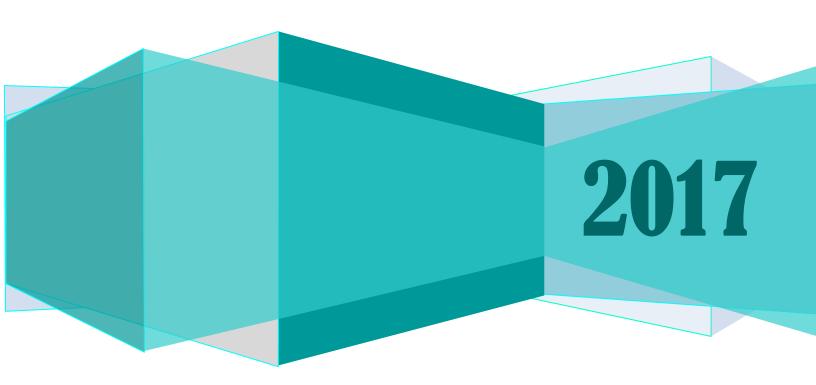


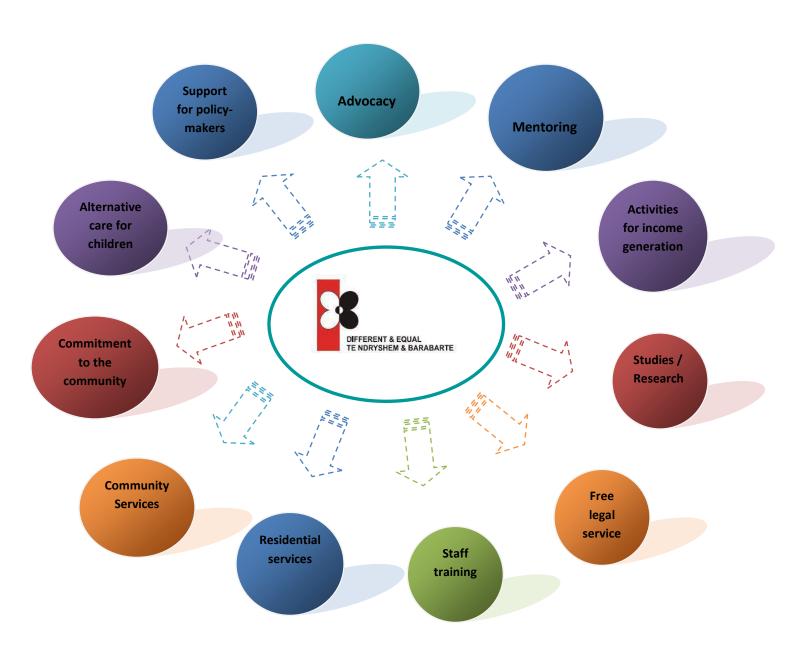
Organization: "Different & Equal"

# **ANNUAL**

## **REPORT**



D&E Vision: "We believe in a society without trafficking, exploitation, abuse or discrimination where everyone's rights are respected and they are free to pursue opportunities equally"



### I am S,

At first we were happy. We met in Greece and everything between us was wonderful. Then, when I was pregnant and when I thought I would experience the most beautiful emotions, in anticipation of the first child, my life was overwhelmed and agitated.

He became violent and very dangerous. He beated, offended, and exploited me while I was pregnant. He forced me to work in a nightclub and to go with clients.

For years, I lived with violence, threats and closed.

Even when the second child came, the third ... nothing changed, he began to abuse them too.

He behaved badly; he did not like us, and left us without bread. I worked but he always took my money.

I was afraid and I hadn't support by anyone until someone gave me a hand and offered protection for me and the children.

Now I'm here, helped by the organization that brought me back to life, while he is where he deserves to be, in jail!

Now, I feel safe! Whatever happens, I will never give up, never!

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### I. Projects implemented during January - December 2017

#### Reintegration program for victims / potential victims of trafficking in Albania

**Donors:** Pro Victims; UNODC; Renovabis; Mary Ward Loreto; Agency for the Administration of Sequestered and Confiscated Assets; Tirana district

Youth Empowerment Program at Risk to Develop Anti-Trafficking Campaigns"

**Donor:** American Embassy

Modeling and integrating alternative services (morning and afternoon) of childcare. For mothers who are rebuilding their lives.

**Donor:** Save the Children

The victim assistance program based on victim-centered approach; free legal service **Donors:** Save the Children

### II. Beneficiaries of the program

During the period January - December 2017, in total **110 cases and 111 children** are assisted in the reintegration program of the organization.

▲ 65 beneficiaries assisted in the program are victims/ potential victims of trafficking and 22 their children and 45 cases are victims of domestic violence and 89 their children.

### Categories of beneficiaries assisted in the program

Category	Total of cases assisted in the program during the period January - December 2017	Cases carried by December 2016	New cases in the program during January - December 2017
Victims of Trafficking / Potential Victims of Trafficking	65	41	24
Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse	45	16	29
Children of victims of trafficing accompanied with their mothers	22	16	6
Children of victim of domestic violence accompanied by their mothers	89	35	54
Total	221	108	113

From the new cases referred during 2017, 6 of them have been victims of sexual abuse.

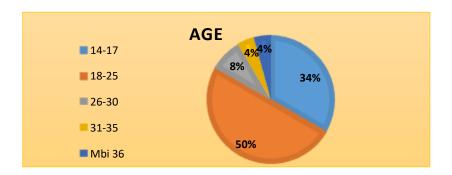
## 2.1 CASE PROFILE VICTIMS / POTENTIAL VICTIMS TRAFFICKING

### **\***○○ Gender

Gender	Number of cases carried	Number of new cases	Total
Female	26	22	48
Male	15	2	17
TOTAL	41	24	65

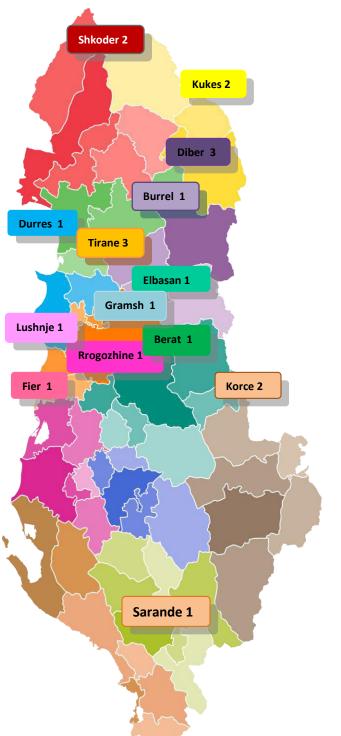


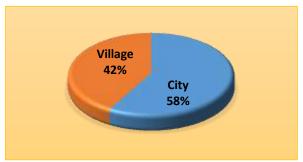
Age	14-17	18-25	26-30	31-35	On 36	Total
No. of cases	8	12	2	1	1	24





**Countries which trafficking victims come from** 

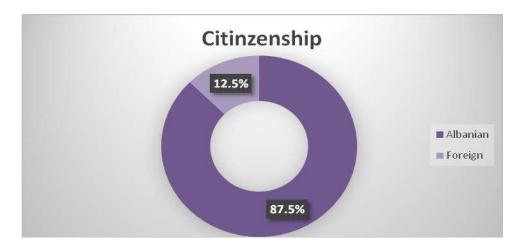




Place	City	Village
Kukës		2
Dibër		3
Burrel		1
Shkodër	2	
Tiranë	3	
Elbasan	1	
Durrës	1	
Lushnje	1	
Fier	1	
Rrogozhinë	1	
Berat		1
Korçë	2	
Gramsh		1
Sarandë		1

### Citizenship

Citinzenship	Albanian	Foreign
No. of cases	21	3



### **Citizenship of foreign cases**

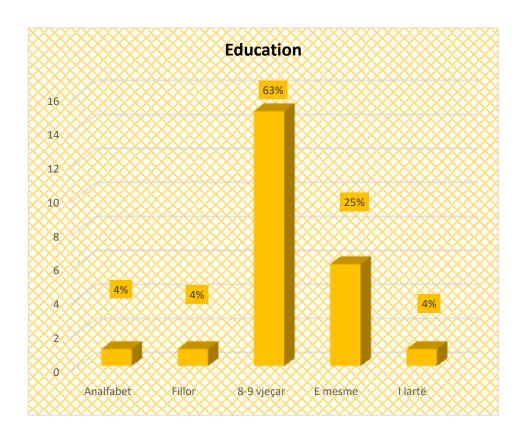
Citizenship	No. of cases
Philippine	1
Belarus	1
Romania	1

