

SUCCESS STORY

Empowering Equal Economic for all women



Photo: Handicraft shop in Drenas/Glogovac

Women's economic empowerment is a prerequisite for sustainable development and pro-poor growth. Women's empowerment increases access to economic resources and opportunities including jobs, financial services, property and other productive assets, skills development and market information. Women in Kosovo remain in highly difficult socio-economic situation and emphasize the need for access to productive inputs, training and employment.

The reality today, shows there is a need for more support regarding economic and financial independency for women of Sexual Gender based Violence (SGBV) and marginalized minorities, for better education and (self) employment support at all levels. Considering the important role that women play in family and their unrecognized role in community, the need for more community-oriented interventions remains a priority for our society.

Engagement for Equity grantee, Kosovo Rehabilitation for Tortured Victims (KRCT) in partnership with Center for Promotion of Healthy Family (CPHF) and Center for Promotion of Women's Rights (CPWR), are implementing the project "Equal economic empowerment to all women in Kosovo". As a result of hard work and good cooperation between three organizations, the opening of a handicraft shop was promoted at the Center for Promotion of Women Rights premises in Drenas/Glogovac.

The shop aims to increase the level of employment for woman/survivors of sexual and gender based violence in Kosovo to create equal opportunities, social integration and welfare of woman. The opening of this shop will enable self-employment of 25 women and generate income, dedicated for this group of women working there. All the products are handmade, mainly traditional clothes, bags and souvenirs, and can also be purchased on – line in this website: <http://qpdg.org/>. Besides the shop that empowers women for equal economic opportunities, KRCT project focuses on vocational education, advocacy and networking of job opportunities for women.

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