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The Sun Center, n. g. o.

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

For 25 years, we have been helping children, women, and families find safety.

Foreword by the Director

The year 2025 was an exceptional one for the Sun Centre. In January, we commemorated 25 years since the founding of the organization, which was born from a simple but powerful idea - so that children can grow up in safety and so that women experiencing violence and families in crisis are not left without help.
We celebrated this milestone symbolically – with an art exhibit of children's works. The children, specifically, are the reason why the Sun Centre was founded and why it still exists today. Their drawings and stories reminded us once again of how important it is to create a space where they can be heard, protected and supported.

This year, we have managed to help many children, women and families who were going through difficult times. Our experts have provided thousands of hours of professional assistance, support and guidance. In addition to direct assistance, we have also continued in prevention, education of experts and public discussions on the topics of violence, child safety and family support.

Allow me to be personal for a moment. While reading the materials for the annual report, I remembered the very beginnings. The time when everything was just an idea and a belief that helping children and families had meaning. I thought about how difficult the journey had been, and that if I had stopped believing then and given up after the first obstacles, the Sun Center would not be here today. And perhaps many children, women and families would have been left without help in their stories.

Fortunately, this did not happen – also thanks to the wonderful people who walked this path with the centre. Some for many years, some for a certain amount of time, but each one left a mark on the stories of help that we create today.

I am extremely proud that we have built an innovative, functional system of assistance, support and prevention. Thank you to everyone who believes that protecting children, women and helping families makes sense – our colleagues, partners, supporters and everyone who stands by us.

MARIANA KOVACOVA



About us

FOR 25 YEARS, WE HAVE STOOD BY CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND FAMILIES SEEKING SAFETY.

WE HELP CHILDREN, WOMEN AND FAMILIES NAVIGATE DIFFICULT LIFE SITUATIONS AND FIND SAFETY, SUPPORT AND NEW HOPE.

The non-profit organization Centrum Slniečko, n. g. o., operates with the aim of contributing to the creation of a safer environment for children, women and families, along with building a society without violence. It fulfills its mission mainly by providing accessible and comprehensive professional services for children at risk of violence, victims of domestic and gender-based violence and families in crisis situations. Since its establishment in 2000, the organization has become a stable and reliable place of help for those facing violence, sexual abuse or other serious life circumstances.

The Sun Centre, n. g. o. provides protection, support and professional assistance to people who are often in immediate danger due to violence. In addition to immediate intervention, it also pays important attention to preventive activities. The organization's goal is to prevent violence through awareness-raising, education and support for creating a safe environment for children and families. When providing services, we emphasize individual approach and respect for the needs and situation of each child, woman or family. The organization's professional team works with a high level of professionalism, empathy and responsibility. We believe that every person has the right to live in safety and without fear. Our intention is not only to help overcome difficult times, but also to support clients in restoring stability, strengthening their own resources and leading a life free from violence.

The Sun Centre, n. g. o. has been working for a long time to improve and expand its services, especially in the areas of prevention and education. Despite ongoing challenges, our motivation remains the vision of a safer future for all who have experienced or are still facing violence.

Our values

TRUST,
DIGNITY,
PROFESSIONALISM

SAFETY,
HUMANITY,
RESPONSIBILITY

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Memberships and Partnerships

MEMBERSHIP IN:

Coalition for Children Slovakia, Committee for Children and Youth under the Government Council, Association of Crisis Centers

PARTNERSHIPS:

Trnava University in Trnava – cooperation in the educational, consulting and scientific research areas.

Regional Police Directorate in Nitra – cooperation in the training of police officers on the issue of domestic violence and increasing their competences in this area.

LOCIKA Center, registered office, Prague and the National Coordination Center for Addressing Violence Against Children (organiz. part of the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic) – cooperation in organizing the Slovak-Czech drumming event "We drum to make sure the children are heard 2025", November 19, 2025.

Constantine the Philosopher University, Faculty of Social Sciences and Health, Nitra – cooperation in the field of education focused on CAN, CSA syndrome, in the implementation of student internships and volunteering.

City of Nitra – partnership in implementing the expansion of the capacity of the Women's Safe House through the project "Women's Safe House - a step towards a life without violence". Partnership in organizing the Drumming session in Nitra, implementing SPODaSK (socio-legal protection of children and social care) measures in the city of Nitra and resolving cases of domestic violence and families in crisis.

Blue Dot COMIN (contact point for all foreigners arriving and living in Nitra) – a partnership in providing assistance in the area of counseling, support and assistance to women and mothers with children, and children in crisis situations coming from Ukraine.

Facilities of the Sun Centre

ABUSED AND SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN



Children's Crisis Center Slniečko (CCCS)

CCCS is a specialized residential facility designed to implement a professional program aimed at preventing the emergence, worsening and recurrence of crisis situations in children - victims of abuse, sexual abuse or other forms of violence. At the same time, it provides professional measures to assess the degree of threat to the child and protects their psychological, physical and social development. CCCS is one of four specialized residential facilities in Slovakia and it has nationwide coverage. It was the first in Slovakia.

How do we help?

Professional measures are implemented based on a specialized program and include:

- social work,
- psychological assistance and diagnostics,
- special pedagogical care,
- other professional interventions

Part of the care also includes providing leisure, sports, cultural and recreational activities and creating space for the natural needs of children, including spiritual life.

As part of professional interventions, we used:

- elements of music therapy,
- sensory stimulation,
- art therapy,
- animotherapy - canistherapy with Queen and hedgehog therapy with Istria.

