

The Project

The aim of the project Breaking the Cycle of Violence is to help vulnerable women who are in heightened risk of domestic violence or victims to break from the cycle of violence.

The project has identified four target groups – LGBTI women, disabled women, migrant women and victims of domestic violence – who were given specialised mentoring sessions on identifying signs of violence, support services available to them amongst other topics. Apart from this, the project included an awareness raising campaign for the general public, a train the trainer programme with Malta Girl Guides (MGG) and Scouts Association Malta as well as information sessions with advocates, HR personnel and public service employees.

Il-Proġett

L-għan tal-proġett Breaking the Cycle of Violence huwa li jgħin lil nisa vulnerabbli li jinsabu f'riskju akbar ta' vjolenza domestika jew vittmi biex ikissru ċ-ċiklu tal-vjolenza.

Il-proġett identifika erba' gruppi fil-mira – nisa LGBTI, nisa b'diżabilità, nisa migranti u vittmi ta' vjolenza domestika – li ngħataw sessjonijiet ta' mentoraggj speċjalizzat dwar l-identifikazzjoni ta' sinjali ta' vjolenza, is-servizzi ta' appoġġ disponibbli għalihom fost sugġetti oħra. Minbarra dan, il-proġett inkluda kampanja ta' sensibilizzazzjoni għall-pubbliku ġenerali, programm ta' tahrig għal min iħarreġ mal-Malta Girl Guides (MGG) u l-Assoċjazzjoni tal-Iscounts ta' Malta kif ukoll sessjonijiet ta' informazzjoni ma' avukati, persunal tar-rizorsi umani u impjegati tas-servizz pubbliku.

Professional Services

Supportline	179
Emergency Line	112
Legal Aid	25674330
Victim Support Malta	21228333
Social Work Unit Gozo	21556630
Mental Health Malta	23304313
Dar Merħba Bik	21440035
Dar Emmaus	21552390
SOAR Support Group (SJAF)	21808981
Women's Rights Foundation	79708615
Rainbow Support Service (LGBTIQ)	21430009
Fondazzjoni Dar il-Hena	27888211
Programm Sebħ-Dar Qalb ta' Gesù	21482504
Kellimni	kellimni.com



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WHAT IS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE?

Gender-based violence is a form of interpersonal violence wherein violence are directed at a person because of their gender. The majority of gender-based violence is violence directed at women. It manifests itself in various forms such as stalking, sexual violence, sexual harassment, forced marriages, forced abortions or genital mutilation, among other forms.



1 in 4 Women in Malta

experienced some form of violence by an intimate partner in their lives, 16% of which experienced either physical or sexual violence.



16% of non-heterosexual women

experienced physical and/or sexual violence by a male non-partner since the age of 15 when compared with 12% of heterosexual women



34% of women

who have health problems and disability have experienced physical and/or sexual violence during a relationship when compared with 19% of women who do not have a health problem or disability

In 2018, a total of 1341 cases of domestic violence were reported to the police. Most cases involved are women aged between 40-59 years followed by women aged between 30-39 years. Out of all cases, nearly one half of female victims are victims of sexual crimes. Despite this, it is estimated that around 85% of cases of sexual violence go unreported



3207 cases OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE GO UNREPORTED

If you know someone, or yourself think you are a victim of gender-based violence, speak out to someone you trust and seek professional help to break the cycle of violence. Do not let yourself become a number. You are worth much more than that!

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Jekk taf lil xi hadd, jew jekk taħseb li int stess vittma ta' vjolenza abbażi tal-ġeneru, tkellem ma' xi hadd li għandek fiduċja fih u fittex għajnuna professjonali biex tkisser iċ-ċiklu tal-vjolenza. Thallix lilek innifsek tkun parti minn dawn il-każijiet. Int tiswa hafna aktar minn hekk!

VJOLENZA ABBAŽI TAL-ĠENERU

Vjolenza abbażi tal-ġeneru hija forma ta' vjolenza interpersonalni fejn il-vjolenza hija mmirata lejn persuna minħabba s-sess tagħha. Il-maġġoranza vjolenza abbażi tal-ġeneru hija vjolenza mmirata lejn in-nisa. Din tidher f'diversi forom fosthom stalking, vjolenza sesswali, fastidju sesswali, żwiggijiet sfurzati, aborti sfurzati jew mutilazzjoni ġenitali.



Waħda minn kull erba' nisa f'Malta

esperjenzaw xi forma ta' vjolenza minn sieheb intimu f'hajjithom, li 16% minnhom esperjenzaw jew vjolenza fiżika jew sesswali.



16% tan-nisa mhux eterosesswali

esperjenzaw vjolenza fiżika u/jew sesswali minn raġel li ma kienx is-sieheb tagħhom sa mill-età ta' 15 meta mqabbel ma' 12% tan-nisa eterosesswali



34% tan-nisa

li għandhom problemi tas-saħha u diżabilità esperjenzaw vjolenza fiżika u/jew sesswali waqt relazzjoni meta mqabbel ma' 19% tan-nisa li m'għandhomx problema tas-saħha jew diżabilità

Fl-2018, għe rrapportat lill-pulizija total ta' 1341 każ ta' vjolenza domestika. Il-biċċa l-kbira tal-każijiet involvew nisa li għandhom bejn 40 u 59 sena segwiti minn nisa li għandhom bejn 30 u 39 sena. Mill-każijiet kollha, kwazi nofs il-vittmi nisa huma vittmi ta' reati sesswali. Minkejja dan, huwa stmat li madwar 85% tal-każijiet ta' vjolenza sesswali ma jiġux irrappurtati.