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GENDER BUDGET ANALYSIS ON THE ALLOCATIONS FOR WOMEN VICTIMS OF WAR IN BRATUNAC

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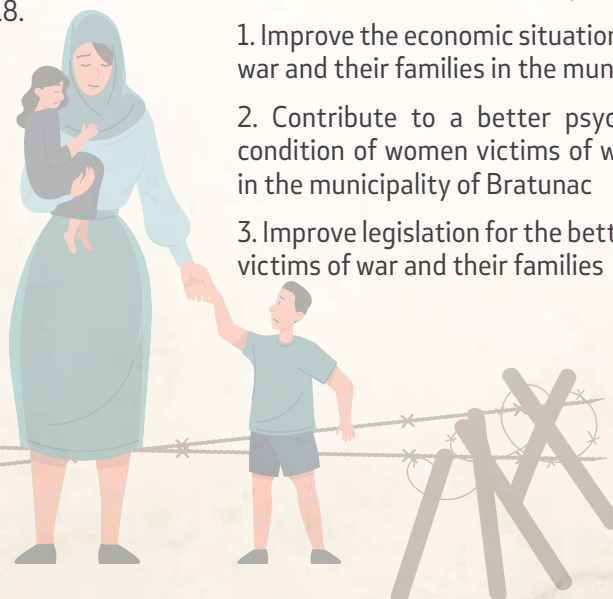
Name of the organizations: **Women's Association Priroda**
Women's Association MajaName of country: **Bosnia and Herzegovina**Sector: **Social policy**

GRB tools used:

- gender analysis of the local budget;
- expenditure incidence analysis of victims of war violence support program;
- cost - effectiveness analysis of the support for victims of sexual violence;

BACKGROUND

Approximately 20 to 50 thousand persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina endured some sort of sexual violence during the 1990's war. The victims were often stigmatized, and no institutional support was granted for them. Bratunac Municipality, with a little over 30000 citizens, is no exception to budgetary and institutional support to victims of war sexual violence. No funds were directed at supporting women war victims up until 2018.



THE GRB INITIATIVE

In 2018 the Women's Association Priroda and **Women's Association Maja** conducted a gender budget analysis of support measures for women victims of sexual violence during 1990's war. The two non-governmental organizations used the gender analysis of the local budget, expenditure incidence analysis, and cost-effectiveness analysis. The Women's Association Priroda and Women's Association Maja advocated for the following recommendations: (i) to introduce one budget line directed at supporting the NGO Women Victims of War; and (ii) to introduce another budget line directed at the realization of the Action Plan for Advancement of the Position of Women Victims of War Violence. The reasons for advocating this initiative lie in the fact that a legislative for these purposes was lacking, with no laws directed at helping this marginalized group. The goals of the initiative, as well as the Action Plan itself, are the following:

1. Improve the economic situation of women victims of war and their families in the municipality of Bratunac
2. Contribute to a better psychosocial and health condition of women victims of war and their families in the municipality of Bratunac
3. Improve legislation for the better position of women victims of war and their families

SUCCESS OF THE GRB INITIATIVE

The GRB initiative was accepted and resulting two new budget lines in the municipal budget of Bratunac were introduced providing support for women victims of war, amounting around 6.500 EUR (13000 BAM). Nowadays this is a regular expenditure of the municipality and continues to be implemented.

LOCATION	BUDGET LINE	FUNDS PRIOR TO 2018	FUNDS POST-INITIATIVE
Bratunac Municipality	Funds for the Women Victims of War NGO	none	6000 BAM (approximately 3000 EUR)
Bratunac Municipality	Funds for the realization of the Action Plan for Advancement of the Position of Women Victims of War Violence	none	7000 BAM (approximately 3500 EUR)

Except for the municipal budget, this initiative served as the basis for the later Republika Srpska Law on the Protection of Victims of War Torture.

SUCCESS FACTORS

The key success factor of this initiative is that it was led by women from the target group - victims of war. It has shed light on the issues faced by the women who suffered various kinds of violence in the Bratunac Municipality and never had proper institutional support. This initiative has resulted in successful advocacy towards the local government and has found support in the public area. It is not only solving this problem but also worked towards a higher level of reconciliation and the acceptance of the shared past among the citizens in Bratunac. Numerous actors were engaged which strengthened the networking among different CSOs and other stakeholders, as well as promoted the use of GRB tools for the further social development and reaching gender equality.

MAIN OBSTACLES

The obstacles to this were two-fold. On one hand, completely separated from the budgetary procedures - Bratunac Municipality was where some of the biggest atrocities during the war took place, and on the other - complete lack of gender perspective on the budgets, including sex-disaggregated data and programs to support women.