### **Status**

Status	Single	Married
No. of cases	23	1

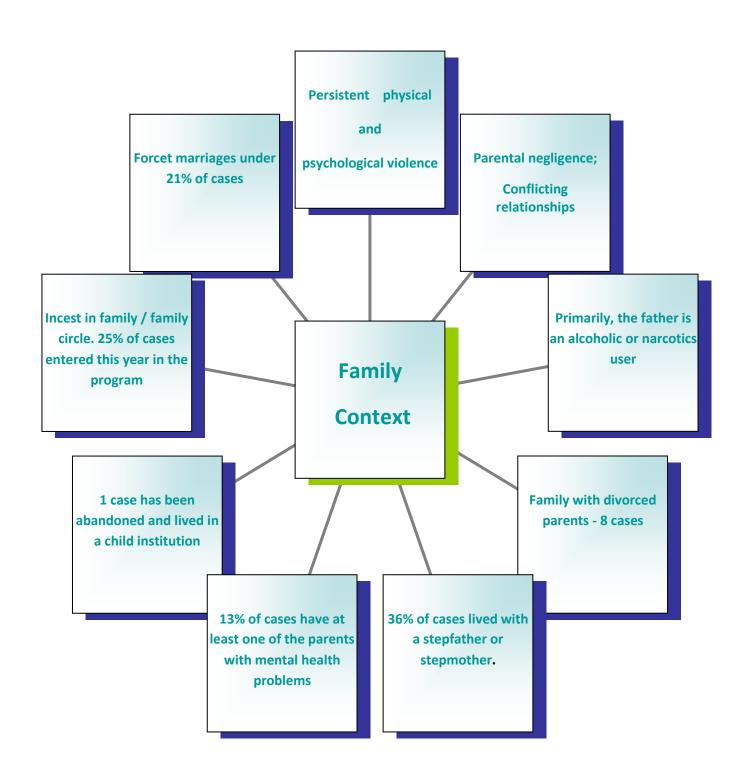
### **Educational level of new cases**

Educational level	Illiterate	Primary	Secondary	College	Higher Education
No. i rasteve	1	1	15	6	1



### **Family context**

There are several common traits of family history of trafficking victims. One of the main ones is the dysfunctional family which is characterized by conflicting relationships between parents between parents and children; parental negligence; persistent physical and psychological violence. The cases come mainly from families that are poor and with many children. By uneducated parents or with basic education, unemployed or self-employed in seasonal works in agriculture or migration. Often neglected and left the children alone, without care (although minors) or under the care of grandparents who were not able to care for children. In some cases, their families have migrated from rural areas to urban ones (within the country) where in 29% of cases have moved and are mainly placed in Tirana and Durres.



### Ways of recruiting

I was abandoned, with an alcoholic mother and father who left me alone. The need for help, emotional and material support created a very stressful situation accompanied by anxiety and fear. I trusted and accepted people's support though they were dangerous, as they made me feel understanding and with their promises they made me feeling not abandoned. They understood and used my situationand and as I was without protection they promised me a safe job and good payment.

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- 46% of the cases have had as recruitment mean their vulnerable situation used by persons who have aimed at trafficking and exploitation. Generally, cases used as a result of their vulnerable situation have become victim of trafficking and exploitation as a result of being unprotected, negligence in caring by parents or their care givres, a situation that has increased the risk of exploitation and being the subject of traffickers.
- This negligence, lack of protection and care has been linked to: a minor cliving with only one parent who has had mental health problems (3 cases); the cases themselves have had mental health problems (1 case); cases that are without parental care or under institutional care in public structures (2 cases); cases that have lived with a parent (mother) who has had unstable relationships and with many partners (1 case); parents who did not accept the child's sexual orientation and, by getting out them from home, they found themselves in street situation (1 case), incest in the family, and the movement from the house was used by other persons (3 cases).
- ♣ 8% of cases were recruited as a result of the social impact of involvement in risky situations for exploitation. The social group has generally been involved in delinquent behavior, abuse of various narcotic substances, staying outside or in the local community until the early hours of the morning and this impact is another cause of involvement and exposure of cases to recruitment for exploitation. Meanwhile this year it is notised an increase number of cases, 34% of them, have been exploited by their boyfriends, cohabitant, spouse or relative of family as mother, father, and sister.

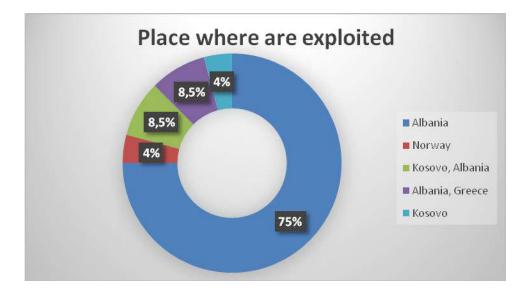
The way of recruiting	No. of cases
False promise for marriage	1
False work promise	2
Exploiting the vulnerable situation	11
Impact from the social group for involvement in risky situations for exploitation	2
Forced by the lover / cohabitant / spouse	5
Forced by family members	3





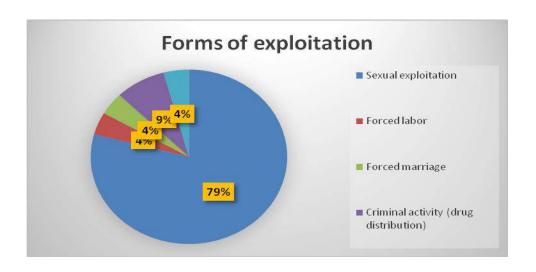
### The places where they have been trafficked

The place where are exploited	No. of cases
Albania	18
Norway	1
Kosovo, Albania	2
Albania, Greece	2
Kosovo	1



### Forms of exploitation

Forms of exploitation	No. of cases
Sexual exploitation	19
Forced labor	1
Forced marriage	1
Criminal activity (drug distribution)	2
Sexual exploitation / labor exploitation	1



### Reference source for new cases assisted during January - December 2017:

Sources of Referrals	No. of cases
Police Directorate / ZRSHSSH, Durres	1
Police Commissariat of Saranda	1
Municipality of Gramsh	1
National Reception Center for VoT	4
Psycho-social Center "Vatra"	1
Association "Anothor Vision"	1
Association "Eagle wings"	2
School "Agimi" Maliq	1
Center "Human rights in democracy"	1
Center TLAS	1
Mobile Team / Child Protection Unit 1	1
Child Protection Unit, Ura Vajgurore	1
ARSIS	1
Women's Forum Elbasan	1
Mother Teresa's Sisters	1
Good Sepherd Sister (Religious Institution)	1
Self-referred	2
IOM Tirana	2
TOTAL	24

### - 2.2 PROFILE OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSES

### **™** Gender

Gender	Number of cases carried	Number of new cases	TOTAL
Male	16	29	45



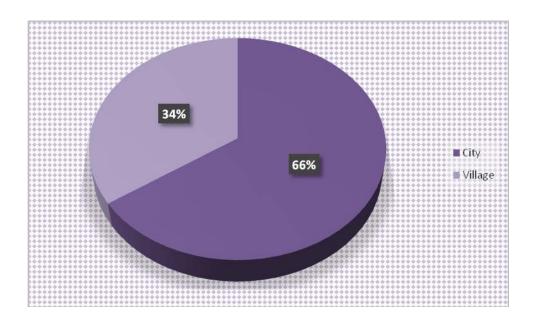
Age	16-18	18-25	26-30	31-35	On 36	Total
No. of cases	0	6	8	4	11	29

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### Countries where victims of domestic violence come from

Place	No of new cases	City	Village
Tropojë	1	1	
Kukës	5	4	1
Mat	1		1
Dibër	1		1
Rrëshen	1		1
Shkodër	3	2	1
Tiranë	5	5	
Kavajë	1		1
Durrës	1	1	
Elbasan	3	2	1
Gramsh	1	1	
Fier	3	3	
Tepelenë	2		2
Korçë	1		1
Total	29	19	10



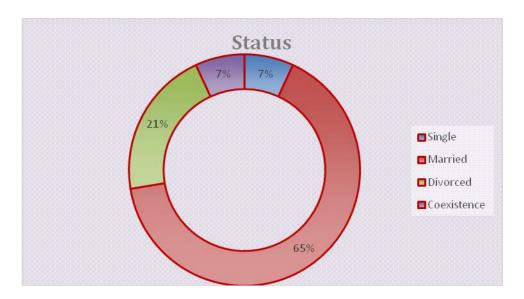


### **Educational level of new cases**

Educational level	Illiterate	Primary	Secondary	College	Higher Education
No. of cases	0	1	24	4	0



Status	Single	Married	Divorced	Coexistence
No. of cases	2	19	6	2



### Reference source for new cases assisted during January - December 2017

Sources of Referrals	No. of cases
National Center for the Treatment of Domestic Violence Victims	14
Ministry of Internal Affairs	2
The State Social Service	1
Child Protection Unit 1	1
Child Protection Unit 9	1
Child Protection Unit, Fier	1
ARSIS	1
Mary Ward Loreto	1
Volunteers in Germany	1
SOLWODI Germany	1
Self-referred	4
Center for Legal Civil Initiatives	1
TOTAL	29

### III. The main pillars of D&E's work

"Different & Equal" organization provides *residential services* through the shelter where the service is provided 24 hours/ 7 days a week as well as *community services* through the Community / Education Center with the aim of reintegrating the victims of trafficking into the community

D&E is focused on strengthening community services in cooperation with service providers and community centers throughout Albania.

