

Project Objectives:

- To strengthen the community social support and educational health services for women, children and indirectly to their families.
- To provide directly support for marginalized women through group-meetings, and face to face consultancy and psychological assistance.
- To provide directly support for women, children and whole community through "hot line" – psychosocial support by telephone line (Women's Club).
- To enhance the women education opportunities, while improving the education health services in this isolated and disadvantages area.
- To strengthen and complete the knowledge children have from the school curricula related to the phenomena happening today in the Albanian society, health and sexual education, alcohol, smoking, drug abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, human rights, criminality.
- To improve the social status of women and children through awareness campaigns and "Diella" newspaper (UAW's newspaper).
- To give concrete health services to the community especially to women and children.
- To enhance the professional capacities of teachers and nurses through gender sensitive trainings.



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Women's Club "RESPECT"
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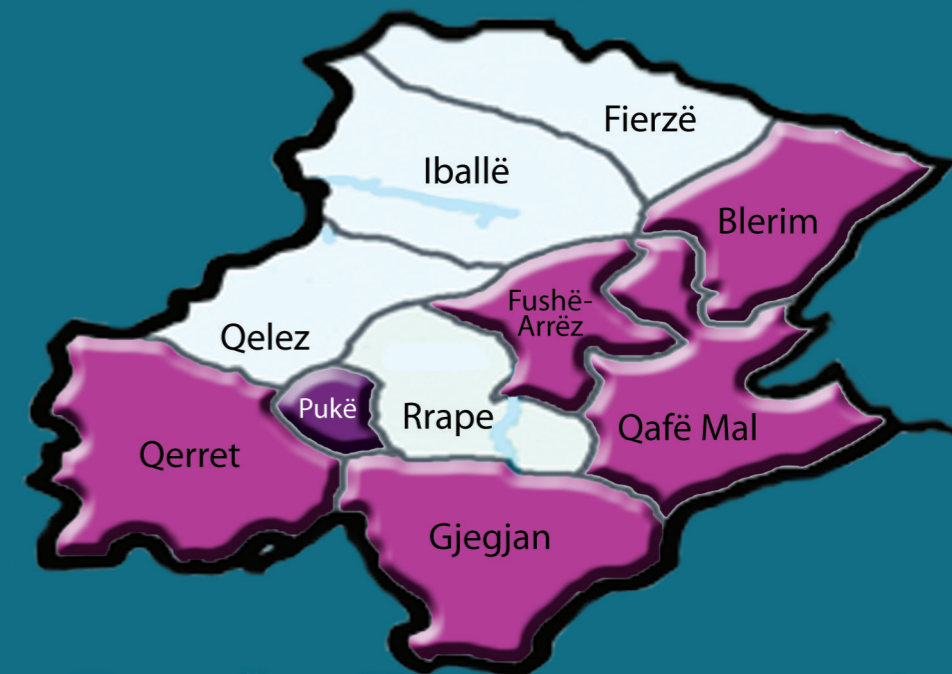
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WOMEN'S CLUB "RESPECT" IN PUKA

Project of "Useful to Albanian Women" Association



Gender Empowerment and Health Protection of Women and Girls in Puka Region





Useful to Albanian Women

- The “Useful to Albanian Women” association is a social humanitarian, non-political, non-religious, non-profit organization that fights for the protection of women’s and children’s rights.
- The association was established in March 1993 and registered officially at the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in September 1993 and approved by the Albanian Republic Court, according to Decision No.285, date 24.01.1996.
- UAW has contracts with the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. The Albanian State recognizes all the projects of UAW since 03.03.2003. UAW is licensed by the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and National Labour Service Office regarding each social service that UAW offers.
- The organization with the head office in Tirana have several field offices in different cities of Albania like in the cities of Durres, Elbasan, Puka, Burrel etc.

Mission

- To inspire, encourage and support girls and women in defending their and their children’s rights against all forms of discrimination and misuse;
- Make aware of the girl and women role in the family;
- To work with children and teenagers who are facing hardship, in order to improve their chances for integration in life;
- To organize projects on goals mentioned above in a professional manner in order to achieve a high impact.

Women’s Club – “Teuta e Re” in TIRANA

Women’s Club “Teuta e Re” established in November 1997, is a center of information, training and entertainment, established by UAW. It offers social, psychological and legal support for women in need and other women groups such as unemployed or abused women and girls who ask for support in different issues. Woman’s Club – “Teuta e Re” gives information on women’s rights, domestic violence, poverty, gender issues, status of women within the family, health issues, culture, art, etc.



Women’s Club “Respect” in PUKA

- Women’s Club “Respect” in Puka, established in 2007, with the initiative of UAW and a group of Austrian from the University of St. Pölten supported by Caritas St. Pölten, came as a continuation of the successful Club “Teuta e Re”.
- The Women’s Club will improve the social status of women in the city of Puka, help them better realize their situation and the ways they can struggle against gender problems, family violation, unemployment, alcohol abuse, prostitution and trafficking problems.
- The Club aims to affect the women on building up a personality and educating the teenagers, reflecting thoroughly on human rights and specifically on gender education, make them aware of the decision making importance and urge them the civil feeling of participation.
- As a natural continuation of the Women’s Club “Respect” came the new project of UAW “Gender Empowerment and Health Protection of Women and Girls in Puka Region”.



The implantation of the project:

Gender Empowerment and Health Protection of Women and Girls in Puka Region

UAW will apply through the Women Club of Puka, the project: Strengthening Gender and Health Protection.

This project will be implemented in the city of Puka and 5 communes:

- Luf/Qerret (5 km),
- Fushë-Arrëz (18 km),
- Qafë Mali (25 km)
- Gjegjan (40 km),
- Blerim (70 km).



Project purpose

The project aims to change at the local level, in the city of Puka as well in the five communes, the exclusion of women from the participation in the society, and as a second step to make them playing an active role in the social economic recovery of the region, and to prevent the domestic violence and to improve their health education and services.

At the same time, through wide networking and cooperation with health and education public institutions, the project aims to promote the awareness of social, gender equality and health issues to the children and community.