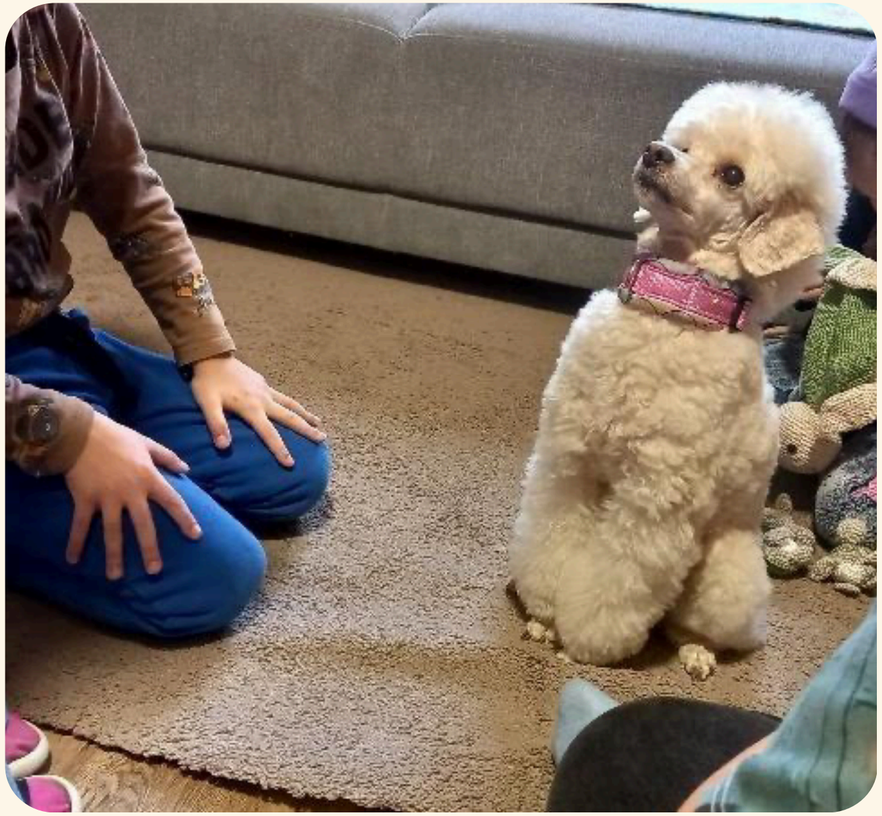


The aim of the provided measures of social and legal protection of children and social guardianship is to protect the rights and best interests of the child, stabilize their situation and prevent further threat or worsening of the consequences of violence. An important part of the work is also professional support for the family, aimed at rehabilitating the family environment and creating conditions for the child's safe return or placement with extended family.

Who are we helping?

- **children –** victims of abuse and sexual exploitation or children in whom there is a serious suspicion of violence, most often between the ages of 3 and 14,
- **Non-abusive family members** (parents, grandparents, siblings), if it is in the best interest of the child.

Residence measures are implemented with the agreement of the parent or person caring for the child, at the child's request, or on the basis of a court decision.



Who is helping?

Multidisciplinary team:

- social workers,
- psychologists,
- special educators,
- educators,
- other professional staff

In resolving the situation, we also cooperate with external experts and institutions (the Headquarters of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, schools, healthcare facilities, counseling centers, law enforcement agencies, and others).

In 2025, we at CCCS provided professional assistance and care to a total of 20 children, 8 of whom were accepted into care during the year.

Children in the care of CCCS in 2025				
	in CCCS from 2024		adopted in 2025	
physical abuse	2	6	2	5
psychological abuse	3	9	2	5
sexual abuse	1	4	1	2
trafficking		1		
	3	9	3	5

Only exceptionally is a child the victim of only one form of violence; most often it is a combination of several forms.
Of the 20 children who received care at CCCS in 2025:

- 19 children experienced psychological abuse,
- 15 children physical abuse,
- 8 children were sexually abused,
- 1 child was trafficked.

It is essential that after the end of the stay, the child is provided with a safe, non-abusive and cruelty-free environment. Despite the intensive work of the CCCS team with the children and their families, out of the 11 children whose care was terminated, only 4 children were able to safely return to their original families. For 7 children, return was not possible because no member of the immediate or extended family could provide a safe and protective environment. After the end of the crisis intervention and professional care in connection with the CAN syndrome, these children were entrusted by the competent courts to the care of regular CCFs (Centres for Children and Families). However, it is important to note that the children were stabilized.

Projects and activities at CCCS in 2025

In addition to therapeutic activities, it is extremely important for children who have experienced abuse or sexual exploitation to gain positive experiences. Therefore, at CCCS we place great emphasis on leisure and creative activities that promote joy, skill development and social bonds. Throughout the year, children had the opportunity to:

- engage in creative activities – painting, drawing, cutting, glueing, etc.
- develop sports and physical skills – cycling, hiking, ball games, skating in the park at Sihot and on the ice rink in Nitra,



- attend exhibitions, cinema and other cultural events,
- experience swimming pools and aquaparks – Podhájska, Palárikovo, Aquapark Poľný Kesov with the Toboggan Tower,
- take part in tourist trips and summer camps, including a visit to the Bojnice Zoo and the Kremnické Gagy humor and satire festival, where they also practiced communicating with artists in a foreign language;
- participate in a carnival and a summer-day camp in cooperation with the Marian Youth Association. As part of educational activities, we taught the children responsibility - they participated in the care and maintenance of greenery and vegetable growing in raised beds, from which they prepared various delicacies.



In 2025**, the Children's Crisis Centre Slniečko** was co-financed by the budget of the Headquarters of Labour, Social Affairs and Family as well as by grants and contributions from private donors and supporters.

Facilities of the Sun Centre

FAMILIES IN CRISIS



Intervention Center for Families (ICfF)

ICfF provides professional assistance to families in difficult life situations and to children whose safety and healthy development are at risk. It focuses mainly on families at risk of social exclusion, long-term crisis or families that have lost the ability to solve their problems independently. Part of its activities also includes the protection of children at risk of CAN syndrome – children exposed to physical or psychological violence, sexual abuse, growing up in a violent environment or children who are at risk of experiencing such situations. ICfF implements measures of social legal protection of children and social guardianship based on valid accreditation in accordance with Act No. 305/2005 Coll. and operates throughout the Slovak Republic, but to a greater extent, especially in the Nitra Self-Governing Region.

The aim is to prevent the deepening of crises in families, protect the rights of children and provide them and their parents with comprehensive and long-term support, focusing on stabilizing the family environment, strengthening parenting skills and creating safe conditions for the healthy development of children.

In 2025, measures were implemented through the social diagnostics program **"What's the problem?"** and the intervention and rehabilitation programs **"My Family"** and **"Intervention and Rehabilitation Program"**.

In 2025, ICfF provided long-term social counseling to:

- 73 families, a total of 224 people,
- 125 children,
- 99 adults.

How do we implement our sub-programs?

- outpatient
- in the field - directly in the natural environment of families, in substitute family care and in premises designated for the implementation of measures

The ICfF expert team works in four autonomous teams and, thanks to service vehicles, ensures accessible and flexible assistance, especially in the field. ICfF expert staff carried out a total of 820 field trips and provided more than 10,000 hours of professional work. This included direct work with families, communication with cooperating institutions, creation of individual plans and maintenance of professional documentation.

How did the families come to us?

- recommendations of the Headquarters of Labour, Social Affairs and Family,
- of their own initiative,
- in cooperation with City of Nitra,
- They have already used the services of the Sun Centre, n.g.o. in the past, and are currently dealing with a crisis situation.

The most common problems we solved:

- domestic violence and its long-term consequences,
- weakened parental competences,
- disrupted relationships between parents and children,
- unfavorable social situation,
- housing problems,
- educational difficulties in children.

ICfF activities and projects in 2025

Helping families would not be possible without the support of donors, partners and supporters. Thanks to their help, we were able to provide families with basic food, hygiene and cleaning supplies, school supplies and Christmas gifts for children in 2025. In cooperation with partners, we also managed to implement several meaningful projects and activities that contributed to the stabilization of families and strengthening of their own resources.



Project Prevention in the fight against violence II.

