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# Annual Report

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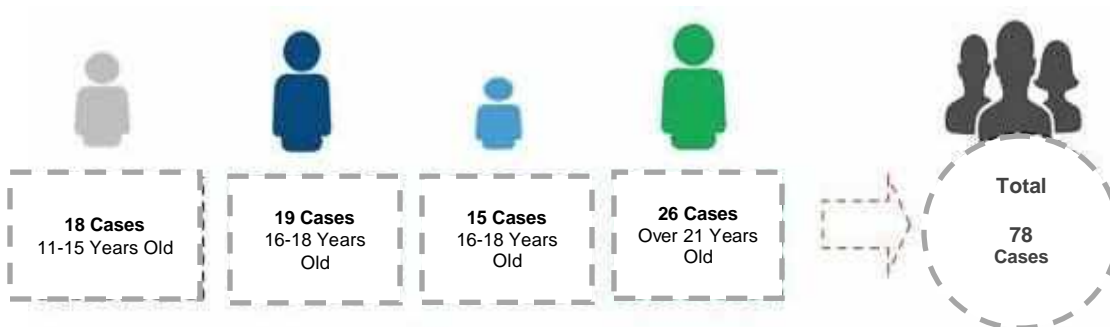
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# 1. Program beneficiaries

During the period January - December 2019, they were assisted in total in the reintegration program of the organization  
**105 cases and 130 of their children.**

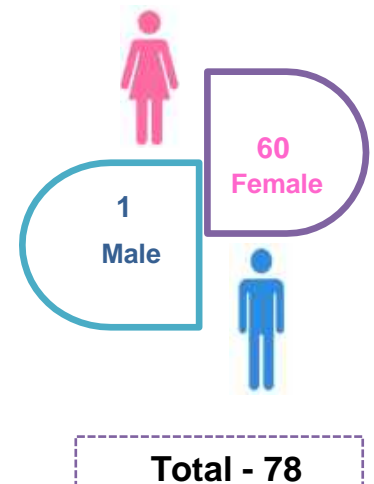


## CASE PROFILE VICTIMS / POSSIBLE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING



### Educational level of new cases

- ▶ **University** - 2 cases
- ▶ **High school education**- 4 cases
- ▶ **Unfinished High school**- 7 cases
- ▶ **Secondary School**-11 cases
- ▶ **Primary School**-3 cases
- ▶ **Without education**-0 cases



## Status



**26** Single



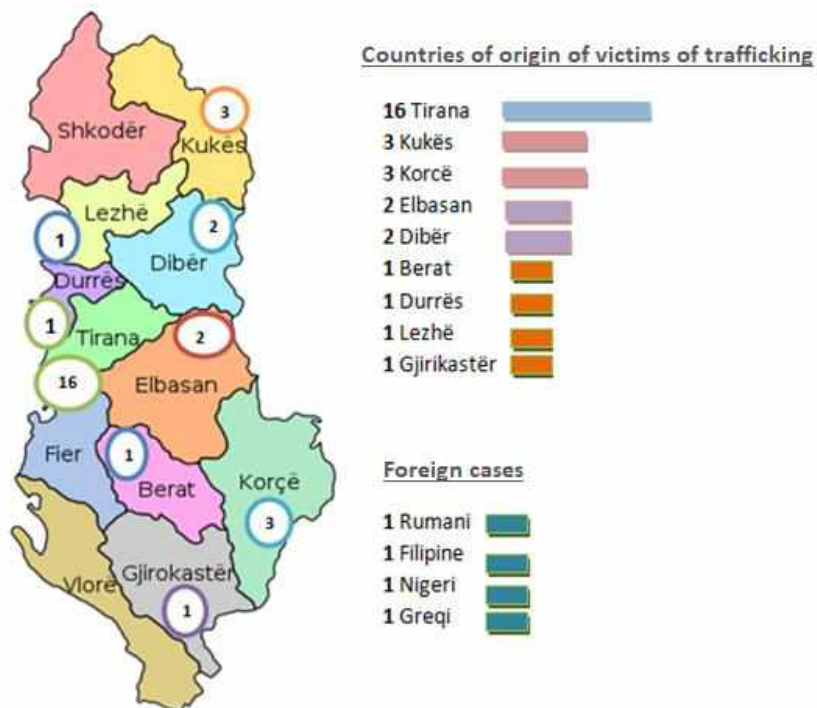
**3** Married



**2** Divorced



**2** Cohabitation



## The places where they were trafficked

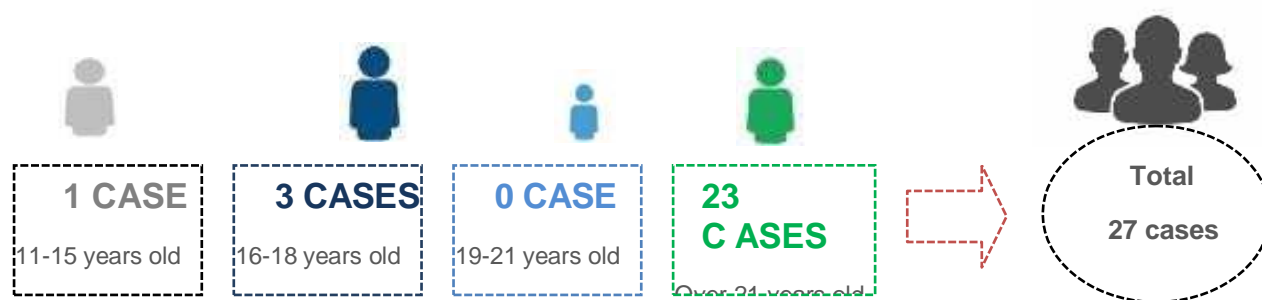
The place where they were trafficked	Total
Albania	56
Kosovo	2
Italy	1
Greece	1
Germany	5
England	2
Switzerland	1
Serbia	1
Denmark	1
Greece, Albania	3
Kosovo, Albania	3
Germany, Albania	1

Form of exploitation	Total
Sexual exploitation	49
Forced labor	3
Forced marriage	2
Beg	3
Criminal activity	7
Sexual exploitation & forced labor	5
Sexual exploitation & begging	3
Sexual exploitation & criminal activity	1
Begging & forced labor	1
Begging & criminal activity	2
Forced marriage / sexual exploitation	1

