

# Centrum Slniečko, n. o.

(The Sun Centre, NPO)

**Annual Report 2021**

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### Do you know Centrum Slniečko?

Centrum Slniečko has been around for 21 years. By the way, that is my lucky number. Twenty one years of setting up a system to benefit children and women experiencing violence; to benefit families in crisis, and victims of domestic violence. Twenty one years of experience with violence in various forms; victories and losses against a broken system; ignorance and trivialization of issues. But these were also years of finding understanding, supporters and great people on our journey to set up a system where it appears to be missing.

Violence is most often aimed at the most vulnerable and the weakest – children, women, the elderly or disabled people. The basic premise at the very start of this center was, and of course, still is, to make children's lives better, happier, more carefree and without the presence of violence. Life is not only about luck, but it also brings conflicts we can get stuck in, problems, sadness, violence. Gradually, we expanded our target group to include women experiencing violence along with their children, families in crisis, and victims of domestic abuse. We also added programs and projects to strengthen their protection, safety, professional help, and prevention.

### So how exactly has everything happened and what has Centrum Slniečko achieved?

**The first crisis center for children and mothers with children in Slovakia** was established by combining extraordinary practical experience with the courage to create something meaningful that would let abused children get help before becoming a danger for society and ending up in "re-educational" facilities. The first few years of building the crisis center consisted of finding a suitable family house, renovating it, doing thousands of hours of volunteer work, securing building material, donors and grants. It was a facility for mothers with children. Then we acquired another house, where we would place children suspected to be sexually or otherwise abused, while the original crisis center stayed a safe haven for mothers with children. Following the amendment of the law on social and legal protection of children, in 2019, both facilities together became the **Center for Children and Families** with a specialized program for maltreated and sexually abused children, ready to admit **20 clients**. However, it was later shown that the adequate number of children with such severe trauma needs to be lowered to a maximum of **6 children** per group.

We were able to expand **street social work** and **outpatient counseling** in the comfort of a family home thanks to the support of **The Velux Foundation** from **2014** and later through an **ESF grant**. A number of families; parents in crisis; courts of law; offices of labor, social affairs and family; and schools started to turn to Centrum Slniečko, and gradually, an intervention team of social workers, a special education teacher and a psychologist was formed. We began resolving the issues of children who have been suffering. On one hand, we were enthusiastic, we put our hearts into the demanding work, we were happy that our effort was acknowledged even by relatively distant foreign countries, but on the other hand, there was sorrow, as we were almost “invisible” to our own country in the same way that the issue of abused and molested children is. I remember the first meeting with Anders, a consultant from The Velux Foundation, who, after seeing us work, experiencing the atmosphere of our facility with all the children, immediately told us: “Ladies, if it was at all possible to carry everything you do over to Denmark, I would take you there right this minute.”

The second facility that Centrum Slniečko opened for victims of domestic violence was the so-called **Safe House shelter**. Within the meaning of the law on social services, it is a shelter for women experiencing violence and their children after crisis intervention. We realized that after receiving urgent help, they lack opportunities to restart their life as a result of low income. Simply put, there was and still is no system of subsequent help for women experiencing violence and victims of domestic abuse.

Half of the family house was provided for this exact purpose by the city of Nitra. With the help of some great people and donors, we did a partial renovation,

and the house is still of use to mums with children. Our goal is to expand and renovate the whole house in order to serve a higher number of women and children. At the end of last year, we submitted a project for Norwegian Financial Mechanism in partnership with the city of Nitra, so we may reach this objective after all.

We realized we needed more spots for kids, because for a long time, we were the only two organizations in Slovakia working with children suffering from the so-called CAN syndrome and providing crisis intervention and specialized treatment programs. That is why we opened a specialized facility for women experiencing violence and their children in 2015, the so-called **Women's Safe House**, with the support of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and state budget. It is the first specialized facility in Slovakia that meets the minimal standards of the Council of Europe for providing services to women experiencing violence and their children, able to admit 17 clients. The enthusiasm we put in its establishment and operation wore off just before the funding of the project stopped and we found ourselves in a financial vacuum. During the project's implementation, this type of specialized facility or its appropriate way of funding did not make its way to legislation, and it is still funded by self-governing regions as emergency housing facilities with a very low, unsustainable contribution. At that time there was no grant in sight either. It should be stated that several government reserve contributions had helped the project at the end. In the long run, this is not a systemic approach. Tense situation, facility in danger, exhaustion and stress of those providing support and assistance to victims, stemming from fear of what is to come, if funding will be secured or not, if they will be able to continue helping or not, all led to those

who were helping suddenly becoming the “victims” of a flawed system. Here, I must thank the Nitra Self-Governing Region as the only authority to respond with sufficient support in years that followed, thanks to which we were able to maintain the quality of our services and 24-hour availability of the Women's Safe House. Current legislation is still missing the definition of services for children, psychological and legal support, spatial conditions and safety regulations. A solution would be to specify this kind of specialized facility in the upcoming law on crisis intervention.

In running of the Crisis Center for women experiencing violence and their children, we understood that before they are admitted to the center, it is essential for them to be interviewed in the counseling center, where the type of violence is identified, legal and social situation of the client or victim of domestic violence is analyzed, and the severity of the risk is assessed. This resulted in the launch of the **Counseling Service for Victims**. Through the years of its existence, hundreds of women experiencing violence and victims of domestic abuse have gone through it. The number of domestic violence cases has grown during the Covid-19 pandemic. Long before the pandemic, however, Centrum Slniečko, in cooperation with the Regional Police Force Directorate in Nitra and within the partnership agreement, has been helping the victims of domestic violence, in whose cases the act of expulsion of the violent person has occurred. Our cooperation was the basis for a legislative change under the auspices of the President of the Slovak Republic, Zuzana Čaputová, and in the course of 2021, the act on victims of crimes was amended to include intervention centers, that stipulate the cooperation of counseling centers for victims of domestic violence

with the police force in legislative terms as well.

An especially difficult situation arises when a woman experiencing violence together with her children wants to become independent. She will not be able to pay rent due to low income, which often causes her to return to her abuser. For that reason, Centrum Slniečko has been cooperating with the organization Dostupný domov, n. o. (Affordable Home, NPO) which provides apartments to mothers with children at a lower rent rate than a commercial one. At the end of 2021, we secured support from ESF that allows us to partially help women, women with children, and victims of domestic violence, to pay rent in their first new home – per **housing first** model – and overcome the difficult period of time to start a new life without violence. By the end of the year, we had 6 available apartments in Nitra. However, this is not only about housing. Housed mothers with children also get free social counseling and, of course, if necessary, the support of Counseling Service for Victims and Intervention Center. When I see moms tearing up while signing the lease, I tell myself that the hard work we do is meaningful.

Years of experience have made us realize that it is necessary to pass our knowledge on to the younger colleagues, teachers, psychologists, police officers and doctors in order to avoid secondary victimization, and to make sure that people who work with children are able to identify the signs of violence and start helping. We designed education courses Bruises on the Soul I and Bruises on the Soul II, which cover the appropriate and inappropriate approach of individual professionals to the intervention in cases where children are sexually or psychologically abused. Bruises on the Soul III focuses on gender-based violence and stories of women from Women's

Safe House, showing the dynamics of violence, and the ways to handle these stressful situations. I am especially proud of another project, a dream come true – the prevention program aiming to eliminate violence against and among children called **Kozmo and his Adventures**. Hundreds of teachers and psychologists have been trained through it, thousands of children have taken part in it. Kozmo, the cosmonaut, teaches them how to differentiate between appropriate and inappropriate behavior, how to approach otherness, how to solve non-violent conflicts, and what to do with violence. All of this is taken care of by professionals from **EduCAN**. Their mission is educating the public as well, which they do through great podcasts on the platform bezmodrin.sk or through campaigns. One of those took place on Valentine's Day and pointed out the fact that violence can arise even from a great love.

The most important values for me personally are based on trust, safety, discretion, professionalism and responsibility, and they form the foundation of help and support offered by Centrum Slniečko.

In the past 21 years, we have evolved significantly, thoughts and ideas have turned into tangible help, through which we are building a comprehensive system of support and protection. Some pieces of the puzzle are still missing, but it is a challenge for us to search for them with the enormous help of our partners, people with big hearts who, in trying to understand the purpose of living in this world, follow this creed: "Why are we here, if not to help the more vulnerable?" The more people like us there are, the happier the others can walk the earth.



