

ANNUAL PROGRAMME REPORT

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Slovakia

SK-DOMESTIC Domestic and Gender-based Violence

2019

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The programme Domestic and gender-based violence implemented within the Norway grants 2014-2021 is focused on the programme objective “Domestic and gender-based violence prevented and victims protected and assisted”. The programme supports projects within 2 Programme Areas – “Work-life Balance” and “Domestic and Gender-based Violence”.

The first programme area Work-life Balance is implemented through the Outcome 1 *Understanding of gender equality increased* and 1 pre-defined project. The Open call DGV01 (Small Grant Scheme) was launched on 18th July 2019 with the aim to support organizations promoting equality between women and men and work life balance. Within the first round closure there have been 8 project applications submitted in the total amount of € 1 445 616. Total allocation for the Open call DGV01 is € 1 440 000. After the evaluation process 7 applications out of the total amount of 8 submitted project applications are going to be reviewed by the Selection committee. The Selection Committee meeting on the Open call DGV01 will be held on 8th January 2020. Afterwards, the project contracts shall be concluded approximately by the end of April 2020. The pre-defined project DGVPP001 “HER STORY” supporting the Outcome 1 focuses on combating the impact of gender stereotypes and inequalities on society through education and awareness-raising is going to be implemented by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR. Its eligibility of costs started in August 2019 and the project contract will be signed at the beginning of 2020.

The Programme Area Domestic and Gender-based Violence is implemented through the Outcome 2 and 3 and 1 pre-defined project. To the Outcome 2 *Victims of domestic and gender-based violence protected and supported two open calls* shall contribute. Call no. 1 (DGV02) will support intervention teams at local level on services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence, including children and Call no. 2 (DGV03) will support the improvement of the quality of the services so that they meet the required standards, including specific services for children victims.

Outcome 3 *Response systems to victims of domestic and gender-based violence improved* shall be implemented through the Call no. 3 (DGV04) that will support the specialization of services targeted at vulnerable groups, such as victims with addictions, victims of sexual abuse, as well as perpetrators of violence. At this moment calls DGV02 and DGV03 are being prepared by the Programme Operator and will be launched within the first half of 2020. The call DGV04 is planned to be launched in the second half of 2020. The pre-defined project DGVPP002 “Improving the victim-oriented approach – a tool enhancing the capacity to fight violence against women and domestic violence” supporting fulfilling the Outcome 3 will be implemented by the Institute for Labour and Family research. This pre-defined project continues and strengthens the work of the Coordinating Methodical Centre (CMC) to develop, implement and coordinate a comprehensive national policy on preventing and combating domestic and gender-based violence, in line with the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (the Istanbul Convention). The eligibility of this pre-defined project is supposed to start at the beginning of 2020 and the project contract will be signed afterwards.

The Programme Operator organized the Launching conference of the Domestic and gender-based violence programme in February 2019 which took place in Hotel Bôrik, Bratislava. The conference was held in the attendance of 90 participants from across Slovakia working within the issue of domestic and gender-based violence and work-life balance, representatives from the donor programme partner – the Norwegian Directorate of Health, representatives from the international partner organization – the Council of Europe, representatives from the programme partner – the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and representatives from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bratislava.

B. PERFORMANCE

1. Results

Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme

The Programme Operator launched the Open Call DGVBFO1 for bilateral relations for establishing and development of the partnership - Support of organizations promoting equality between women and men and work life balance on the 4th of June 2019. The Call is aimed at entities, which are planning to apply for a grant within the Call DGV01 on support of organizations promoting equality between women and men and work life balance. The total allocation of the call is €10 000.

Within the call 5 grant applications for bilateral initiatives have been received. 3 of the total 5 grant applications received have been approved with the total allocation of € 5 377.

A bilateral initiative DGVBFOI-01 with the title “KMC meeting with the donor partner of the predefined project and active participation at the 3rd European Conference on Domestic Violence” was implemented in September 2019. The main aim of this bilateral initiative was the meeting of the KMC and its donor project partner - Norwegian Centre for Violence and Traumatic Stress Studies in Oslo to discuss outstanding issues of the prepared predefined project DGVPP002. At the same time the Project Promoter also actively participated in the 3rd European Conference on Domestic Violence in Oslo, Norway. The bilateral initiative DGVBFOI-01 was completed and will be financially settled at the beginning of 2020.