During 2025, we at ICfF implemented a preventive program aimed at creating a safe and supportive environment for children and elementary school students in the city of Nitra.



The aim of the program was to strengthen friendly relations between students, develop cooperation, promote a negative attitude towards violence and risky behavior, and provide professional support as part of secondary prevention.

How did we implement it?

Through 30 creative workshops at selected elementary schools, attended by 212 children. We implemented:

- creative and interactive activities,
- professional interventions and consultations,
- activities aimed at supporting emotional expression through art, drawing, music and working with art materials.

Special attention was paid to at-risk children. Professionals also provided consultations, interventions, interviews and supervision in cases of suspected bullying and other forms of risk-raising behavior. The program contributed to the development of children's social and communication skills, strengthening self-esteem, respect for others, the ability to cooperate, tolerate differences and assertively reject inappropriate behavior. The positive impact was also reflected in improved group dynamics and interpersonal relationships in the classrooms.

An important result was the increased awareness among students and teaching staff about the potential of identifying and solving bullying, violence and other socio-pathological phenomena, as well as early detection of problematic behaviors and the introduction of appropriate interventions.



Based on feedback from students and teachers, it can be stated that the program fulfilled its purpose. The space for open discussion, the opportunity to ask questions, and obtaining information about available help were particularly appreciated. Teachers assessed the program as beneficial in terms of better orientation in risk-rasing behavior and obtaining practical recommendations for working with students.

The group form of preventive work made it possible to reach a larger number of children and effectively support classroom groups. At the same time, it is a financially effective method of support that helps prevent the emergence of more serious problems requiring later, more complex interventions.

Family Day in Nitra

We participated in the Family Day event in Nitra, which took place in Park pod Borinou and in the Nitra-Klokočina parish. At station no. 7, the ICfF expert team prepared a program full of games and creative activities for children and entire families.
In a playful and interactive way, the participants had the opportunity to get acquainted with the activities of the Slniečko Centre. At the same time, the emphasis was placed on strengthening positive values, the importance of family, quality relationships and mutual support. The program helped create a pleasant atmosphere and encouraged parents to spend time with their children.

Series of day trips with Kozmo



For the third year in a row, the ICfF team prepared a series of daily trips for children in the care of the Sun Centre, aimed at supporting their psychological well-being and social inclusion. Through sports and physical activities, such as ball games, cycling and skating, the children had the opportunity to experience the joy of movement, make new friends and engage in regular leisure activities in a safe environment under the supervision of experts.

Over four summer days, children had a space to spend their free time actively, release tension, and process negative emotions. The activities strengthened their self-confidence and self-worth, developed their social skills, and supported their overall psychological and emotional development.

Mental Health Month in Nitra

In 2025, ICfF actively participated in co-organizing a series of community events, in which the city of Nitra, in cooperation with civic associations and organizations, highlighted the importance of mental health care.

The ICfF expert team implemented an interactive workshop entitled **"How to Manage Stressful Situations"**, aimed at developing the ability to manage stress and emotional baggage. Participants received basic information about the impact of stress on the body and had the opportunity to try out stabilizing and calming techniques.

The workshop was intended for women - mothers who experienced domestic violence. The program also focused on applying the acquired techniques in everyday life and when working with children, especially in situations of heightened tension or strong emotions. The activity contributed to strengthening participants' psychological resilience and supporting their parenting skills.

Cooperation with the academic environment and non-formal education



ICfF has long been developing its activities externally to support the spread of awareness and informal education in the fields of social work and assistance to victims of domestic violence. In 2025, it actively cooperated with the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra.

UKF students were provided with a space to carry out professional practice directly in our organization, where they had the opportunity to gain practical experience in contact with clients and become familiar with the real functioning of social services. In addition to individual practices, a collective practice was held as well, in which all students from all years participated.

This cooperation contributes to connecting theory with practice, increasing the professional competences of future social workers, and spreading awareness about working with families in crisis and victims of domestic violence.

The Family Intervention Center is an accredited workplace of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Slovak Republic and in 2025 was co-financed by the Slovak Headquarters of Labour and Social Affairs, the Slovak Headquarters of Labour and Social Affairs of the Slovak Republic (a project co-financed by the European Union under the Slovakia Program), the Nitra Self-Governing Region, the City of Nitra, and public and private grants and contributions from private donors and supporters.

Facilities of the Slniečko Center

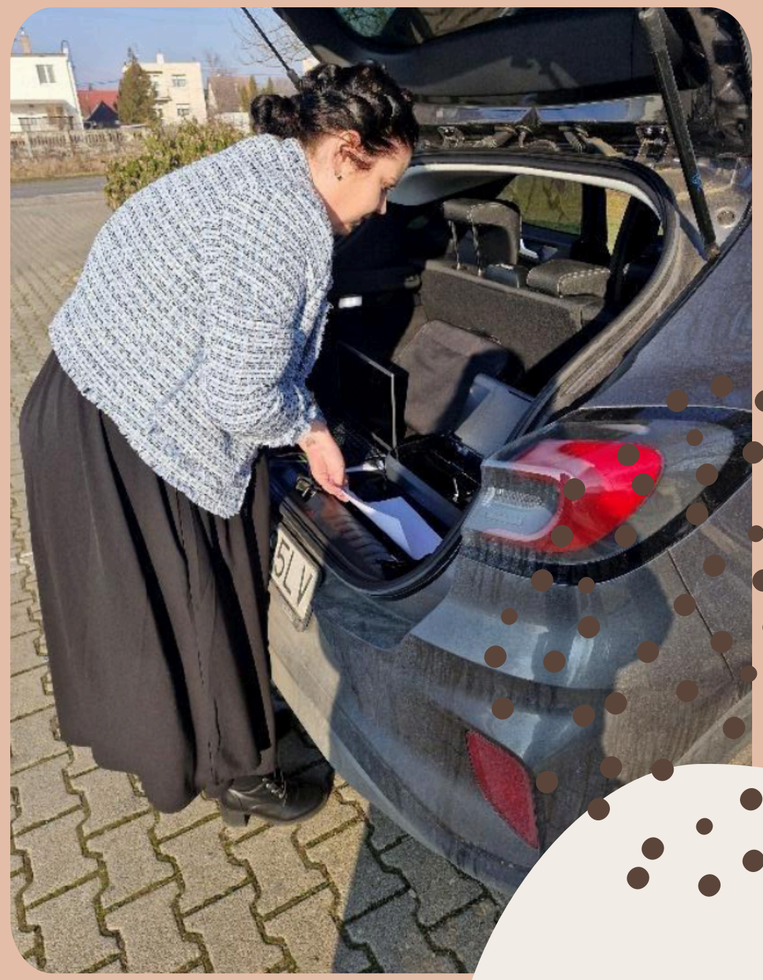
VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



Center for Victims of Domestic Violence (CfVDV)

It forms a complex structure of specialized professional services aimed at helping women who experience violence in intimate partner relationships and victims of domestic violence. The CfVDV includes:

- Victim Counseling Center with Intervention Center (Victim Counseling Center with IC)
- Women's Safe House (WSH)
- Housing First – affordable housing program



Counseling for IC victims

The counseling center is an accredited workplace in coordination with Act No. 274/2017 Coll. on victims of crime and on amendments and supplements to certain acts, which operates as an intervention center for the Nitra Self-Governing Region. The largest part of the IC's activities consists of providing professional services to persons threatened by violence after the implementation of the expulsion institute. Members of the Police Force who implement the expulsion are obliged to inform the relevant intervention center within 24 hours. The IC subsequently contacts the person threatened by domestic violence within 72 hours. In 2025, the police delivered 84 expulsion notifications to us.