## 2.1 Direct Assistance for Girls and Women Victims of Trafficking, Abuse and Domestic Violence

D&E has provided reintegration assistance to victims of trafficking in three phases:



A full reintegration service package was provided to beneficiaries of the D&E reintegration program: Housing, Safety and Reintegration Plan; Immediate medical assistance; Negotiating / Mediating with the Family; Psychological assessments and counseling; Legal support and assistance; Assistance for registration / continuation of the school system; Professional training; Social activities; Counseling and employment assistance; Financial support for housing; Information on existing services in the community as well as necessary contacts / services map; Income-generating activities; Assistance and support for children of victims of trafficking; Monitoring and follow-up of beneficiaries of the program.

Besides the direct assistance for the beneficiaries, D & E has worked and supported the victim's family - eg beneficiary children, assistance for a minor's parent to find a job, family counseling etc.

#### The service package provided for each case during the 3 stages of the program includes:

### **Health Services**

D & E medical staff has addressed and treated the medical needs of the beneficiaries in the program. These types of services are offered mainly to beneficiaries who are accommodated in the reintegration center but also for those who are in the second phase of the program. For each new case entered into the program routine tests (complete blood, urine and examinations for SST) have been done.

▲ 6 pregnant beneficiaries, (4 VoT / PVoT and 2 cases of domestic violence), are supported with proper medical assistance and are followed by the obstetric-gynecologist.

#### Medical diagnosis:

Diagnosis	Urinary infenctions	Gastro- intestinal problems	Dermatological problems	Colia abdominal and reanal	Allergic problems	ORL	Gynecological problems	Anemia	Dental problems	Ophthalmologist	Orthopedics- traumatology	Infectious problems	Cardiac problems	Neurological problems
No. of cases	8	7	14	8	4	10	24	6	10	5	10	15	1	1
No.of children	2	8	3	2	3	3				2	2	9		1

### Medical examination

10 beneficiaries have been tested for sexual transmited diseases HIV / AIDS, the result have been negative.

Examinations	SST		HIV/AIDS		Hepatitis	
	Examinated	Positive	Examinated	Positive	Examinated	Positive
No. of cases	10	1	10	0	10	1



Mental disorders/ Disiases	Beneficiaries	Children
PTSD	6	
Borderline	1	
Depresions disorders	2	
Anxious disorders	1	
Schizophrenia/ schizo-afectiv disorder	2	
Adaption disorder	1	
Autic spectrum disorders		1

The beneficiaries assisted in D&E program are equipped with health cards. About <u>16</u> <u>beneficiaries</u> were provided with health cards during the reporting period, thus enabling them to benefit from a range of free health services.

D & E has collaborated *with Albanian University – Stamatology Branch*, free dental services are provided to beneficiaries of the program and also with the "*Mental Health Centers* No. 1 and 2" and *Public Health Institution*.

The D & E doctor has organized group discussions on health issues with the following topics: nasal bleeding, causes and treatment; contraceptive measures, their importance in the protection against infectious diseases and in the prevention of unwanted pregnancies; smoking and side effects in our body; personal hygiene, hygiene for common environment; physical activity and its benefits, etc.



Special attention is given to psychological support and recovery, considering it very important issue in the reintegration process.

Psycho-social counseling is provided by case managers and psychologist of D & E. During this year **5785 counseling** sessions are offered.

Psychological assistance is provided through psychological counseling and art therapy. Psychological support is also offered to the children of the beneficiaries who are assisted in the program. The sessions were developed for this period on a daily and weekly basis.

Referring to the psychological assistance is realized:

- Individual psychological counseling at the Residential Center and the Education Center
- **Art Therapy**
- **Art and Game Therapy**

No.	Psychological Assistance	No. of sessions
1	Individual counselling sessions	752
2	Group Art Theraphy	39
3	Creativity and Art course	44



### Psychological counseling

Psychological counseling has helped beneficiaries in gaining some skills in stress management and recuperation. Counseling was offered to beneficiaries during the three phases of the program. For the reported period, psychological needs assessment is carried out by the psychologist of the organization, based on the needs of the assessed cases; psychological counseling has been provided for those carried on from the last year as well. Beneficiaries are supported as follows:

Beneficaries in Phase I of program, assisted in shelter, cases are suported whith 2 to 3 counselling sessions weekly depending on the needs of the cases. Counselling was conducted in the shelter for beneficiaries who where assisted there.

Beneficiaries in Phase II of the program that live in rented appartments or in families are suppported by weekly sessions or one session in two weeks. This is also determined by case assessment and their specific needs. For cases in the second phase of the program psychological counselling is provided at the environment of the Community and Educational Center.

**Beneficiaries in the Phase III** of the program are assisted with counselling sessions depending on their needs also adapting to their situation at the time of counselling.

Counseling sessions offered to victims of trafficking / potential victims of trafficking are mainly focused on early and late traumatic experiences related to trafficking and exploitation, experiences of rape and sexual abuse, losses, parental abuse, domestic violence, etc. In the focus there was the treatment of consequences such as: treatment of depression symptoms, anxiety, post traumatic stress, consequences of abuse and trauma. Some of the issues brought by the beneficiaries are as follows:

- Emotional instability
- Stress and anxiety before court proceedings
- Facing ongoing family problems
- Crisis in Personal Relations
- Addressing addictions, beliefs, guilty feelings, love
- Needs Awareness
- Management of anger
- Sleep disturbances , insomnia
- Developing problem-solving skills, helping the case in managing and facilitating the solutions, identifying possible problems solutions, etc



Feelings and experiences at the begining entering in the program:

The period when I felt "warm" in my family.....? When my father came to see me in the hospital while I was sick. "You will be good" – often repeated, embraced and fed me every day....every day. That period of love between us ended as soon as I was recovered. The distance beetwen us became 3500 km far away ... A father that remembers you just to critize.....

Feelings and experience after a few month in the program:

Hope? Only one ... that everything will end.... close my eyes and found myself in another place..... wake up in my childhood bed from a bad dream with my father closed.....apologising and embracing him.

Here, I have changed, I have learned a lot. I have learned how to face with difficult moments. I felt grown up and matured. Many things that I denied in the past, now I have the courage to face with.

The best friend became "fear", that which does never abandon, not even on the day when love for yourself makes you " move everything", and escape. If you do that there are two possibilities: it can be the end or you did it and came back to life.....

This feeling appears to me at every moment. Every moment is accompained with fear. Afraid of sadness, afraid of mistakes, afraif of joy. Fear occours even at night, appears in the dream and comes in the form of nightmare that follows me everywhere.



Art Therapy is an alternative therapy that can be used for assessing or treating mental disorders, severe / light emotional abuses, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and a variety of other disorders. Art is especially useful for our beneficiaries that have difficulties to express themselves through words. Expressing themselves through art, cases have been helped to see things that in other circumstances they may not have understood. The sessions have helped the beneficiaries to identify the emotions and feelings they were struggling with in order to begin recovery.

For several years already, our beneficiaries regularly participated in Art Therapy sessions. During the reported period, about **19 beneficiaries** were involved in Art Therapies sessions and **39 group** sessions were conducted. Sessions are facilitated by psychology and assisted by 2 volunteers from the organization.

### Some of the techniques used during group sessions are:

- How do I see myself, how do the others see me, how do I want to be
- My dream
- Draw a bridge
- Create your own world
- My colleague
- My sun
- My future
- Tree (green and fallen leaves)
- Myself
- The best of yourself
- Drawing the balloon
- Positive pockets
- Write a letter to yourself
- The book of life
- Identifying emotions





## Art and Occupational Therapy with the Children of the beneficiaries

During the reported period, children of VoT / PVoT were also assisted with individual counseling sessions. It has been interfered through Art and Game to address some of the difficulties that children exposed because of violence.