## Reference source for new assisted cases during January - December 2019:

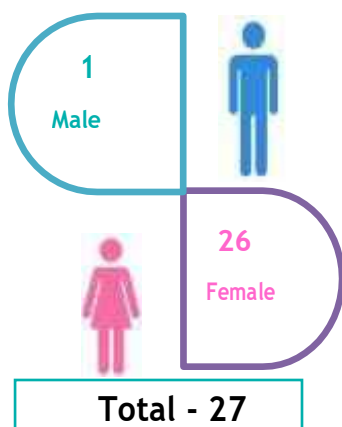
Reference sources	Nr. of cases
Police Commissariat no. 4	1
Tirana Local Police Directorate	1
Local Police Directorate of Durrës	1
CPU / DRSHTSH Korça	1
Municipality of Tirana (COMMUNITY CENTER)	1
Municipality of Kukes (CPU)	1
State Social Service	1
CPU Thumanë	1
D&E Mobile Unit (in cooperation with DVP, CPU 1, Synej CPU, CPU 11, Kashar CPU, CPU 5)	9
NRC	4
ICITAP / US Embassy	1
Mary Ward Loreto	4
SOLWOLDI Germany	1
Global Care	1
LGBT shelter	1
Elbasan Psychiatric Hospital	1
Eagle Wings	1
Advice Line for Women and Girls	1
IOM Tirana / Denmark	33

## Profile of Victims of Abuse and Domestic Violence



## Status





- ▶ **University** - 1 cases
- ▶ **High school education**- 3 cases
- ▶ **Unfinished High school**- 2 cases
- ▶ **Secondary School**-13 cases
- ▶ **Without education**-1 cases

**Educational level of new cases**

**Reference source for new assisted cases during January - December 2019:**

Reference sources	Nr. of cases
National Center for the Treatment of Victims of Violence in Family	3
Tjetër Vizion	1
Municipality of Tirana	1
Solwold Germany	3
Health Ministry	1
LILIUM Center	2
Swedish organization	1
Avokati i Popullit	1
Police Station - Kurbin	1
IOM	1
Police Commissariat no.1 Tirana	1
Selfreference	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

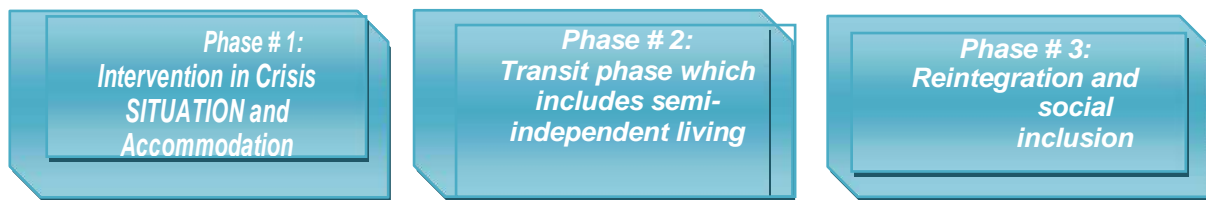
## D&E PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED DURING JANUARY - DECEMBER 2019

### PROTECTION AND REINTEGRATION

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

Donors: Pro Victims; UNOHCHR; Ministry of Health and Social Protection through Tirana Region and the Municipality of Tirana; American Embassy

- Direct assistance to girls, women and men victims of trafficking / potential victims of trafficking



Three phases where D&E has provided reintegration assistance to victims of trafficking

#### A complete package of reintegration services is provided to the beneficiaries of the D&E reintegration program:

- ▶ Accommodation;
- ▶ Security and reintegration plan;
- ▶ Immediate medical assistance;
- ▶ Negotiation / mediation with the family;
- ▶ Psychological assessments and counseling;
- ▶ Legal support and assistance;
- ▶ Assistance for registration /continuity of the school system;
- ▶ Professional Vocational training;
- ▶ Social activities;
- ▶ Mentoring;
- ▶ Employment counseling and assistance;
- ▶ Financial support for housing;
- ▶ Information on services that exist in the community as well as necessary contacts / service map;
- ▶ Income-generating work programs;
- ▶ Assistance and support for children of victims of trafficking;
- ▶ Monitoring and follow-up of the beneficiaries in the program.

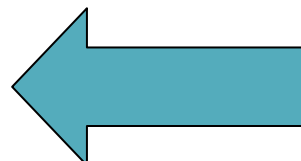
In addition to direct assistance to beneficiaries, D&E has also supported the victim's family - for example, beneficiary children, assistance for the parent of a minor to find work, family counseling, etc.

## • Health services



The D&E doctor has made the medical evaluation of the new cases entered in the program and has also addressed and treated the medical needs of all the beneficiaries of the reintegration program, for the 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 the program, routine tests are performed (whole blood, urine and SST examinations).



During 2019, the health problems that the beneficiaries and their children have had were:

Illness	Nr. of cases	Nr. of children
Gastrointestinal problems	1	1
Dermatological problems	10	3
ORL	1	6
Allergic problems	2	2
Gynecological problems	7	
Anemia	2	1
Dental problems	10	
Ophthalmologist	2	
Plastic incineration		
Rheumatic problems	1	
Orthopedics-Traumatology	4	
Abdominal and renal colia		
Infectious problems	5	6
Urinary tract infections	6	

