

Final Report: Facilitating the Management of Social Care Cases for Returnees in the Municipality of Fier

Project Title: *Facilitating the Management of Social Care Cases for Returnees in the Municipality of Fier*

Supporting Organization: *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*

Implementing Organization: *Institute of Roma Culture in Albania (IRCA)*

Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of the project "Facilitating the Management of Social Care Cases for Returnees in the Municipality of Fier," focusing on addressing the needs of returnees, particularly women and girls at risk of trafficking or survivors of gender-based violence. The project aimed to improve access to essential services, provide psychological support, and strengthen resilience among beneficiaries, contributing to their long-term recovery and reintegration into society.

Background

Returnees, especially women and girls who are victims of or vulnerable to trafficking, face numerous challenges in accessing basic services such as healthcare, education, and employment. This project addressed these challenges by providing integrated social care and psychological support, empowering marginalized groups to recover and rebuild their lives.

Objectives

- 1. To improve access to essential services for returnees, focusing on education, healthcare, and employment.*
- 2. To provide targeted psychological support for survivors of trafficking and gender-based violence.*
- 3. To develop and disseminate supportive materials that promote resilience and mental well-being.*
- 4. To strengthen resilience among women and children, reducing vulnerability to trafficking.*

Key Activities

1. Psychological Support Services:

- *Delivered individual and group therapy sessions tailored to the needs of survivors of gender-based violence and those at risk of trafficking.*
- *Conducted art and play therapy sessions for children to address trauma in a non-intrusive and engaging manner.*
- *Organized role-playing exercises to enhance self-confidence and coping mechanisms.*

2. Development of Supportive Materials:

- *Created two specialized materials: one targeting adults and the other children. These tools incorporated methods inspired by the "Positive Thinking Clinic," focusing on resilience-building and self-care techniques.*
- *Disseminated materials via IRCA's social media platforms to maximize reach and accessibility.*

3. Case Management:

- *Facilitated the management of 50 cases of returnees and their families, ensuring access to essential social care services through coordinated efforts with local institutions.*

4. Psychosocial Services for Marginalized Groups:

- *Empowered 40 women and 60 children and youth from marginalized groups, providing tailored psychosocial support.*

Key Achievements

- *Supported 70 individuals who were victims of trafficking or at risk of trafficking, addressing their immediate and long-term psychological needs.*
- *Improved access to essential services for returnees, including education, healthcare, and employment opportunities.*
- *Enhanced the resilience and recovery of marginalized women and children through innovative psychological interventions and resilience-building exercises.*
- *Strengthened local capacities to manage cases of trafficking and reintegrate survivors into society.*

Indicators

- **Number of cases managed:** 50 returnee cases successfully facilitated.
- **Number of beneficiaries supported:** 70 direct victims or individuals at risk of trafficking.
- **Materials disseminated:** Two resources shared widely via social media platforms.
- **Psychosocial services provided:** Over 100 individuals (40 women and 60 children/youth) empowered through targeted services.

Methodology

The project employed a multi-pronged approach combining psychological support, educational outreach, and capacity building. Collaboration with local institutions and stakeholders ensured a holistic response to the challenges faced by returnees and at-risk individuals.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

While the project achieved significant milestones, challenges such as limited awareness about available services and stigma associated with trafficking survivors required additional advocacy and awareness campaigns. Future projects should focus on increasing community-level awareness and enhancing partnerships with local service providers.

Conclusion and Recommendations

This project successfully addressed critical gaps in social care and psychological support for returnees in the Municipality of Fier. By empowering survivors and reducing vulnerabilities to trafficking, the initiative contributed to long-term recovery and resilience.

Recommendations for future interventions include:

1. *Expanding the scope of psychological support services to include more targeted interventions for different age groups.*
2. *Increasing outreach and advocacy efforts to reduce stigma and promote awareness of available services.*
3. *Strengthening partnerships with local institutions to enhance service delivery.*

Closing Remarks *IRCA remains committed to supporting vulnerable groups, particularly those at risk of trafficking, by fostering resilience, recovery, and reintegration. This project's achievements underscore the importance of holistic and targeted interventions in addressing complex social issues.*

- ☞ *Visit the link to watch a video summary of the project: [Video 1](#)*
- ☞ *Visit the link to see IRCAS's identification work for potential victims of trafficking: [Video 2](#)*
- ☞ *Visit the link to see IRCAS's identification work for potential victims of trafficking: [Video 3](#)*

A Journey Through Images

In this section, we present a selection of photos captured as part of the initiative, highlighting the identification, support, and provision of various educational, recreational, psychological, and other services to the project's target group. The focus is on women and girls who are victims or potential victims of trafficking.

Note: All photos have been taken and published with the consent of the beneficiaries.