### **Occupational Therapy**

There were provided 44 group meetings for beneficiaries involved in creativity and hand work facilitated by volunteers. Beneficiaries could produce a variety of materials that will become part of fairs and exhibitions during the current year. Some of the works done are as follows:

- **Jewelry**
- **Postcards**
- **Pictures**
- Works in porcelain
- **Artistic work on clothing**
- Plaster / gypsum work
- **Plastic works**
- **Mandala Coloring**
- Vase with plaster
- **Decoration with discs**
- Sticking and personal creation with bottons
- **Design of dresses**
- **Creations with shells**
- **Creating flowers with paper**
- **Decoration for holidays**
- **Decoration of the tree**
- **New Year's Eve with Plastic Cups**









### **Education and schooling**

An assessment of the educational level of each beneficiary in the program is done out by the D & E teacher and based on this assessment an educational plan is developed as part of the reintegration plan for each beneficiary.

### 22 cases and 48 children attended school during this period.

	No.of beneficiaries VoT/PVoT	No.of children of VoT/PVoT	No.of beneficiaries DV	No.of children of cases of DV
Secondary school	5	4		43
High school	11			1
University	3		1	
Military school			2	
Total	19	4	3	44

Beneficiaries are regularly assisted by D & E teacher to prepare, especially for subjects where they have gaps from the past. During this period, 2 beneficiaries were enrolled in private secondary schools (in two different schools) as a result of the security problems they had. For the registration of these specific cases in the school system, D & E has cooperated with the Ministry of Education and Sports and the Regional Education Directorate of Tirana.2 beneficiaries were enrolled in public school also, in daily and correspondence system. For their registration, the required documentation has been completed by going to the respective cities / villages to get these documents. It has also been possible to transfer one of the beneficiaries (male) to one of the schools in Tirana; he attended school three times a week.

During November the children of one of the beneficiary are enrolled in the primary school, they did not attend school because of the documentation they were not registered so they could not start. The teacher of the organization made a lot of efforts in collaboration with the school director and finally the children were registered and they were provided with the right tools and continued school regularly.

All the beneficiaries that attended school have been provided with books as well as with other school supplies needed for a better academic continuity.

Various informative, educational, entertaining, historical events, recreational, relaxing activities have been organized by the D & E teacher during this period.

### Preparing for job opportunities and employment

#### **Job Trainings / Professional Courses**

**28** beneficiaries have attended professional courses. Some beneficiaries have attended more than one course, based on individual skills and desires.

#### **Professional courses / trainings**

No.	Courses	Offered	No. of casses
1.	Kitchen course	Vocational training center	6
		Private training center	
2.	Hairdresing & esthetics	Privat salon	2
3.	Tailoring	Privat salon Atelier	1
4.	Graphic Disagn	Harry Fultz	1
5.	Italian	D&E education center	9
6.	Italian	Center of foreign languages	1
7.	Computer course	D&E education center	19
8.	English	Center of foreign languages	2
9.	Giutar course	D&E education center	11
10.	Piano course	D&E education center	7
11.	Self defense course	Marcial Art Center	6
12.	Spanish	Youth Center	1



## Concelling and support for the employment of beneficiaries (counseling cycle)

In January 2017, a group of 10 beneficiaries of the D & E reintegration program was created, which was included in the counseling cycle "Employment counseling". The purpose of this counseling cycle is to help them increase their skills in finding and keeping a job. During this period, the counseling facilitator/ trainer worked with the relevant team to create a consolidated team to identify the personal strengths of each beneficiary, aiming in increasing their skills in finding, keeping the job in long term; encouraging initiatives and participatory research skills; development of the group's social competences; obtaining knowledge and preparing for short-term internships.



### Increasing efforts for economic empower of VoT/PVoT.

D & E staff continuosly orients the beneficiaries to choose the required jobs in the labor market, naturally adapting in each case to their personal skills. During January - December period, 61 beneficiaries were employed.

28 beneficiaries of VoT / PVoT have been employed as tailoring, kitchen helper, call centers, shoe resettlement factories, malls, dishwashers, massage therapist, hairdresser, and cleaners.

33 beneficiaries of VDV have been employment such as: kitchen helpers, cookers, cleaners, call center operators, event decorators, dressmakers, dishwashers.

#### Internship programs in business companies

During this period, 5 beneficiaries were involved in the program of interships: 1 beneficiary worked in a tailoring shop, 1 case in a tailoring company, 1 case worked in a car service and 2 others worked as kitchen helpers in two different restaurants. D & E has collaborated with the five businesses in order to help the beneficiaries of the program receive training in the working place while being paid for the work done and included in the social insurance scheme according to the applicable laws.

#### Supporting beneficiaries in opening small business

During January - December 2017 period, 4 D&E beneficiaries managed their micro businesses with continuous technical support from D & E staff. Two beneficiaries have been supported to buy some tailoring accessories and have began to work in this direction, another beneficiary (due to his talent and ability) is supported to buy an instrumental device that he can perform at concerts, weddings etc, with the aim of gaining incomes for himself and his family. And the last beneficiary is supported to open a micro business for the preparation and sale of traditional Albanian food. The beneficiary was specialized in the preparation of this cooking and she needed the equipment to start work. Though still in its beginnings business goes well, it has even managed to enter into several contracts with different businesses to supply them daily with the produced product.



### **Legal assistance**

D & E has provided legal assistance to all beneficiaries in the program through D & E lawyer and through co-operation with the Center for Civic Legal Initiatives (QNLQ). For each case, D & E's program has been evaluated for their legal needs by the organization's lawyer and all beneficiaries of the program have been informed of their rights and supported with legal aid based on their needs.

- **23** beneficiaries of the D & E program which have had court proceedings against their traffickers have been continuously informed about their issues through direct meetings with prosecutors of cases. Most cases have been followed at the Serious Crimes Prosecution Office.
- In cooperation with the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives (CRIC), the legal compensation started in September 2016 for a beneficiary continued. During January December 2017 several court hearings were held.
- ▲ 2 children of a VoT case are supported to be registered in Civil State as they are unregistered.
- 9 cases have been supported for their application and equipment with ID cards.

#### **Support of foreign cases**

In the program of the "Different & Equal" organization, during the January - December 2017 period, legal assistance was provided for 8 foreign cases, respectively from England, the Philippines, Congo, Moldova, Belarus and Romania. For the five cases, documentation for applying for a residence permit was prepared and provided. Three beneficiaries, two from Moldova and one from England, have been assisted during the return process in their country of origin by preparing the necessary documentation and facilitating their interaction with other institutions and support agencies. It has been collaborated with IOM, LAG and British Embassy in Albania for the case from England. The beneficiary from Congo has been granted asylum and residence in Albania

### **Group discussions - Legal topics**

During the period January - December 2017, regular group meetings were held with beneficiaries to address different legal topics. There were held also 12 individual meetings according to the needs of the beneficiaries. Meetings and group sessions have served to inform and advise beneficiaries on various legal issues and situations. The topics selected are related to problems that concerned the beneficiaries in practice, but also informative and educational topics on different legal framework and procedures are given. The selected legal topics treated in the group sessions are as follows:

- 1. Recognition of Children's Rights Protection Policies
- 2. Recognition of Public Institutions
- 3. Human Rights under the Constitution
- 4. The right to move freely
- 5. The right to Housing
- 6. The right to live and property
- 7. The right
- 8. Gender Equality and Discrimination
- 9. Free topic
- 10. The topic of corruption
- 11. Family topics
- 12. Divorce and consequences of marriage settlement.



#### Mediation with the family

During this period, two beneficiaries accommodated initially at the Reintegration Center were reunited with their families to continue assisting in their family. Cases accommodated at the Reintegration Center are accompanied in the meetings with their family members here in Tirana or in their home towns such as in Poliçan, Durrës, Shkodër, Cerrik, Elbasan, etc. For a case that has had security problems, the beneficiary and D & E staff was accompanied by the police in the town where the family lived. The case has made a short visit to the family under security measures to avoid any danger because of denunciation of traffickers.

#### Mentoring

Based on D & E's experience, mentoring is a very important and necessary service in assisting victims of trafficking to build trusted and secure social network.

During this year, D & E has paid particular attention to further development of this service to make it more sustainable and effective for victims of trafficking. For this purpose a practical and specific module is developed for mentoring of VoT. Based on this module, a 2-day training was offered to a volunteer team of the organization who had the interest and capacity to engage in the mentoring service. The training aimed to provide specific knowledge on the types of mentoring, phases, challenges that victims of trafficking encounter during the recuperation / reintegration process and their needs for effective mentoring.

From volunteers group 3 were selected as dedicated and professional mentors to be employed part-time.

**D&E** constantly offers individual and group supervision for mentors, so the mentoring process is effective for the beneficiary and the mentor him/herself. During this period 9 D & E beneficiaries had their mentors.