On 6th November 2019 the Programme Operator submitted the Expression of Interest for the Domestic and Gender-based Violence Programme to request additional funding from the Bilateral Fund (aside of the funds allocated within the Memorandum of Understanding) in the amount of € 90 000. This amount covers pre-defined initiatives to be implemented by the PO (€ 55 000) and via Open call (€ 35 000).

Cooperation with the Donor Programme Partner

The Domestic and gender-based violence Programme has one Donor Programme Partner – the Norwegian Directorate of Health. The Programme Operator very much appreciates this continued excellent cooperation with the Donor Programme Partner after the successful

cooperation within the previous implementation phase of Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014.

Within the Domestic and gender-based violence Programme 2014-2021 the Programme Operator organized 7 Cooperation Committee Meetings, 3 Cooperation Committee meetings out of them were proceeded per-rollam. The agenda of the held Cooperation Committee meetings was the setting of the DGV01 call, plan of the bilateral funds using, status of the predefined project within the programme, approval of the Rules of Procedures of the Selection committee and the general programme status. The next Cooperation Committee meeting is planned on 9th January 2020 in connection with the Selection Committee meeting to be held the day before.

Outcome 1 – Understanding of gender equality increased

Description an analysis of results

N/A

Pre-defined projects

Under the Outcome 1 the Predefined project DGVPP001 “HER STORY” is being implemented. The project aims to combat the impact of gender stereotypes and inequalities on society through education and awareness-raising. It will strengthen the capacity of teachers on gender mainstreaming in education and increase the knowledge among young people on gender equality and women’s rights. After a positive assessment of the PDP by the PO, the eligibility period of the project started in September 2019.

The project contract is supposed to be concluded in January 2020.

Outcome 2 – Victims of domestic and gender-based violence protected and supported

Description an analysis of results

N/A

Pre-defined projects

There will be no predefined projects implemented within the Outcome 2.

Outcome 3– Response systems to victims of domestic and gender-based violence improved

Description an analysis of results

No Open call will contribute to the Outcome 3.

Pre-defined projects

Two Predefined projects were planned to be implemented under this outcome. The DGVPP002 (PDP2) “Improving the victim-oriented approach – a tool enhancing the capacity to fight violence against women and domestic violence” will be implemented by the Project Promoter Institute for Labour and Family Research. The Project application to this predefined project was submitted at the end of October 2019 and assessment of the predefined project is supposed to be concluded within the 1st quarter of 2020.

The third Predefined project “Awareness raising and enhancement of the capacity to fight violence against women in Slovakia in line with Council of Europe standards” (PDP3) was planned to be implemented by the International Programme Organization – the Council of Europe. Unfortunately, the predefined project will not be implemented because the Council of Europe is not in a position to pursue the relevant predefined project in the capacity of project promoter.

At this moment there are discussions in progress with the Project Promoter of the DGVPP002 on taking over some of the originally planned activities within the PDP3. A Programme Agreement modification will be prepared by the PO after conclusion of the discussion.

2. Implementation

Conformity with specific requirements

General conditions:

1. The maximum level of funding available from the total eligible expenditure of the programme for infrastructure (hard measures) shall be 30% - this condition shall be fulfilled. The Programme Operator has taken it into account during the call preparation. It will also be a subject to the Programme Operator verification during the project contracts concluding
2. The relevant public institution(s) in the Slovak Republic in charge of the policy area in question, including the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, shall be actively involved in the implementation of the programme, specifically as member(s) of the Cooperation Committee. The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family shall be a voting member at the Selection Committee subject to the absence of any conflict of interest - this condition has already been fulfilled. The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family is an active member of the Cooperation Committee enacted by the Rules of Procedures of the Cooperation Committee and a voting member of the Selection Committee enacted by the approved Statute and Rules of Procedures of the Selection Committees of the EEA Financial Mechanism and

Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021. At the same time the Institute of Labour and Family Research, particularly Coordinating Methodical Centre for domestic and gender-based violence, is a member of the Cooperation Committee, as well as a voting member of the Selection Committee for the component of domestic and gender-based violence.