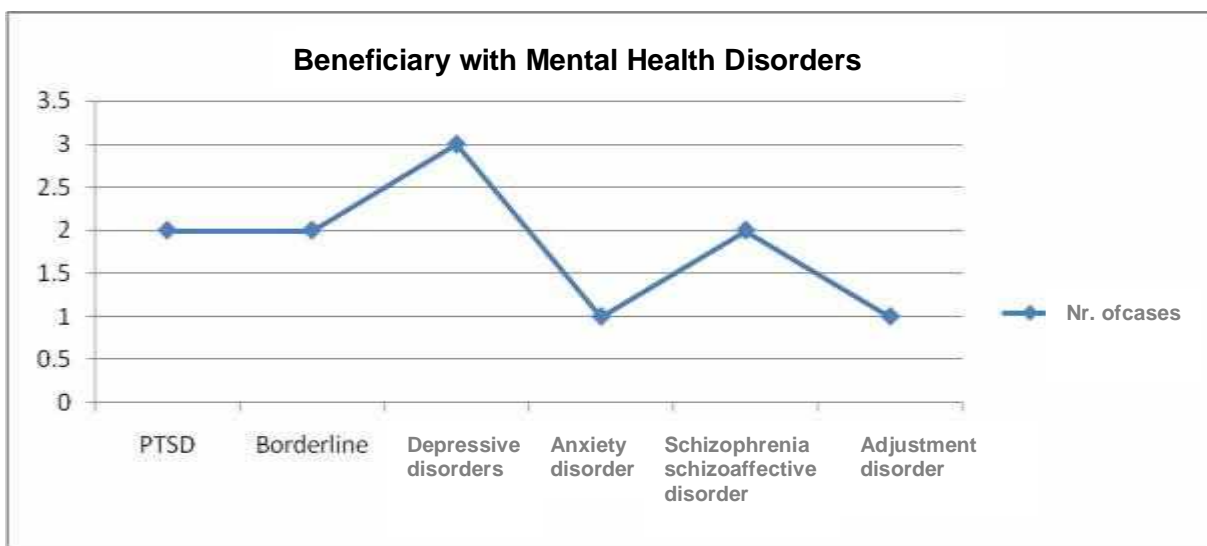
9 beneficiaries were tested for sexually transmitted diseases, of which 2 were positive. 9 beneficiaries were tested for HIV / AIDS and they resulted negative.

## Mental health problems

**11 beneficiaries with mental health problems** are regularly monitored by a psychiatrist receiving appropriate treatment on ongoing basis.



Two cases were hospitalized at QSUT, respectively in the Psychiatric Service for adults and the Psychiatry Service for children and adolescents, respectively with diagnoses of borderline personality disorder and PTSD with suicidal attempts.



**13 new beneficiaries referred in D&E program have been provided with health cards and the renewal of 7 health cards of former beneficiaries** to enable them to benefit from a range of free health services.

D&E has collaborated with a number of public and non-public institutions to provide beneficiaries with various health services such as: Albanian University - Department of Dentistry, through which free dental services are provided to the beneficiaries of the program; Polyclinic No.9; Institute of Public Health; Institute of Hygiene; Dental Polyclinic "UFO"; "Koco Glozheni" Obstetric and Gynecological Hospital and "Queen Geraldine"; QSUT Polyvalent Emergency; Pediatric Emergency.

### • Psycho-social assistance

Psychological and psycho-social counseling, art therapy, occupational therapy, relaxation techniques are activities organized in the frame work of psycho-social assistance. All these activities aim at the psychological well-being of the beneficiaries.

	Individual psychological counseling provided by a psychologist	Individual psycho counseling -social provided by case managers	Group Art Therapy	Creative work and occupational therapy
Nr. of sessions	503	3644	36	33



*Some of the techniques used during the art therapy GROUP sessions were: Iceberg, Color Identification, Freehand Drawing, How I Feel, My Place in This World, Draw with Your Hand, Emotions and Me, Trees with Loved Ones, Childhood Memories, Canvas Painting, Color Mosaic, Self-Portrait and Identity etc.*

## Education and schooling

Education Level	Nr. VT / PVoT beneficiaries	Nr. of children of VT / PVoT
9-year school	12	10
High school	12	
University	1	0
Total	25	10

- ↔ An assessment to determine the educational level of each beneficiary in the program is performed by the D&E teacher and based on this assessment an educational-learning plan is developed as part of the reintegration plan of each beneficiary.
- ↔ During this period 25 beneficiaries and 10 of their children were supported and they attended school at different levels.

## Increase efforts for economic empowerment of victims / potential victims of trafficking

### ► Employment trainings / professional courses:

- ↔ 30 beneficiaries have attended professional courses.
- ↔ Some beneficiaries have attended more than one course, based on individual skills and desires.

Nr:	Type of Courses	Offered	Nr. of cases
1.	Computer course	D&E Education Center	15
2.	Hairdressing / Aesthetics	Vocational training center	6
3.	Kitchen course	Vocational training center	1
4.	Tailoring	Professional school	1
5.	English	D&E Education Center	9 1
6.	Italian	Foreign Language Center	6 1
7.	German	D&E Education Center	2
8.	Guitar course	Vocational training center	9
9.	Pizza cooking course	Foreign Language Center	3
10.	Babysitter	D&E Education Center	1
11.	Picture Course	Private Business Company	1

### Employment and employment counseling

During the period January - December, 36 D&E beneficiaries were employed as: *assistant chef in restaurants and confectioneries, bartenders, waiters, dishwashers in restaurants, operators in Internet Centers and Call Centers, furniture, bakery salesman, sanitary, food distributor, etc.*

D&E has supported the beneficiaries of the program in their efforts to enter the formal labor market. D&E staff continuously guides the beneficiaries to choose the professions required in the labor market, adapting of course in each case to their personal skills. D&E has worked closely with the National Employment Service / Regional Employment Directorate and private companies during this period.

### Internship programs with business companies

*During 2019, 2 beneficiaries have been involved in the internship program, working as culinary assistants in restaurants. A cooperation agreement is signed with the business company, to define the obligations and responsibilities of each party.*

One beneficiary was supported by the purchasing of handcraft materials for the preparation of various handcrafts and was supported by D&E to sell these products.

## Increasing access to justice for victims of trafficking

D&E has provided legal assistance to all beneficiaries in the program through a D&E lawyer. Legal assistance has been consisted mainly on:

- Informing and re-informing all program beneficiaries about their rights,*
- Accompanying the beneficiaries for giving statements to the police, the prosecutor,*
- Representation and prosecution of all criminal and civil cases of beneficiaries,*
- Continuously inform the beneficiaries about the progress of their cases,*
- Support for foreign beneficiaries to apply for a residence permit, identification documents at the respective Embassies, etc.*

15 cases have cooperated with Law Enforcement Structures by denouncing traffickers, 9 of them are new cases that have entered the program during this year.

***D&E lawyer has organized sessions with BENEFICIARIES DISCUSSING various legal topics such as:***

- Social Services in the Municipality,*
- Law on Personal Data,*
- Property rights and the position of women in relation to property,*
- Law for Foreigners,*
- Law on the right to information,*
- Knowledge of public institutions in Albania,*
- Children' rights*
- Free movement of citizens in the Schengen area,*
- Rights and obligations of adults,*
- Law on Social Security,*
- Law on "Measures against Domestic Violence",*
- Gender equality and discrimination,*
- The judicial system in Albania,*
- Access to justice.*

## Social Assistance

A series of socio-cultural activities and life skills enhancement activities are organized every week for all beneficiaries of the D&E program. Activities are organized inside and outside of the Reintegration Center (for beneficiaries accommodated in the center). Activities of an educational nature are organized in the premises of the D&E Education Center under the supervision of instructors and trainers, while the activities organized in the Social Cause Club have helped the beneficiaries to increase their skills, socializing and spending a friendly time with each other.



