

**Women Support Centre in the village of Strazhets successfully developed as a social services provider in the community.**

**The organization's capacity is included in the Municipal Development Plan of the Municipality of Razgrad 2007-2013 and in Municipal Strategy for Social Services Development, 2007-2011.** Local Parliament recognized the Women Support Centre in the Village of Strazhets, as a social services provider in both municipal documents in Razgrad.

**Till this moment the organization has successfully implemented five social projects aimed by the target group of young unemployed women, mostly from ethnic minority backgrounds.**

In 2006 and 2007 the Social Assistance Fund financed activities in Daily Centre for women in the village of Strazhets. In 2006 Women Support Centre successfully realized project "New opportunities for unemployed women from the village Strazhets. In 2007 "Good mother and wife" project was made: Daily Centre for Women in the Village of Strazhets.

**Since 2003 organization Daily Centre, for disadvantaged women from different ethnic communities in the village Strazhets was developed.** The family consulting is with preventive and aimed by families where timely may prevent problems associated with domestic violence. There is recruitment, training courses, psychological support, free medical examinations; legal aid/consulting; social counselling; recreational activities with educational background.

In 2006 USAID Counterpart Bulgaria funded two small seed money projects - basic social workshops equipment in the garment area. There are two sewing machines, irons presses and accessories necessary to equip the tailor shop. The equipment will be used in tailoring therapy. Fifteen women were trained in tailoring skills and ethnic jewelleryes.

Funding of the organization is done by applying for projects under the programs of the organization. The annual budget presented to the service depends on the project's approval for financing and revenues.

The Women Support Centre in the village of Strazhets is registered in the Social Assistance Agency as a provider of social services since 2005 for: "Daily Centre for Adult", "Crisis Centre for Adults", "Personal Assistant" and "Social Assistant", "Centre for social Rehabilitation and Integration" and "Bureau for Social Services". **In October 2009 the registration was renewed in the SAA.**

The organization is registered with decision № 1/15.02.2005g. of Razgrad District Court as a legal entity with non-profit public benefit. It is registered in the Central Registry for profit at the Ministry of Justice under No 20050825008.

## **SERVICES**

- Educational activities - groups for literacy training in computer literacy training in English.
- Social mediation - research, information, guidance, counseling, mediation, training, performs signaling and preventive functions. Support women's issues and needs, help to resolve social, family, household and other problems to achieve a better life for users of social services.
- Psychological counseling - individual and group work on problems related to communication, family, personal experiences and feelings, cope in different situations, minimizing the feeling of social exclusion to promoting action and awareness, testing

in the hypothetical and real situations of other roles and behaviors in order to develop skills to deal with different problems.

- Legal advice - free advice and legal advice: family, social, legal, real estate, employment law and administrative-legal relations. Assist in the drafting of legal documents submitted to various public institutions.
- Medical and health care assistance - personal choice of physician assistance in obtaining free medical examinations.
- Advises of recruitment and employment - providing timely information and advice relating to employment opportunities, provide support for inclusion in the appropriate vocational training and retraining, providing institutional support in solving specific cases and cases related to labor law.

Depending on the number of users of social services at the Center work different numbers of professionals (teacher, social consultant, lawyer, psychologist, consultant for the Roma community and philologist). The Centre has good facilities such as computers, Bulgarian and foreign literature, children's playground, modern classroom, the opportunity to use the Internet. Funding is conducted exclusively by applying for projects under the programs of the organization. The annual budget presented services is determined by projects approved for funding.

The center has adequate facilities - furniture, a library, a computer, office equipment, access to telephone, safe, secure and protected environment. For children there is an adequate base games - badminton, balls, chess and appropriate artistic, pedagogical and didactic literature. Daily Center is open every day from 9.00a.m. to 6.00p.m. hours without interruption of work.