

THE CURE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Second edition in 2022

Welcome to the second CURE Foundation Newsletter highlighting events and news from our community during the period April- June 2022.

Enjoy reading and stay in touch!

Women Human Rights Advocates



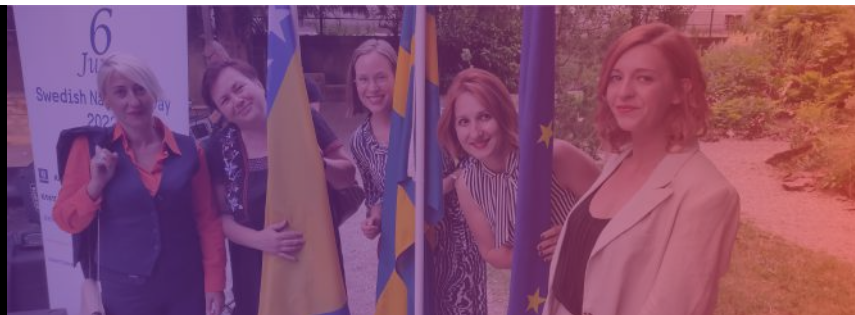
* EU workshop in Gnojnica, May 16 and 17, 2022, * EU workshop in Konjic, May 9 and 10, 2022 *EU workshop in Srebrenica, April 26 and 27, 2022
* EU workshop in Banja Luka, April 26 and 27, 2022

Women Human Rights Advocates is a project funded by the European Union and implemented by the CURE Foundation and the Foundation for Women's Empowerment (FWE). During the two years of implementation, the efforts are being made to strengthen the capacity of ten organizations in ten municipalities, with recommendations for institutions at the local level on how to improve the position of women.

In 2022, we cooperate with the following local organizations: Association of Women "Nera" from Konjic, Association "Sara-Srebrenica" from Srebrenica, Association of Women "Vrba" from Mostar, Association of Citizens "Psychological Center Sense" from Banja Luka and Association of Women "Srce i Duša" from Prokosovići.

In the past three months, four "Capacity Building for Organizations" workshops were held and advocacy plans were made for each organization. The plans are currently in the implementation phase.

Advocacy for Women's Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina



*The National Day of Sweden

In our advocacy efforts to improve the position of women and girls, we learn from the best! Our cooperation with the donor partner organization Kvinna till Kvinna from Sweden includes networking with great women as well as learning about other cultures and political systems. The National Day of Sweden, which was celebrated on June 6, was a great occasion to have fun and deepen the ties between us.

