

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT

- To cooperate in continuity with civil society organizations during the pandemic situation;
- To financially support CSOs aiming to provide specialized services in an extraordinary situation for the survivors of violence;
- To work with CSOs without a political difference, because the cooperation with CSOs based on political support harms their activity;
- To establish supportive plans for CSOs, prioritizing them in the same way as the private sector. Equal treatment, as the CSO sector was affected by the pandemic, and lack of funds. CSOs should be included in economic assistance packages and a more appropriate environment should be provided for their functioning, by improving legislation and reducing the financial obligations of CSOs.
- Involvement of CSOs in the assessment of the situation and finding proper mechanisms for the consultation of needs from the organizations and the beneficiaries.
- Direct support for the sector of CSOs dedicated to the pandemic situation.
- The Agency for the support of Civil Society has to become a real partner and supporter for CSOs, calling for projects that consider priority the needs of the victims of gender based violence and domestic violence during the crisis of COVID-19 or other pandemic situations and being transparent;
- The Strategy of Gender Equality has to provide for measures to address the needs of the survivors of DV and GBV in the situation of crisis, including support for CSOs working in this field. Action Plan and budget have to reflect these needs.
- New approaches to court applications for the survivors of domestic violence are recommended, supported by the state.