Besides the support provided by the multidisciplinary team, the mentoring process has resulted to be very effective in reducing isolation and providing emotional support to victims of trafficking during the reintegration process. Through mentoring, cases that feel isolated and stigmatized are helped in areas such as: in building trust, self-esteem, increasing access to other resources available, and increasing skills to avoid exploitation, or to avoid harmful personal relationships.

Most of the VoT have their previous social networks damaged and they are at risk of being involved in difficult interpersonal relationships due to the past and complex traumas they have experienced.

Mentors provide support on a weekly basis in accordance with the needs of the cases and the ways in which their relations are planned. This service is provided through activities and periodic meetings.

#### Trainings and activities to increase life skills

To enhance life skills of the beneficiaries, D&E staff has organized various activities at the Community and Education Center, trainings on various issues, group discussions, reading artistic books, supporting in teaching school books as well as course materials where they participate.

In June and July training was organized on "First aid, child care, emergency treatment" organized by D & E provided by a pediatrician. In this training participated 11 beneficiaries of the D & E program (mothers with children, pregnant women and other women and girls interested). In total, 11 sessions were organized with the pediatrician.





In July and November, a *self-defense course* was organized by a martial arts center where 6 beneficiaries participated.



#### Social and cultural activities

During this period some social activities were organized for the beneficiaries. Activities are organized both inside and outside the center.

The activities organized in *the shelter* were:

- Group discussions with different topics;
- Celebration of various holidays;
- Birthday celebration of beneficiaries;
- Kitchen workshops through which the beneficiaries learn how to cook different recipes;
- Various entertainment games, energetic;
- Preparation of handicrafts, embroidery;
- Musical party organized every Saturday;
- Reading books from different D & E libraries;
- Home cinema;
- Fitness, gym
- Energetic games;
- Songs and poems for children in the center

Numerous activities have been organized outside the shelter funny and informative ones.

Some activities organized *outside the shelter* were:

- A cocktail at a bar for Valentine's Day and Women's Day;
- Picnic at the artificial lake of Tirana;
- Going to the Church of Lac;
- Mothers going to the playgrounds or local games with their children;
- Lunch at the restaurant;
- New Year's Eve

During July and August, all beneficiaries of the Reintegration Center have frequented the water pool for two weeks.

In the last week of July, a similar experience was offered to VoT men, beneficiaries of the D & E program. They were accompanied by the case manager and a volunteer spending some days in a pool, thus having the opportunity to socialize and spend pleasant time in another environment.

On December 23, a fun activity was organized, with animators on the occasion of the annual holidays by the Ministry of Interior and the Municipality of Tirana where many children in need, including children of victims of D & E trafficking participated. During the activity, gifts were distributed to all children.



### Monitoring and follow-up of beneficiaries of the program

Beneficiaries of the second and third phase of the D & E program are supported with all community services based on their needs.

Monitoring of beneficiaries has been carried out through direct meetings, as well as by regular telephone contacts.

Regular counseling sessions have been provided by D & E psychologist for the beneficiaries, who are currently in the second phase of reintegration program. Regular contacts with beneficiaries of the second phase of the reintegration program are also conducted with case managers. During this period the staff has monitored and has made direct meetings with the beneficiaries who live in their cities of origin such as Berat, Kucove, Fier, Vlora, Elbasan, Korca.

### Financial and long-term assistance

### VoT / PVoT cases

52 cases and 16 children were assisted with community services in the second and third phase of the reintegration program during this period. 29 cases and 12 children have been assisted in apartments, 18 cases and 2 children have been assisted in their families, 5 beneficiaries and 2

children were assisted in other alternative placements. During this period, 5 cases have moved from the shelter to the rented apartment.

#### Cases of victims of abuse and domestic violence

45 cases of victims of violence and 89 children were assisted with community services.

D & E has supported financially the VoT / PVoT / VD beneficiaries by covering the rent of the apartments in the second phase of the reintegration program considered as very important part in the process of empowering beneficiaries for a successful reintegration into Albanian society.

### Information and mediation for community services

Cases assisted in apartment / family, based on their needs, are informed about the services provided in the community. The cases are oriented for the location of the institutions, and the services provided by these institutions. Respectively for health services, services provided by the Municipality of Tirana, for rental bonus, social housing, etc.

D & E Case Managers provided support and orientated beneficiaries of the second and third phase of the program to prepare the necessary documents to apply for housing schemes to the Municipality of Tirana. During this period, 17 cases benefited from a rental bonus; 6 VoT / PVoT and 11 DV cases.

The D & E doctor has oriented and informed beneficiaries assisted in the second phase of the program in receiving medical treatment at Health Center No. 9, where all D & E beneficiaries are registered. Some of the beneficiaries are provided with the Health Card and others are in the process.

Beneficiaries who have moved from the Center to rented apartments or are supported in their family of origin are also oriented to prepare documents to benefit from economic assistance. 3 cases have benefited economic aid during 2016.

The cases assisted in the apartment for the preparation of documents for the registration of children in kindergartens were also informed.

Cases for community and multidisciplinary centers located in different areas and providing different services to families in need were provided, mediating to participate and receive services from these centers.

## 2.2 Contribution in assisted return of victims of trafficking, PVoT or victims of domestic violence

#### Return of foreign cases to the country of origin

During this period, D & E has supported **8 foreign cases** and **6 children** in the reintegration program. Three beneficiaries and their two children, two from Moldova and one from England, who decided to return to their country of origin, assisted during the return process by preparing the necessary documentation and facilitating communication with the institutions and other supporting agencies. For their return, D & E has been supported by the Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, and IOM in financial facilities. A case of Belarusian citizenship is in process for her return. Three other cases are being assisted in the program.

#### Return of Albanian cases to their country, Albania

During this period D & E has assisted in the reintegration program two Albanian VoT / PVoT returned cases, referred by IOM Tirana.

D & E was contacted by SOLWODI organization in Germany for the return of two other cases of domestic violence and their 5 children and are supported in the reintegration program. Cases are assisted in the apartment, and services are provided for these cases and their children based on their needs.

# 2.3 Direct Assistance for Male Victims of Abuse, Trafficking and Violence

During this period D&E has assisted 17 male potential victims of trafficking/victims of sexual abuse, 2 of them were new cases referred at D&E reintegration program.

Alternatives	Total no of cases assisted in the program during the period January - December 2017
Rented apartment	10
Family	6
Other alternative placement	1
Total	17

During this year 3 cases have moved from the family to be assisted in the rented apartment; 1 case accommodated at Pope John XXIII has joined the family and 1 case has lived and supported by his relatives as he had problems with his family of origin.

In cooperation with D&E Case Manager, a reintegration plan has been built for each case and supported to achieve the objectives set out in the plan.

Cases were supported with psycho-social counseling, legal aid, medical assistance, support for finding a job, financial support for paying the rented apartment; training to enhance life skills; providing information and intercession for receiving services provided by different community service providers, monitoring and follow up, etc. D&E psychologist has offered regular individual counseling sessions for all male beneficiaries in the program.

#### **During this year:**

- 4 men VoT / PVoT beneficiaries of the D&E program attended school, 3 hight school and 1 secondary education
- 2 of the beneficiaries have attended professional cooking and car service courses.
- 7 cases are provided with ID cards.

# 2.4 Increase efforts to identify victims / potential victims of trafficking throught the Mobile Unit

## Activities carried out in the group in the frame work of Mobile Unit

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Police Directorate on 04/09/2017 in order to determine the method of cooperation and exchange of information on the identification and referral of victims and potential victims of trafficking by the Mobile Unit.

During 2017, the Mobile Unit has carried out a number of activities as follows: *Direct contact* with persons who come from vulnerable families or groups in the problematic areas of the city of Tirana. During this period 32 persons from the community were directly contacted, some of them were assisted to receive the relevant services that were needed. Most of them are mediated to receive various services such as medical services, job finding services, or other documents for bonus, economic aid or social housing benefits. Concretly 11 cases are assisted.

Services offered	Registration in the job office as unemployed jobseekers as well as job finding assistance.	professional courses at	Refer to the CPU or partner organizations for relevant services.
Number of cases / beneficiaries	7 cases	2 cases	2 cases

Most of them are mediated to receive various services such as medical services, job finding services, or completing the documents for proffiting the bonuse for rent, economic aid or social housing benefits.

5 cases have been identified as possible victims of trafficking, for 2 of them is informed the Responsible Authority and for the five cases D&E has cooperated with the respective institutions and the Tirana District Police to escape from the dangerous situation they are in.

The Mobile Unit has cooperated with other organizations and institutions throughout its work. During this period, the Mobile Unit staff participated in multidisciplinary round table organized by Administrative Units no. 1, 3, 5, 9 and 11. In these organized meetings there were discussed cases that needed support. In this framework, 1 case was referred by the Mobile Unit in cooperation with the CPU No. 1.