The counseling center also focuses on providing crisis intervention. In 2025, we worked with **137 new and outside-of-expulsion clients.**

After the initial crisis intervention, we provide comprehensive professional assistance in the form of outpatient, distance and field counseling. We provide clients with social, legal and psychological counseling.

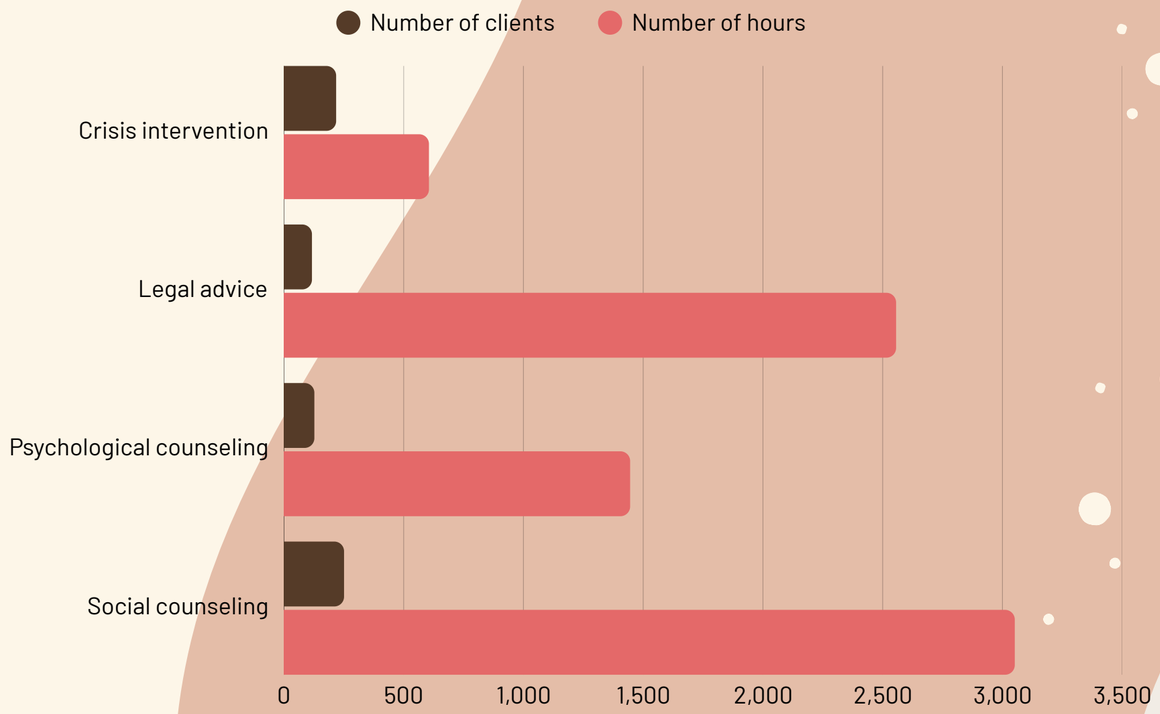
Our services also include active support in criminal proceedings, either by representing the victim based on a power of attorney pursuant to Section 53 of the Criminal Procedure Code, or by acting as a representative pursuant to Section 48a of the Criminal Procedure Code. We also provide legal assistance in legal matters outside of criminal proceedings related to expulsion orders.

However, violence does not end with the end of the calendar year, so we provide support to clients for as long as they need it. In 2025, we continued to work **with 117 clients from previous years.**

Counseling in 2025 in numbers

Total number of clients	Interventions in the event of the implementation of the institution of expulsion	Interventions in cases where expulsion was not carried out
326	84	137

Advice provided



We spent 589 hours in the field.

Activities in the Counseling Center in 2025

In 2025, three meetings were held with the Nitra Regional Police Directorate to improve cooperation in the context of the application of the expulsion act institute. During the meetings, we shared examples of good practice in cooperation and jointly sought constructive solutions to further improve its effectiveness.





The expert team of the Counseling Center was approached by the District Directorate of the Police of Bratislava V in November 2025 with the aim of presenting our activities and expanding the possibilities of cooperation in providing comprehensive assistance to victims of domestic violence and women experiencing violence. We realize that only through joint efforts can we provide high-quality and coordinated assistance and protection to persons at risk of domestic violence.

Women's Safe House (WSF)

WSF is a facility providing professional and comprehensive assistance to women and their children who experience domestic violence or are exposed to violence in romantic and family relationships. The facility provides them with protection, a safe and anonymous environment, and professional support with the aim of stabilizing their psychological, social, and life situation.

During their stay, the following services are provided to clients and their children:

- safe and anonymous accommodation,
- crisis intervention,
- individual and group psychological counseling,
- social counseling,
- basic legal advice,
- assistance in resolving official, legal and social matters,
- preventive activities aimed at preventing the recurrence of violence,
- supportive and therapeutic interventions aimed at strengthening personal and parental competencies.



Activities for clients and children

Leisure and integration activities:

- trips to nature and the surrounding area,
- community and sports activities,
- social and cultural events,
- thematic activities on the occasion of calendar holidays and important life events.

Therapeutic, educational and developmental activities:



- music therapy, art therapy, occupational therapy and movement therapy,
- activities with therapeutic elements aimed at processing traumatic experiences,
- programs to develop parenting skills,
- educational activities focused on financial literacy,
- development of work and digital skills (working with a PC, orientation in the labor market),
- supporting children in preparing for school and fulfilling school obligations,
- professional activities with a special educator.