*Free outdoor games*



*Art Therapy*



*Fun games*



*Group discussion*



*Visit to the Church of Laç*



*Visit to Lake Blesh*



*Yoga*



*Computer course*



*Art Club*

All beneficiaries accommodated in the D&E Reintegration Center have participated in the program "Empowerment through Self-Defense" organized by Aikido Albania. The purpose of the program was to help participants develop communication and increase self-confidence between activities for verbal, emotional, psychological and physical skills. While 3 beneficiaries have attended a 3-month self-defense course.





## Mentoring program

*I am very happy to have a mentor. We go out together, we talk, we learn from each other.*

A. B.

During 2019, three mentors provided mentoring to 16 beneficiaries of the D&E program.

Mentors have provided individual support on a weekly basis to beneficiaries who have mentored, tailored to their needs and following jointly agreed activities. D&E has consistently provided individual and group supervision to mentors, so that the mentoring process would be as effective as possible for both parties.

The activities carried out during this period between mentors and beneficiaries were:

- ✓ Planned and implemented according to the interests and wishes of the beneficiaries,
- ✓ Focused on educating and informing beneficiaries,
- ✓ Focused on enhancing life skills and adapting to a healthy lifestyle.

## Follow-up and monitoring of the beneficiaries in the program

The beneficiaries of the second and third phases of D&E program are supported with all services in the community based on their needs.

Case reintegration progress is monitored by case managers on a daily, weekly and monthly basis; daily monitoring is done by case managers during the work shift. Weekly and monthly monitoring is performed on a regular basis by the case manager and economic empowerment coordinator.

***During 2019, 3113 counseling sessions were OFFERED to the Beneficiaries of the second and third phase of the program by case managers.***

### Financial and long-term assistance

35 cases and 18 of their children were supported and financially assisted for the rent of the rented apartment;

31 cases and 3 of their children were assisted in their families of origin and 2 cases and 3 children were assisted in other alternative places.

D&E has continued to provide financial support for the rent of the apartments to the beneficiaries of the second phase of the reintegration program.

### Information on community services

D&E staff provides ongoing case support by providing them with the information they need on existing community services.

A map of community services is distributed to beneficiaries, who in some cases are accompanied directly by their case managers to know directly these types of services.

Beneficiaries are informed of their right to receive financial assistance such as VoT and they are supported in preparation of the necessary documents.

## ○ Contribution to assisted return of victims / potential victims of trafficking

### Return of foreign victims to their country of origin:

During this period D&E has assisted 4 FOREIGN cases which come from different countries.

1 case has been returned to his country of origin.

### Return of Albanian victims identified abroad:

7 Albanian cases identified abroad have been returned to Albania. Cases have come from different countries such as: Germany, Denmark and Kosovo. As soon as they enter in the program, a complete package of reintegration services is provided for each case based on their needs.

## II. Increase efforts for identifying victims / potential victims of trafficking through Mobile Unit

In the framework of the project "Increasing the proactive identification of victims / potential victims of trafficking at the local level" financially supported by the US Embassy in Tirana, it became possible to activate the D&E Mobile Unit. Thanks to this activation and increased cooperation with the Members of the National Referral Mechanism, the identification of VT / PVT and their referral in receiving services and direct assistance at the local level has increased.



*"When you hear stories of trafficked girls they seemed unbelievable, unreal. After attending your training I realized that this phenomenon is so close to us and the difficulties faced by victims of trafficking are very great. The more information people have about this phenomenon, the less they will dare to judge these girls."*

**Doctors, participants in the training with medical staff of Health Care Institutions,**

**February 4, 2019**

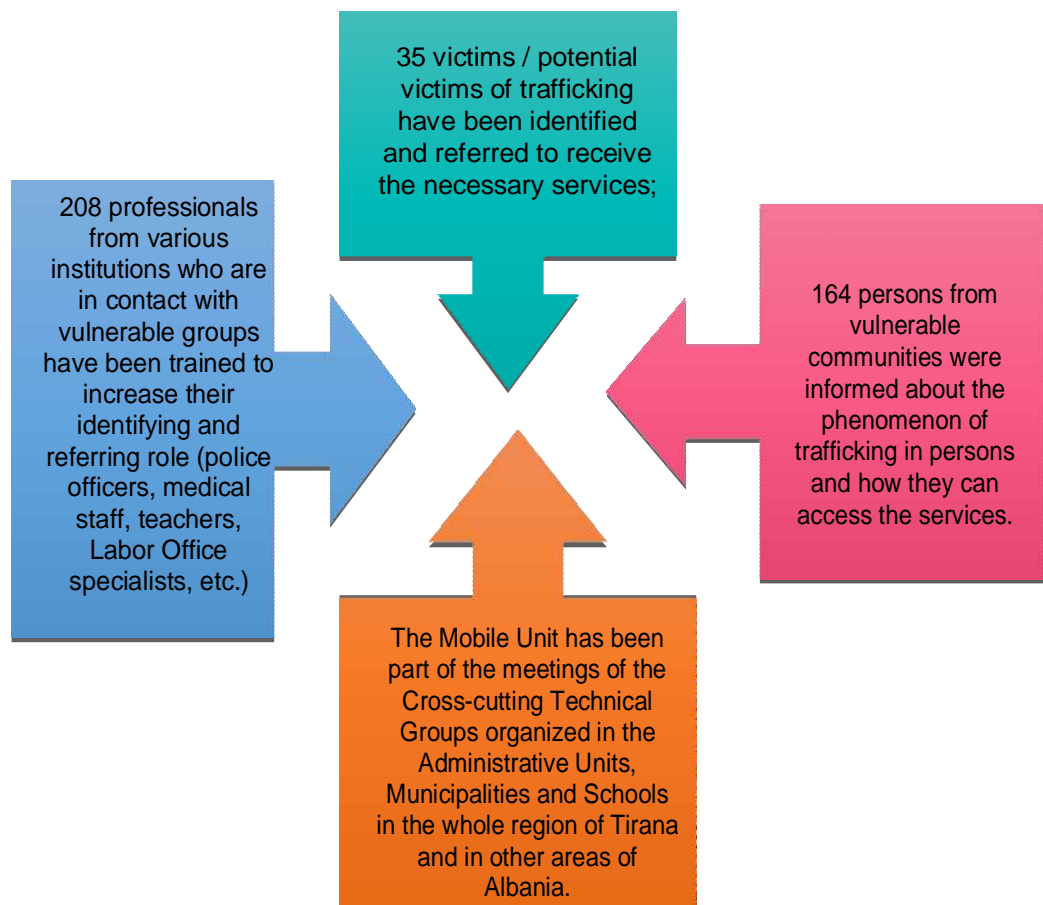


In the framework of the implementation of this project, the organization "Different & Equal" in cooperation with the Office of the National Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Persons drafted "Service Standards of Mobile Units for the identification and referral of victims / potential victims of trafficking".