16 informative sessions were organized on trafficking issues with high school students in Tirana and secondary school and also 3 focus groups are organized in the Shkoza and Kombinat areas.

As part of the initiative "Children in Street Situation" initiated by the State Agency for the Protection of Children's Rights, D & E has assisted Administrative Unit No. 2, No. 3, No. 5 and No. 8 with field visit 3 - 4 times a week. Work has been done on the ground and the field group consists of 1 employee CPU, D & E employee and in special cases assisted by a police officer. Areas where D & E staffs have been concentrated are: Ethem Bey Mosque, Palace of Culture, Piazza, Str. of Elbasan and 7-Dwarfs. During this time around 50 cases in street situations were identified.

## **Trainings provided by D&E**

**On April 19**, a training was organized by D & E staff in Kavaja, for different professionals as police officers, psychologists in schools, social workers of different state institutions. The issues addressed during the training were: what is human trafficking and the consequences; what makes a "victim" vulnerable; Protection System and Services for VoT in Albania and the needs of victims of trafficking during the reintegration process; What can state, non-state, community institutions do to support VoT reintegration?, etc. There were 26 professionals participated in this training.





**On July 26,** an activity was organized on International Trafficking Day in Permet in cooperation with the Municipality of town and Peace Corps and representatives of the URAT network. 28 participants participated in this activity, such as: social administrators of the municipality and communes of Përmet, school psychologists, primary health care representatives, police officers, Peace Corps volunteers, and specialists of Child Protection Unit etc.

# 2.5 Legal assistance to victims based on victim-centered approach; free legal service

In December 2017, the implementation of the project "Justice becomes a true story when the first concerns are victims" has started, which aims to help and protect victims of crime (victims of trafficking, victims of sexual abuse, victims of domestic violence), in particular victims of trafficking through the provision of direct assistance and free legal aid; through increasing the capacity of law enforcement institutions; increasing information on victims' rights and access to justice; and advocacy to improve legislation.

## Within this project in December, the Free Legal Counseling Line was opened for the first time in Albania.

The main activities focus on:

- Assistance to crime victims (victims of trafficking, victims of sexual abuse, victims of domestic violence) through the line of counseling and legal assistance.
- Training and direct support for law enforcement institutions on aspects of the protection of victims of trafficking and for the application of the legal framework including new amendments approved by the new law no. 36 / 30.03.2017.
- Advocate for the development of a specific law regulating a full package of rights for victims of trafficking.
- Information sessions and awareness-raising activities in various districts for victims' rights including information on new legal amendments approved in the framework of judicial reform.

The project will be implemented throughout Albania according to the needs of victims of trafficking, domestic violence and sexual abuse, but some special activities are planned to be organized in Tirana, Elbasan, Fier, Kukes, Korçë, Diber, including rural areas.

# 2.6 Collaborations with service providers, state institutions and business companies

D & E cooperates with many state institutions, non-governmental organizations, international organizations, business companies, religious institutions for the new / integration program for victims of trafficking.

#### **State institutions:**

- Ministry of Internal Affairs / Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator
- Members of the National Referral Mechanism
- The District Council of Tirana
- Prefecture of Tirana District
- Municipality of Tirana
- The Agency for the Administration of Sequestered and Confiscated Assets
- State Social Service / Regional Social Service Offices
- State Agency for the Protection of Children's Rights
- Vocational Training Center
- Child Protection Units;

- Regional Employment Offices
- Regional Education Directorate

#### **Members of the National Coalition of Anti-Trafficking Shelters**

- SHKBSH
- Eagle's wings
- ARSIS
- Terre des Homes
- Save the children
- CARITAS Albania
- Pope Young XXIII
- Mary Ward Loreto Foundation
- TLAS and QNLQ Legal Center
- Center for Human Rights in Democracy
- SHKEJ
- Center for children in street situation / Save the children
- National Center for the Treatment of Domestic Violence Victims



## **Cooperation with Business Companies:**

During 2017, D & E continued to cooperate closely with a number of business companies. Their selection is made carefully and in full partnership with the Regional Employment Offices. Cooperation with business companies has been focused in directions:

<u>- Employment of beneficiaries:</u> Beneficiaries of the program are employed in different business companies according to the specific profiles of their professional training or previous work experience.

<u>-Internship program:</u> D&E has continued to include this year beneficiaries in the internship program, giving them the opportunity to be trained in the working place while being paid for their work and included in the social security scheme under the applicable laws. During 2017, this program was specifically co-operated with 5 business companies. The business companies with which D&E has cooperated has been: 2 restaurants, 1 tailoring company, 1 tailoring shop and 1 car business. The period of beneficiaries' involvement in this type of program has been 3 months and after that period the beneficiaries are employed in the same profile, having as their advantage the experience gained.

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<u>- Cooperation for social business:</u> Good cooperation bridges have been established with several businesses supporting D&E's social business. Business companies with the goodwill to support the business have ordered there the catering service for the activities organized by them.

## 2.7 Raising the awareness of the community on trafficking in persons

A number of awareness-raising activities have been organized in Lezha, Dibra, Kukës and Tirana districts under the project "Strengthening vulnerable young people to developing anti-trafficking campaigns" funded by the US Embassy / Small Commission Grants Program of Democracy Commission. Within this project, "Different & Equal" organization has trained 60 young people, 15 in each district to develop and organize awareness raising campaigns on anti-trafficking issues. Young people were trained in 4 different areas.

- 1. Increase of computer skills
- 2. Training in trafficking issues
- 3. Training on the design of awareness campaigns
- 4. Training on "public speaking"

After receiving the trainings, young people were ready to develop various awareness-raising activities. In this framework, information sessions were organized with pupils in 9-year and middle school in the four districts covering even the most remoted villages and areas. Different posters and leaflets were designed, produced and disseminated during the awareness raising activities in the city and surrounding, villages of Lezha, Dibra, Kukës and Tirana, informing various age groups, school students, community members and professionals. A number of awareness-raising activities were also organized in October, the Anti-trafficking Month in cooperation with the Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator.



## Trainings organized with young people in Lezha, Diber, Kukës, and Tirana

On **21** January, D & E organized training on "Speaking in public" with young people in Tirana Region.





On *30 January,* 15 young people from <u>Tirana District</u> after being trained by "Different and Equal" Organization were ready to launch their anti-trafficking awareness campaign.



On *30 January*, 15 young people of <u>Lezha District</u> after being trained by the 'Different and Equal' Organization were ready to launch their anti-trafficking awareness campaign.





On **February 23**, 15 young people from <u>Dibra and Kukes</u> district after being trained by the 'Different and Equal' organizations were ready to start their anti-trafficking awareness campaign.





On **23 March**, the youth of <u>Tirana District</u> held a supportive and informative meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.



# Awareness raising activities organized by the young people trained in four districts Lezha, Dibër, Kukes and Tirana



## **Activities organized in Lezha Region**

During this period, 8 awareness-raising activities on trafficking issues were organized with 9-year and middle school students in Lezha district.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, an awareness raising activity was organized on trafficking issues at the "St. Nicholas" Youth Center near the Lezha Cathedral. Participants were about 50 students.





On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the second awareness-raising activity on anti-trafficking issues took place. The event was held at the gymnasium "Hydajet Lezha". About 50 students and school management staff were part of this activity.





. On April 6<sup>th</sup>, an awareness-raising activity was held in the professional school "Kolin Gjoka". Part of the activity were 35 students of first-year, facilitating team and school management staff.





On April 7<sup>th</sup>, the next awareness raising event was held, where over 40 students at the hight school "Rationalists" were sensitized.





Two anti-trafficking awareness campaigns were held on 18 April in hight school "Karl Gega" Balldre and "Fran Bardhi", Kallmet in Lezha. Under the slogan "I want to live free", "Stop trafficking" Lezha District developed their awareness activities.





On *April* 27<sup>th</sup>, an awareness raising event took place at the Hydajet Lezha high school. Part of this meeting *were 35 students of the first and second years, representatives of the technical table of the Prefecture, DAR, DSHP* and facilitator of the program. Leaflets, posters, song "Live" by Juliana Pasha were presented during this awareness event.



On May 30<sup>th</sup> Anti-trafficking awareness raising campaigns at the **Youth Center "St.** Mary." Participants in this activity were **over 30 students.** 





## **Activities organized in the community, Lezha Region**

On *May 10* th, in Lezha District, an extended meeting was held with all social actors and institutions that are part of the anti-trafficking table. Part of this meeting was the psychologists of Lezha schools, students of 9-year and high school, young people, representatives from D & E.