Professional development of employees

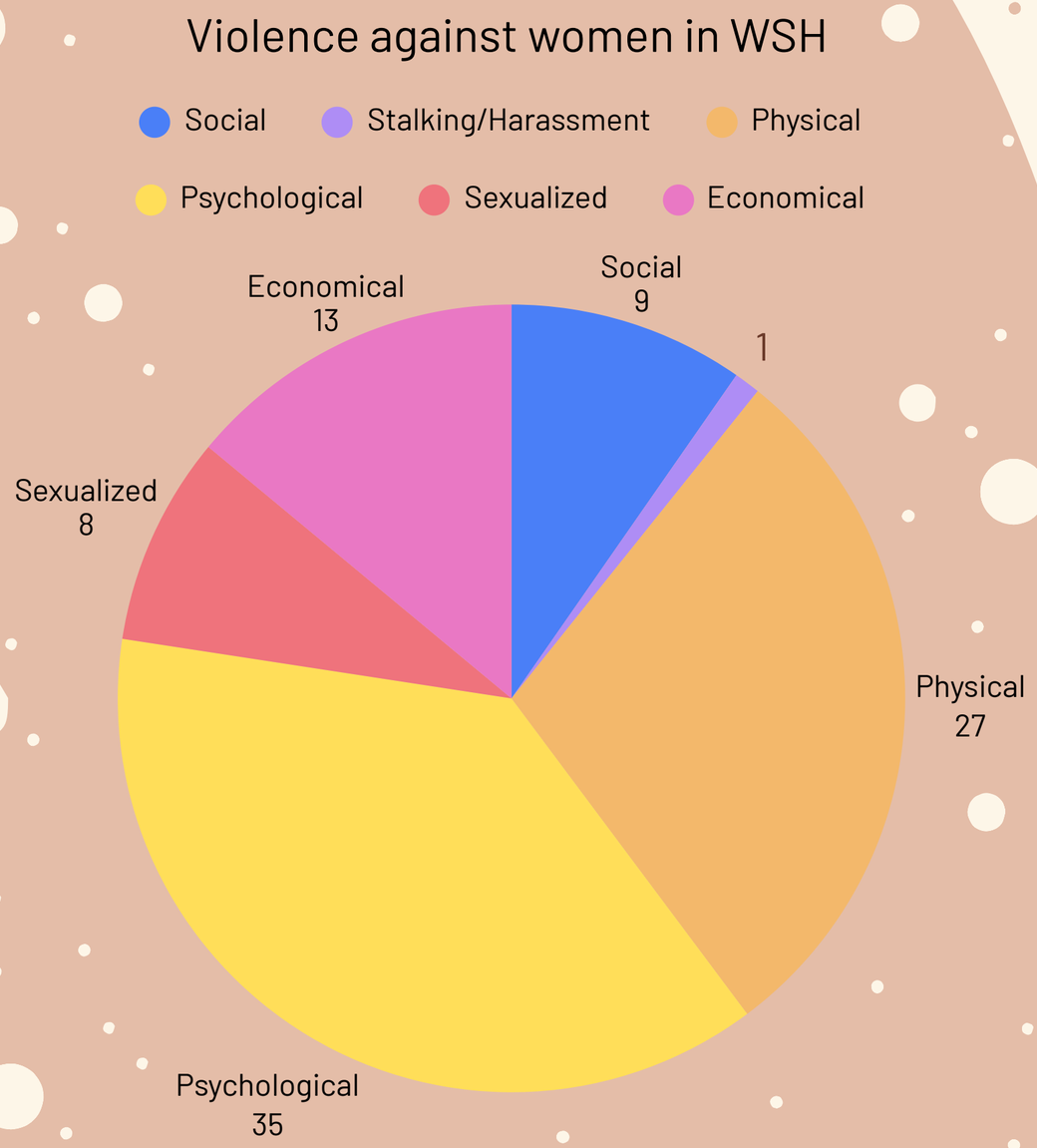
- regular professional supervision throughout the year,
- participation in professional seminars, training and further education focused on the issue of domestic violence and crisis intervention.

WSF in numbers

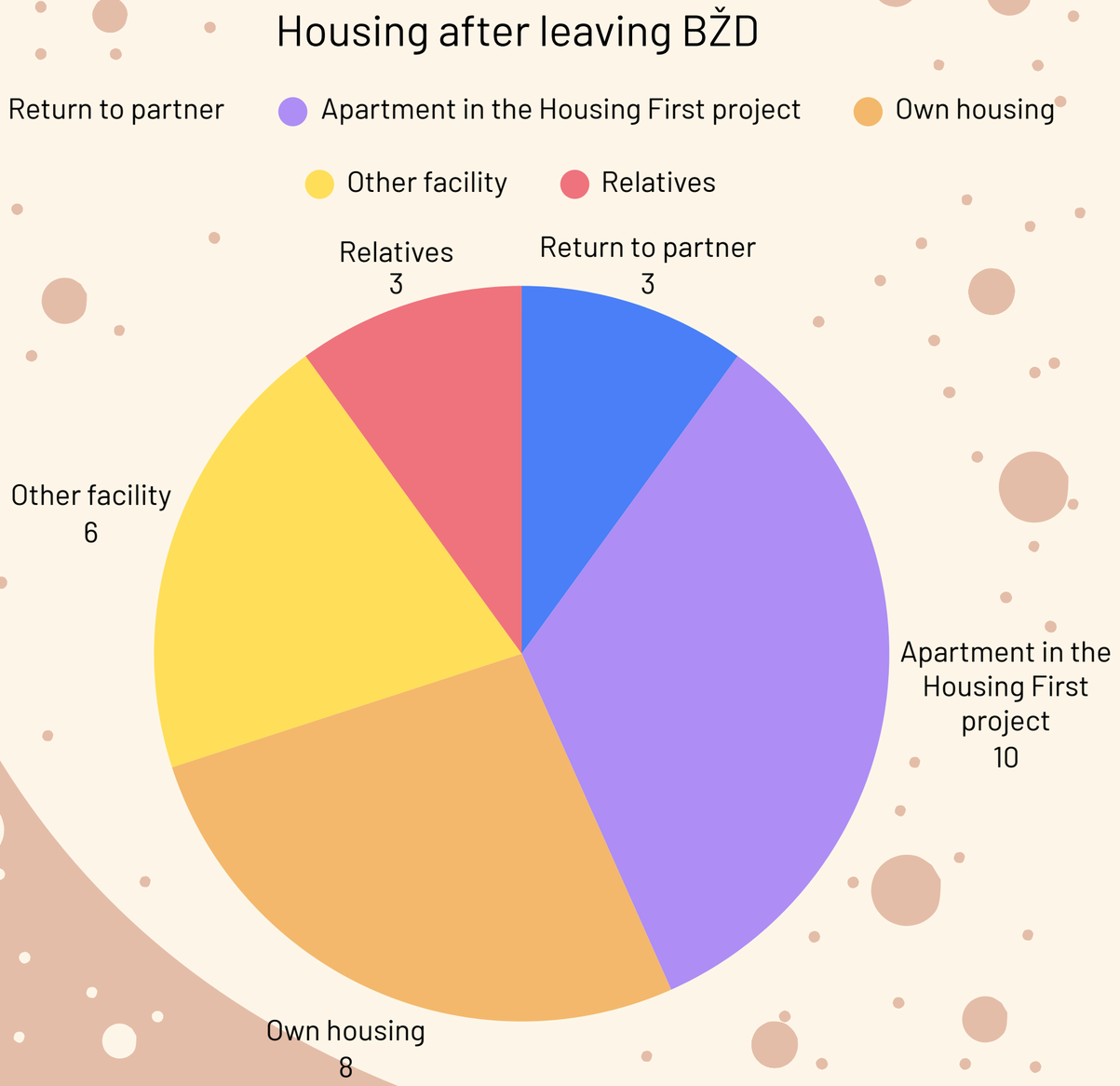
In 2025, WSF provided safety, assistance and support to 36 women and 46 children (26 girls and 20 boys). We provided **171 interventions** on the **crisis line 0905 511 512 in 2025**.

