

Press release

Research report regarding the amplitude of gender-based violence among migrants

ICAR Foundation elaborated the research report **"Gender-based violence among migrants"**, which is the first report on this phenomenon among migrants in Romania.

The research aimed to evaluate the current situation of migrants from the perspective of gender violence and to obtain the necessary information for the development and implementation of measures and work tools aimed at supporting migrants from Romania, victims of gender violence. In this regard, between September 2021 and June 2022, data was collected through questionnaires applied among migrants and public authorities/non-governmental organizations with attributions in the field of migration/violence in the 6 cities with procedure centres and accommodation for asylum seekers (Bucuresti, Rădăuți, Șomcuta Mare, Timișoara, Giurgiu and Galați), as well as by organizing focus groups with migrants and intercultural mediators from Bucharest and Rădăuți.

As a result of the research, it emerged that gender-based violence among migrants is a social problem frequently encountered and little known from a psychosocial perspective. Moreover, there are several reasons (socio-cultural, religious, family) why victims of gender-based violence among migrants are very reserved in discussing their situation. At the same time, the structures and organizations in the field do not have enough information about the contexts and risk factors of gender-based violence among migrants.

The entire research report can be viewed by accessing the following link: https://icar-evairfam.ro/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/EVA-IRFAM_Raport-cercetare.pdf.

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The aim of the project is to increase the capacity of migrant women, youth and LGBTIQ people to recognize and get out of GBV situations by providing support services, an awareness campaign and training of specialists working for public institutions at national level in identifying, intervening, and preventing this phenomenon and the development of the ICAR Foundation as a resource centre on GBV by making the first research report on GBV on refugees in Romania and developing a working guide for specialists.

About Active Citizens Fund Romania

The Active Citizens Fund Romania programme is funded through the EEA Grants 2014-2021. The overall objective of the Grants is to reduce economic and social disparities, and to strengthen bilateral relations between 15 beneficiary countries and the Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). The programme is administered by a consortium composed of Civil Society Development Foundation, Romanian Environmental Partnership Foundation, Resource Center for Roma Communities, PACT Foundation and Frivillighet Norge, acting as Fund Operator designated by FMO – Financial Mechanism Office of the EEA and Norway Grants. The objectives of the Active Citizens Fund Romania are to strengthen civil society and active citizenship and to empower vulnerable groups. With a total allocation of 46,000,000 euro, the programme pursues a long-term development of the civil society sector sustainability and capacity, stepping up its role in promoting democratic participation, active citizenship and human rights, while strengthening bilateral relations with organizations from the Donor States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway. For more information about the Active Citizens Fund in Romania, please go to www.activecitizensfund.ro. For more information about the EEA and Norway Grants, go to www.eeagrants.org.

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