On *June 12*<sup>th</sup>, Lezha's youth developed the anti-trafficking awareness raising activity at *Lezha Children's Cultural Center*. This was an event involving all the *institutions working* for the wellbeing of children.







## **Activities organized in the district of Dibra**

On **30 March**, the youth of Dibra developed an anti-trafficking awareness raising activity with their peers in the **secondary school "Demir Gashi"**. Part of the activity was also the facilitator of Dibër District, psychologist of the Child Protection Unit in the Municipality and the school staff as well.





On *April 5* th, young people of Dibër District, sensitize their peers by informing them about trafficking in human beings. *Professional school "Nazmi Rushiti"* 





On *April 19*<sup>th</sup>, the youth of Dibër District held the next sensitizing activity at the *"Seit Najdeni" high school*. They placed posters, and leaflets were distributed information about trafficking in persons.





The youth of **Dibra** continued their anti-trafficking awareness activities. On **April 20-21**, they were in Maqellare. The activities were conducted in the 9-th grade. In addition to the youth, the project facilitator, the Child Protection Unit and the School Psychologist were also part of them.





On **10 May** th, the youth of Dibër District continue their activities in Bulqizë following

the anti-trafficking awareness campaign.



On *O2 November*, the youth of Dibër District held an awareness raising activity at the professional school "Nazmi Rushiti". There were about 30 students as well as the school psychologyst. They have sensitized their peers through a "movie" and have distributed leaflets. # togetherwecan # fighttrafficking







## **Activities organized in Kukes Region**

**On April 5** th, in the **general high school "Havzi Nela"** Kukës, the youth organized a seminar session with students of 11th grade. An interactive hour full of questions and discussions on human trafficking!



On *April 12* th, the young people of Kukës developed the next awareness raising activity with the 9th and 7th grade in the *Orgjosti school*. They distributed leaflets to their peers designed by them, they also put posters in the school premises. "Do not close your eyes and ears before the truth. Do not Hesitate, DENOUNCE TRAFFICKING!





On **April 14**<sup>th</sup>, the youth of Kukës continued their anti-trafficking campaign at the Zapod school and the Shishtavec administrative unit. Awareness of the phenomenon of trafficking in human beings was addressed to each village house.





On *May 4* th, in the Mal-Zi administrative unit, Kukës youth realized the next antitrafficking activity. They sensitized their peers at *the 9-year school of Kalimash and in the United Middle School in Shëmri.* 





On *May 10*<sup>th</sup>, the young people of Kukes District sent their sensitizing message to the *general high school "Havzi Nela 1"*. The activity was focused on the emigration of young persons from Kukesi, ways of exploitation and consequences.





## Activities organized in the community of Kukës district

Another activity of Kukës youth *in the city 'Scanderbeg Square'*. This group has informed about trafficking, distributed leaflets and has posted posters in all the entrances of the institutions and buildings in the area.





On *April 03*, a radio show was organized with young people in Kukës Region.





On *October 24* th, "Different and Equal" Organization, in cooperation with Kukës District Prefecture, the State Social Service as well as the DAR Kukës, provided a sensitizing message for the Citizens through the "Teaching Hours" radio show. Together we say "NO TRAFFICKING".





#### Activities organized in the district of Shkodra

On **27** April <sup>th</sup>, two representatives of D & E and the National Coordinator on trafficking issues held two meetings in the city of Shkodra. The first meeting took place in the 9-year school "Azem Hajdari", where **60** students of the seventh, eighth and ninth grade students participated. The second meeting was held *in the high school "Oso Kuka"*, with high school students.





#### **Activities organized in the district of Tirana**

During this period, **18 awareness-raising activities** on trafficking issues were organized with 9-year and middle school students in the Tirana district and **8 activities were organized in the community.** Within the month of October, "Different and Equal" Organization, in cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Tirana Education Directorate, organized a number of informative and awareness-raising sessions in 9th grade and high schools in Tirana district.

On *March 28*<sup>th</sup>, an informative and sensitizing activity was held *with students of the* 9-year school "Farkë e vogël.





On *4 April*, anti-trafficking information activities, were conducted with *8-th and 9-th grade students at school "7 Marsi".* 





On *April 18* th, an anti-trafficking sensitizing activity took place at the high school "Aristotle". About *50 students participated in the activity.* 





On **April 27**<sup>th</sup>, the next anti-trafficking activity took place at "**Ibrahim Rugova**" **high** school.





On *03 October*, an informative session was held in the secondary school *"Arbëria"* with the participation of 80 students and at "Ibrahim Rrugova" secondary school in Kamëz where 70 students were part of the activity.





On **05 October**, informative and awareness-raising sessions on human trafficking were organized in the general high schools "Isa Boletini", Paskuqan with the participation of 40 students and "**Gramoz Palushi**" Babrru where **40 students** participated.





On *October 10*, informative sessions were organized in the secondary school *"Andokli Kostallari"*, Shkozë, with the participation of *40 students* and in the general secondary school *"Abdulla Keta"* Shkozë where over *50 students* of the XII grade were informed about trafficking in persons...





On *October 12* th, awareness raising sessions were organized at *Myslym Keta high school*, Kombinat where over *35 students* were informed on human trafficking issues and in the secondary school "*Lasgush Poradeci*", Kombinat where over *30 students* of the ninth grade were informed on this session on modern slavery, ways of recruiting, services and the work of D & E for the reintegration of victims of trafficking.







On *October 13* th, an awareness raising event was organized in the 9-year school "Osman Myderizi" together with the Police Commissariat no. 1 where over *120 students* of 8th and 9th grade were informed about trafficking in persons. Sudents made awareness-raising paintings and posters in the fight against trafficking.





On *October 17*<sup>th</sup>, an information session was organized with 60 students of the 8th and 9th grades in "28 Nëntori" school, Lapraka and the "Qemal Stafa" secondary school with the participation of 50 students. The students themselves through song, theatrical parts and poems forwarded sensitizing messages against trafficking in persons.









On *October* 17<sup>th</sup>, following the awareness raising activities, D & E, together with the Tirana Prefecture and partners, held an informative session in Rrogozhina. Participants were about 70 students of the 10-th grade and teachers.





On *October* 17 <sup>th</sup>, D & E together with the Tirana Prefecture held an information session at the 9-year-old "Rilindja" Kavaja School. There were about 40 students and pedagogical staff.



On **23 October**, awareness activity was organized in the 9-year school "**Qazim Turdiu**". There were **30 students** of 9th grade, psychologist and pedagogical staff participated in the activity.





On *December 11* th, awareness raising activity was organized in the high school "*Andon Zako Çajupi*" together with the Agency for the Administration of Sequestrated and Confiscated Assets.





On *December 14* th, awareness activity was organized in the secondary school *"Kongresi i Lushnjes"* together with the Agency for the Administration of Sequestrated and Confiscated Assets.

## **Activities organized in the community of Tirana Region**

On *April 7*, young people from Tirana District have sensitized hundreds of citizens by informing and disseminating leaflets with the focus on the "Anti-Trafficking Campaign".







On *April 18* th, another awareness-raising and informative activity on trafficking issues, exploitation for benefit purposes and reporting line *116 006* took place at orphanage "*Zyber Hallulli*".





On *May 30th* an awareness campaign was organized in **SOS Village** on human trafficking! #Sensibility #information # awareness.





On *June 30th*, at the premises of *social-cultural club* "CoDe Albania" the young people *of the city of Tirana*, attended the Book Club where they discussed about the phenomenon of trafficking of Albanian women in Europe based on the novel "The stars do not dress like that" by the novelist Elvira Dones.



#### "Gratitude Ceremony" dedicated to Lezha, Kukës, Dibër and Tirana

On *June 30* <sup>th</sup>, "Gratitude Ceremony" was organized in Tirana " dedicated to the young people of Lezha, Kukës, Dibër and Tirana for the fantastic work done in the framework of the project "Empowering young people at risk in developing anti-trafficking awareness campaigns".





On *October 17* th, D & E held an awareness raising on trafficking issues with community members of Shkoza. Representatives of Shkoza Community Center were part of this activity.





On **October 24** th, about **12** parents of "Lasgush Poradeci" students were informed about trafficking in persons by D & E representatives.





During this period, *3 television interviews* were organized in order to raise public awareness of the phenomenon of trafficking in persons.

On **November 15** th, with members of Shkoza Community, D & E held an awareness raising activity. They were informed about the issues of trafficking in persons learned about the services offered by the Organization for victims of trafficking and potential victims of trafficking. The event was held in the school premises "Andokli Kostallari" with the help of the school psychologist and with the participance of 12 parents.