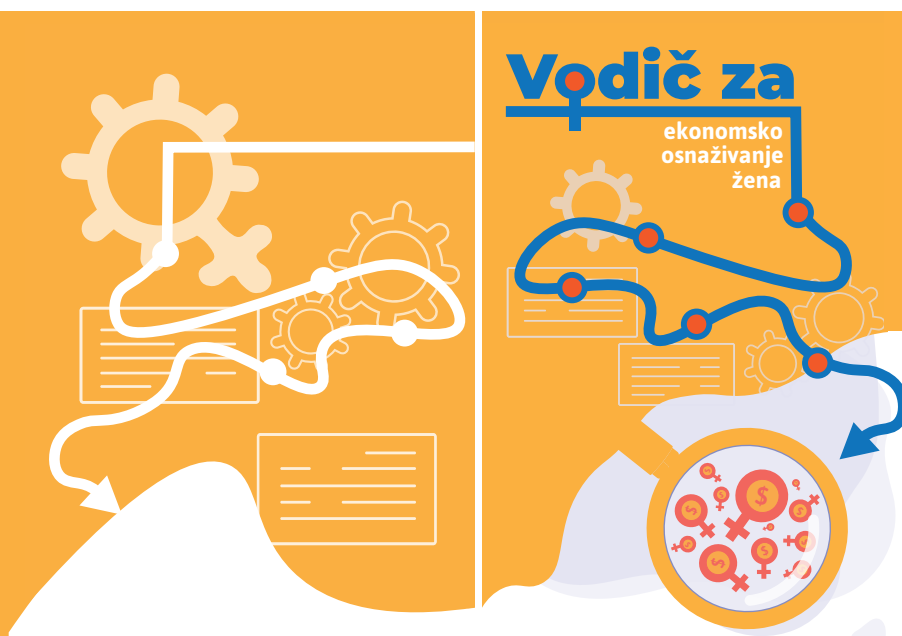
Economic empowerment

Since 2021, the CURE Foundation has been implementing the Advocacy for Women's Rights project in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is supported by the Swedish Kvinna Till Kvinna Foundation. "Feminist advocacy activities for economic empowerment and socio-economic support measures for most marginalized groups of women" form a separate part of this project. The goal of the project is the development of adequate strategies and the adoption of institutional measures for the economic empowerment of marginalized groups of women, with a special emphasis on women who survived domestic violence in the FBiH. The research "Through economic stability to freedom: analysis of actual regulations and practices in the FBiH in connection with economic empowerment of women who survived domestic violence and recommendations for their improvement" by Jasmina Čaušević and Maida Zagorac mapped the current state of institutional opportunities for marginalized groups of women with a focus on women who survived domestic violence in FBiH. A Guide to Women's Economic Empowerment (https://fondacijacure.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Vodic-za-ekonomsko-osnazivanje-zena_web.pdf) as well as Economically Empowered Women - Research of existing employment policies and programs at the level of the Federation of BiH aimed at socially marginalized groups of women with a focus on women survivors of domestic violence (2021) are part of the program concerning the economic empowerment of women.

In the previous period, we contributed to the writing of the 2021 Alternative Report on Bosnia and Herzegovina's Progress on the Road to the European Union Membership: Political Criteria (https://eu-monitoring.ba/site/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/BHS_FINAL_WEB-1.pdf) in the Social Policy and Employment Chapter - "Women's Participation in the Labour Market – Employment and Gender Equality".

On June 27, 2022, we attended an institutional working meeting in the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, "Employment through active measures", where inter-institutional cooperation on improving access to finance and programs for starting up businesses of women victims of domestic violence was formalized. As part of this meeting, a draft of the document "Economic empowerment of women victims of domestic violence - Employment through active measures" was presented, which we commented on, and we presented materials created by the CURE Foundation, which may contribute to the continuation of cooperation and the process of creating official documents.

On June 1, 2022, we held an advocacy meeting with the IMPAKT Investment Foundation, where we learned about their work and activities, and presented the work of the CURE Foundation in the segment of advocacy activities. We shall continue to cooperate and exchange ideas!



Capacity Building of the Women's Network of BiH

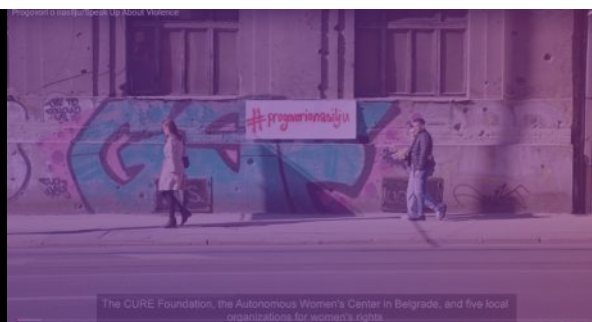
Ženska mreža BiH

*Neum, May 2022

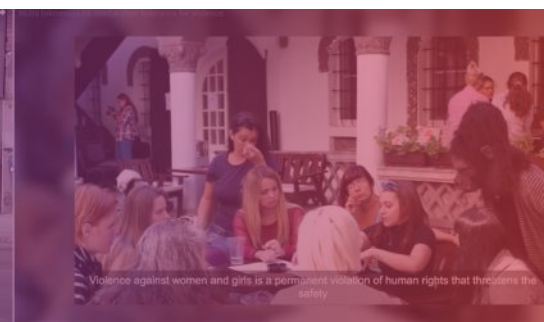
The Women's Network of BiH has focused its activities on strengthening the advocacy capacity through the technical improvement of our social platforms. Our website www.zenskamreza.ba continues to broadcast the latest news regarding the quality of life of women and girls in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and is a resource for all those who seek more information. Our participation in meetings on advancing the position of women has led us to be invited to nominate two candidates for a state-level working body to discuss the perspectives of the new generations through the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

In May 2022, a workshop on building the capacity of the Women's Network was held in Neum.