This document is a product of consultation and review with various actors with experience and serious interest in the proactive identification of victims of trafficking in Albania, including the actors provided in the Action Plan, such as: Directorate of Anti-Trafficking and Migration in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Coalition of Anti-Trafficking Shelters, Social Services of the Municipality of Tirana and the Responsible Authority.

Standards are in themselves statements of purpose to be achieved. They are designed to help and protect employees engaged with initial identification, to increase and maintain the effectiveness and quality of their work.

The process of drafting these standards and the form in which they come, make them ready to be immediately integrated into documents and processes that are planned to further develop the anti-trafficking system.



### III. Victim-Based Legal Assistance Program for Victims; free legal service

The project "**Justice is a true story where victims became the first worry**" implemented by the organization "Different & Equal" and financially supported by Save the Children in partnership with the Center for Integrated Legal Services and Practices, funded by the European Union has continued to assist and protect victims of crime, in particular victims of trafficking through the provision of direct assistance and free legal aid; by increasing the capacity of law enforcement institutions; increasing information on victims' rights and access to justice; and advocacy to improve legislation.



During 2019 the main activities of the project were:



In cooperation with the Office of the National Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Persons, 2 trainings were conducted on "The rights of victims of crime":

## Training:

In March 29, 2019 in Diber with the participation of 35 persons such as the Prosecution, Court, Police, Bailiff, the Institution of the Prefect, as well as the representatives of non-profit organizations that provide legal services to victims

## Training:

In May 3, 2019 in Kukës, with the participation of 22 persons representing institutions and law enforcement agencies, Prosecution, Court, Police, Prefect Institution, Media and representatives of non-profit organizations that provide legal services to victims of crime criminal.

*"The information we received in training encourages us to improve our work and deepen our knowledge of the rights of victims of trafficking"*

*Participants in the training of realized in Diber, March 29, 2019*

In April 2019, after a meeting with the Office of the National Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, work began on setting up an ad-hoc group to conduct an in-depth analysis and assessment of the need for a special law focusing on the protection of victims / potential victims of trafficking, pursuant to the National Plan of Action for the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings

- VKK Nr. 770, dated 26.12.2018 (Chapter on Criminal Prosecution, activity 1. (a) .6.

The work of the ad-hoc group was finalized with the preparation of the Study Report on the Need to Draft a special law for the protection of victims of trafficking in Albania.



Reflecting the recommendations and suggestions of the working group, as well as the comments collected during the drafting of the study report on the need for a special law for the protection of victims of trafficking, we would single out these conclusions as advantages of the law:

- Serves as a framework law in which all measures for the protection of victims of trafficking, prevention and fight against trafficking in human beings are integrated and supplemented, best resolving the lack of reference to various acts that regulate specific aspects of the anti-trafficking field;
- Serves as an instrument to ensure effective protection with a pro-victim approach and clearly defines the responsible structures and mechanisms for the protection of victims of trafficking;
- Serves in establishing a state compensation scheme for victims of trafficking and filling legal gaps for compensation through litigation;
- Encourages and improves the cooperation of victims of trafficking with law enforcement structures to report traffickers;
- Improves the process of formal identification of victims of trafficking, promoting pro-active identification and victims' interest in self-identification;
- Resolve the situation of determining the status of victims of trafficking, providing a grievance mechanism at the administrative level and in court.

In the framework of the regional project "Balkans Act Now - BAN III", D&E has implemented the project "Applying a pro-victim approach the best way to implement the law", financially supported by the European Union through the Center for Civic Legal Initiatives (CCLI) in Albania.

The project aimed to provide effective protection for victims of trafficking, to put victims and their interests at the center of attention of the actions of all law enforcement agencies.

The intervention consisted on monitoring several trafficking cases from the first phase of identification and referral including investigation and trial as well as reintegration of victims of trafficking

Through the monitoring of 10 selected cases, an analysis of the implementation of the law regulating the protection of victims of trafficking was made, as well as the role played by the responsible institutions at each stage of the process, starting from the identification, referral and reintegration of victims of trafficking in Albanian society.

### Support for children of victims of trafficking and domestic violence to be safe from abuse and neglect

This project provides professional care in the care alternatives "Grandmother's House / Other House" for the children of mothers victims of trafficking and victims of domestic violence, providing a safe and secure environment while their mothers are at work. The service is provided for children from Monday to Saturday, after the official opening hours of public nurseries and kindergartens.

During 2019, in the frame work of this project, it became possible to continue the operation of three child care alternatives, two in Tirana and one in Elbasan, as well as the opening of 2 new child care alternatives in the Municipality of Shkodra and Kamza.



A total of 69 children attended five D&E childcare alternatives.



In February 2019, D&E opened a new childcare alternative in Bathore, Kamza Municipality. Alternativa was opened in cooperation with the "Global Care Albania" Foundation and the Municipality of Kamza.

