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**PILOT INVESTMENT PROJECT FOR ESTABLISHING AND OPERATION OF A
CENTER FOR PREVENTION AGAINST VIOLENCE AND CHILD ABUSE,
DISCRIMINATION AND INJUSTICE**

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Village of capsule homes

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I. PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Project involves the establishment and functioning of a center for social services for children and mothers who have suffered from violence, trafficking or other forms of exploitation and abuse.

The Project is planned to be implemented within a period of 6 – 9 months, including establishment and start of operations. After that period, it will be donated to the local municipality to manage.

The purpose of the Project includes providing individual support, meeting daily needs; legal counseling and socio-psychological assistance when immediate intervention is required.

The location of the pilot project has been already selected based on concentration of such cases, support from the local government, and understanding and compassion from the local society.

The first pilot Project will be implemented on the territory of Devnya municipality, in North-Eastern Bulgaria, near the 3rd biggest city in Bulgaria – Varna.



Capsule home

II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

1. Organization and management of the project:

Objective: Ensuring effective management, organization and coordination of the project activities.

A **6-member team** will be formed to implement the activities:

- Project Manager;
- Coordinator;
- Civil Engineer;
- Lawyer;
- Accountant;
- Technical Assistant.

2. Construction - installation activities and supply of equipment

Objective: Installing and assembling 45 futuristic houses - "Capsule" type with a distinctive semi-vaulted design that distinguishes and characterizes this type. With approximate dimensions of 8.5m in length, 3.6m in width and 3.2m in height, accommodating 2-4 people. The unique shape and extensive glass elements create a captivating space that blends seamlessly with the natural environment, making it ideal for living.

Utilities: Maintaining a maximum power of 6.7KW / 11.2KW (with underfloor heating) and weighing approximately 6 tons and complete furnishing.

Environmentally friendly – part of the electricity supply and heating for the Project is planned to be provided by installing solar panels.

The Project will be placed on a municipal property - land plot with an area of 20 decares (2 ha), and its location to be close to the normal living environment /hospitals, schools, kindergartens, police station, etc. This proximity will ensure a favorable environment for providing quality and effective service and life.

The municipal land has been identified and depending on the resolution of the Municipal council, it will be either made available for free, or to buy. Respectively, this will be depicted in the preliminary budget with the two options.

The following **phases** are planned for the implementation of the activities:

- **Acquiring a terrain** with an accessible infrastructure elements;
- **Design** of the plot with necessary infrastructure;
- **Construction and installation** activities;

- Author's **supervision**;
- **Construction supervision**.

The Project will provide premises for 120 persons, including **shared spaces** for: a reception room; living/bedrooms with a bathroom; a wet room for washing, drying and ironing; a warehouse; a doctor's office; a psychologist/psychiatrist's office; a security room and a yard; a room for the manager/managers; a training and education room.

3. Provision of services to support victims of violence

Objective: To offer timely, comprehensive, competent and professional assistance to victims of violence, ensuring a safe and protected environment for recovery and a complex of social, psychological, medical, legal and family consultations, as a support to reintegration into society, as follows:

- Crisis intervention;
- Individual support;
- Improving or developing skills for social inclusion;
- Psychological support;
- Legal advice, including assistance in preparing applications under the relevant laws and legal consultations under the corresponding legislature;
- Support in the educational process;
- Individual and group work for the integration of individuals into the labor market and active inclusion in public life;
- Work with families - loved ones, relatives or parents (family therapy);
- Psychological counseling;
- Psychotherapy;
- Self-help groups of women who have experienced domestic violence;
- Information and explanatory consultations under the Protection against Domestic Violence Act (PDVA);
- Issuance of a certificate for used social services;
- Preparation of a psychological report in connection with protection under the PDVA;
- Social advocacy;
- Preventive and training program containing modules for violence prevention;
- Empowerment program containing modules for social skills, human rights, etc.

PERSONNEL IN THE CENTER

- Manager – 1
- Social worker – 3
- Sanitizer – hygienist – 3
- Security – 3
- Accountant – 1
- Psychiatrist – 1
- Psychologist – 1
- Educator – 1
- Medical specialist – 1
- Lawyer - 1

4. Improving the situation of the Roma minority ethnic population

Objective: Uniting and coordinating the efforts of state authorities, local administration, civil associations, the Roma community and all interested institutions in the country to achieve an improvement in the situation of the Roma population - building good practices in the provision of preventive and alternative services that contribute to change in the system for the prevention of victims of domestic violence and gender-based violence, with a focus on the Roma ethnic group.

III. Budget of the Project

The budget of the project is calculated roughly to amount to **US \$ 4.5 (+/- 150 000 – 200 000)** for the installation of 45 capsule houses, the connected infrastructure elements , design, transport costs and import duties. The expenses for the operational staff is not included.

As a **second option is purchasing the land plot**, which will increase the budget of the Project.

IV. Time frame

We have the full readiness to start the Project as soon as the Contract is signed. The time period will include:

- Acquiring the land plot / agreement with the municipality (we have signed a preliminary Letter of cooperation with Devnya municipality);

- Ordering the 45 capsule homes from the Chinese manufacturer;
- Opening a SBLC;
- Delivery – 46 days from the date of order;
- Design and construction of connecting infrastructure and vertical layout;
- Installation of capsule homes on the plot upon delivery – 10 homes per day;
- Hiring staff together with the municipality.
- Start operations.

V. Information and publicity

Objective: To ensure transparency and public awareness of the assistance:

- Inaugural press conference;
- Production of a billboard;
- Development of a website;
- Advertising materials;
- Press releases;
- Interim press conference;
- Production of a permanent explanatory sign;
- Final press conference.

VI. Auditing

Objective: To conduct an audit that includes actions to collect and analyze financial and non-financial information to assess the management of project funds and activities.

VII. Expected results:

1. Prevention of domestic violence among 200 children from small and remote settlements in Varna region;
2. Effective legal protection of more than 50 victims of domestic violence;
3. Effective psychosocial protection of more than 50 victims of domestic violence;
4. Effective work with more than 5 perpetrators of domestic violence;

5. Seminar held with trained 30 representatives of institutions and organizations implementing the Domestic Violence Act;
6. Working forum held with the participation of 15 representatives of institutions and organizations implementing the Domestic Violence Act;
7. Published and disseminated study on the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act;
8. Published and disseminated brochures;
9. Achieved more effective implementation of the Domestic Violence Act and legislation related to Domestic Violence.