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SURVEY ON THE WELL-BEING & SAFETY OF WOMEN

Project Update
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Survey pilot to be conducted in November

OBJECTIVE:

To generate data and create an evidence base on different forms of violence against women (VAW) to be used for improved policymaking by key actors and international stakeholders.

The study will furthermore explore VAW in conflict and post-conflict situations.

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BENEFICIARIES:

Victims of violence against women, victims of gender base violence civil society organizations, international organizations, academia, OSCE participating States

Key facts of the study:

This is a regular update prepared by the OSCE Gender Section Project Team of the project "OSCE Survey on the Well-being and Safety of Women in South East Europe, Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus"¹.

- This is a computer based face-to-face population survey conducted by female interviewers;
- 1,750 women will be interviewed per location (sample size) and female IDP's will be oversampled where relevant;
- Women from 18–74 years will be asked about their experiences of violence since the age of 15, in childhood and within the last 12 months;
- Relevant Statistical Offices are asked for their support and guidance;
- Data will be collected by local research companies under the guidance of Ipsos MORI;
- Qualitative research will be done in order to take the local contexts into account and to explore the situational of minorities and vulnerable groups.

1. Proposed coverage: Georgia, Armenia, Ukraine, Moldova, Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The survey will also be conducted in Kosovo. All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council resolution 1244.



Reaching out to key stakeholders to ensure they are aware of the purpose of the study and its benefits

In the past months, the Project Team has reached out to key stakeholders working on gender issues and violence against women in the regions where the survey will be conducted. The goal was to inform all involved actors and raise awareness of the project.

The Project Manager delivered a presentation of the project to key local governmental and non-governmental as well as international stakeholders and received input, feedback and suggestions on the way forward. WebEx meetings were held with the OSCE Mission to Kosovo and stakeholders in Albania and Montenegro.

Furthermore, the Project Manager visited Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Georgia.

Throughout the consultation process the Project Team was strongly supported by colleagues working in the OSCE field operations.

Strengthening the co-operation with relevant Statistical Offices and sharing information and expertise will be crucial for the successful implementation of the project. The Project Team has therefore reached out to relevant Statistical Offices and asked them to appoint focal points for further communication.

Questionnaire is finalised and ready for piloting in all locations

New questions have been tested in May and June 2017 in Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and in Kosovo. Around 20 women were interviewed per location. The conflict related questions intend to examine the prevalence and forms of violence women experience in conflict and post- conflict situations. The aim of the questions on attitudes, norms and disclosure is to explore the reasons behind gender bias and possible low disclosure rates.

As a result of the cognitive testing, the questionnaire was streamlined to avoid re-traumatizing women who have experienced conflict related

violence. This will be done by fully integrating the relevant questions into the existing sections asking about different types of violence. The new questions on attitudes, norms and disclosure proved to work very well.

Looking ahead

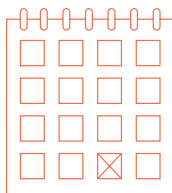
Until the end of the year the Project Team will work closely with Ipsos MORI to finalize the development of all research materials that will be used during the pilot and the main stage fieldwork phase.



Participants listening to the presentation of the Project. (OSCE/Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The Project Manager will present the project at the Work Session on Gender Statistics, organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), in Belgrade, Serbia from 29 November to 1 December 2017.

Important dates/ upcoming events:



November/December 2017:

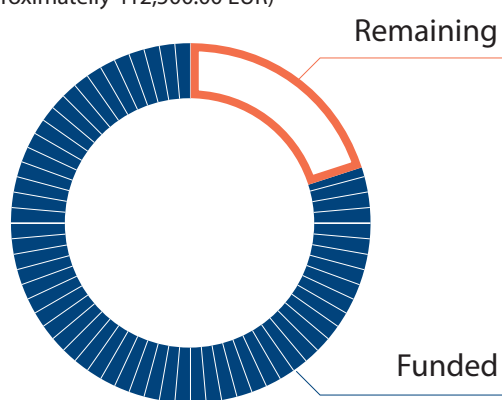
- Train-the-trainers Session, Belgrade, Serbia
- Pilot of research tools in all survey locations
- Presentation of project at UN ECE Work Session on Gender Statistics in Belgrade (<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=45133>)

January 2018:

- Briefing on project's progress for OSCE Delegations, Vienna

Funding gap:

The Project Team continues with fundraising efforts to close the remaining funding gap of 16.5 % (approximately 412,500.00 EUR)



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