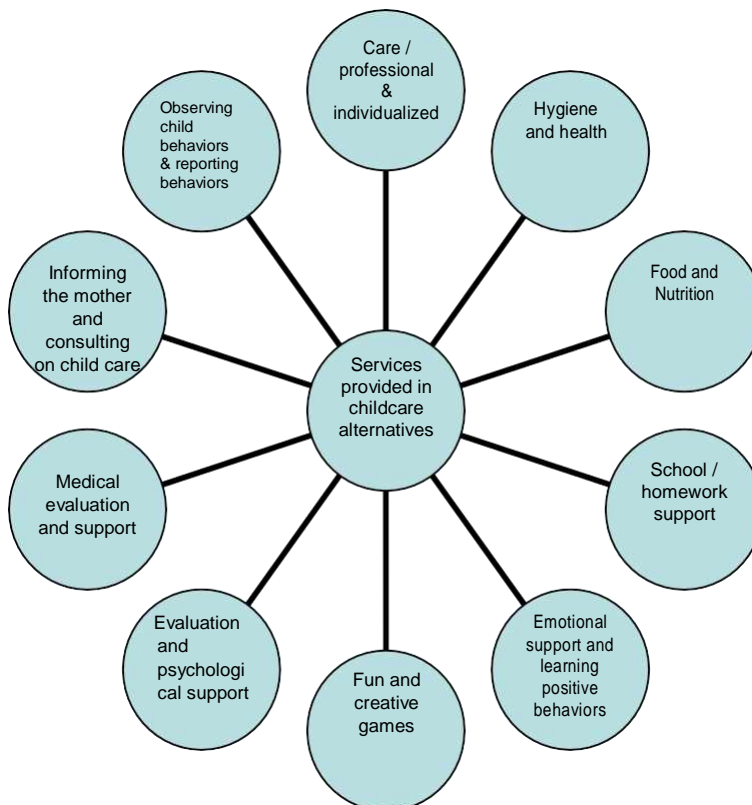


In May 2019, in cooperation with the Municipality of Shkodra, D&E opened a new alternative of child care in this municipality.

"I did not have anyone to take care of my children and therefore it was impossible for me to find a job. "Now that the children are attending your center, I am working quietly from Monday to Saturday and my economic situation is improving."

Mother of two children attending  
Alternative Shkoza Care

My daughter used to be very shy and did not speak, now that she attends "Grandma's House" she has started speaking and interacting with other children. I am very happy to see her every day looking forward to coming here. Now I work calmly and I feel very good. "  
*(The mother of a child who attends the Shkodra Alternative Care)*



During this year, within the project, the Model "Grandmother's House or Other House" was prepared and published, a product of the experience of professionals, educators and staff of the organization 'Different & Equal' in creating and applying the model of a daily center to help care for and raise the children of victims of violence and trafficking.

In drafting this model, current legislation governing education, safety, social care and child protection has also been taken into account.





### Training with child protection staff:

During this year, D&E in cooperation with the State Agency for the Protection of Children Rights, conducted 2 days training with Child Protection Employees from all over Albania. The training on "Child Protection EMPLOYEES for Children of Victims of Trafficking and Domestic Violence" was held on 13 & 14 June 2019.

The training provided knowledge on the legal context related to trafficking and domestic violence, the effects of violence and trafficking on victim mothers and their children, existing services for victims and their families, case management and measuring the effectiveness of services provided to mothers and children, etc.

**54 participants participated in the training.**

## Cooperation between CSOs and groups of former victims of trafficking and domestic violence for the economic empowerment of victims

This is the second year of implementation of the project "Cooperation between CSOs and groups of former victims of trafficking and domestic violence for the economic empowerment of victims" funded by the European Union - as part of the Civil Society and Media Support Program 2016 -2017 and implemented by the organization "Different & Equal" in partnership with the Center for Family and Child (KMOP) in Greece.

The project aims to strengthen civil society organizations in Albania, in providing reintegration services to victims of trafficking / domestic violence and to achieve a harmonious social inclusion of former victims, mainly through increasing their level of employment.

The four areas where the project is implemented are:





In the framework of the project in March 19, 2019 was launched the scheme of sub grants for civil society organizations working in Tirana, Kukës, Dibër and Saranda. The contracting authority responsible for the subsidy scheme from the project partners is the Family and Child Center (KMOP). An information session was organized for potential applicants in March 28, 2019, to inform them about the general and specific criteria of the Sub-Grants Scheme, the principles of writing the project proposal, the criteria for evaluating the call, etc.

During March in the four areas of the project were held meetings with representatives of local government institutions, civil society organizations and business companies. The meetings took place in March 6, 2019 in Kukës, March 13, 2019 in Tirana, March 20, 2019 in Saranda and March 29, 2019 in Debar, respectively, with the aim of stimulating discussion on concrete actions that can be taken to lobby for changes in the vocational training sector. employment and self-employment procedures of victims of trafficking and domestic violence, according to the priorities identified in ***“A study on the needs and opportunities offered by the local labor market to support the economic empowerment of survivors of trafficking and domestic violence in Tirana, Kukës, Dibër and Saranda”***



In accordance with one of the objectives of the project, work has been done during this year to increase the organizational capacity of the Albanian Association of Girls and Women (AAGW), to improve its institutional profile as well as the support and services it can provide to its members.

In this context, a series of activities have been developed:



#### Workshop

4-day workshop with AAGW members with the participation of 9 members. Information on strategic planning was provided during the Workshop; project development; organization of human resources; teamwork; program and project management; Awareness campaigns, drafting "shadow / alternative reports" and using them for advocacy, etc.



#### Training sessions

20 training sessions with girls and women members of AAGW. During these sessions AAGW members were helped to better understand the existing mechanisms in Albania in support of victims of violence and trafficking, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, were introduced to the concepts of Lobbying and Advocacy (at basic level), The qualities and values of the leader of an organization, the election of members of the board of directors of the organization, etc.



#### Awareness activity

Awareness activity in Lake Tirana in October AAGW members, focusing on raising awareness of domestic violence. The messages proposed by AAGW members were conveyed to people of different age groups in a simple way (message balloons, small information leaflets, etc.).



During March, the #WHITHYOU awareness campaign was launched, aiming to convey the right message to those who are experiencing violence that can not and should not be silent anymore.



**Awareness campaign #METY.**

The campaign was implemented during March 2019 in parallel in all four project areas, thanks to the very good cooperation established with partner organizations in these areas.



The march took place on March 8, at the same time in 4 project areas. The slogan of the march was #METY TO RAISE YOUR VOICE!