**UN GIFT BOX / Tirana District** 

The Ministry of Internal Affairs in cooperation with the URAT network developed the anti-trafficking awareness campaign UN Gift Box. For three days, respectively on *May 30, 31* and *June 1*<sup>st</sup>, hundreds of Tirana citizens visited UN Gift Box.









### **Exhibition with paintings**

On *October 18* <sup>th</sup>, in the framework of the European Day of the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons, D & E together with the German organization "Initiative Group" organized an exhibition of paintings by victims of trafficking. This exhibition took place in Munich, Germany, and forwarded many sensitizing messages.



On *31 October*, the exhibition was opened "*Trafficking in the eyes of children*". In the frame work of the Anti-Trafficking Month, the National Coordinator against Trafficking opened the exhibition "Trafficking in the eyes of children". About 140 paintings done by students have been presented in the exhibition, paintings and drawings have described the phenomenon of trafficking. D & E paintings were part of axhibition with messages from victims of trafficking themselves.





## Flash Mob "You Can Save a Man from Trafficking"

On *June 1<sup>st</sup>*, D & E in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior organized an activity in the center of Tirana. 60 young people participating in the activity disseminated awareness messages against trafficking in persons through the "Flash Mob"











## IV. Modeling and integrating alternative services (morning and afternoon) of childcare. For mothers who are rebuilding their lives

Since December 2016, "Different and Equal" organization in partnership with Plan & Go, the Municipality of Tirana and the Regional Education Directorate has started to implement the project: "Modeling and integrating morning and afternoon care for mothers who are rebuilding their lives" with the financial support of Save the Children and Terre des Hommes, funded by European Union.

This project was designed after careful consultation with the beneficiaries of the program - mother victims of trafficking and victims of violence, the Municipality of Tirana - the General Directorate of Social Services and the Economic Center for Child Development and Education, as well as members of the Responsible Authority for Trafficking Victims . On March 03, 2017, the agreement between the Municipality of Tirana, the Regional Educational Directorate and the "Different & Equal" organization was signed.

Thus, the project is dedicated to children of mothers who are victims of trafficking and violence who, due to the inconsistency between work schedules of mothers and the official hours of the day care centers/ public schools, the children were exposed to be neglected and lack of care.

Thanks to this project, it was possible to set up and operate two alternatives placements that provide care beyond official hours of public and private kindergartens, schools (weekdays and Saturdays). Qualified staff with the right education and experience are employed to provide childcare in these alternatives.

These two new forms of care are set up for the first time in Albania for this group of children:

- The alternative "care in kindergarten" consists in extending the hours of functioning of the Integrated Kindergarten "New Shkoza", where in a dedicated environment due to the cooperation agreement between D & E, Tirana Municipality and Regional Directorate of Education Tirana care is provided during afternoon for children until the mothers come to pick them up.
- The "home care" alternative consists in expanding the community service by the creation of the "Grandmother's home", where children are brought after being taken out by public daycare centers.
- During the period of stay of children in alternative placements, specialized care is provided (including psychological counseling, addressing health needs), food,

- personalized educational activities and entertainment in accordance with their age and development, etc.
- Currently, 18 children of mothers victims of trafficking and victims of domestic violence are regularly attending alternatives and are provided the necessary care to ensure their physical and psychological well being.

"It's a great relief for me to know that my kids are safe while I work. I would not be able to work differently, "says A. Mother, a victim of domestic violence







## IV. Trainings and presentations provided by D & E

On <i>April 19<sup>th</sup></i> , training was organized on <i>"Protection and Services for Victims of Trafficking in Albania"</i> by D & E staff in Kavaja, for different professionals as police officers, psychologists in schools, social workers of different state institutions.
Presentation at the workshop on "SHARING LEARNING BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE WHO ARE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY SEXUAL VIOLENCE" organized by Bedfordshire University in UK.
Presentation at the seminar on "FIGHT AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME - PHASE 2 (THB / IFS / 2)" organized by ICMPD in Turkey.
Presentation on "Prevention Work at grass root level" at the conference "RESEARCHING, INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTING OF HT, organized by Medaille Trust in Slovenia.
Presentation at the First Meeting of Mutual Learning Meetings / Learning Meetings Meeting in the framework of the research study titled "Violence from Trafficking: A Study of Vietnam, Albania, Nigeria and the United Kingdom", organized by Bedfordshire University in partnership with IOM.
Presentation of the project, services and outcomes, organized in the District Council of Tirana.
Presentation on the training of the teachers of RED Tirana on "Using the curricular module in treating of educational and teaching themes that affect the problems of trafficking and abuse", organized by IOM in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Internal Affairs, The National Coordinator's Office, the National Coalition of Anti-Trafficking Shelters.

## V. Participation of staff in trainings, seminars

"Ethical Principles and Security Issues" Training, organized by D & E and provided by experts on trafficking issues;

"Information and Protection of Personal Data" training, organized by D & E and provided by representatives of the Commissioner for the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Data;

The training "*Protection of Child Victims of Trafficking and Exploitation*" organized by the Municipality of Tirana and the State Agency for the Protection of Children's Rights, in cooperation with the OSCE Presence in Albania, developed a training of multidisciplinary technical groups, Child Protection Officer (PMF).

Training "Implementing the Action Plan for Measures for Intervention and Protection of Children in Street Situations", organized by the Directorate of Defense and Social Inclusion in cooperation with the ARSIS organization to help Mobile Teams for the improvement and unification of identification forms and referral of children in street situations.

"First Aid" training organized by D & E and offered by the Albanian Red Cross.

Workshop "Enhancing and Strengthening Capacities for Screening, Identification and Referrals of Vulnerable Migrants, VoT and PVoT - PRM Project", organized by IOM.

Training "Direct training and stimulation in the fight against trafficking in persons along the migration routes" organized by the Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and Excellence Center for Police Stability Units, Vincenca, Italy.

Workshop on "SHARING, LEARNING BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE WHO ARE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AFFECTED BY SEXUAL VIOLENCE", organized by Bedfordshire University in UK.

Seminar on "FIGHT AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND ORGANIZED CRIME - PHASE 2 (THB / IFS / 2)" organized by ICMPD in Turkey.

## VI. Co-ordination with Other Anti-Trafficking Actors

- ♣ D & E has actively participated in all activities organized by the Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator.
  - o D & E is also incoolved in drafting of the Anti-trafficking Action Plan for the period 2018-2020;
  - o Inclusion in the DCM revision of "Standard Action Procedures for the Identification, Referral and Protection of Trafficking Victims".
- **♣** D & E has actively participated in all activities organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth and the Agency for the Protection of Children's Rights:
  - o Consultative meetings on the protection of children in street situations;
  - Drafting of the National Action Plan for the protection of economically exploited children, including children in street situations 2018-2020, organized by ARSIS and the State Agency for the Rights and Protection of Children;
- ♣ D & E participated in all meetings of the National Coalition of Anti-Trafficking Shelters.

Participation in all activities of the coalition "Justice for All", including hearings sessions in the Assembly on Justice Reform. "Different & Equal" organization is a member of the coalition "Justice for All" (DPGJ) since its foundation in July 2016. Since the establishment of the GDO Coalition, our organization has actively participated in all developed activities including:

Participation in the consultation of 20 draft laws under the Justice Reform, giving written recommendations, and by taking part in several public debates held in the Assembly; Participation in all sessions of the evaluation and selection of CIVIL SOCIETY candidates for VETING organs, specifically for the High Judicial Council and the High Council of Prosecutor's Office;

D & E has participated in the hearings sessions held in the Assembly for VETING bodies candidates with observer status on behalf of the GDR Coalition.

D & E is part of the GDG Coalition Working Group for drafting the Public Education Strategy. During December 2017, a complete and revised draft of the Strategy was forwarded to the Assembly

- ♣ D & E has actively participated in the consultation of some other sub legal acts in the implementation of the law on children rights and protection, the law on social services, etc.
- ♣ D & E has contributed to the completion of several questionnaires sent by different organizations and institutions, including the participation in the meeting organized for civil society input in the process of preparing the E.C Progress Report for Albania, 2017.

## VII. D&E Strategic Plan

In March, the 2017- 2019 Strategic Plan was prepared. 3-days seminar was organized with the participation of D & E staff, board members and beneficiaries. This activity was facilitated by Ruth Rosenberg.

#### -Prize "Gratitude"

On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the National Coalition of Anti-Trafficking Shelters (NCATS), where D&E is one of the four members, was honored with the award "Gratitude" by the Ministry of Interior. The award was given during the National Conference "Together we can! Stop trafficking!"

#### VIII. D & E Publications

These publications are realized under the project "Empowering young people at risk of developing anti-trafficking campaigns" financially supported by the US Embassy.







## Link to the event -Flash Mob

https://www.facebook.com/DifferentEqual/videos/1450062378441158/