Speak Up About Violence!



The CURE Foundation, the Autonomous Women's Center in Belgrade, and five local organizations for women's rights.



The CURE Foundation works to support, strengthen capacity and create a safe environment for a new generation of activists and feminists, for their responsible and active involvement in positive social change through education, research, analysis and public advocacy, improvement of women's media image and raising visibility, local and regional networking, engaged art, activism, and building an inclusive and sustainable women's movement. In accordance with that, the project Speak Up About Violence! was implemented. The goal was to strengthen different women of all ages to act as bearers of positive social change by creating a safe and positive environment to improve the quality of everyday life of women and other socially marginalized groups. The primary focus of the project was to make young girls (14-20

years old) and peer educators (18-25 years old) feel safer from sexual and gender-based violence in youth relationships. By educating young people not to tolerate violence, by encouraging young women to be drivers of positive change, we create a safe space and a healthier environment. Through this project we create a safe space - private and public using various media tools (internet platforms, new media platforms, social networks, etc.) to empower young women to talk about gender-based violence in youth relationships.

In May, we made two documentaries Speak Up About Violence, available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8WpHFeiRoE&t=1s> i Zero Tolerance for Violence, available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nD7sgMFMgqU>

Women and Peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina



*Women's Court, May 12, 2022 *Foča, June 19, 2022 *Sanski Most, Garden of Opportunities

The project "Women and Peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina" aims to raise awareness of citizens about the need to include women in all phases of peace negotiations and peacebuilding. The project is based on the recommendations of the research "Dealing with Restlessness and Peacebuilding from the Perspective of a Post-Dayton Woman" and provides an opportunity to include young women, middle-aged and elderly women, members of minority and marginalized groups, returnees, women survivors of violence and discrimination, asylum seekers, children born of wartime rape and all persons recognized as agents of positive change in the context of peace building in BiH.

Since the beginning of 2022, the CURE Foundation has been working on mapping, collecting and summarizing personal stories and portraits of women so that this material is available to the general public through publication / research and digital stories that will be promoted through an online platform.

The fifteenth (15th) regional meeting of the Women's Court was held in Sarajevo from 11 to 13 May, within the framework of the project "Women and Peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina", which was financially supported by the World Day of Prayer - German Committee, with the support of representatives of Women in Black from Belgrade, Center for Women's and Peace Education Anima from Kotor, Center for Women Victims of War from Zagreb and Association HO Horizonti from Tuzla.

Witnesses of the Women's Court from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Serbia, as well as organizers, therapists, and associates of the Women's Court from Sarajevo and the region participated in this meeting.

Gender Sensitive Local Policies of the Municipality of Centar Sarajevo in the EU Accession Process

The CURE Foundation has started the implementation of the project "Gender Sensitive Local Policies of the Municipality of Centar Sarajevo in the EU Accession Process". This Project is part of a broader action entitled "Furthering Gender Equality through the EU Accession Process". This Action is co-funded by the European Union and by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). The regional partners implementing the action are Reactor – Research in Action from North Macedonia, Albanian Women Empowerment Network (AWEN) from Albania, Rights for all from Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Kosovo Women's Network (KWN) from Kosovo, Women's Rights Centre (WRC) from Montenegro and the Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation from Sweden through its office in North Macedonia.

The project "Gender Sensitive Local Policies of the Municipality of Centar Sarajevo in the Process of EU Accession" is focused on the analysis of gender policies, programs and future activities in the Municipality of Centar Sarajevo. During this project, the Cure Foundation will continue to advocate for the development of gender policies at the local level, with the development of such a local policy document that will incorporate UNCEDAW recommendations for Bosnia and Herzegovina as much as possible, especially regarding the position of socially marginalized groups of women, as well as policy papers developed by local women's organizations in line with the EU gender policy recommendations.

"Gender Sensitive Local Policies of the Municipality of Centar Sarajevo in the EU Accession Process" project, implemented by the Cure Foundation, has been supported by Reactor - Research in Action and their partners through the Action "Furthering Gender Equality through the EU Accession Process". This Action is funded by the European Union and co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

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Women Citizens for Constitutional Reform Initiative

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građani i građanke
Bosne i Hercegovine
misle o
**Ustavu
BiH**

Da li Ustav BiH treba da sadrži afirmativne mjere kojima bi se otklonila neravnopravnost muškaraca i žena?