**Cooperation with the Albanian Football Federation in the 26th week of the championship where the footballers went out on the field holding the #METY message on their face.**







During April 2019, a 3-days training was conducted on "The model of mentoring survivors of trafficking or domestic violence." The purpose of the training was to enable survivors of trafficking or domestic violence (already empowered and reintegrated) to serve as mentors for victims who have recently emerged from a situation of exploitation or violence. **9 trafficked / violence survivors participated in the training.**



Meanwhile, the functioning of the Social Cause Club has continued on a regular basis based on a weekly and monthly plan, agreed with the members of the Club. On average, 30-35 beneficiaries and 10-20 of their children have attended the club every month during this year. There was interest in attending not only formal clubs (FILM Club, Self-Care Club, Culinary Club, Music Club, Art Club, Handicraft / Tailoring Club, Book Club) but also other informal activities.

During the month of November 2019, the members of the Club have worked intensively for the preparation of various handicraft products to be exhibited in various fairs that are organized in Tirana especially for the holidays at the end of the year.





On June 25, 2019, the winning applicants of the sub-grant scheme were announced. The 7 selected civil society organizations started in September 2019 to implement their projects, bringing innovative initiatives of economic empowerment of victims of trafficking and domestic violence in the four areas where the project is implemented.

During this period two trainings were offered to the representatives of the winning organizations of the subgrant scheme

The first training focused mainly on recognizing the obligations related to the financial and narrative reporting part, according to the requirements of the European Union.

While the second training focused on strengthening and increasing the advocacy capacities of sub-grant organizations.



## PREVENTION

### Program for involving victims of sexual violence in addressing issues that matter to them - "OUR VOICES TOO"

This project was coordinated by the International Research Center on Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking at Bedfordshire University in England and was financially supported by the KBA Foundation. The project was implemented in parallel in 3 countries - Albania, Moldova and Serbia.

The "Our Voices Too" project promotes a participatory approach involving children and young people in addressing sexual violence against children across Europe.



Five D&E beneficiaries were selected to be part of the project.

During January-March 2019, the selected group was trained to be "new advocates" for sexual violence. During the 12-weeks training program, young advocates received information on the Declaration of the Rights of the Children; the right to participate, sexual violence, advocacy, lobbying, chose the issue they would advocate for and jointly conducted their campaign activities.

During the months of April - June 2019 the new advocates with the support of the facilitators materialized the activities of their advocacy campaign. Advocacy activities were conducted in response to problems related to sexual violence that the advocates themselves had identified in their local context.

The targets of the advocacy campaign were:

First contact officers in the Local State Police Directorates aiming to improve the way victims of sexual violence are treated and further referred to appropriate services;

- Young people aged 15-16;

The advocacy campaign took place during the period July - December 2019, while before the campaign awareness started materials were ready, such as:



Poster for police officers



Broshurë informuese për oficerët e policisë & të rinjtë



Awareness video on sexual violence "Break the Silence"



*"Being part of this project has changed not only the way I think or talk about sexual violence, but also taught me a lot of new things that I did not know before, or did not relate to sexual violence at all."*

**Ada, Advocate**

- ✓ **ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN EXPRESSED IN NUMBERS**
- ✓ 1 official statement for Deputy Minister of the Interior / National Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Persons, trying to raise specific issues that would guarantee the professional treatment of victims of sexual violence by police officers.
- ✓ 3 meetings with high-level officers, there were discussed how to train victims of sexual violence by first contact officers
- ✓ 69 police officers in 6 districts of Albania received information on how to improve access to victims of sexual violence.
- ✓ 187 young people in 6 districts of Albania became part of information sessions on sexual violence.
- ✓ 80 individuals were informed about sexual violence and ways of reporting during the awareness activity of 30 July 2019.
- ✓ 1 practical community was organized with representatives of civil society organizations focused on the participation of children and young people in changing issues / problems that are important to them.
- ✓ 45,000 views on social media of the awareness video "Break the silence".

## AWARENESS ACTIVITIES ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

### Organizing information sessions in schools

- A dedicated awareness campaign on trafficking in persons was organized within this month, known as anti-trafficking month. The campaign was coordinated by the Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator / Ministry of Interior.
- D&E conducted 30 information sessions in 9-year schools and gymnasiums in the region of Tirana, including the areas on its outskirts and the surrounding Administrative Units such as: Vora and Ndroqi. Information sessions in schools are organized in cooperation with Child Protection Employees and Psychologists of those schools.

***775 students participated in information sessions***

### Awareness activities for the rights of victims of crime

During 2019, D&E has organized 9 information sessions with the participation of 488 people in Tirana, Durres, Vlora and Shkodra on the rights of victims of crime, especially victims of trafficking.



In cooperation with the Faculty of Law in Vlorë and Durrës, two information sessions were held with students, and a third session was held in May, 31 with the Technical Round table of the Regional Anti-Trafficking Committee - Tirana as follows:

During June, in cooperation with the Faculty of Law in Tirana and Shkodra, as well as the Student City Directorate, several information sessions were held with students:



On June 14, 2019, in the premises of the Faculty of Law of the University of Tirana, an information session was held on "The rights of victims of crime". This training was attended by 65 Bachelor and Master students of the Faculty of Law.



In Shkodra on June 19, 2019, in the premises of the University "Lilij Gurakuqi", was held the information session on "Rights of victims of crime". This session was attended by about 80 students and faculty leaders.



While in Tirana, on 20, 26 and 27 June and 03 July 2019, in the premises of the Student City Library, were held 4 information sessions on "The rights of victims of crime" where participated about 183 students and employees of the administration of Student City.



## COORDINATION

### ❖ Coordination with other anti-trafficking actors

D&E has actively participated in all activities organized by the Office of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinator.

- Meetings organized within the National Referral Mechanism;
- Meetings of the Responsible Authority regarding the discussion of difficult cases;
- Meetings in the framework of the establishment and functioning of the Advisory Board for victims of trafficking;

❖ During 2019 D&E has had cooperation with the Albanian Parliament, in particular in the framework of drafting and approving the National Strategy for Public Legal Education. D&E has been part of the working group for drafting the Strategy and after the approval by the Albanian Parliament with Decision no. 47/2019, dated 18.4.2019 and became a member of the National Network for Public Legal Education. The National Strategy for Public Legal Education (SELP) is the first strategic document adopted in Albania with a special focus on legal education of citizens

❖ During 2019 D&E participated in all meetings of the Regional Anti-Trafficking Committee and organized Technical Round tables.