3. For Outcome 1 indicators “Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) favourable to gender equality (disaggregated by gender)”, Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) that reject gender stereotyping”, Share of students (in targeted schools) favourable to gender equality (disaggregated by gender)” and “Share of students (in targeted schools) rejecting gender stereotyping”, where the baseline value is “to be determined”, (TBD), the National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator submits to the FMO the baseline value, together with a description of the data collection method used, no later than 6 months after the finalisation of the selection of projects under the Small Grant Scheme. The updated baseline value shall be agreed upon through a modification of the programme agreement – in line with the Open call DGV01 within all the supported projects a survey shall be conducted (at the beginning and at the end of the project activities implementation) in order to identify all the listed Outcome 1 indicators, their baseline and target values pursuant to the instruction of the Programme Operator.

4. For the Outcome 2 indicator “Share of supported counselling centres meeting CoE standards”, where the baseline value is “to be determined” (TBD), the National Focal Point shall ensure that the programme Operator submits to the FMO the baseline value, together with a description of the data collection method used, no later than 6 months after the finalisation of the selection of the projects under the last relevant call for proposals. The updated baseline value shall be agreed upon through a modification of the programme agreement - the condition will be fulfilled after the relevant calls closures. The relevant calls are planned to be launched in 2020.

5. For the Outcome 3 indicator “Level of satisfaction of institutions and organisations involved in the response systems with the effectiveness of the response system”, where the baseline value is “to be determined” (TBD), the national Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator submits to the FMO for approval the baseline value, together with a description of the data collection method used, no later than 6 month after the signature of the contract for the pre-defined project no. 2 (numbering under Section 5.1 of Annex II to the Programme Agreement). The updated baseline value shall be agreed upon through a modification of the programme agreement - the condition will be fulfilled after the signature of the project contract for the pre-defined project no. 2 which is supposed to be done in first half of 2020.

6. The National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator informs and coordinates any relevant activities with the Fund Operator of the Active Citizens Fund – Slovakia in order to seek and achieve synergies – the PO cooperates with the Fund Operator of the Active Citizens Fund within the preparation phase of the Open calls in order to avoid the same focus of the Open calls. The PO is also in touch with the Fund Operator regarding the publicity and information activities.

Cooperation with International Partner Organisations (IPOs)

Within the Domestic and gender-based Violence Programme the Programme Operator cooperates with the Council of Europe (CoE). The PO very much appreciates the continued cooperation with the Council of Europe and the benefits from this partnership.

C. LEARNING

1. Monitoring

Forasmuch as there have been no project contracts signed during 2019 no monitoring has been conducted.

2. Evaluation

Forasmuch as there have been no project contracts signed during 2019 any evaluation has been conducted.

3. Lessons learned

Based on our experience the PO considers very important to have timeline and to agree on the meetings and other events with the DPP, IPO and other programme partners or members of the Selection Committee etc. in sufficient time. For instance regarding the calls we have agreed in the Cooperation Committee to agree on the date of the Selection Committee meeting within 10 working days after the closure on the calls based on the number of the project applications submitted. This is very much appreciated mainly by partners involved in more programmes such CoE (IPO), DPP and other programme partners. For planning the meetings it is also important to state the preliminary time for discussion on the individual items. Based on this the length of the meeting can be more accurately estimated. Within the meetings it is important not only to agree on the activities, but also on the next steps and timeline. Generally planning is very important phase and even though it takes longer it makes the next steps and further phases more efficient.

Meetings and consultation with the relevant stakeholders, including decision makers, partners, experts, and target groups and providing information them within individual steps it is also very important. This is a challenge the PO would like to improve within this programme period.