**Mariana Kováčová**

Director of Centrum Slniečko, n. o.

# About Us

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I have been working with Centrum Slniečko in Nitra for years. First as an instructor, then a supervisor, and now a researcher. All these roles have greatly enriched me as a professional and a person, because I met nice, kind-hearted people willing to continually educate themselves, thereby helping clients more effectively. What is more, I encountered a leadership that pushed itself, as well as its workers and volunteers, to peak professional achievements. Centrum Slniečko is a big, professionally well-equipped organization with huge growth potential, apparent through their demands to change the state of things, not only through personal engagement, but through analyses, research, and linking science with experiences.

prof. PhDr. Eva Mydlíková, PhD.,  
Trnava University in Trnava

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Centrum Slniečko is a rare gem among Slovak NGOs. They are an admirable and reliable partner to us because of their immense courage to help with the difficult issues that they decided to deal with, their sensitive approach, and displaying kindness towards people whom they are helping. I hold this organization in high esteem.

Andrea Ungvölgyi, Orange Foundation trustee

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Ever since we began working with Centrum Slniečko, they have been a proper and capable partner. Despite our sometimes-different approach to problem solving, we could always rely on their willingness to cooperate and effort to patiently create conditions for our meetings, mutual discussions, and trainings for our police officers. We are looking forward to making headway together in areas where it would be hard to imagine without cooperation.

mjr. Mgr. Michal Denský, expert psychologist, and  
domestic violence and violence against children  
regional coordinator, Regional Police Force  
Directorate in Nitra

# Administrative Bodies

## Statutory Body

Mgr. Mariana Kováčová, PhD.,  
founder and director

Mariana Kováčová graduated from special education studies and has been dealing with the issue of maltreated and sexually abused children, women experiencing violence, and victims of domestic violence since 1990. In 2000, she founded and has since been running a non-profit organization called Centrum Slniečko. She initiated the establishment of specialized centers for maltreated and sexually abused children, children's hotlines, and the first women's shelter in

Slovakia. She is an expert guarantor and author of projects focused on systematic schemes of effective assistance for children with CAN syndrome, families in crisis, and victims of domestic violence. For more than 20 years, she has been involved in supervision in social area, devising standards and education. Her professional focus is on children's drawing and its use in diagnostics and intervention in children with CAN syndrome. Through the program Bruises on the Soul, she has trained hundreds of teachers, psychologists, social workers, judges, police officers, and students of these fields, in the topic of violence against children.

Awards: Award of the City of Nitra for work in helping abused women and children (2006); Nitra Knight (2009); laureate of Crystal Wing for Philanthropy (2014); Social Act of the Year (2015); nomination for Slovak Woman of the Year in the Charity category (2016); Woman of Courage Award (2018); Public Acknowledgement of the Ombudsman Mária Patakyová (2018)

## Board of Directors

Ing. Mária Svitačová  
Mgr. Zdenka Niková  
Mag. Alexandra Draková

## Supervisory Board

Mgr. Ľubica Ľachká  
PhDr. Denisa Vargová  
Jana Tomášová

# Memberships and Collaborations

in 2021

## Memberships

Asociácia krízových stredísk (Association of Crisis Centers)

Koalícia pre deti Slovensko (Coalition for Children Slovakia)

Výbor pre deti a mládež pri Rade vlády (Committee for Children and Youth at the Government Council of the Slovak Republic)

Pracovná skupina k novelizácii zákona 448/2008 Z. z. (Working group on the amendment of Act No. 448/2008 Coll.)

Pracovná skupina pri MŠ SR – prevencia kriminality (Working group of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic on Crime Prevention)

Pracovná skupina pri MPSVR SR zameraná na špecializačné vzdelávanie (Working group of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic on specialization courses)

## Partnerships

Trnava University, Faculty of Law – cooperation in education, counseling, and scientific research

Regional Police Force Directorate in Nitra – cooperation in training of police officers on issues of domestic violence in order to increase their knowledge about the topic



**Centrum Slniečko**

**Families in Crisis**

**Victims of Domestic Violence**

**Maltreated and Sexually Abused Children**

**Prevention, Education, Awareness**

**Lobbying – Partnerships**

# Victims of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence

Counseling Service for Victims  
Women's Safe House  
Safe House shelter

**Domestic and gender-based violence are terms that carry the weight of many difficult life stories.**

**Do we know what exactly they mean?**

### **Domestic violence**

includes all acts of physical, sexual, psychological, and economic violence that occur within a family or a household. Domestic violence happens between former or current spouses, partners, or other household members.

### **Gender-based violence**

includes all acts of violence aimed against a particular person for their sex, gender, gender identity or gender expression; or acts which disproportionately affect members of one sex.

### **Expulsion**

is an important law enforcement tool helping to stop violence and protect the victim. Officers of the Police Force of the Slovak Republic are authorized to carry out this act. It is a direct assistance for victims in cases where the police state that violence is occurring in the victim's home, therefore the abuser is expelled from the dwelling for 10 days, prohibited from approaching the threatened person, and obliged to remain at a distance of at least 10 meters from the victim. As of 1 November 2021, pursuant to Act No. 171/1993 Coll. on

Police Force, the period of expulsion was changed from 10 days to 14 days, and the distance stated in the restraining order is now extended from 10 meters to 50 meters.



## **Does assistance for victims exist? Where do they find help?**

Although the support network for victims of domestic abuse or gender-based violence in Slovakia is underdeveloped, insufficiently supported by legislature, institutions, and the state as well, it does exist, albeit often just thanks to the effort of individuals. Despite all the obstacles, Centrum Slniečko has been helping victims of domestic and gender-based violence for more than 20 years.

# Counseling Service for Victims

It provides social, legal and psychological counseling. Clients are guaranteed anonymity, free of charge services, and gender-sensitive approach to women experiencing violence. We offer professional counseling services through both outpatient and distance forms, as well as in the field.

First contact is established through our Counseling Service for Victims (CSV), usually by phone or email. Assistance can be sought out by the victim, as well as someone who wants to help them to escape a violent relationship. Last, but not least, the victim can be recommended to us by the police, doctors, the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, colleagues, or anyone who is not overlooking violence.

After introductory crisis intervention in a difficult life situation in which the victims find themselves at the time, they are offered complex professional help. Women experiencing violence and victims of domestic abuse carry around a number of problems related to the fact that they lived in a violent relationship. Not only do they need urgent help at the time of their decision to leave the violent relationship, but they also require long-term, highly specialized help, dealing closely with the circumstances of life filled with violence. In this way, the CSV's goal of helping projects itself on to the victims' lives.

CSV is an accredited workplace pursuant to Act No. 274/2017 Coll. on Victims of Crime and on amendments and supplements to certain Acts with the authority in the Nitra Self-Governing Region. It provides social, legal and psychological counseling. Clients are guaranteed anonymity, free of charge services, and gender-sensitive approach to women experiencing violence. We offer professional counseling services through both outpatient and distance forms, as well as in the field.

We provide assistance to vulnerable persons in the context of the act of expulsion. Until 30 October 2021, we provided help to vulnerable persons as per the Cooperation Agreement with the Regional Police Force Directorate in Nitra. We contacted the

victims from expulsion cases proactively and directly, explained the situation and offered free of charge assistance.

As of 1 November 2021, pursuant to the amendment on Act No. 274/2017 Coll. on Victims of Crime, we also opened an intervention center. Members of the police force are obliged to inform the relevant intervention center in each case of expulsion within 24 hours, and the intervention center is obliged to contact the victim of violence within 72 hours. The number of expulsions has increased in the last two months of 2021, and the act of expulsion was used in parts of the Nitra Region, where we have not worked before.

Our assistance for victims of crimes includes active involvement in criminal proceedings through a representative for the injured party, pursuant to Section 53 of the Code of Criminal Procedure; involvement outside of criminal proceedings resulting from expulsion; and legal assistance as well.



