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### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

<b>Project Title:</b>	Capacity development of Coordination Mechanism members to implement Domestic Violence Action Plans in seven municipalities in Kosovo under the Programme “Ending Violence against Women: Implementing Norms, Changing Minds”
<b>Purpose:</b>	Selection of qualified responsible partner for the Programme
<b>Duration:</b>	September 2017- December 2019
<b>Contract Type:</b>	Project Cooperation Agreement
<b>Location:</b>	Kosovo <sup>1</sup>
<b>Deadline for submissions:</b>	September 8 <sup>th</sup> 2017

*The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is inviting women’s rights organizations civil and society organizations (CSOs), promoting women’s rights and gender equality to submit proposals to support members of Domestic Violence Coordination mechanism in seven municipalities of Kosovo to implement local action plan for protection against Domestic Violence and Gender Based Violence*

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<sup>1</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### I. Background

The programme “*Implementing norms, changing minds*” (February 2017- January 2020) aims at ending gender-based discrimination and violence against women, with a focus on the most disadvantaged groups of women, in six Western Balkan countries – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo<sup>2</sup>, and Serbia – and Turkey. The programme is funded by the European Commission within the Instrument for Pre- Accession Assistance (IPA) II.

“*Implementing norms, changing minds*” is anchored in the normative frameworks of the Convention for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW) and the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention), and is in alignment with the European Union (EU) accession standards on gender equality. In Kosovo the programme will: (i) support the development of an enabling legislative and policy environment on eliminating violence against women and all forms of discrimination; (ii) promote favorable social norms and attitudes to prevent gender discrimination and violence against women; and (iii) empower women and girls (including those from disadvantaged groups) who have experienced discrimination or violence to advocate for and use available, accessible and quality services.

This Call for Proposals is related to the third component of the programme and aims at supporting the central and local level institutions to improve services to Gender based Violence and Domestic Violence survivors and fulfill its obligations related to provision of services for women survivors of violence under CEDAW, the Istanbul Convention and the national legislation and policies although Kosovo is not a State Party Kosovo is included in the territory over which the Convention can be and should be applicable.

Since 2011 UN Women Office in Kosovo has been working closely with UN Agencies in strengthening the capacities of key service providers to in increasing the efficiency of management of cases of Domestic Violence survivors at the local level. As a result seven municipalities Gjilan/Gnjilane, Gjakovë/Djakovica and Dragash/ š Mitrovica/ë North, Zveč/çan, Zubin Potok and Leposavić/ç in Kosovo have established Domestic Violence Coordination Mechanisms, consisted of Mayor’s cabinet, Police, Judiciary, Survivors Advocate, Municipal Gender Equality Officer, Centre for Social Welfare; the Directorate of Education, Directorate of Health and Social Protection; Public Employment Office and representatives Civil Society Organizations including shelters ( if they exist).

UN Women has supported the development of specific MoUs and protocols for improving coordination among key stakeholders and drafting of the Domestic Violence Action Plans with the aim to qualitatively respond to domestic violence cases. Special attention has been given to Police and Judiciary and special tailored capacity development training were provided to Police Investigators, Judges, Survivors’ Advocates and Prosecutors.

Within this context UN Women will support members of Coordination Mechanism in seven municipalities to implement local Domestic Violence Action Plans that are fully in line with National Strategy for Protection against Domestic Violence 2016-2020. Local Domestic Violence Action Plans lays down four pillars of action: 1) prevention and awareness-raising; 2) protection and co-ordination; 3) legislation, investigation and prosecution; and 4) rehabilitation and reintegration of survivors.

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<sup>2</sup> All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this document shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

## II. Objective of UN Women's support

The ultimate goal of the three-year Programme is that women and girls live a life free of discrimination and violence. The Programme aims at reducing intersectional discrimination and violence against women and girls in six Western Balkan countries and Turkey, anchored in the normative frameworks of CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention (IC)<sup>3</sup>, and also in alignment with EU accession standards. This intervention will contribute to Specific Objective (3) : To empower women and girls (including those from disadvantaged groups) who have experienced discrimination or violence to advocate for and use available, accessible and quality services.

