Europe and Central Asia

Prevention and elimination of violence against women

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"What it means to be a kidnapped bride"

- Kyial's story

[Link to the video]
A Daily Reality in All Countries
Europe & Central Asia no exception

- Central to SDG Agenda 2030
- Rising inequality, exclusion, discrimination & backlash *(Istanbul Convention)*
- Off-track from global commitments *(Beijing, CEDAW, SDG Agenda)*
Recent Stats

1 in 2 women experienced violence by intimate partners during their lifetime

1 in 3 men think that beating a wife is acceptable

3 in 10 women were sexually harassed since the age of 15

1 in 10 women experienced cyber-harassment since the age of 15

Sources: OSCE, INSTAT, EIGE, UN Women, WHO
A Positive Story: Our Collective Results

**Strengthening legal/policy frameworks to prevent VAW**
- 15 laws, 3 National Action Plans on VAW (9 countries)
- 250 women’s organizations monitor & report on GE progress (6 countries)

**Improving access to quality services**
- 9,000 women with better access to justice, police services (6 countries)
- 1,600+ law enforcement officials provide justice to women/girls (7 countries)

**Making violence and discrimination visible**
- Evidence-based data on sexual harassment and violence (10 countries)

**Changing discriminatory social norms & stereotypes**
- 10,200 local champions - preventing VAW & addressing gender stereotypes (3 countries)
- 314 journalists practice gender sensitive reporting on incidents of VAW (3 countries)
Success Stories

1,100 refugee women benefited from protection & counselling services in Turkey

Young men help fight early marriages in minority communities in Kosovo*

Rehabilitation for perpetrators of intimate partner violence in Georgia

*Kosovo under UNSCR 1244

Link to story
Making a Difference
Our Solutions (2019 - 2021)

- Enforcing laws & policies
- Improving access to specialist services & safe spaces
- Promoting economic & social empowerment
- Generating evidence, knowledge & innovation
- Changing discriminatory social norms & stereotypes

Partnering with gov'ts, CSOs, youth, activists, private sector, media, men & boys, religious leaders, academia
UN Reform in Action

• Improved planning & coordination
  UN Sustainable Development
  Cooperation Frameworks, Issue-Based
  Coalition, Common Chapter

• Joint advocacy & communication
  UNiTE, HeForShe, MeToo

• Joint programming & funds
  Spotlight, SDG Fund
Partnerships & Support needed

Cost of violence > Cost of response

$352 billion in EU
$1.5 trillion globally (2% GDP)

Investments 2019 - 2021

$9.8M: Available funds

$20M: Financial gap

Thanks to our partners (regular & non-core)

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• Joint advocacy & results
  SDG Agenda +5, Beijing +25 & UNSCR 1325 +20, Istanbul Convention
• Political support & champions
• Predictable & long-term investments
• Gender-Responsive Budgeting

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