# Women's Safe House, Safe House shelter

The services of Centrum Slniečko for victims of domestic violence are rooted in complexity. If necessary, women experiencing violence and their children will be offered not only counseling, but also emergency housing as well. We have the **Women's Safe House** (WSH) available to them. As one of the few facilities in Slovakia, it meets the minimum requirements of the Council of Europe for the provision of services for women experiencing violence and their children. It is 24-hour professional assistance. Women and mothers with children are placed in WSH for the time necessary for crisis intervention. We provide them with protection and support, usually from 3 to 6 months. On top of crisis intervention, our professional team in WSH offers social, psychological and legal counseling, and accompaniment to children and women, as well as services related to education, special education, and psychological care for the children of our clients. A significant part of overcoming trauma is taking part in additional forms of treatment with elements of therapy, such as music therapy, art therapy, ergotherapy, hippotherapy or canine-assisted therapy. After leaving the emergency housing program, our clients still have access to our Counseling Service for Victims.

If women and mothers with children do not require 24-hour services of WSH, but they cannot return to their former home or become fully independent, we can help them find cheaper housing in our Safe House shelter or in other apartments through a housing first program for an agreed upon period, usually one year.

**The Safe House shelter** (SH) creates a space to become independent and a basis for a successful start of a new life, including entering the labor market and handling the question of accommodation. It provides social services including housing and a system of complex support services aiming to increase motivation and activation of inner potential. Services are temporary until the woman as a victim of violence takes control of her own life and, with the support of a professional team, secures housing for herself and enters the labor market. Throughout the stay in the shelter or an apartment, the Counseling Service is still available to our clients.

All life stories of women experiencing violence and their children are different, so it is possible that

after they complete the complex assistance program, try to become independent and reunite with their families, difficult family situations that put children in danger may arise. In such situations, they have at their disposal the team of the Intervention Center for Families, which focuses on protecting children at risk of CAN syndrome and on helping families in crisis.

In 2021, Counseling Service for Victims, Women's Safe House, and Safe House shelter have been co-financed from the Nitra Self-Governing Region budget, the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development Fund under the Operational Program "Human Resources", subsidies from the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic, public and private grants, and contributions from private donors and supporters.

# Counseling Service for Victims in numbers

In 2021, we have worked with

**233 clients**, of which  
**86 clients** were from  
previous years of  
2016 – 2020.

# Counseling Service for Victims in numbers

We provided our clients with:

social counseling

**168**

clients

**1080**

actions

psychological counseling

**10**

clients

**83**

actions

legal counseling

**203**

clients

**1202**

actions

intervention in expulsion cases

**33**

cases

# Women's Safe House in numbers

In WSH, we provided protection to:

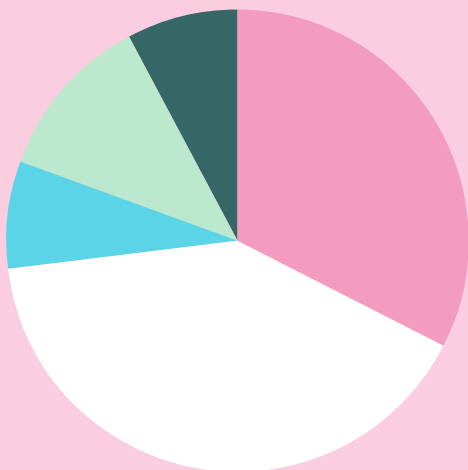
**23 women** and  
**30 children**  
(16 girls, 14 boys)



# Women's Safe House in numbers

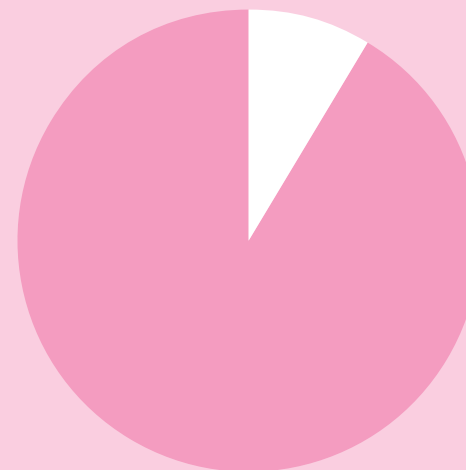
Forms of violence against women treated in WSH: :

- 17 physical
- 23 psychological
- 4 sexual
- 6 economic
- 4 social isolation



Forms of violence against children treated in WSH:

- 2 suspicion of psychological violence
- 21 child as a witness of violence



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## Crisis Hotline in numbers

In 2021, our crisis hotline  
**0905 511 512**  
we handled  
**47 interventions**

# Families in Crisis

Intervention Center for Families

# Intervention Center for Families

Life is full of unpredictable situations which can lead to positive or negative reactions, cause tension, put children in danger or a family in crisis. By crisis, we mean endangerment of an individual or a family by social exclusion or restriction of the ability to integrate into society and deal with problems independently. If an individual or a family find themselves in such a crisis and are unable to help themselves, it is always children who suffer the most. The most ideal situation is when children are growing up in their original family, regardless of its size or structure. It is important to lend a helping hand, in a timely manner, to families facing a crisis of smaller or larger scale, so that we can avoid radical decisions like removal of a child from home.

**The Intervention Center for Families (ICF)** specializes in assistance to and support of families in crisis and protection of children at risk of CAN syndrome. The term "children at risk of CAN syndrome" refers to children as victims of physical, psychological, and sexual abuse; children suspected to be maltreated or sexually abused; children at risk of maltreatment and sexual

abuse in the future; or children exposed to negative influences, threatening to their mental, physical or social development in family and school environment in connection with violence.

The ICF implements measures under Section 43, para. 1 b) and c) of the Act No. 305/2005 Coll. on Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Curatorship and on amendments and supplements to certain Acts with nationwide authority.

The goal of the measures the ICF implements is systemic prevention of crisis situations in families, protection of rights and legally protected interests of children, and complex assistance and care for children and families in crisis or risk, in order to prevent deepening and repetition of disorders in psychological, physical and social development of children, thereby preventing an increased number of crisis situations of children or in families.

The pillar of the ICF team's work is a program with a range of specialized sub-programs which we are executed in an outpatient form and through field work in a natural family environment, in an alternative



# Intervention Center for Families

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family care environment, in an open environment, or in an environment created and organized for the implementation of certain measures.

The largest number of families in our care are those recommended through written communication from the authority of social and legal protection of children and social guardianship to implement measures of this institution; but they can also be sent to us from Counseling Service for Victims; or ask for help themselves.

At the center of our work is the assessment of the current situation together, analysis of options, setting of goals and the ways to reach them. Families and individual clients receive social counseling, basic legal counseling, psychological and therapeutic support. We achieve quality and effectivity in our work thanks to the multidisciplinary cooperation across all institutions that intersect with family life and clients – the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, education facilities, health care facilities, Center for Educational and Psychological Counseling and Prevention and many others.

If necessary, we arrange supporting therapies for children, such as canine-assisted therapy, ergotherapy, music therapy or art therapy. Alternative methods with therapeutic elements are part of implemented measures for clients with various physical, psychological, psychosomatic difficulties, as well as issues with socialization that cause disharmony of their personality.

The duration of assistance and support is individual and depends on the program that is being carried out. On average, it takes from 2 to 12 months.

In 2021, the Intervention Center for Families was co-financed by the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family; the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic; the European Social Fund; the European Regional Development Fund under the Operational Program “Human Resources”; public and private grants and contributions from private donors and supporters.

# Intervention Center for Families in numbers

In 2021, ICF provided long-term social counseling and psychological assistance for:

**170 individuals**, of which **93 were children**, assisted mostly directly in clients' family environments.

# Intervention Center for Families in numbers

The most common issues discussed with clients:

<b>adverse social situation</b>	123
<b>inadequate parental skills</b>	35
<b>situation before, during or after divorce</b>	44
<b>issues with children's upbringing</b>	70
<b>parental conflicts</b>	34
<b>problematic contact of parent and child</b>	55
<b>damaged relationship between children and parents</b>	85
<b>domestic violence or consequences of domestic violence</b>	77
<b>death in the family</b>	6
<b>issues with integration in a group</b>	22
<b>suspected peer violence in school</b>	12
<b>bad health</b>	18
<b>sibling conflicts</b>	24
<b>alcohol in the family</b>	16

<b>single mother</b>	5
<b>absence of own home</b>	5
<b>insufficient support in family</b>	4
<b>female foreigner living in Slovakia</b>	1

# Maltreated and Sexually Abused Children

Center for Children and Families



# Center for Children and Families

In our lives, we see various forms of harm against children. Psychological and physical maltreatment and sexual abuse of children are some of the most severe social and pathological phenomena in our society, as they damage children's physical and psychological development. In Slovakia, only 3 specialized facilities focus solely on assistance to maltreated and sexually abused children. Our Center for Children and Families is one of them.