D. ANNEXES

1. Updated results (indicator achievements)

2. Communication

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Annex 1: Updated results (indicator achievements)

Objective: Domestic and gender-based violence prevented and victims protected and assisted								
Outcome 1: Understanding of gender equality increased								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) favourable to gender equality	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	-	-	-	(+15%)	no projects constructed in 2019
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of population (targeted by awareness-raising activities) that reject gender stereotyping	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	0	0	-	(+15%)	no projects constructed in 2019
Share of students (in targeted schools) favourable to gender equality	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	-	-	-	(+20%)	no projects constructed in 2019
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Share of students (in targeted schools) rejecting gender stereotyping	Percentage	TBD, Survey to be conducted after launching the small grant scheme call	-	0	0	-	(+15%)	no projects constructed in 2019
Output 1.1: Measures targeting education and awareness-raising activities in the field of gender equality implemented								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of awareness-raising campaigns promoting gender equality	Number	0	-	-	-	0	10	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of institutions active in the field of gender equality supported	Number	0	-	-	-	0	10	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of schools from marginalised Roma communities to which lectures specifically focused on gender equality have been provided	Number	0	-	-	-	0	25	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of schools provided with lectures focused on gender equality	Number	0	-	-	-	0	79	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of specialised educational materials developed	Number	0	-	-	-	0	4	PDP1 has not been constructed yet
Outcome 2: Victims of domestic and gender-based violence protected and supported								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of beneficiaries of services provided	Number	0	-	-	-	0	700	no projects constructed in 2019
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Share of supported counselling centres meeting CoE standards	Percentage	TBD, tbd	-	0	0	-	(+20%)	no projects constructed in 2019
Output 2.1: Services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence preserved								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of awareness raising and educational campaigns implemented by the centres and shelters	Number	0	-	-	-	0	10	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of existing counselling centres supported	Number	0	-	-	-	0	35	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of existing places in shelters supported	Number	0	-	-	-	0	200	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of service providers running or participating in a consortium with public institutions at local level	Number	0	-	-	-	0	43	no projects constructed in 2019
Output 2.2: Services for victims of domestic and gender-based expanded or enhanced								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of counselling centres established or specialised to meet the required standards	Number	0	-	-	-	0	15	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of places in shelters created or specialised to meet the required standards	Number	0	-	-	-	0	50	no projects constructed in 2019

Number of shelters and counselling centres enhanced in terms of children needs	Number	0	-	-	-	0	43	no projects constructed in 2019
Output 2.3: Services to specific target groups provided								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of counselling centres supported, providing services to specific target groups, such as victims or rape, victims with addictions	Number	0	-	-	-	0	2	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of counselling centres working with perpetrators	Number	0	-	-	-	0	1	no projects constructed in 2019
Number of pilot projects on sexual assaults units implemented, transferring best practice from Norway	Number	0	-	-	-	0	2	no projects constructed in 2019
Outcome 3: Response systems to victims of domestic and gender-based violence improved								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Annual number of cases of gender-based and domestic violence officially reported	Annual number	708	-	-	-	708	800	no projects constructed in 2019
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	708	-	-
Level of satisfaction of institutions and organisations involved in the response	Scale 1-10	TBD, Baseline survey to be	-	Reported 2022			(+2)	-

systems with the effectiveness of the response system		conducted at the beginning of the PDPs' implementation.						
Output 3.1: Coordination and methodological teams established								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of regional coordination and methodological teams established	Number	0	-	-	-	0	7	PDP2 has not been constructed yet
Output 3.2: Institutions in the field of DGBV trained								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
In-depth analyses carried out	Binary	No	-	-	-	No	Yes	PDP2 has not been constructed yet
Number of CoE HELP training courses translated and adapted to Slovakia	Number	0	-	-	-	0	1	ongoing discussion on taking over some activities from the PDP3
Number of lectures and consultations provided to supporting professions	Number	0	-	-	-	0	47	PDP2 has not been constructed yet
Number of professional staff trained	Number	0	-	-	-	0	150	PDP2 has not been constructed yet
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Roma</i>								
<i>Roma</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of standards for institutions active in the field of Domestic and Gender Based Violence elaborated in cooperation with the IPO in place	Number	0	-	-	-	0	1	PDP2 has not been constructed yet
Output 3.3: Specialised police teams created								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of specialised police teams created	Number	0	-	-	-	0	10	PDP2 has not been constructed yet
Output 3.4: Police facilities upgraded to cater for sensitivity to victims of domestic and gender-based violence								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of rooms in police stations customized to the needs of victims of domestic and gender-based violence	Number	0	-	-	-	0	8	PDP2 has not been constructed yet
Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between beneficiary and donor state entities involved in the programme								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Level of satisfaction with the partnership	Scale 1-7	TBD, Survey shall be conducted by the FMO	-	-	-	1	≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	no projects constructed yet
<i>State type</i>								

