

International Day of Rural Women

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There are two key words/expressions I want to stress today and they are:

“connect to the heart”

with people from different backgrounds and education
and

“change”

be that small but significant.

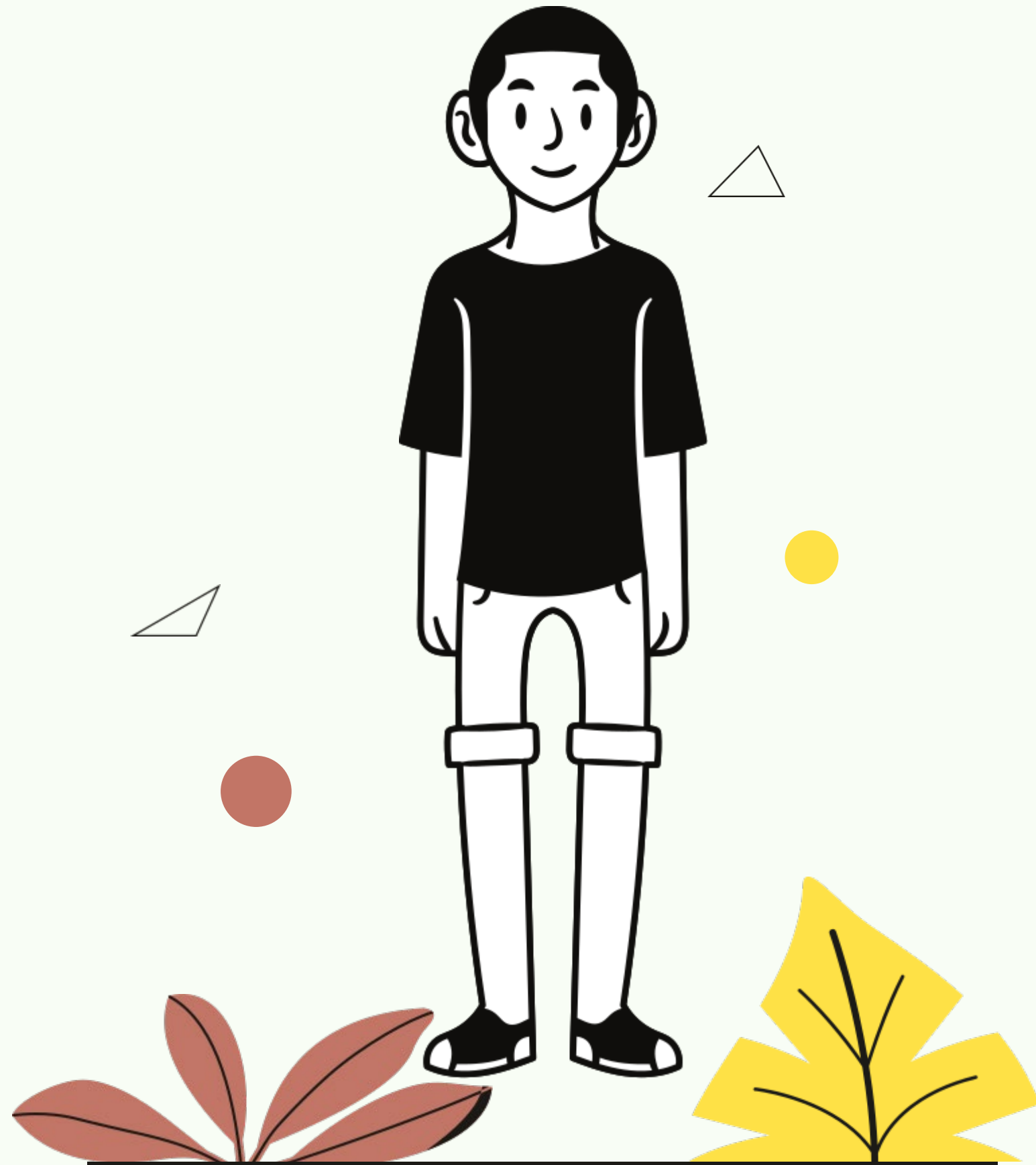


1566 participants - in 50 Community Forums, Awareness meetings with youth and Public Forums with religious communities



An average of 100 cases of DV and GBV violence survivors have come to WFE services and required help to leave a violent situation.



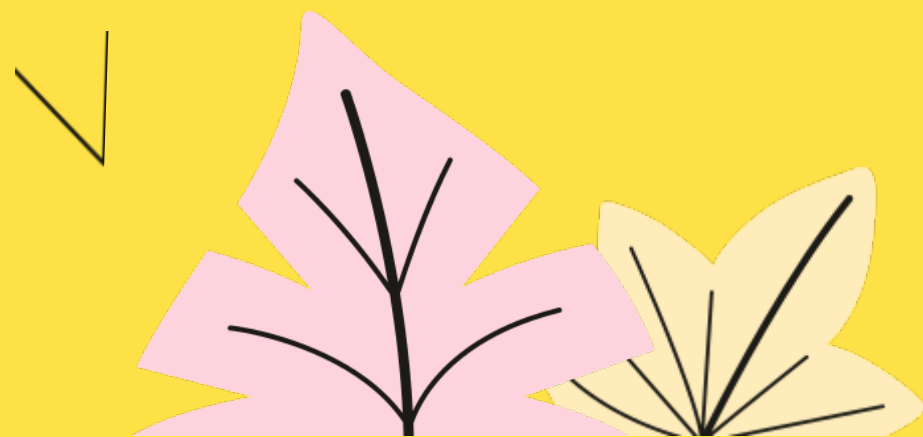


“I was happy to
participate
in this meeting because
now I have information
where survivors of
violence can
get help”

Ndricim Qose, village Seferan

In more than 90 % of the cases, people gathered for the meeting will say that there are no such issues of domestic violence in their families and the phenomena doesn't apply to them.

In more than 90 % of the cases as well, these statements change after the end of the meeting.



“Religion teaches us to be compassionate towards others and to help those in need; especially when that someone is a neighbor next door that goes through domestic violence”.

- Sokoli, Catholic Community Elbasan





“The area I am managing has around **7000 inhabitants** and I know almost all of them. Of course, women feel more comfortable to come and talk to me about the issues they face.

For people in **rural areas**, because of shame and the mentality, it is difficult to talk about discrimination and violence in their families and women can live under violence their whole life.”

Luljeta Kaculi, Local Administrator
village Labinot-Fushe, Elbasan



2 **psychologists** offering psychological counselling in two rural municipalities **Belsh** and **Gramsh**



1 **lawyer** engaged to follow up cases of protection orders (**IPO/PO**) and children witnesses.

Thank you for
listening!

