

Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation¹

Center for Social Work Banja Luka

Represented by Director

City of Banja Luka

Represented by City Major

Association of Women Citizens „United Women“ Banja Luka

Represented by President

Center for Public Security Banja Luka

Represented by Head Officer

Dom zdravlja Banja Luka

Represented by Director

Public Prosecutor's Office of Republika Srpska

Represented by Chief Prosecutor

Ministry of Justice of Republika Srpska

Represented by Minister

Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation was developed by a need to:

- Secure all-encompassing community services for women and children victims of violence,
- Willingness of the signatories of Memorandum to assist and enhance safety of women and children victims of violence,
- Offering assistance in urgent situations and protection of women and children from a perpetrator in acute phase of violence,

¹Transcript of the original Memorandum, signed and sealed by the parties

- Developing network of activities between governmental institutions and nongovernmental sector, aimed for protection of women and children victims of violence in accordance with available capacities and professional cadres,
- Defining standards of services for activities aimed to prevent domestic violence,
- Securing regular financing of running costs of the Safe House, starting with 2006.

Parties agree to conduct following activities in the area of protection of women and children victims of violence:

- City of Banja Luka will monitor efficient implementation of the Memorandum, based on reports of partners,
- Securing shelter in the Safe House for women and children victims of violence, regardless if they contact Center for Social work, or NGO United Women Banja Luka and Center for Public Security Banja Luka,
- Team of Professionals from the Center for Social Work and NGO United Women Banja Luka will assess need for providing shelter for women and children beneficiaries within 24 hours, and exceptionally during the first working day after a weekend or holiday,
- Shelter in the Safe House for women and children victims of violence can be provided within a period of three months,
- Care for victims of violence should be provided by personnel of the Safe House Banja Luka, with expert' and partner' assistance of the Center for Social Work,
- Therapeutic, group, and individual work, as well as development of individual plans will be organized in cooperation with partners,
- Support in improving and implementation and legislative regulations will be provided by all signatories of the Memorandum,
- Center for Social Work Banja Luka will allocate planned financial means for the work of the Safe House, after approval of the plan of the City Assembly Banja Luka,
- NGO United Women Banja Luka will prepare monthly reports about the work of the Safe House Banja Luka on a way defined by the annual contract,
- Center for Social Work Banja Luka will conduct monitoring of services organized in the Safe House Banja Luka,
- Monitoring plan and methodology will be determined by the annual contract,
- Center for Social Work Banja Luka will use their regular annual reports to inform the City Administration Banja Luka about scope and quality of provided services,
- Center for Public Security Banja Luka is obliged to assist in providing shelter for women and children victims of violence in the Safe House based on interventions, to inform partners, prepare official note, and initiate criminal report to the public prosecutor's office,
- Center for Public Security is obliged to provide continuous security and monitoring shifts (24 hours) in front of the Safe House Banja Luka and Center for Social Work Banja Luka during working hours,
- Dom zdravlja Banja Luka will prepare medical record/receipt within the procedure of sheltering victims in the Safe House Banja Luka, and provide necessary health services during stay of women and children beneficiaries in the Safe House,
- In its work, Public Prosecutor's Office will give priority to cases of domestic violence, and will conduct investigation within shortest period, initiate indictments and submit them to a court for confirmation, in order to contribute to finishing procedure within the

- period of three months, as a time framework for maximum stat of beneficiaries in the Safe House,
- Ministry of Justice of Republika Srpska will initiate adoption and organizing of efficient implementation of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence of RS, as well as other laws and legal regulations in this field,
 - Signatory parties of the Memorandum can step out from it by written notice to the partners one month prior to ending obligations and activities related to implementation of the Memorandum,
 - Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation enter into force with date of signing by partners

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