NETWORKS

SIT is a member of

Youth for Exchange and Understanding International (YEU)
MenCare
MasterPeace Global Foundation
NOW Map
Working with Perpetrators - European Network (WWP - EN)
MenEngage Global Alliance
Kosovo Mapping Organizations
CiviKos
K10 (Coalition for Health)
MISSION & VISION
SIT - Center for Counseling, Social Services, and Research as a non-governmental and non-profit organization provides professional counseling services, conducts socio-economic research, and strives to prevent negative phenomena with the ultimate goal to foster a better, healthier, and more inclusive society in Kosovo. SIT started as a project in 2006 and was than established as an NGO in 2008. For more than a decade it has been an ally of the community. Through its well-established network of partners, SIT is active in Pristina/Prishtina, where the headquarters are, as well as in 6 other regions in Kosovo: Ferizaj/Uroševac, Gjakovë/Dakovica, Gjan/Gracanica, Pejë/Pcit, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, and Prizren.

MAIN GOALS
• Provide counseling services to individuals or groups willing to take action in preventing Gender-Based and Domestic Violence; to perpetrators who are on their path of rehabilitation and reintegration; to teachers, parents, and students seeking professional advice on emotion control as well as expression and mental health;
• Promote human rights, gender equality, sexual and reproductive health;
• Work on the prevention of gender-based and domestic violence as well as radicalization and violent extremism among young people;
• Foster healthy lifestyles and behaviors, in particular among young people;
• Research and collection of economic market data and provide the relevant stakeholders with those data.

2020-2023 objectives
• Establishing three (3) counseling centers in Kosovo; Providing counseling services to domestic violence and GBV perpetrators
• Seven (7) regions in Kosovo where projects were or are being implemented; Gender-Based Violence prevention;
• Nine (9) implemented projects;
• Establishing a network of partners, SIT is active in Pristina/Prishtina, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Gjakovë/Dakovica, Gjan/Gracanica, Pejë/Pcit, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and Prizren;
• South of Kosovo; Establishing a network of partners, SIT is active in Pristina/Prishtina, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Gjakovë/Dakovica, Gjan/Gracanica, Pejë/Pcit, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and Prizren;
• Youth Workers for Young People
• “Youth Workers”
• “Media and Journalism Support for Human Rights in Kosovo”, financed by the Government of Luxembourg and managed by the Kosovo Civil Society Foundation (KCSF).
• “Scaling up the ‘Young Men Initiative’ project aims to create a culture based on human rights, non-violence, and healthy behaviors towards the community and peers.
• The “Transformational Journalism” project aims to engage young people in transforming the way the human rights issues, with a focus on gender issues, are reported in the media in Kosovo.
• This project is supported by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development in Kosovo and implemented by SIT and YMCA in partnership with CARE
• The primary purpose of the “Collection of economic market data (CEMD)” is to support marketing decisions and marketing efforts for entrepreneurs, farmers, and producers.

ACHIEVEMENTS
Some figures about SIT in figures
• Nine (9) implemented projects;
• Two (2) municipalities in Prishtina where coordination mechanisms on GBV and DM prevention were established within the International Training Program (ITP) on Gender-Based Violence prevention;
• Seven (7) regions in Kosovo where projects were or are being implemented;
• 30 active volunteers;
• “Young Workers” network established.

PROJECTS
Youth Men Initiative (YMI)
“Men and Boys as Partners in Promoting Gender Equality and Preventing Violence and Extremism among Youth in the Balkans” or “Young Men Initiative” (YMI II) is a project that is being implemented in Kosovo since 2009. Through working directly with young men and women, the project aims to break gender stereotypes, tackle inequalities, and promote a healthy lifestyle free of violence and prejudice. This project is supported by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development in Kosovo since 2009.

Swedish and Kosovar Dads - Equal parental leave
In partnership with the Embassy of Sweden, Democracy for Development D4D, and OLOF Palme International Center, the project advocated for more equal parental leaves on the eve of the new labor law in Kosovo. The project included different activities spanning from meetings with relevant stakeholders to an open photographic exhibition featuring both Kosovar and Swedish dads taking care of their children.

Through Forum-Theatre
This project, supported by the Municipality of Pristina/Prishtina and implemented in three schools, was designed to create a culture where violence and negative phenomena were avoided, and gender equality, healthy living, and non-discrimination were promoted instead.

Preventing Violence in Schools
The project “Fostering awareness on the prevention of violence and negative phenomena in schools” was implemented in seven schools in seven municipalities; Prishtina/Prishtina, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Gjakovë/Dakovica, Podujevë/Podujeva, Pejë/Pcit, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica, and Prizren with the support of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. The activities tackled problems such as violence against girls and women, harassment, alcohol, and drug abuse.