Center for Children and Families (CCF) is a specialized residential facility designed to help maltreated and sexually abused children, and children who are suspected to be maltreated or sexually abused. It provides complex care for children usually ages 3 to 14 throughout the duration of crisis intervention and for the period of time necessary to assess the options for long-term solutions of the child's situation in accordance with their best interest. CCF is located in two individual houses with yards. Maximum of 10 children can be placed in each house.

Children are admitted to CCF on the basis of a court-ordered urgent or education measure. The reason behind such court orders is improper treatment of children, to which a court is usually notified through the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family (OLSAF), which is in turn informed by someone close to the child. CCF's experience shows that children are most often hurt in families, in the exact space where they should be safe. Despite being able to identify some of the risk



factors in families, it is impossible to determine an exact type of family, in which a child can be at risk of maltreatment and sexual abuse, because these unwanted pathological phenomena appear across the whole society.

Handling maltreatment and sexual abuse is difficult and, without an intervention and help from another person, almost impossible for many children. It is rather rare that a child contacts the local OLSAF or CCF directly to ask for assistance. Most of the time, maltreatment of a child is reported by someone close to the child – neighbor, relative, friend, teacher etc.

After being admitted to CCF, children are provided with complex care and support in dealing with the adverse circumstances with respect to their best interest. The child is being cared for by the whole internal team of professionals including a social worker, a psychologist, a special education teacher, educators and assistant educators. The CCF team cooperates with other external professionals – pediatricians, psychiatrists, psychotherapists. It is also important to collaborate with all stakeholders (OLSAF, municipalities, schools, doctors, Center for Educational and Psychological Counseling and Prevention) including law enforcement.

In the first days and weeks of the child's stay, the professional team gives most attention to crisis intervention for the child in a safe environment.



## The main areas of focus of our work with maltreated or sexually abused children are:

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expression of and coping with negative emotions (sadness, fear, anger, guilt,...)

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encouraging healthy self-confidence and self-respect, and recognizing own strengths and weaknesses

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preventing CAN syndrome (child rights, response to threatening situations, establishing a support network of trustworthy people)

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strengthening social skills (communication, behavior in a group, conflict resolution, managing stressful situations)

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teaching to respect of rules and boundaries

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# Center for Children and Families

Children have a natural need to air out their experiences, so they have enough space to talk about their stories and emotions in CCF. We utilize conversations, elements of art therapy, music therapy, Snoezelen therapy and play therapy. Canine-assisted therapy and hippotherapy are among the children's favorites.

Through the whole stay, children have the support of our professional team in legal proceedings as well.

Apart from helping children treated in CCF, expert help is important for the family and close acquaintances. By exposing violence against children, their families are facing shame, rejection, misconception, anger, and even hate from others. Part of the work with families is to explain possible consequences of violence against children and subsequent guidance on how to approach and communicate with them. In cases of severe maltreatment and sexual abuse, crisis intervention and counseling for non-abusive family members (parent, grandparents, siblings) is quite important. Professional assistance is essential particularly

for siblings who are placed in CCF together with the abused child as a result of being in danger, and do not understand why they were removed from the family. These children often react to the maltreated or sexually abused sibling with incomprehension, blame and anger. The stay in CCF is temporary and from the long-term point of view, intense work with close and wider family of the child is necessary to resolve the situation.

Professional work with the family is a necessary condition for remediation and subsequent safe return of the child to the original family environment.

In spite of the efforts of the whole team of professionals, remediation of a maltreated or sexually abused child's family is not always successful, and there may not be any close people who would be able to take care of the child. Taking into consideration the child's age, his or her opinion on solving the situation is asked. If the child is interested, they can be put on the list of children who are in need of alternative personal care. If there is no applicant for alternative care, or the child is refusing this form of care, they are placed into institutional care.

In 2021 Center for Children and Families was co-financed from the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic, public and private grants, and contributions from private donors and supporters.



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## Center for Children and Families in numbers

In 2021, CCF provided care to **18 children**.

**17 children** experienced psychological abuse,  
**16 children** experienced physical abuse,  
**6 children** were victims of sexual abuse,  
**1 child** was trafficked (sold as a child bride).

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## Center for Children and Families in numbers

In 2021 we concluded care in the cases of **7 children**.

Of that number, **4 children** were returned to their biological family after remediation, **1 child** was placed in alternative personal care of a close person and **2 children** were placed in institutional care.

# Prevention, Education, Awareness

Prevention and Education Center EduCAN

# Prevention and Education Center EduCAN

In 2021, Prevention and Education Center EduCAN was co-financed from the Velux Foundation, public and private grants and contributions from private donors and supporters.

More than 20 years of working with victims of domestic violence have unequivocally proven to us that minimizing and preventing violence is possible only through education and prevention, which is why Centrum Slniečko has been engaging in those systematically for a long time. **Prevention and Education Center EduCAN** offers various education programs for experts in various fields. In 2021, our trainings were attended by almost 1,000 people, including professionals and future professionals (university students) from different fields (social work,

pedagogy, law, police, counseling etc.). We organize many prevention and information activities for the general public. What attracted the most attention in the previous year was what we called "a different kind of" campaign on Valentine's Day which was presented online as well as through city light boards in 3 regional seats (Bratislava, Nitra, Trnava).



The pillars of our education and prevention activities:

Trainings for professionals from kindergartens and elementary schools through **Kozmo and his Adventures**, a prevention program for children.

Trainings for experts working with children through the educational program **Bruises on the Soul**.

**Education and awareness campaigns** for the professional and the general public.



# Kozmo and his Adventures

In 2021 we managed to increase the quality of our education programs and make our tools more appealing. A significant part of each module of the prevention program Kozmo and his Adventures is a video introduction to the topic. The original videos had been produced more than 5 years ago, but in the present day, they were unfit for our needs relating to younger children. We have updated the videos in 2021 and created new and longer versions for the youngest children.

In addition to materials for children, we have designed new training structures for teachers. The goal of our 10 educational videos presenting the implementation of individual modules of the prevention program Kozmo and his Adventures is to show how to work with the program, methodology and tools, when working directly with children. However, in the training, we are presenting the modules to adults, and it is not possible to do a session where participants could try to work directly with children. For this reason, we had decided to produce these methodological videos, which provide the experience through audiovisual recording.

Another innovation from the previous year is a special version of the program for families, called Kozmo at Home. Under this new project, Kozmo is coming to families. It is a program designed for parents, grandparents, siblings and other adults, with the help of which they can talk to children about challenging topics in the form of games and activities. The program contains a review of methodology for adults full of inspiring activities, as well as a set of interactive tools and online education (webinar).

We have developed an original board game called Space Journey based on the prevention program Kozmo and his Adventures. The game is aimed at children from 5 years of age, and is quite unique, because nobody ever loses. The goal of the game is to collaborate, solve tasks together and appreciate positive character features of others.

In terms of social media, we managed to organically gain support for our program's Instagram profile from many well-known Slovak female influencers, including Jasmína Alagič, Silvia Križanová or Zuzana Plačková, who shared our activities free of charge and without any impulse from our side.



# Kozmo and his Adventures in numbers



In 2021, through the prevention program Kozmo and his Adventures

**38 experts** were trained, and **50 participants** went through supervision to implement activities of the prevention program. The program was implemented in **72 kindergartens** and elementary schools, with **102 groups** of **1,279 children** in total. Our specialized program Kozmo at Home was taken up by **742 parents**.