Forms of violence against children in the WSF:

- 46 as a witness to violence.



In 2025, within the framework of WSF, we provided various forms of support for women and their children after the end of the crisis intervention:



Housing First – affordable housing program

The Housing First program for women experiencing violence and their children is based on the principle of housing as the first step in protecting victims of domestic violence. It is based on the belief that safe and stable housing is one of the basic conditions for ending violence, stabilizing women's living situations, and protecting their children.
The program provides immediate, safe housing for a predetermined period, usually after a stay at a Women's Safe House or another crisis facility (however, this experience is not a requirement for inclusion in the program). It allows clients to obtain longer-term housing on the basis of a rental agreement, thereby preventing them from being forced to remain in an abusive relationship due to a lack of housing.

What do we provide besides housing?

Intensive professional support from the HF expert team:

- social counseling,
- assistance with settling in,
- guidance in resolving life situations,
- individual approach,
- support in communication with landlords, care of apartments.

Part of the approach is respecting women's autonomy and supporting their independence in accordance with their current life situation and their needs.

In 2025, through the program, we managed to mediate housing in 9 rental apartments in the city of Nitra, where a total of 18 women and 17 children lived. Thanks to the support of the "Home without Violence" project, we were able to cover more than half of the clients' rent. Of the total number of clients involved, 8 women successfully completed the program, became independent, and secured their own housing without further support.

We consider safe housing to be a basic human need and an important prerequisite for a dignified life. It brings a sense of security, protection and stability, which are essential for recovery from experiences of violence and for the healthy development of children. Our goal is to create conditions so that women and their children can start a new stage of life in safety and without fear.

In 2025, the Center for Victims of Domestic Violence and its individual components were co-financed from the budget of the Self-gov. region Nitra, the City of Nitra, the Headquarters of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (a project co-financed by the European Union within the Slovakia Program), the Ministry of Justice 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.

Education, Prevention and Awareness



The No Bruises Platform – Education and Prevention Center

In 2025, the No Bruises platform continued its systematic and long-term work in the field of violence prevention, education of professionals, both the professional and lay public, and support for children, parents and other vulnerable groups. Our activities continued from previous years and focused on strengthening the sense of safety, raising awareness about violence, and supporting healthy relationships in society.

Information and educational portal No Bruises

The interactive informational and educational portal www.bezmodrin.sk recorded more than 27,000 visits in 2025. The portal was continuously updated with new professional articles, interviews and information material focused on the issue of violence against children, women and other vulnerable groups, as well as on the prevention of violence and coping with difficult life situations. During 2025, 17 new professional articles were added to the portal, reflecting current social topics and bringing diverse professional perspectives from the fields of psychology, social work, education, healthcare, and human rights protection.

Educational portal and interactive educational modules

In 2025, the educational portal No Bruises consisted of 12 interactive modules intended for current and future professionals in the fields of teaching, education, psychology, social work, training, healthcare, and other helping professions.
In 2025, the following educational modules were available on the platform:

- Kozmo and his adventures preventive program
- CAN syndrome
- Procedures for helping children with suspected CAN syndrome
- Domestic violence
- Gender-based violence

- Sexually abused child
- Psychologically abused child
- Psychological safety of children and youth in sports
- Safe touches in sports
- Domestic violence and seniors
- Domestic violence and LGBTI+ people
- Religious fanaticism, sects and domestic violence



92 participants were trained through **online** educational modules in 2025. At the same time, they could also register for **specialized training** through the portal, **Children's Drawing - Specific Signs in the Context of Experienced Violence**, which was completed by **104 participants** in 2025.

Kozmo and His Adventures preventive program

In 2025, we trained 55 experts (pedagogues, psychologists, social workers and other professionals working with children) throughout Slovakia, who, after completing the training, will be able to independently implement the preventive program Kozmo and His Adventures. The program was implemented in 2025 with more than 6,000 children throughout Slovakia.

Strong Parents Project

In 2025, we implemented the Strong Parents project, which was based on our long-term work with families in crisis situations. The project aimed to strengthen the perception of the family as a safe and supportive environment for children and to highlight the importance of positive parenting as an important form of violence prevention.

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The project was implemented from 1 April 2025 to 31 December 2025. Through communication, informational, and educational activities, more than 2 million people were reached across various online platforms. During the most intensive communication period (November - December 2025), the project reached 1.7 million people, with approximately half of this reach supported by paid promotion.

The project managed to implement all planned activities, in particular:



- processing of 7 authentic stories of parents and families in the form of podcasts and videos, available at www.silnirodicia.sk,
- implementing a large-scale awareness-raising campaign focused on human rights, violence prevention, gender-based violence, sexual violence and domestic violence,
- a viral online campaign involving celebrities and influencers,
- educational and awareness-raising activities connected to the Kozmo program, including the publication of 4 episodes of the podcast Flying Beyond the Horizon with Kozmo.

Medusa

During the implementation of the Medusa project, all set goals were achieved. The only adjustment was to the time schedule for individual activities due to the project's later approval.

The campaign was successful – 7 episodes of the podcast were published, and several media outlets were created. More than 15 experts from various fields (psychology, law, education, healthcare, etc.) participated in the preparation of the podcasts. The campaign was also supported by well-known public figures, who helped increase the topic's visibility and emphasised the need to talk openly about violence.

The project achieved significant organic engagement on social media. At the same time, we noted limitations on the META platform when promoting campaigns with similar content, which confirmed the importance of collaborating with influencers and creating high-quality, understandable content that can find its audience even without significant paid support.

The project also included a professional meeting titled "What next?", which was attended in person and online by representatives of 19 organizations that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence. The discussion focused on current challenges and perspectives for the functioning of counseling centers and safe women's shelters, as well as on identifying key topics for the future, including the issue of sexualized violence and rape.

Drumming session 2025

Our largest and, for the last 5 years, international awareness-raising event is the **Drumming session**, which has become a stable space for spreading awareness about the importance of protecting children from violence. On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, more than 400,000 children and adults drummed throughout **Slovakia** and the **Czech Republic**. With a common rhythm, they publicly expressed support for the idea that children have the right to be heard, protected, and that THE VOICE OF CHILDREN IS IMPORTANT.

