

Intersectional Approach to Combating Homelessness for Women, acronym INTERACT

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The overall objective of the project is to foster the implementation of a well-structured set of actions which will address the multiple vulnerabilities of women who experience homelessness/live under precarious conditions (Intimate partner violence, problematic substance abuse, mental health struggles) and will introduce a more integrated perspective on addressing the causes of homelessness in project countries.

The specific objectives of the project:

- O1: Offer a sustainable solution out of homelessness through a multidisciplinary support network, catalysing positive change for women in vulnerable situations.
- O2: Promote and integrate a trauma-informed approach, ensuring that support services and interventions are sensitive to the diverse and often traumatic experiences of women in homelessness or precarious conditions.
- O3: Promote understanding on the intersectionality of the issues of homelessness, and the necessity considering this approach for any effective social interventions.
- O4: Prevent homelessness for women by offering an effective support scheme, minimizing the risk of exposure to violence.

Target groups of the project:

- 1) women experiencing homelessness or living under precarious conditions and facing multiple vulnerabilities
- 2) stakeholders involved in the field of homelessness, Problematic substance use (PSU), Intimate partner violence (IPV) and social support in general,

- 3) decision-makers especially in Social Policy domain
- 4) the general public - as an indirect target group.

Main expected outcomes:

- Creating and piloting of an intervention model (built upon the methodology of intersectionality) which includes provisions for women experiencing homelessness or living under precarious conditions, PSU (problematic substance use), IPV (Intimate partner violence) and mental health issues in a trauma and gender sensitive way;
- Number of women experiencing homelessness or living under precarious conditions entering the programme (baseline: 200 / target:400);
- Number of women experiencing homelessness or living under precarious conditions completing the programme (baseline:100 / target:200);
- Designing the training material on subjects of intersectionality, trauma-informed care, harm-reduction, multiagency collaboration, adjusted to the needs of the stakeholders;
- Delivering capacity building training to a total of up to 300 professionals (baseline value: 150) in the project's domains;
- Number of stakeholders organizations involved (baseline:30 / target: 60);
- Communication and advocacy activities reaching around 10.000 people (baseline value: 5.000) and 60 advocacy meetings (baseline value: 30) reaching decision-makers;
- Policy recommendations compiling the lessons learnt from the preliminary results of pilot intervention.

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