# No Bruises

Prevention, education and information campaigns

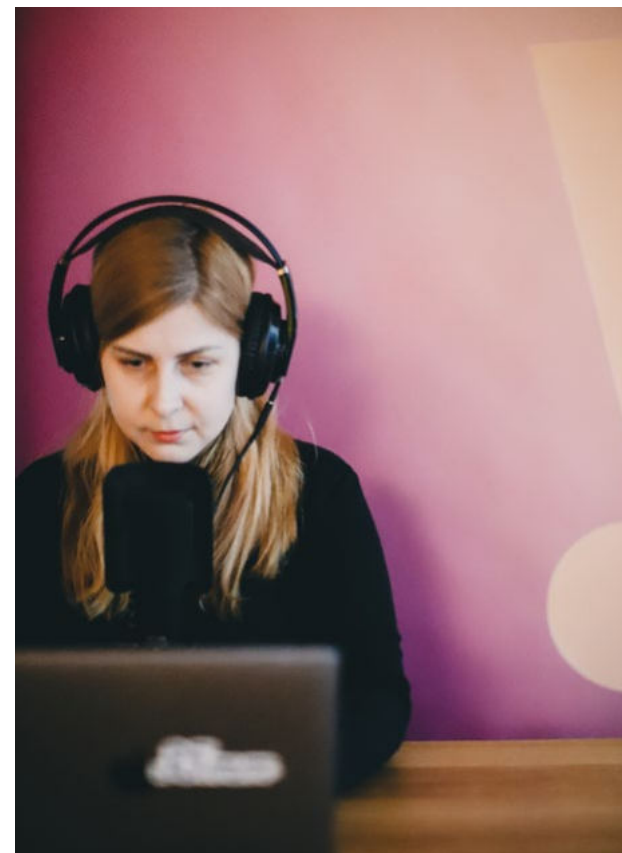
In 2021, we premiered 20 episodes of our podcast called No Bruises, which had 6,149 listens in total. Among the topics which resonated the most was divorce, how children handle the process of divorce, and child victims of cyberbullying. The most listened to topics on our podcast are interviews dealing with children, which vindicates our systematic effort to develop prevention projects, as well as the existence of the Kozmo and his Adventures program. Currently, the overall number of listens of the podcast No Bruises is on average 250 per episode. In September, we launched an online campaign for the new season.

We managed to shape our Instagram account @bezmodrin into a successful educational platform followed by people interested in human rights, and especially in helping people who experience violence. We realize that the recognition of our “brand” Centrum Slniečko is not as important to the general public, but it is necessary for people seeking help. That is why we came up with a new format for communication on Instagram, new title and design, thanks to which we can successfully attract and educate an entirely new audience about this topic.

As part of the No Bruises platform, the website [www.bezmodrin.sk](http://www.bezmodrin.sk) has become an information channel and source for all kinds of news related to legal acts on the protection of human rights. We regularly share new information, current events and interviews with interesting people on our website. In 2021, the overall traffic on bezmodrin.sk was around 8,500 clicks.

In February, we launched a special Valentine's Day campaign online as well as through city light billboards in three regional seats, drawing attention to the presence of domestic violence and violence in romantic relationships, during the critical time for all the “lovebirds”. **Throughout 2021, we made the topic of protection against violence visible in more than 300 media appearances through interviews, articles and press releases.** As part of our activities, we organized many trainings for lawyers, social workers, teachers and students through our popular formats Bruises on the Soul focused on different forms of violence, identification of its signs, and recommendations on how to proceed in these situations.

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## No Bruises in numbers



In 2021, we premiered **20 episodes** of our podcast No Bruises, which had **6,149 listens** in total. Currently, the number of listens of the No Bruises podcast is on average more than **250 per episode.**

The traffic on our website bezmodrin.sk in 2021 was almost **8,500 clicks.**

# No Bruises

Prevention, education and information campaigns

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## Education through Bruises on the Soul

In 2021, through our education program Bruises on the Soul, we trained **656 lawyers, social workers, and teachers** with experience as well as future professionals from the ranks of **students** from around Slovakia.



# Drum Session

## Prevention, education and information campaigns

Drum Session is our regular fall event. In addition to many Slovak kindergartens, elementary schools and other entities, various organizations and institutions from Czech Republic participated in the event on 19 November 2021. For the first time ever, we managed to organize an event with international reach. Despite the unusual pandemic situation, more than 50,000 children and adults in more than 430 schools, organizations, foundations and companies were beating the drums across all of Slovakia and Czechia, from Sokolovo to Velké Kapušany. Schools, organizations, communities, companies, banks, foundations, the Band of the Castle Guards and the Police of the Czech Republic, as well as the Police of the Slovak Republic all took part. All of them were beating the drums in the name of the central idea of the event: silence cannot protect children from violence!

The 8th year of the nationwide drum session called "We beat the drums so that children can be heard more 2021" was held under the auspices of the President of the Slovak Republic, Zuzana Čaputová. Among the organizers of the Drum Session were Centrum Slniečko, n. o., National Coordination Centre for Resolving the Issues of Violence against Children, and Centrum LOCIKA, z. ú., Praha.



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## Prevention and Education Center EduCAN in numbers

In 2021, we strengthened the visibility of the topic of protection against violence in more than **300 media appearances** through interviews, articles, podcasts and press releases



# Lobbying – Partnerships



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If you work on change by yourself, it takes much longer. If you collaborate with others, you can motivate and energize them. In Centrum Slniečko we are truly excited to have been working for years now with active investigators, with whom we meet each quarter to work out common solutions and suggestions. Those include the intervention centers, or a legislative proposal prepared this year, that would introduce a new crime connected to domestic violence.

The meetings of representatives of various organizations active in the issue of violence and devising the Strategy focused on domestic violence

elimination, which was approved by the Nitra Self-Governing Region (NSR) were also quite important. This is the first adopted strategy aimed at domestic violence elimination during the term of NSR. Part of the strategy is training of professionals and future professionals, and cooperation, prevention and support of services for victims of domestic violence. NSR is currently the only self-governing region in Slovakia which supports women's shelter on Slovak territory to the fullest extent possible and accepts 24-hour nonstop expert social services. Thanks to the active effort of the Social Committee, the contribution for the advisor on services for families was successfully increased.

At the city level, Centrum Slniečko was actively involved in the conception of a community plan for Nitra that would take into consideration the experience and requirements from the field in the context of assistance to victims of domestic violence. The community plan includes increasing the number of facilities for victims of domestic violence to at least 7, as well as many other key goals strengthening prevention and counseling services for victims of domestic violence. In cooperation with the STORM organization, we put together the Strategy for Risk Behavior Solutions Focused on the Issues of Drug Use and Elimination of Domestic Violence, Violence Against Women and Children which was approved by the City Council of Nitra. The final strategy includes important education and prevention programs Kozmo and his Adventures, Kozmo at Home, Bruises on the Soul and others.

At the national level under the auspices of the President Zuzana Čaputová, we successfully pushed through the inclusion of intervention centers into the Act No. 274/2017 Coll. on Victims of Crime, thereby legislatively covering the cooperation of counseling

centers with the police in the context of the act of expulsion. It is significant that the ministry set aside financial resources for the operation of at least one intervention center in the region.

In 2021, we have strengthened existing partnerships and established new ones with universities, where we trained many students and teachers on the issue of maltreated and sexually abused children, appropriate and inappropriate approach to the issue, and elimination of secondary victimization. This includes the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Health Sciences and Social Work at Trnava University, and the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health Care at Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra.

We have also cooperated at expert level with the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic in commenting on the new curriculum proposal aimed at inclusive education and at promoting prevention, as well as prevention and education programs for teaching and professional staff, specifically in the topic of violence against and among children. Many of our comments have been taken into consideration.

Our expert potential has also been utilized in the expert team at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic focused on specialized training sessions, for example on the issue of CAN syndrome. At the end of the year, we were part of the evaluation of the new curriculum proposal, specifically for social work studies and the fulfillment of quality criteria for accreditation of social work studies at Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra. Our director, Mariana Kováčová, was part of the evaluation team.

CHAPTER

# Our Projects



# Projects

## Grants and Activities Performed in 2021

### Closer to Family – Closer to Children

Support duration: 10/2017 – 9/2023  
(interrupted from 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2020)

Donor: Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

Maximum total donation amount: €453,218.85

Amount spent in 2021: €48,902.80

Measures implemented for 110 clients (69 women and 41 men) – 44 adults and 66 children. Clients in 2021 were provided with 19.5 hours of outpatient counseling + 435.5 hours of field counseling + 23.5 hours of distance counseling + 296.5 hours of supporting activities + 1,496 hours of administration (reports, drafts, social reports etc.) + 126 hours of individual planning and diagnostics + 1,313.5 hours of education and social programs. Altogether in 2021 = 3,710.5 hours.