The twelfth annual event, "We drum to make sure the children are heard 2025," brought together more than 2,540 schools, organizations, communities, companies, and individuals in over 1,400 cities and towns. The drumming itself was the culmination of a range of supporting activities, such as discussions, workshops, art competitions, and lectures. These activities supported the idea of listening to children, believing them, and noticing not only their voices but also their silence.



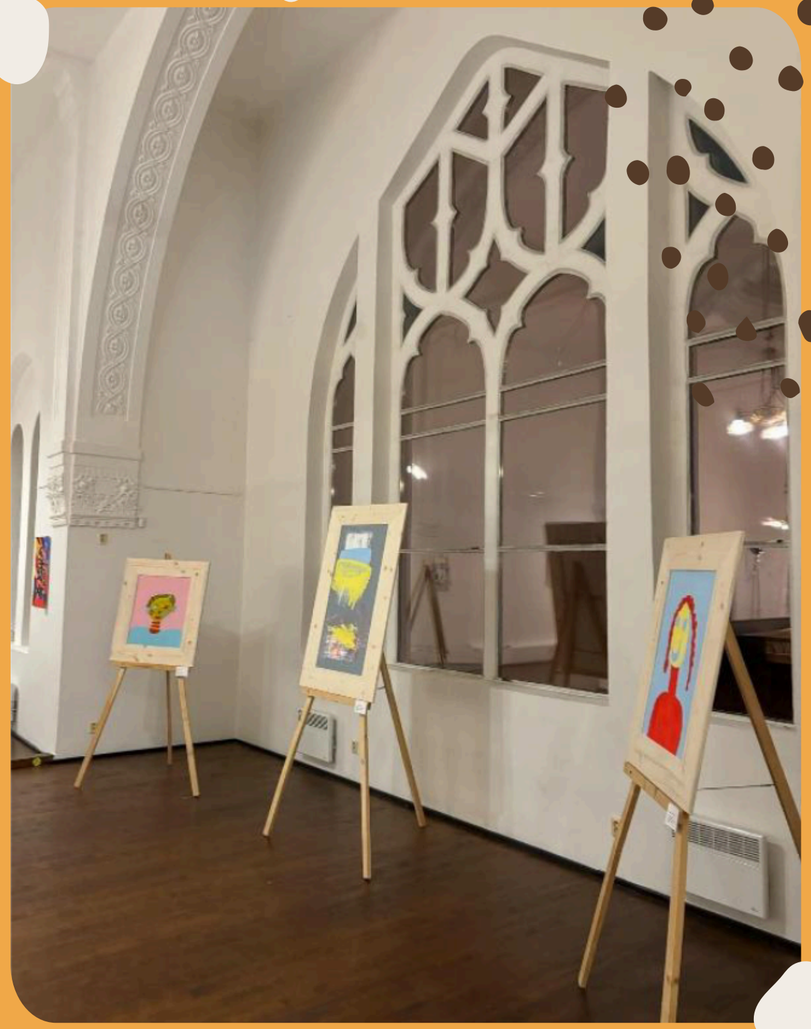
The co-organizers of the Drumming session in 2025 were the National Coordination Center for Addressing Violence Against Children, Bratislava, and Centrum Locika, r.o., Prague.

The No Bruises Platform – Center for Education and Prevention was co-financed in 2025 by the Ministry of Justice of the Slovak Republic, public and private grants, and contributions from donors and supporters.

Our Activities in 2025

It can be done without bruises – Art Therapy

On January 25, 2025, we opened the exhibition It Can Go Without Bruises - Treatment by Art in the Nitra Synagogue, which presented the first collective exhibition of works by children from the Sun Centre. The exhibition was created in collaboration with the artist and curator Barbora Kováčová and presented a selection of works created during several years of cooperation with children. During the creative meetings, the children devoted themselves to various artistic genres, especially abstract painting and ceramics. As part of art therapy activities, they worked with emotions and moods and, through various creative exercises, discovered their own imagination and possibilities of artistic expression. For example, they painted adjectives, sounds, or abstract forms without specific shapes, allowing them to freely express their experiences and inner worlds.



The exhibition presented a diverse collection of unique works - both individual and collaborative - by children of different ages. It also included ceramic objects made of clay, which provided children with space for concentration, patience, and, at the same time, natural processing of emotions. Each of the exhibited works captured a moment of creativity, imagination, and authentic children's expression.



The opening of the exhibition was also connected with celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the non-profit organization the Sun Centre. For a quarter of a century, we have been dedicated to helping abused and exploited children and victims of domestic violence. In cooperation with the city of Nitra, the police and other experts, we provide professional advice, implement educational activities, participate in the creation of legislation and contribute to improving the system of assistance to children and families in crisis situations. We thank the City of Nitra for their long-term cooperation and support, including their help in the implementation of this exhibition. For a beautiful, artistic experience during the opening, we thank the children's choir Arrowroses and the singer Dominika Titková, who enriched the event's atmosphere with their performance.

Grant support in 2025



The implementation of new activities and development plans, especially those with longer-term benefits, is possible for us primarily thanks to grant support. In order to contribute to a safer and better quality of life for children, women and families, we prepare project plans and apply for financial support with the hope that they will appeal to the evaluators. Each approved project brings us great joy, even if it brings a lot of additional work and responsibility. However, if its result is a child's smile, help to a person on the path to independence, or support for a mother who has decided to start a new life without violence, we perceive this effort as meaningful and necessary. We are sincerely grateful for each successfully obtained grant, because it is thanks to them that we can improve the living conditions of children, women and families and contribute to positive changes in their lives.

National project "Development of the implementation of measures for the social and legal protection of children and social guardianship II."

Donor:	Headquarters of Labor, Social Affairs and Family
Duration of project activities:	4/2024-11/2026
Maximum contribution amount:	205 020 €
Amount used as of 31.12.2025:	25 077,71 €
Project co-financing:	without co-financing

SPODASk (socio-legal protection of children and social care) measures were provided by one social worker in the field to 3 children and 5 adults in 2025. With the support of the project, we were able to specifically help children in need and their families in difficult life situations.

A Home Without Violence

Donor:	Ministry of of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (project co-financed by the European Union within the Slovakia Programme)
Duration of support:	7/2024- 6/2027
Maximum total contribution amount:	429 093,93 €
Amount used as of 31.12.2025:	165 937,06 €
Project co-financing:	without co-financing

Crisis situations in families often require professional support that helps prevent social exclusion. The provision of affordable rental housing with accompanying measures is therefore a key part of comprehensive assistance to women and their children who have lost their housing or are at risk of losing their housing, have become victims of domestic violence, or are facing a lack of necessary living conditions to meet basic living needs. In 2025, we provided affordable housing in nine apartments in the city of Nitra (7x 1-room apartments, of which 6 were overcrowded during the year; 1x 2-room apartment, which was overcrowded during the year; 1x studio apartment, which was also overcrowded during the year). Women with children living in the apartments contributed to the payment of the rent (excluding utilities) in the approximate range of 17-38%, the rest of the costs were covered thanks to support from the "Home Without Violence" project. This financial support provided them with important assistance and contributed to improving their overall living situation. Professional staff provided social counseling and support activities through outpatient and field social work to 25 women/mothers and 17 children (10 boys and 7 girls). Of these, 18 women/mothers and 17 children were provided with affordable housing in nine apartments, and 7 women were provided with intervention and pre-occupation services.