71.4%

ispitanika/ca **smatra da Ustav BiH treba da sadrži afirmativne mjere** kojima bi se otklonila neravnopravnost između muškaraca i žena.

12.7%

ispitanika/ca **ne zna da li Ustav BiH treba da sadrži afirmativne mjere** kojima bi se otklonila neravnopravnost između muškaraca i žena.

14.6%

ispitanika/ca **smatra da Ustav BiH ne treba da sadrži afirmativne mjere** kojima bi se otklonila neravnopravnost između muškaraca i žena.

1.3%

ispitanika/ca **odbija da da odgovori da li Ustav BiH treba da sadrži afirmativne mjere** kojima bi se otklonila neravnopravnost između muškaraca i žena.

What Gender is the Constitution?

The Women Citizens for Constitutional Reform Initiative held an online masterclass: "Gender Responsive Constitution in the Light of International and EU Obligations". Topics covered through three modules are: Constitution and International Standards from the CEDAW Convention and the Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security Agenda), Constitution and Regional Standards in the Field of Gender Equality: Law and Institutional Framework of the European Union and Council of Europe, Constitution and Other Relevant Standards in the Field of Gender Equality - the process of constitutional reforms in BiH from a gender perspective and protection of human rights. The Initiative contributed to the writing of the Alternative Report on the progress of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2021. LINK:

https://eu-monitoring.ba/site/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/BHS_FINAL_WEB-1.pdf

In April, a survey entitled "What do citizens think about the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina?" was published, and the results/findings of the survey were delivered to members of the Parliamentary Assembly of

Bosnia and Herzegovina. Meeting of the Working Group for Lobbying and Advocacy was held with a representative of the Gender Center of FBiH. Furthermore, information for the Gender barometer was collected, the Initiative was presented at the Faculty of Political Sciences in East Sarajevo, and a meeting was held with Enna Zone Đonlić, representative of the Youth Initiative for Constitutional Changes.

The Women Citizens for Constitutional Reform Initiative launched a promotional campaign to raise public awareness of the defects of the BiH Constitution and the importance of gender equality in all segments of life. "What Gender is the Constitution?" is the question posed by this campaign. For the purposes of the campaign, interesting video content, announcements and messages were created, and published on the Initiative's social networks in order to raise society's awareness of this very important topic. More information on the activities of the Women Citizens for Constitutional Reform Initiative can be found at:

<https://gradjankezaustavnepromjene.wordpress.com/>



*Visit to Italy, April 2022

Cooperation with ISCOS Emilia Romagna

Our long-term cooperation with friends and partners from Reggio Emilia (Italy) was marked in May this year with an institutional partnership between the municipality of Centar Sarajevo and the city of Reggio Emilia. On this occasion, representatives of the CURE Foundation stayed in Italy and attended the signing of twinning agreements between municipalities, but also visited various socially responsible organizations and institutions. We are very grateful to our friends from ISCOS Emilia Romagna for their trust, shared experiences and we look forward to new challenges!



*Conference in Belgrade, April 19, 2022

*Visit of peacekeepers from Italy and Spain, April 13, 2022

*Visit by the representatives of the Association of Business Women, April 22, 2022

*Cooperation with the Jelena Šantić Foundation

At the invitation of the Jelena Šantić Foundation, we participated in the BEYOND THE COMFORT ZONE conference, which was held on April 19 and 20, 2022 at the Center for Cultural Decontamination in Belgrade. Panel "Foundations of activism in the Western Balkans - why and how do we build activism in the region?" was dedicated to activists/foundations that, through their activities in the region of the Western Balkans, contribute to the building of peace, the process of reconciliation, and affirm and support activism aimed at the development of communities in the region. Activists represent the silent heroines of our region, whose actions are the basis of community improvement as well as the development and normalization of the Western Balkans.

* The CURE Foundation hosted peacekeepers from Italy and Spain. The topics we discussed are numerous, among others the memory of the Mediterranean, Il Movimento messicano, Le madri argentine, migration and the Balkan route, women's resistance in every form...