### Safe Space to Live

Support duration: 11/2021 – 10/2023

Donor: Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

Maximum total donation amount: €186,384.30

Amount spent in 2021: €7,928.81

Arranged rental housing with elements of housing first in 5 apartments in the city of Nitra (four 1-bedroom apartments, one 2-bedroom apartment), social counseling, housing assistance to clients, accompaniment of clients, individual planning, support activities (financial literacy, assistance in dealing with official matters, support, delegation, help with the exercise of rights and legally protected interests, debt identification and subsequent elimination, etc.) in the form of outpatient and field work for 5 women/mothers and 7 children (5 boys and 2 girls).

### National Project “Support for the Deinstitutionalization of Alternative Care III.”

Support duration: 8/2019 – 12/2022

Donor: Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic

Maximum total donation amount: €318,521.80

Amount spent in 2021: €26,323.33

Social and legal protection of children and social guardianship measures implemented by a street social worker to 15 children and 21 adults and measures, and daily assistance provided by a psychologist in the residential facility (Center for Children and Families) to 7 children a month on average.

### Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence

Support duration: 01/2021 – 12/2021

Donor: Government Office of the Slovak Republic

Maximum total donation amount: €55,006.00

Amount used in 2021: €50,359.91

Additional funding for the Counselling Service for Victims and Women's Safe House.

# Projects

## Grants and Activities Performed in 2021

### Subsidies for Accredited Entities

Support duration: 01/2021 – 12/2021  
Donor: Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic  
Total amount: €25,000.00  
Amount used in 2021: €24,820.00

Covering lawyer fees and partially the rent of the Counselling Service for Victims.

### Kozmo and his Adventures

Support duration: 6/2019 – 4/2023  
Donor: The Velux Foundation  
Total amount: €668,712.00  
Amount used in 2021: €145,826.83

Donor is the main partner of the Center of Prevention and Education EduCAN. Co-finances all preventive, educational and information activities and campaigns. In 2021, that included e-learning for 508 participants, Bruises on the Soul training for 794 professionals and students (future professionals), and training for the implementation of prevention program Kozmo and his Adventures for 38 participants. The program was completed in Slovakia for over 1,270 children in the previous year.

### No Bruises

Support duration: 09/2021 – 04/2022  
Donor: Open Society Foundation  
Maximum total donation amount: €83,408.00  
Amount used in 2021: €42,954.38

Implementation of experiential innovative trainings for 794 professionals and students (future professionals) in the topic of respect and violation of human rights in the context of gender equality. The launch and production of 20 episodes of our No Bruises podcast which altogether had 6,149 listens, and specialized Instagram account @bezmodrin with 1,386 followers. Visual and content redesign of our website www.bezmodrin.sk with traffic of 8,414 clicks and regular news in the form of interviews and articles.

### Kozmo and his Adventures

Support duration: 01/2021 – 10/2021  
Donor: C & A – COFRA Foundation  
Total amount: €3,389.50  
Amount used in 2021: €3,389.50 €

Co-financing the extension and editing of 9 animated videos for Kozmo and his Adventures.

### Development of Kozmo and his Adventures for Schools and Parents

Support duration: 1/1/2021 – 31/12/2021  
Donor: Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic  
Total amount: €37,600.00  
Amount used in 2021: €37,600.00

Shooting and editing 10 educational videos from the implementation of modules of the prevention program Kozmo and His Adventures. Shooting and editing of 3 Kozmo at Home II. webinars and development of educational and informational aids and materials. Release of a music album with 8 songs for children and 8 graphic videos. Co-financing of the extension and editing of 9 animated videos for Kozmo and his Adventures.

# Projects

## Grants and Activities Performed in 2021

### Support of K.'s family – mother with 5 children

Support duration: 03/2021 – 10/12/2021  
Donor: City of Nitra  
Total amount: €340.00  
Amount used in 2021: €340.00

Direct financial aid for a mother with 5 children to help cover rent costs.

### City Under the Stars

Support duration: 05/2021 – 11/2021  
Donor: City of Nitra  
Total amount: €4,418.00  
Amount used in 2021: €4,418.00

Helping children process the consequences of traumatic situations caused by violence through expressive methods – art therapy, music therapy as well as therapeutic effects of canine-assisted therapy and hippotherapy.

### Assistance to Victims During the Coronavirus Crisis

Support duration: 4/2020 – 3/2021  
Donor: Children of Slovakia Foundation  
Total amount: €5,000.00  
Amount used in 2021: €2,889.61

Counseling services, support, food and other kinds of material help for the whole duration of the project provided to 36 families (42 adults and 78 children), who found themselves in a crisis as a result of the pandemic.

### Support and Assistance for Children with CAN Syndrome Through Experiences, Feelings and Cognition

Support duration: 1. 7. 2020 – 31. 3. 2021  
Donor: Children of Slovakia Foundation  
Total amount: €6,020.00  
Amount used in 2021: €438.00

Securing regular support and therapeutic activities for maltreated and sexually abused children in our care, specifically – 14 hours of canine-assisted therapy, 35 hours of hippotherapy, 2 summer camps and purchase of creative tools.

### Freedom for Children on a Safe Courtyard

Support duration: 1/3/2021 – 31/8/2021  
Donor: Children of Slovakia Foundation  
Total amount: €1,500.00  
Amount used in 2021: €1,500.00

Garden renovation in one of the houses of our specialized Center for Children and Families - removal of unusable play elements, restoration of the campfire ring, seesaw and the garden shed. Planting a strawberry patch. Alteration of the terrain and incorporation of new sporting equipment such as a sandbox, a slide with stairs, and a miniature climbing wall.

# Projects

## Grants and Activities Performed in 2021

### Overcoming Violence Through Positive Experiences

Support duration: 1/7/2021 – 31/3/2022  
Donor: Children of Slovakia Foundation  
Total amount: €5,417.00  
Amount used in 2021: €5,417.00

Securing regular support and therapeutic activities for maltreated and abused children in our care, specifically – 8 hours of music therapy, 9 canine-assisted therapy sessions, each 1.5 hours long, 2 visits to a specialized farm involving taking care of the animals, a summer camp attendance, and purchasing of materials for music therapy implementation.

### Sporting Equipment for the Courtyard

Support duration: 1/10/2021 – 31/10/2021  
Donor: ZSE (through Pontis Foundation)  
Total amount: €1,200.00  
Amount used in 2021: €1,200.00

Purchase of a big trampoline, safely secured in the ground, and small play elements such as football goals or a sandbox.

### Stimulating Environment for Children

Support duration: 10/2021 – 7/2022  
Donor: Volkswagen Foundation  
Total amount: €3,500.00  
Amount used in 2021: €0.00

The project is currently being prepared, the implementation involves renovation of a children's room and additional furnishing of the common room expected to be carried out in 2022.

CHAPTER

# Conclusion



# Our supporters

## Support from ESF and ERDF budgets:

City of Nitra  
Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic  
Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic  
Nitra Self-Governing Region  
Government Office of the Slovak Republic

## Foundations – Grants – Support from NGOs:

CPF – Darujme.sk  
Ľudia ľuďom  
Nadácia C & A  
Nadácia Orange  
Nadácia Pontis  
Nadácia pre deti Slovenska  
The Velux Foundation  
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Across Private Investments, o.c.p.  
Airsoft Team Staf  
AT & T Global Network Services Slovakia  
Beautiful Charity, o.z. – Eva Charity Bazaar

Cirkevný zbor ECAV Nitra - Spoločenstvo evanjelických žien - jedna rodina  
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DHL – Nitra branch  
DM drogerie markt, s. r. o.  
EXXETA, s. r. o.  
Generali Poistovňa, a. s. (Generali Insurance Company)  
Ingvar - VRG Group, s. r. o.  
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Siemens, s. r. o.  
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**We would like to say thank you to all those helping in any shape or form to support our clients and the operation of our organization. Special thanks goes to all of our volunteers.**

# Our supporters

## State support for employees through the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

bonus for coronavirus quarantine – €2,343.00

subsidy for the 2nd wave of coronavirus – €17,398.68

reward – 2nd wave – €15,584.10

subsidy for vitamins for staff and clients in Women's Safe House and Counseling Service for Victims – €440.00

## Finančné neprojektové podpory

### Nadácia Orange 2020 overlapping with the year 2021

Christmas Fund 1 and Christmas Fund 2 – €20,000.00 and €2,000.00

€20,000.00 – direct financial support split among families with children affected by the pandemic // €6,490.00 given to families in 2020 and €13,510.00 in 2021

