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SIT

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 then 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 Prishtinë/Priština, where the headquarters are, as well as in 6 other regions in Kosovo; Ferizaj/Uroševac, Gjakovë /Đakovica, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Pejë/Peć, 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 counselling services to domestic violence and GBV perpetrators
- Increase advocacy capacities in the field of Gender-Based and Domestic violence prevention..
- Establish a SIT Hub/resource center in a smaller municipality.
- Reach out 10,000 among direct and indirect beneficiaries.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Some figures about SIT in figures

- Nine (9) implemented projects;
- Two (2) municipalities in Kosovo 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;
- “Youth Workers” network established.



PROJECTS

Young 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 by SIT and YMCA in partnership with CARE International in Balkans. By 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. Relevant stakeholders include the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, public gender agencies, academic institutions, secondary schools, educators, media, and others. In addition to Kosovo, YMI II will be implemented in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia.

Youth Workers for Young People

YW4YP aims to build the capacity of youth workers in working with young people, integrating them into organizations, identifying their needs, and envisaging strategies in order to foster youth participation in the community. It is funded by the project “Luxembourg support for civil society in Kosovo”, financed by the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and managed by the Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF).

Break the Ice - Intercultural Dialogue

Youngsters, youth workers, teachers, and NGOs from Leskovac, Serbia, and Prishtina/Priština, Kosovo are involved in this intercultural project. Through exchange visits and info sessions, the project aims at inducing an environment and culture based on human rights, non-violence, and healthy behaviors towards the community and peers.

Transformational Journalism

The “Transformational Journalism” project aims to engage young people in transforming the way human rights issues, with a focus on gender issues, are reported in the media in Kosovo. To achieve this, we have invited young people of all backgrounds who have an interest in writing and publishing about different issues they are concerned with to participate in two training modules. As a result, by the end of the project, we will have articles tackling various human rights issues from a gender perspective that will be published on different platforms. This program is part of the “Media and Journalism Support for Human Rights in Kosovo” project, funded by the European Union office in Kosovo and implemented by Kosovo 2.0, CEL, and KGSC.

Scale-Up YMI

Scaling up the “Young Men Initiative” project aims to create a culture based on human rights, gender equality, nonviolence, and healthy development amongst young men and young women and the community in general. Specifically, through engaging young men and women from all communities in Kosovo, aged 14 – 19, the goal is to help them embrace attitudes and demonstrate behaviors that support more gender-equitable social norms, healthy lifestyles, and to discourage violent behavior against their peers and the community in general. This project is supported by the UNMIK – United Nations Mission in Kosovo



Collection of economic market data

The primary purpose of the “Collection of economic market data (CEMD)” is to support marketing decisions and marketing efforts for entrepreneurs, farmers, and producers. In addition, the information is useful to different types of organizations, academics, and researchers too. The “Collection of economic market data” comprises weekly prices collected in the seven main centers of Kosovo (Prishtinë/Priština, Ferizaj/Uroševac, Gjakovë/Đakovica, Gjilan/Gnjilane, Pejë/Peć, Mitrovicë/Mitrovica and Prizren) with approximately 650 agricultural products, such as fruits, vegetables, livestock and other agricultural inputs, and their dissemination through different forms of cooperation. 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 Prishtina/Priština and implemented in three schools, was designed to create a culture where violence and other negative phenomena were avoided, and gender equality, healthy living, and non-discrimination were promoted instead.

Preventing Violence in Schools

The project “Raising awareness on the prevention of violence and negative phenomena in schools” was implemented in seven schools in seven municipalities; Prishtinë/Priština Ferizaj/Uroševac, Gjakovë/Đakovica, Podujevë/Podujeva, Pejë/Peć, 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.