### Capacity building of professionals

The organization "Different and Equal" in cooperation with the Office of the National Coordinator, has organized 4 trainings with professionals from different regions of Albania such as: Kukës, Durrës, Korçë and Gjirokastrë, including: social workers, psychologists, staff of regional offices of the State Social Service, employees of the Child Protection Unit, social administrators, etc. The purpose of these trainings was to increase the capacity of professionals related to case management of victims / potential victims of trafficking by focusing on all aspects, from identification, referral, protection up to their reintegration into society.



20 June 2019 in Kukës with the participation of 21 members of the Regional Committee and Technical Round Table Anti-Trafficking Kukës, staff of regional offices of the State Social Service,



June 26, 2019 in Durrës with the participation of 38 members of the Regional Committee and Technical Round Table on Anti-Trafficking Durrës, PMFs, doctors, specialists of SLKTP



02 July 2019 in Korça with the participation of 23 members of the Regional Committee and Technical Round Table Anti-Trafficking Durrës, State Social Service, Education Directorate



04 July 2019 in Gjirokastrë with the participation of 27 members of the Regional Committee and Technical Round Table Anti-Trafficking Durrës, State Social Service,

## Support for capacity building of Child Protection Units in selected Municipalities to address child trafficking and labor exploitation

### Donor: OSCE Presence in Albania

The specific objective of the project was to increase the practical knowledge and skills of Child Protection Employees to deal with (manage) child trafficking cases.

### **Municipalities where the project was implemented: Tirana, Elbasan, Vlora, Fier, Durrës, Shkodra, Buqiza**

In the frame works of the project, meetings were conducted in the respective municipalities with the participation of Child Protection Employees, Social Service Leaders, where Standard Action Procedures for the Protection of Victims / Potential Victims of Trafficking, VT / PVT identification issues, referral and assistance provided were discussed.

### **Main project activities:**

*Development of an adapted training manual for child protection structures* - The manual was conducted in consultation with OSCE staff and the State Agency for the Rights and Protection of Children. It contains detailed instructions for identifying and assisting victims; policies and activities at the local level; needs assessment and proper addressing; inter-institutional coordination, involvement of the role of multidisciplinary teams at the local level; case management and services; psychological counseling and support; increase life skills and vocational education.

*On-job training for child protection workers* - The purpose of this activity was to help the employees of Child protection unit to address daily work issues related to the management of child victims of trafficking or exploitation. Under the facilitation of D&E staff, 9 on-job training sessions were conducted, with the participation of 25 child protection staff.



*Clinical supervision* –25 child protection staff Child protection workers, as well as social operators of the Municipality of Tirana, Durrës, Shkodër and Elbasan were offered the opportunity to conduct individual supervision sessions with an experienced clinical psychologist.

Clinical supervision was intended to help PMF better understand the difficulties they faced in their daily work, as well as the effects that these difficulties could bring to you personally and professionally, as well as to ease their emotional load.

*Support for earthquake affected areas* - In response to the emergency situation created by the earthquake of 26 November 2019, with the financial support of the project, D&E helped child protection workers in the Municipality of Durrës addressing the needs of children and families within the city of Durrës, in the area of Sukth, Golem, Kullë. Support was also provided for families and children in Koder Kamza. D&E engaged a team of psychologists and social workers to meet the needs of displaced and earthquake-affected children and families through basic needs and psycho-social support.



### Project results:

#### The assistance consisted of:

- Psycho-social support,
- Emergency housing support,
- Addressing basic needs for food, clothing, hygiene materials, and child care materials, etc.
- Addressing the specific needs of children with different skills,
- Individual and group counseling sessions,
- Psycho-education sessions with students in schools,
- Art therapy sessions with children,
- Games and other fun activities with children, etc.

- The skills and knowledge of 25 child protection staff have been improved to identify child trafficking cases based on the latest legal framework for child protection, Standard Operating Procedures for the Protection of Victims of Trafficking, and new provisions of the Criminal Code.
- The knowledge and practical skills of child protection workers to manage child trafficking cases have increased.
- During the implementation of the project, 16 child victims of trafficking were assisted and professionally managed thanks to the cooperation of the **Child protection workers** with the case managers of D&E.
- 25 child protection workers have been helped to improve their professional well-being and increase their ability to respond to the effects of professional consumption.
- A manual for the protection of children from trafficking and exploitation has been prepared.
- Providing support and services to children and families affected by the earthquake, as well as professionals in the most affected municipalities.
- 496 children affected by the earthquake were supported with psycho-social activities, as a result of which children manifested reduced levels of anxiety, fear and increased mechanisms to cope with the challenges of daily life.
- 109 families affected by the earthquake were addressed with basic needs and provided with psycho-social support.

## TRAININGS AND PRESENTATIONS OFFERED BY D&E IN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentation in the training "Trafficking in persons and the law", organized by the network "Renate" in Sweden, May 2019.



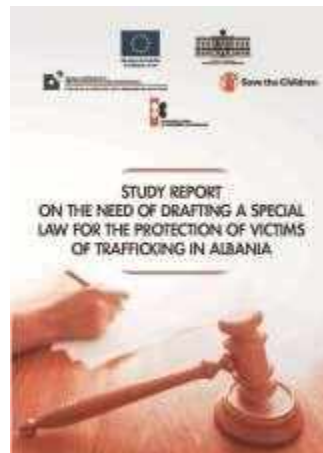
Presentation during the meeting for exchanging experiences between the organizations of the transnational network for the integration of women victims of trafficking, organized on 13, September 2019 by KMOP organization in Rome.

At the Fourth World Conference on Women Shelters (4WCWS), organized by the Garden of Hope Foundation / World Network of Women Shelters in Kaohsiung / Taiwan, November 5-8, 2019, D&E was invited to give a presentation on "Consideration and special care for the children of survivors of gender-based violence".





## PUBLICATIONS



### ► Publications realized in the frame work of the project "Our Voices Too"



Information poster for police officers



Information Brochure for Police Officers



Information Brochure for Young People



Awareness video on sexual violence "Break the Silence"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgEA550aUNY&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgEA550aUNY&feature=emb_logo)

► Publications realized in the frame work of the project

"To increase the proactive identification of victims / potential victims of trafficking at the local level"



INFORMATIVE BROCHURE FOR POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING / VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

- Awareness Materials Implemented in frame work of the Project "Cooperation between CSOs and Groups of Former Victims of Trafficking and Domestic Violence for the Economic Empowerment of Victims"



Informative poster



T-Shirt with campaign slogan



Informative adhesive



Banner for matches with FSHF



Banner for the #withyou march



Stamps for footballers