2 000 € used to cover administrative costs related to the implementation of provision of direct financial support for families with children

### Nadácia Orange 2021 overlapping with the year 2022

Christmas Fund 1 and Christmas Fund 2 – €10,000.00

direct financial assistance split among families affected by the pandemic // €6,500.00 given to families in 2021

### Nadácia Orange – €1,335.60

purchase of groceries and material contributions to families with children to lessen the consequences of the pandemic

### Soroptimist International Club Bratislava – €10,000.00

covering part of the rent costs for abused women integrating back to the community after staying in the Safe House shelter

**Eva Charity Bazaar – Beautiful Charity, o. z. – €3,300.00 + €2,500.00**  
the whole amount will be used in 2022

**UNIQA Group Service – €1,000.00**  
the whole amount will be used in 2022

**EXXETA, s. r. o. – 1 740 €**  
purchase of children's underwear, socks and tights for children of the victims of abuse for the whole year

**Across Private Investments, o.c.p. – €2,500.00 and Premium Star Hotels, a. s. – €2,500.00**

contribution to cover the cost of house insulation for one of the houses of the Center for Children and Families, the whole amount will be used in 2022

**DM** – since 2015, regular monthly credit of €100 worth of products for the needs of individual facilities

**Websupport** – since 2014, free hosting space for domains [www.bezmodrin.sk](http://www.bezmodrin.sk), [www.centrumslniecko.sk](http://www.centrumslniecko.sk), [www.kozmove-dobrodruzstva.sk](http://www.kozmove-dobrodruzstva.sk) and email addresses for Centrum Slniečko

**Orange, a. s. and Nadácia Orange** – since 2016, a discount for company phone plans with gradual increase of the discount value. The discount as of 10/2021 is 80% out of the phone plans' prize.

# Thank you!

# Volunteering and Collections

# Thank you!

Just as in 2020, COVID was not exactly inviting to direct volunteer activities in 2021 either. In spite of this, the year 2021 has seen 582 hours of direct help of 4 volunteers with various activities of our organization. Volunteers who helped with material and financial collections, who helped families, single parents with children, women and children in our care to overcome difficult and tense life periods, have been a huge support. We were helped by individual donors, groups, as well as neighbors who shared fruit and vegetables from their gardens with our children and mothers throughout the year, but also helped with needed clothing and shoes. Students from the Polytechnic Secondary Vocational School in Nitra helped one of our clients to paint her apartment. Dance School N Dance Company, Elementary School Farská, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, parents and pupils of the 2nd grade of Elementary

School Oponice, the Order of the Knights of St. Gorazd, employees of Dexis Slovakia, s. r. o., o. z. Kynderko, and Barger Prekom, s. r. o. all organized material collections in 2021 to support clients and children.

Members of Airsoft Team STAF have been filling the stockings for our children on Saint Nicholas Day for several years. This year, they were joined by members of Soroptimist International Club Bratislava and TERNÓ real estate, s. r. o.

Similar to previous years, all gifts from the Christmas lists were brought underneath all our Christmas trees in our facilities and in the field by the employees of Siemens, s. r. o., Generali Poist'ovňa, a. s., Skytoll, a. s., Lidl Slovenská republika, v. o. s., and Slovenské elektrárne, a. s., this time with additional presents from Vianoce z krabičky, venujradost.sk,

and children from the School Club in Veľká Lehota.

We would like to name all of our individual supporters and families, but GDPR makes it more than complicated. To all these people (and there were a lot of them in 2021) and for all their help, support and energy, we would like to express our gratitude and say a big THANK YOU!

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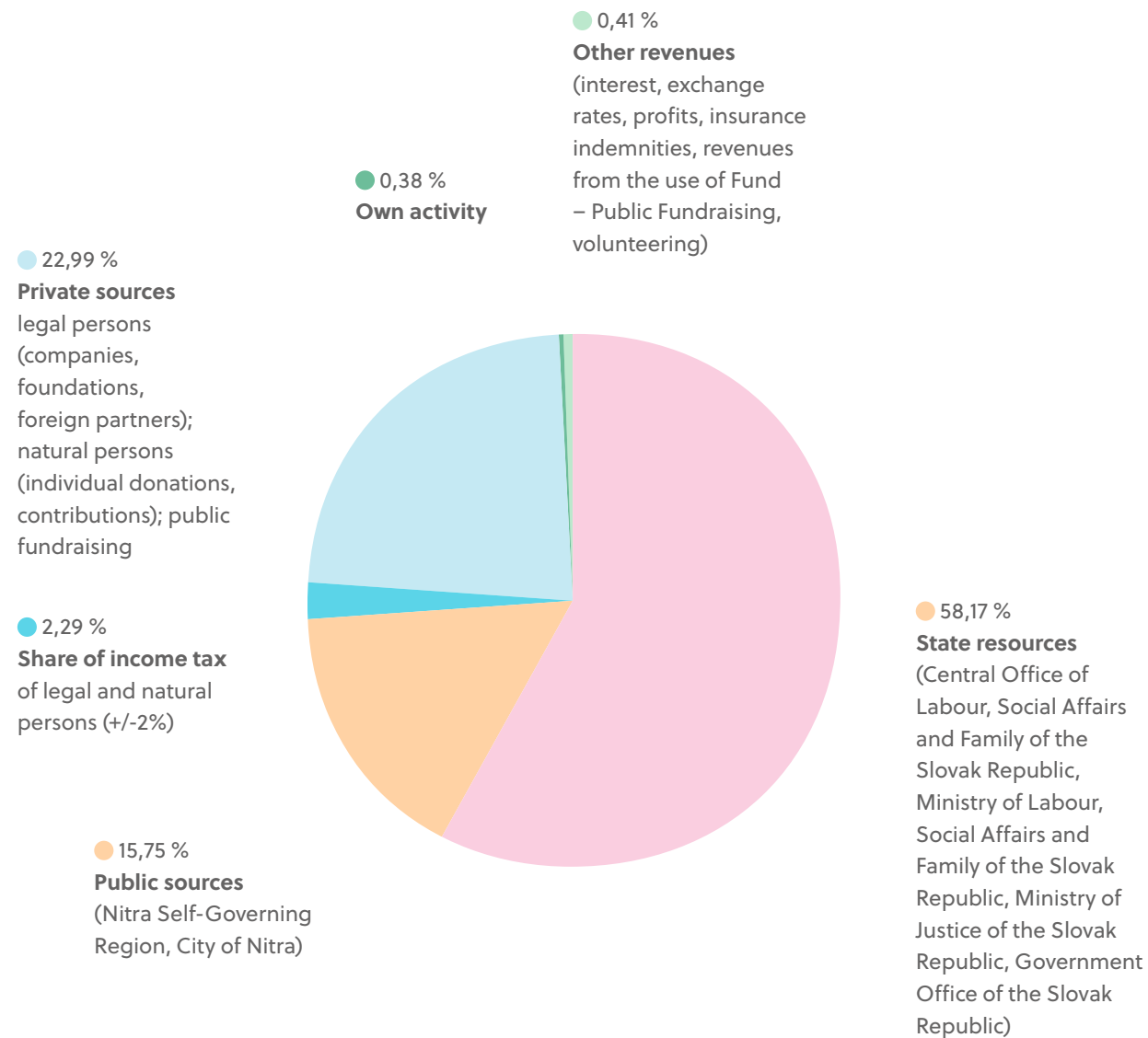
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# Economic Results