<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Level of trust between cooperating entities in Beneficiary States and Donor States	Scale 1-7	TBD, Survey shall be conducted by the FMO	-	-	-	1	≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	no projects constructed yet
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Number of best practices transferred from Norway to Slovakia	Number	1, One best practice was transferred during FM09-14.	-	-	-	1	3, Net number of practices transferred during FM14-21 will be 2.	no projects constructed yet
Share of cooperating organisations that apply the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership	Percentage	N/A	-	-	-	-	≥50%	no projects constructed yet
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bilateral Output 1: Cooperation between Donor and Beneficiary State entities supported								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2019			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		

Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner	Number	0	-	-	-	0	4	no projects constructed yet
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of staff from beneficiary states in exchanges focused on children victims of violence	Number	0	-	-	-	0	4	no projects constructed yet
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of staff from beneficiary states in exchanges or secondments focused on the establishment of sexual assault units	Number	0	-	-	-	0	4	no projects constructed yet
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of staff from donor states in exchanges focused on children victims of violence	Number	0	-	-	-	0	2	no projects constructed yet
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of staff from donor states in exchanges or secondments focused on the establishment of sexual assault units	Number	0	-	-	-	0	2	no projects constructed yet
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Number of workshops on sharing experience on providing services to minorities	Number	0	-	-	-	0	2	no projects constructed yet

Annex 2: Communication summary

a. Visibility of the Grants and the donors

The Communication plan of the Domestic and gender-based violence programme has been elaborated. As the Programme Operator acts in line with this document it is not necessary to update the approved Communication plan in 2019 as it will be updated if necessary but at least once a year in accordance with the Annual Programme Report. The Programme Operator communicates its dissemination and publicity activities with Royal Norwegian Embassy to Slovakia and the Press Department of the Government Office of SR.

In line with the agreed obligations under the communication plan the Programme Operator organized an Launching conference for the DGV programme on 27th February 2019 with the attendance of 90 participants from across Slovakia working within the issue of domestic and gender-based violence and work-life balance, representatives from the DPP – Norwegian Directorate of Health, representatives from the IPO – Council of Europe, representatives from the programme partner – the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic and representatives from the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Bratislava. The Launching conference was aimed to inform about the programme, its pre-defined projects, planned open calls, events and to raise awareness about the Norway grants in Slovakia. Expert discussion on the appropriate setting of the selection criteria for the area of provision of support services to victims of domestic and gender-based violence was part of the Launching Conference.

The Programme Operator also manages and maintains a website www.eeagrants.sk where all the up to date programme information are published in Slovak and English language.

Regarding the DGV01 call the Government Office of the SR as the Programme Operator organized an Information day on 25th June 2019 in Banská Bystrica. Also a representative of the DPP, Mrs. Pernille V. Dehli attended this event and introduced the role of the DPP within the Programme. The aim of this event was to introduce the call to the potential applicants and answer their possible questions.

Additionally the PO ensures that the beneficiaries and their partners fulfill their information and publicity obligations in accordance with the Regulations and the Publicity and Information Requirements in Annex 3 as this condition is set out in the project contract.