The Programme (February 2017- January 2020) aims at ending gender based discrimination and violence against women, with a particular focus on the most disadvantaged groups of women, in six Western Balkans countries and Turkey. Funded by the European Commission (EC) within the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) II, the Programme is anchored in the normative frameworks of CEDAW, Istanbul Convention, and in alignment with the European Union (EU) accession standards.

This CfP is framed within the Programme *Ending Violence against Women and Girls in six Western Balkan countries and Turkey: Implementing Norms, Changing Minds*. More specifically the CfP falls under the Programme Specific Objective 3 (SO3) *Empowering women and girls (including those from disadvantaged groups) who have experienced discrimination or violence to advocate for and use available, accessible and quality services*.

The Istanbul Convention calls for capacity development of relevant professionals in the many causes, manifestations and consequences of all forms of violence. Training not only allows raising awareness among professionals, but contributes to changing the outlooks and the conduct of these professionals about the survivors. Furthermore, it significantly improves the nature and quality of the support provided to survivors.

In this context, UN Women is issuing a Call for Proposals (CfP) to select a responsible party to:

- Support members of Coordination Mechanism s in selected municipalities to implement Domestic Violence Action Plans that are fully in line with CEDAW and Istanbul Convention. Provide capacity development to service providers to engage in policy development at the local and central level to improve services for survivors of violence;

### III. Scope of the Project

It is expected that the project(s) to be implemented under this Call for Proposals contribute to the following results:

<b>Result 3.1</b>	Providers of general and specialist support services for survivors of all forms of violence have the capacity to implement the standards enshrined in CEDAW and the IC, and in line with global standards and guidelines for essential services ;
<b>Indicator 3.1.a:</b>	Number of services providers at the health, justice, and security (police) sectors who have reviewed and/or adopted standards procedures in line with IC for delivery of support services to survivors of all forms of violence
<b>Activity 3.1.2:</b>	Develop Capacities of Domestic Violence Coordination Mechanisms to implement the municipality strategies for protection and reintegration of VAW survivors in selected municipalities in Kosovo

### IV. Deliverables

It is expected that through the support the targeted women's CSOs will be able to jointly produce, inter alia:

- Support the revision/update of the existing Domestic Violence Municipal Action Plans( 2012-2016) in seven Municipalities;
- Develop the baseline on the level of implementation of DV AP at the local level;
- Organize consultative workshops with members of Coordination Mechanism to identify the priority areas of the DV Action plans and actions to be implemented;
- Provide specific training to selected stakeholders to implement activities for the DV Action plans;
- Provide support on developing the mini project ideas for the implementation of Action Plans;
- Support the process of implementation of the certain activities form the Domestic Violence Action Plans;
- Provide training sessions on advocacy and lobby for budget allocation for DV/GBV issues in seven Municipalities;
- Facilitate the collaboration and coordination among all member so Coordination mechanisms and local-central level communication;

- Support advocacy campaigns especially related to 16 days, HeforShe Campaign etc;
- Develop the monitoring report on the level of implementation of DV AP in seven municipalities;
- Prepare a final report with findings and observations;

## **Communications activity**

Communication and visibility action plan including at least 1 public events and use of social media for dissemination of the capacity development programme achievements: 1) to inform and raise awareness among women, especially women from minorities and disadvantaged groups, and among communities at a large ; 2) to inform and raise awareness among relevant decision makers and key stakeholders at national level;

*Note: The information on the capacity needs assessment for shelters can be taken from the Mapping support services for survivors of violence against women in Kosovo\* report conducted by EU*

## **V. Duration of project**

From **September 2017 to December 2019**

## **VI. Budget Request**

The proposed intervention size and budget request will have to fall between a minimum indicative amount of **EUR 52.000** and a **maximum amount of EUR 56.000**

## **VII. Institutional Arrangement**

The selected Organization(s) will sign a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with UN Women. Competitive selection process will take place to identify the potential Responsible Party. The CSO will be selected only if it has proven capacity to deliver the proposed activity. The CSO's capacity will be assessed by UN Women as per UN Women's manuals.

## **VIII. Reporting**

The selected partner will be the principal responsible party, but will work closely with UN Women during programme implementation. The partner will provide regular narrative and financial reports in line with UN Women guidelines and requirements.

All knowledge products and communications materials that would be produced under this agreement must acknowledge the support and seek approval of UN Women. Furthermore they should be in line with the EU Communication and Visibility tools and the EU-UN joint visibility guidelines.