* Representatives of the Association of Business Women in BiH together with teachers and entrepreneurs from FTM d.o.o. Novi Travnik were visiting the CURE Foundation.



* Sarajevo, May 5, 2022
 * Prijedor, May 31, 2022
 * Awarding of certificates

The CURE Foundation, as well as every member of the team, express their full support for Džejla Glavović's campaign for the legalization of cannabis oil for medical purposes in Bosnia and Herzegovina! Solidarity! Cannabis (lat. Cannabis sativa L.) is used for medicinal purposes in many countries around the world. Patients suffering from arthritis or struggling with chronic pain, epilepsy, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, various types of cancer, AIDS, Crohn's disease, fibromyalgia, autism, cerebral palsy, psycho-somatic disorders, etc. very often seek alternative, but scientifically proven drugs and preparations such as cannabis oil.

Unfortunately, the use of cannabis for medical purposes is not allowed in Bosnia and Herzegovina. According to the Law on Prevention and Suppression of the Abuse of Narcotic Drugs, cannabis plant is included in Table I, where prohibited substances and plants are listed.

Let's allow legal use and access to cannabis oil for medicinal purposes!

#legalizacijakanabisaubih #solidarnost

WHITE RIBBON DAY – 30th anniversary

Members of the CURE Foundation team attended the marking of the Day of White Ribbons in Prijedor on May 31, 2022. Commemorating the Day of White Ribbons is a reminder of May 31, 1992 when the Crisis Staff of the municipality of Prijedor forced the non-Serb population to mark their houses and apartments with white flags, and to wear white stripes on their arms when they left their houses. Prijedor's white ribbons are an irrefutable fact established in court trials for war crimes, and this year marks 30 years since the last appearance of such ribbons in wartime circumstances in Prijedor.

STRENGTHENING OUR CAPACITIES

At the end of June 2022, the members of the CURE Foundation team were awarded certificates for the successfully completed one-year training on providing support in access to justice and social services in the local community, a project implemented by our friends from the Center for Women's Rights from Zenica and the Association of Roma Women from Bijeljina. This type of training represents significant progress in building our internal capacities.



* Novi Sad, June 2022 *Panel discussion at MEDICA Zenica, June 9, 2022 * Jahorina, 14 and 15 June, 2022
*BiH Pride March *Visit of Heinrich Böll Stiftung, June 29, 2022

*Members of the CURE foundation attended a sister meeting in Novi Sad at the Autonomous Women's Festival in June 2022.

*Panel discussions, MEDICA Zenica, June 9, 2022

At the invitation of Sabiha Huskić, director of MEDICA Zenica, Jadranka Miličević participated in a panel discussion and spoke in front of 12 women from Iraq (Iraqi and Kurdistan women, representatives of institutions and civil society) about the work of the CURE Foundation, the Peace with a Woman Face Initiative, and the WWDP project. On that occasion, she gave to them a DVD with the documentary film "Dealing with Restlessness and Peacebuilding from the Perspective of a Post-Dayton Woman". Furthermore, she spoke about the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina - the lack of an official registry with a recommendation for them to immediately try to establish their own; about the importance of mapping crime scenes and recording all women's stories; on the same recognition of all survivors regardless of name/gender/religion; about the first baby born in MEDICA and the founding of the Forgotten Children of War Association (their work is also briefly presented).

*Organized by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung Foundation, Sarajevo, the annual partnership meeting was held in Jahorina on June 14 and 15, 2022.

*Organized by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung (Böll Foundation), the Cure Foundation was visited by a group from Hamburg on June 29, 2022.

*The CURE Foundation member Jadranka Miličević attended the third BiH Pride March called "Family Gathering", which was held on June 25, 2022.

*At the request of the "Safvet-beg Bašagić" Elementary School, representatives of the CURE Foundation held seven educational workshops on the prevention of violence, recognizing violence and reacting in cases of violence among young people. We are especially proud because we are recognized in Sarajevo Canton as one of the organizations that conducts educational workshops in primary and secondary schools with the aim of preventing violence.

PITCHWISE 2022

Festival of Women's Art and Activism | 08.09. - 11.09.2022.
Historical Museum of BiH



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