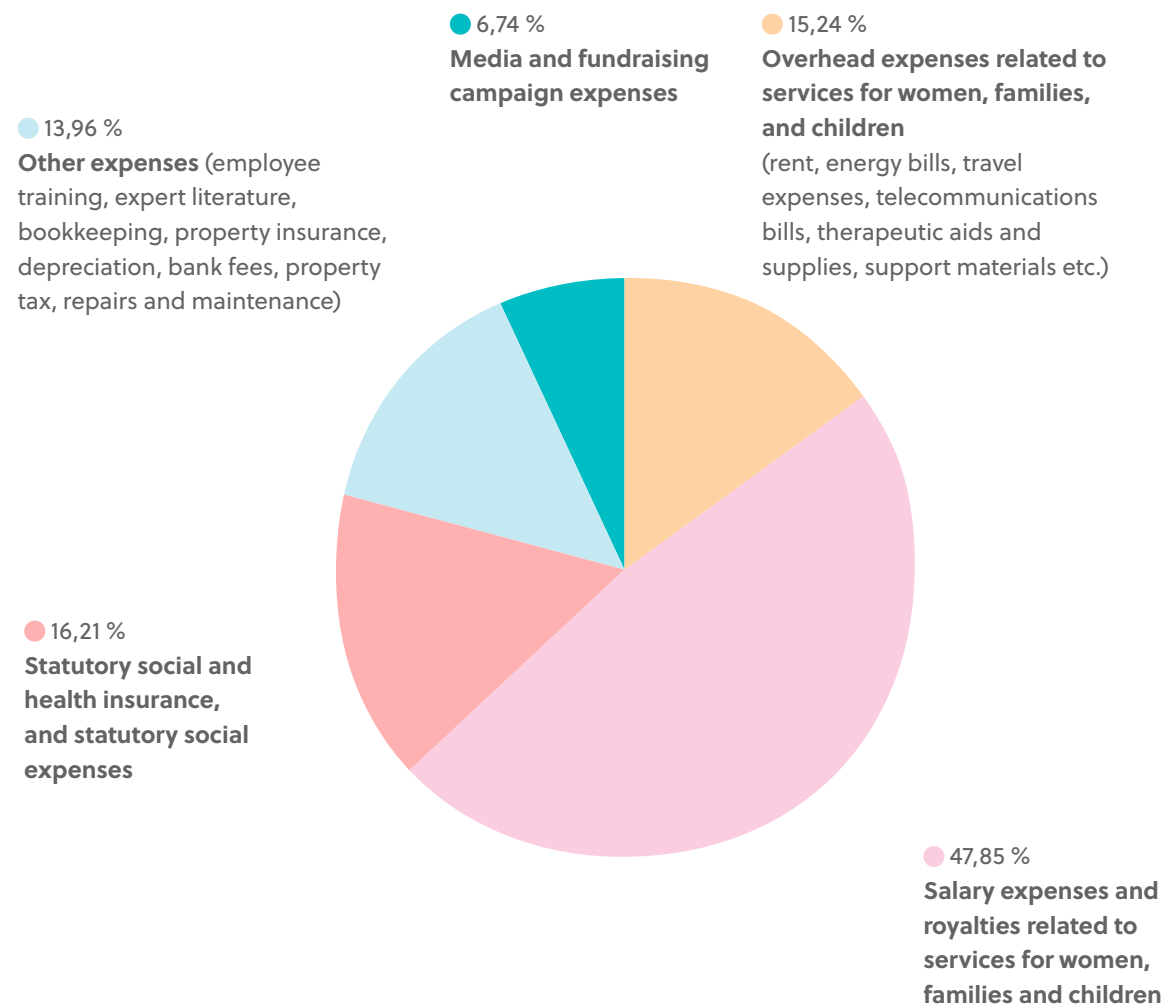
in 2021

## Revenues (in EUR)



The organization has not had any costs related to research and development. The organization performed its activities in such a manner as to eliminate any negative environmental impact. The organization has no organizational units abroad. In 2021, the organization did not acquire any business or other shares. The organization's activities do not affect employment changes. The organization has not identified any significant risks and uncertainties in its operation. The organization expects the future development of activities to be identical to the previous period and in accordance with the organization's statute – to achieve generally beneficial goals within the provision of social assistance in public's interest. No events of special significance occurred after the end of the accounting period.

## Expenses (in EUR)



# Profit and Loss Account

as of 31 December 2021

Účet	Náklady	Výnosy
*501 Material consumption	€51,214.00	
*502 Energy consumption	€27,685.00	
*511 Repairs and maintenance	€7,817.00	
*512 Travel expenses	€233.00	
*513 Representation expenses	€20.00	
*518 Other services	€201,956.00	
*521 Salary expenses	€562,375.00	
*524 Statutory social insurance and health insurance	€194,828.00	
*527 Statutory social expenses	€21,467.00	
*528 Other social expenses	€308.00	
*532 Property tax	€626.00	
*538 Other taxes and fees	€2,596.00	
*547 Special expenses	€11,045.00	
*549 Additional other expenses	€42,438.00	
*551 Depreciation of intangible and tangible fixed assets	€39,868.00	
*556 Fund creation	€1,291.00	
*563 Benefits provided to natural persons	€22,370.00	
*602 Revenues from sales of services		€7,205.00
*622 Activation of internal organizational services		€1,100.00
*644 Interest income		€28.00
*645 Exchange rate profit		
*646 Received donations		€3,202.00
*649 Additional other revenues		€2,580.00
*651 Revenues from sales of intangible and intangible fixed assets	€2,650.00	2 650,00 €
*656 Revenue from fund use		€347.00
*658 Revenue from property lease		€6,694.00
*662 Contributions received from other organizations		€270,425.00
*663 Contributions received from natural persons		€6,960.00
*665 Contributions from the share of paid tax		€11,356.00
*667 Contributions received from public fundraising		€1,537.00
*691 Subsidies		€874,517.00
<b>IN TOTAL</b>	<b>€1,188,137.00</b>	<b>1 188 601,00 €</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>		<b>464,00 €</b>

# Balance Sheet

as of 31 December 2021

účet		Aktíva	Pasíva
*021	Buildings	€169,018.00	
*022	Sets of movable assets	€558.00	
*023	Vehicles	€58,123.00	
*029	Other tangible fixed assets	€1,369.00	
*031	Land	€32,743.00	
*132	Goods	€9,671.00	
*211	Treasury	€2,956.00	
*221	Money to bank account	€312,907.00	
*314	Trade receivables	€1,094.00	
*315	Other receivables	€213,344.00	
*321	Trade payables		€3,219.00
*323	Short-term provisions		€7,135.00
*325	Other short-term liabilities		€860.00
*326	Uninvoiced payables		€8,417.00
*331	Employee payables		€8,417.00
*335	Employee receivables	€1,821.00	
*346 and *348	Receivables due to financial relations with the state budget and the budget of regional self-government	656 315,00 €	
*378	Other receivables	€140.00	
*379	Additional other receivables		€400.00
*381	Deferred expenses	€2,743.00	
*384	Deferred revenue		€1,331,344.00
*385	Accrued revenue	€3,752.00	
*411	Capital stock		€112,100.00
*412	Monetary funds created under special regulations		€1,237.00
*428	Outstanding economic outturn of previous years		€ -6,281.00
*431	Economic outturn account for the accounting period		€464.00
*472	Social fund liabilities		€4,881.00
	IN TOTAL	1 466 564,00 €	1 466 564,00 €



# Auditor's Report

Confirmation of compliance



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## Správa k ďalším požiadavkám zákonov a iných právnych predpisov

### Správa k informáciám, ktoré sa uvádzajú vo výročnej správe

Štatutárny orgán je zodpovedný za informácie uvedené vo výročnej správe, zostavenej podľa požiadaviek zákona o účtovníctve. Náš vyššie uvedený názor na účtovnú závierku sa nevzťahuje na iné informácie vo výročnej správe.

V súvislosti s auditom účtovnej závierky je našou zodpovednosťou oboznámenie sa s informáciami uvedenými vo výročnej správe a posúdenie, či tieto informácie nie sú vo významnom nesúlade s auditovanou účtovnou závierkou alebo našimi poznatkami, ktoré sme získali počas auditu účtovnej závierky, alebo sa inak zdajú byť významne nesprávne.

Posúdili sme, či výročná správa Neziskovej organizácie obsahuje informácie, ktorých uvedenie vyžaduje zákon o účtovníctve.

Na základe prác vykonaných počas auditu účtovnej závierky, podľa nášho názoru:

- informácie uvedené vo výročnej správe zostavenej za rok 2021 sú v súlade s účtovnou závierkou za daný rok,
- výročná správa obsahuje informácie podľa zákona o účtovníctve.

Okrem toho, na základe našich poznatkov o účtovnej jednotke a situácii v nej, ktoré sme získali počas auditu účtovnej závierky, sme povinní uviesť, či sme zistili významné nesprávnosti vo výročnej správe, ktorú sme obdržali pred dátumom vydania tejto správy audítora. V tejto súvislosti neexistujú zistenia, ktoré by sme mali uviesť.

25. marca 2022



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