For indicators set in the Communication plan and their actual values see table below:

Indicator	Initial value	Actual value	Target value
Number of reports and articles or reportages about the Programme in all types of media (national, regional and local)	0	6	15
Visiting rate of the Programme subpage under the websites www.eeagrants.sk / www.norwaygrants.sk	0	56 232	50,000

Number of seminars, conferences and other events carried out	0	2	10
Number of information publications/leaflets	0	0	5

b. Communication with the National Focal Point

The Programme Operator is a member of the communication network of the National Focal Point. The Programme Operator closely cooperates and coordinates its activities with the National Focal Point and the Royal Norwegian Embassy to Slovakia to ensure that actual, clear and detailed information on the Programme is provided for all target groups. The communication between the Programme Operator and the National Focal Point is nearly on the daily basis depending on the issue that is to be discussed. The NFP is also an observer in the Cooperation Committee therefore it is aware of any proposals or changes that are to be discussed/implemented. Annex 2 of this APR is also submitted to the Strategic Actions Unit of EEA and Norway Grants for comments and discussion.

c. Website and social media

The Domestic and gender-based violence Programme webpage is a subpage of the national single web page for both FMs, managed by the NFP, hyperlinking via both addresses www.eeagrants.sk and www.norwaygrants.sk.

From the technical point of view, all information (for example about Calls or News) are automatically hyper-linked to main webpages generating this kind of information about all Calls or News under programmes implemented. This is why the PO can provide only general values of visits for main websites www.eeagrants.sk and www.norwaygrants.sk. Generally from the signature of Programme Agreement in November 2018 there were 56 232 visits recorded on the website www.eeagrants.sk / www.norwaygrants.sk including 20% returning visitors (recorded according to unique IP addresses) and 80% new web visitors. In terms of methodology and statistics it is not relevant information value if the Programme Operator provides real number of visitors and other relevant numbers only in relation to visiting of programme sub-webpage.

The webpage is being operated in national language (Slovak) and in English. The NFP administers a profile on Facebook under the title “Granty EHP a Nórska na Slovensku”, where all major information of the Programme is published (in accordance to the internal rules of the PO/NFP’s organization).

With regards to the DGV Programme content the Communication Strategy focuses on the local and regional media as well as the national media and by all types of media (press, radio, TV, social media, website). The particular media is communicated in the co-operation with the PR Department and Press Department of the Government Office of SR and the press news for each communication activity is prepared ad-hoc.

Together 6 news (4 in English version) were published on the website www.eeagrants.sk and on Facebook page “Granty EHP a Nórska na Slovensku” regarding the DGV programme in 2019, namely on the information about the Launching conference of the programme, status of the

programme, the information about the Information day and Match-making event in Banská Bystrica related to the DGV01 Open call, the launch of the DGV01 Open call, bilateral call DGVBF01 and the information in the closure of the first DGV01 Open call round.

As regards the information about the launch of the DGV01 Open call, besides using website and Facebook for spreading information on the launch of the call, the PO after the discussion with the Strategic Actions Unit of EEA and Norway Grants and the Press Department of the Government office of the SR, decided to use press media as well, at the local as well as at the national scale, in order to reach as much potential applicants and project partners as possible.

The Programme Operator considers social media to be a very useful and appropriate tool, thanks to which the PO can reach our target groups with the necessary information very quickly and effectively.

d. Best practice examples

N/A

To the date of submitting the APR no project or pre-defined project has been contracted in 2019, there are no examples of best practice yet. More information shall be provided in the next APR.

e. Multimedia

N/A

Annex 3: Overview of contracted projects

Outcome	Projects	#	# of donor project partners	Amount contracted	% of outcome budget contracted
Outcome 1: Understanding of gender equality increased	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 1	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 2: Victims of domestic and gender-based violence protected and supported	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 2	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 3: Response systems to victims of domestic and gender-based violence improved	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 3	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Programme	Total	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %

