner 3: Association of Multiple Sclerosis of Požeško-slavonska County

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Link to relevant internet pages: <https://www.humanum.hr/>

Project summary:

Violence against women and girls is one of the most common forms of human rights violations in all societies. Victims often conceal violence due to fear for their safety, feelings of shame, or the dynamics of abusive relationships, which leave them feeling helpless. According to data from the Social Welfare Center Požega – Family Center branch, 94 reports of violence were recorded in 2021, including various forms: physical, psychological, and cases involving multiple simultaneous forms of violence.

Analysis of the data highlights specific characteristics of the victims, including age, gender, disability, employment status, and education, revealing significant sociodemographic disparities. Among female victims, most are unemployed and have lower levels of education, underscoring the heightened vulnerability of these groups.

Civil society organizations (CSOs) play a crucial role in the early identification and prevention of violence. Their close interaction with users in everyday life enables them to create a confidential environment for dialogue and early intervention.

The project aims to:

- Identify factors that increase the vulnerability of violence victims.
- Determine the prevalence of violence against women at risk.
- Ensure effective and comprehensive support for violence victims.
- Raise public awareness of the issue of violence against women and girls.

The project activities include:

- Conducting research on risk factors and violence prevalence.
- Organizing educational programs for CSOs and other professionals to strengthen their role in identifying and preventing violence.
- Public awareness campaigns on violence through media and public events.

This project contributes to improving the system of protection and support for violence victims and encourages the community to actively address violence and support those affected.