Annex 4: Risk management

Programmatic risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Risk N/A?
Low interest in DVG04 Open call related to the output indicator - Services to specific target groups provided	Reducing social and economic disparities	3	3	3.00	Mitigate	No
	Description of planned response	The PO plans to organise a discussion (as part of the opening conference of the DGVPP002 predefined project) where the PO will inform the participants on the SAU topic by answering any possible questions and by passing a good practise on from with the real life cases from Norway. The PO would like to secure the participation of the Slovak Gynecology and Obstetrics Society. By analysing the outputs of this discussion the PO will elaborate an action plan.				
	Description of actual response	This risk links with the indicator - Number of pilot projects on sexual assaults units (SAU) implemented, transferring best practise from Norway. To mitigate the risk the PO within the observed period communicated with the CMC (responsible for the SAU methodology) and the DPP (providing good practice from projects implemented in Estonia).				
	Planned future response	The PO plans to organise a discussion (as part of the opening conference of the DGVPP002 predefined project) where the PO will inform the participants on the SAU topic by answering any possible questions and by passing a good practise on from with the real life cases from Norway. The PO would like to secure the participation of the Slovak Gynecology and Obstetrics Society. By analysing the outputs of this discussion the PO will elaborate an action plan.				
Overlapping of funding in both programme areas	Reducing social and economic disparities	2	3	2.45	Mitigate	No

	Description of planned response	The allocations to the different outcomes as well as the conditions for applying for grant need to be re-evaluated after the calls from the ESF are completed and projects are approved.				
	Description of actual response	The allocations to the different outcomes as well as the conditions for applying for grant need to be re-evaluated after the calls from the ESF are completed and projects are approved.				
	Planned future response	The allocations to the different outcomes as well as the conditions for applying for grant need to be re-evaluated after the calls from the ESF are completed and projects are approved.				
Opposition to the standards of the Istanbul Convention by conservative groups in society	Reducing social and economic disparities	3	3	3.00	Accept	No
	Description of planned response	Projects implemented under the component WLB shall support networking for awareness-raising on gender equality and tackling the discussion on “gender ideology”. Also the cancelled predefined project originally implemented by the Council of Europe shall complement the Slovak authorities’ efforts towards ratification of the convention will be partly implemented by the project promoter of the PDP2.				
	Description of actual response	Even though there is no possibility how the programme can guarantee the ratification of the Convention, the programme is designed to support and promote its ideas. Within the observed period none of the project within the component WLB have been implemented.				
	Planned future response	Projects implemented under the component WLB shall support networking for awareness-raising on gender equality and tackling the discussion on “gender ideology”. Also the canceled predefined project originally implemented by the Council of Europe shall complement the Slovak authorities’ efforts towards ratification of the convention will be partly implemented by the project promoter of the PDP2.				
Resistance from established service providers to monitoring activities and	Reducing social and	2	2	2.00	Mitigate	No

the setting of required standards	economic disparities					
	Description of planned response	The leading services providers shall be involved in the setting of the required standards.				
	Description of actual response	The leading services providers shall be involved in the setting of the required standards.				
	Planned future response	By creating the next Open calls leading service providers shall be involved in the setting of the required standards.				
Limited capacity of the Norwegian organisation active in the field	Reducing social and economic disparities	2	3	2.45	Mitigate	No
	Description of planned response	Cooperation with the DPP by finding potential Norwegian partners, communication with the potential Norwegian partners, organizing activities to attract the Norwegian organizations.				
	Description of actual response	Cooperation with the DPP. Communication with the potential Norwegian partners from the very beginning of the programme implementation. Organizing of activities to attract the Norwegian organizations.				
	Planned future response	Cooperation with the DPP by finding potential Norwegian partners, communication with the potential Norwegian partners, organizing activities to attract the Norwegian organizations.				
Operational risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Risk N/A?

Capacity of Project Promoters to comply with the procedures for verifying expenditure	Reducing social and economic disparities	2	2	2.00	Mitigate	No
	Description of planned response	Alignment of procedures between ESF and this Programme and cooperation with self-governing regions on data sharing.				
	Description of actual response	Alignment of procedures between ESF and this Programme and cooperation with self-governing regions on data sharing.				
	Planned future response	Alignment of procedures between ESF and this Programme and cooperation with self-governing regions on data sharing.				
Lack of knowledge and experience in organisations included in the expanded network of providers and the possible misconception of notions (indicators, methodology of calculations, conditions etc.)	Reducing social and economic disparities	3	2	2.45	Mitigate	No
	Description of planned response	The Programme shall not support newly established institutions if there is no previous history in providing social services. The presence of a guarantor is required in case existing service providers are diversifying into this area. In addition the notions shall be clearly defined and communicated with the project promoters and their partners. These arrangements were used by creation of the call text in 2019 and will be used within the next launched calls.				
	Description of actual response	The Programme shall not support newly established institutions if there is no previous history in providing social services. The presence of a guarantor is required in case existing service providers are diversifying into this area. In addition the notions shall be clearly defined and communicated with the project promoters and their partners. These arrangements were used by creation of the call text in 2019 and will be used within the next launched calls.				

	Planned future response	The Programme shall not support newly established institutions if there is no previous history in providing social services. The presence of a guarantor is required in case existing service providers are diversifying into this area. In addition the notions shall be clearly defined and communicated with the project promoters and their partners. These arrangements were used by creation of the call text in 2019 and will be used within the next launched calls.				
Inconsistencies and distrust in the cooperation of non-government sector and public institutions	Reducing social and economic disparities	2	2	2.00	Mitigate	No
	Description of planned response	Coordination of activities via CMC by involving actors from both sectors – non-governmental and public. Cooperation of NGOs and public sector can be proposed as condition for their project’s support. Information activities towards the relevant stakeholders and the activities aimed at mutual cooperation and engagement between public organisations and NGOs active in the field shall be held (information days took place in 2019 in will be also held within launching the next calls).				
	Description of actual response	Coordination of activities via CMC by involving actors from both sectors – non-governmental and public. Cooperation of NGOs and public sector can be proposed as condition for their project’s support. Information activities towards the relevant stakeholders and the activities aimed at mutual cooperation and engagement between public organisations and NGOs active in the field shall be held (information days took place in 2019 in will be also held within launching the next calls).				
	Planned future response	Coordination of activities via CMC by involving actors from both sectors – non-governmental and public. Cooperation of NGOs and public sector can be proposed as condition for their project’s support. Information activities towards the relevant stakeholders and the activities aimed at mutual cooperation and engagement between public organisations and NGOs active in the field shall be held (information days took place in 2019 in will be also held within launching the next calls).				
Sustainability of services provision after the implementation of the Programme	Reducing social and	3	4	3.46	Transfer/Share	No

	economic disparities					
	Description of planned response	An in-depth analysis of the whole sector shall be carried out and the Self-Governing Regions and the MLSAF should work together on ensuring enough funding for the sustainability of the whole network. The PO shall pressurise in order to set up the system of financing for sustainability of services provision (within the prepared calls to be launched).				
	Description of actual response	The PO proposed an in-depth analysis of the whole sector that should be carried out and the Self-Governing Regions and the MLSAF should work together on ensuring enough funding for the sustainability of the whole network. The PO should pressurise in order to set up the system of financing for sustainability of services provision.				
	Planned future response	An in-depth analysis of the whole sector shall be carried out and the Self-Governing Regions and the MLSAF should work together on ensuring enough funding for the sustainability of the whole network. The PO shall pressurise in order to set up the system of financing for sustainability of services provision (within the prepared calls to be launched).				
Delay in launching the open calls focused to reach the Outcome 2 and its expected programme results	Reducing social and economic disparities	3	2	2.45	Accept	No
	Description of planned response	As the planned completion date shall not exceed 31. December 2023 the PO will secure launching of the calls at the earliest in order to secure the longest possible implementation phase of the projects.				
	Description of actual response	As the potential applicants have been supported from the ESF since, the delay in launching the open call can be seen as a positive to avoid double funding and possible lack of capacity on the side of the applicants. In this case the NFM will provide smooth continuation of support after spending the ESF grants.				
	Planned future response	As the planned completion date shall not exceed 31. December 2023 the PO will secure launching of the calls at the earliest in order to secure the longest possible implementation phase of the projects.				

Overall risk of the programme				
	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	
OVERALL RISK OF THE PROGRAMME	3	3	3.00	