Our supporters



Our thanks go to everyone who helps us in any way, both in supporting the running of our organization and to those we can help thanks to this support. Special thanks also go to all the volunteers, whom we would like to thank by name, but due to the very complex GDPR landscape, we are not doing so.

Support from budgets and the EU within the Slovakia Program

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic
Headquarters of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Support directly from ministries or territorial 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
Headquarters of Labour, Social Affairs and Family

Foundations - grants - support from or through NGOs

COFRA Foundation (C&A)

Support from companies and organizations

Across Private Investments, o. c. p.
AKRED s. r. o.
Association / International Festival Divadelná Nitra
ALSTAV SK, s. r. o.

AT&T Global Network Services Slovakia
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BF Partners s. r. o.
Clarios Slovakia spol. s. r. o.
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MAAXSERVIS s .r. o.
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mimmo s. r. o.
Nadácia Matador
Nice Guy, s. r. o.
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Faculty of Social Sciences and Healthcare
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employees of VÚB Banka, a. s.
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Volunteering, Fundraising and Support



Individual donors, supporters, and volunteers continued to be a significant source of support for our activities in 2025. They helped not only through financial and material donations, but also through personal commitment - they dedicated a total of 211 hours of direct volunteer work.

We greatly appreciate that, despite the wide range of organizations to which a portion of the tax paid can be transferred, many have decided to support the Sun Centre, n. g. o. Thanks to this trust, we have obtained €44,210.37 in funds through tax assignment.

Our long-term partner since 2015 is DM drogerie-markt, s.r.o., which provides us with a credit worth €100 every month for the purchase of products for the needs of our facilities.

Regular food support was also a significant help. YEME Food provided us with donated food three times a week, Tesco twice a week, and Kaufland twice a month with non-food items. In 2025, the Fabrika 67 restaurant helped us with providing hot lunches for women in the Women's Safe House. ZSS Viničky also helped us significantly in this area through the Food Bank of Slovakia.

The Drumming session was supported by I.D.C. Holding, s. r. o., which donated sweets for the participants.



A safe, aesthetic and stimulating environment is an important factor in mitigating the consequences of violence against children. In 2025, we managed to enlarge and completely reconstruct a bathroom for abused and sexually exploited children in one of the houses where we operate the CCCS. The project was also carried out thanks to the support of the Headquarters of Labor, Social Affairs and Family, a public collection on the Donio platform, initiated by the company Catering Service Nitra, and a donation from the company ROKUR SOLUTION, s. r. o., which provided the tiles and panelling.



As usual, volunteers from AT&T Slovakia helped us with spring and autumn work. In addition to maintaining the premises, they also put together a new garden shed for storing tools and bicycles in one of our facilities.

In WSF, it was necessary to repair a gazebo damaged by strong winds. Thanks to the company AkreD, which donated wooden battens for the metal roofing, the gazebo was repaired and used again. The thermal comfort was improved by the company MAAXSERVIS, s. r. o., which provided window and blind service.

In the area of volunteering, we were also supported by the Na Bielenisku elementary schools from Pezinok and Sĺažany, the Faculty of Social Sciences and Healthcare of the University of Constantine the Philosopher, and the Faculty of Economics and Management of the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra through material collections. We greatly appreciate that schools lead children and students to perceive the needs of others and to actively help those in need. Such activities support the development of empathy, solidarity and charity and help young people build sensitivity to social issues. We are pleased that they chose the Sun Centre, n. g. o. for their help.

In 2025, we also established cooperation with the General Directorate of the Prison and Judicial Guard Corps, which organized a material collection of non-perishable food. Members, employees, and convicts from 15 institutions, the GDoPJGC, and employees of the Slovak Ministry of Justice participated in the collection. As part of their cultural and educational activities, the convicts also prepared origami with encouraging messages and sewed patchwork blankets for children in our care from donated fabrics from the company needles, s. r. o.





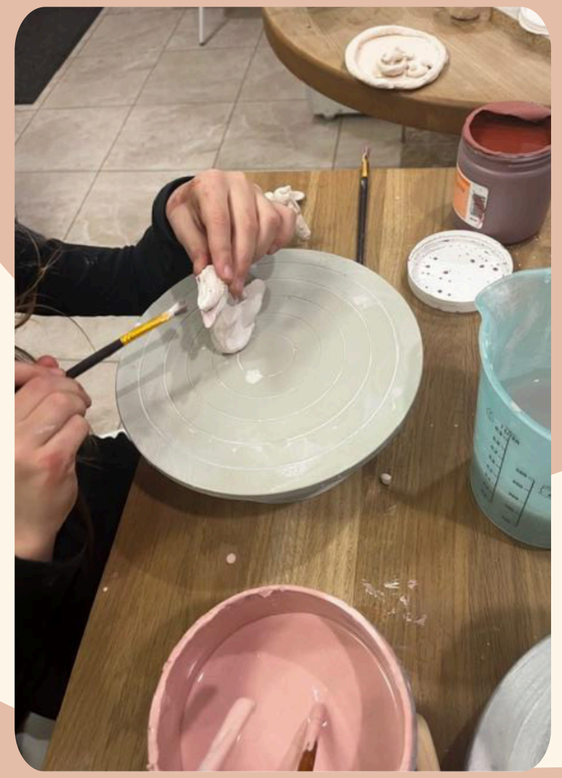
Every year, the pre-Christmas period is associated with an extraordinary wave of solidarity. Thanks to long-standing and new partners, we were able to provide Christmas gifts for all children, women and families in our care in 2025. We sincerely thank the employees of Slovenské elektrárne, Lidl Slovensko – logistics center Sereď, Siemens Slovensko, Generali Slovensko, Skytoll, Across Private Investments, VÚB banka, Kardiocentrum Nitra and DEXIS Slovakia, s. r. o., as well as the organizations Mapenzi YT and Robme radosť, n. g. o.



The children also experienced beautiful pre-Christmas moments – a ride on a Christmas-decorated train around Nitra and the presentation of gifts in front of the Roh bakery. The Roh bakery also supported our facilities by providing the food for the Christmas dinner and gifts for children in the Women's Safe House and the HF facility, as well as Santa Claus packages, which were also contributed by M+M, s. r. o., and Mapenzi YT.

Among the regular supporters of women and children in WSF is the S.T.A.F. airsoft team, which this year provided a generous portion of non-perishable food, clothing, drugstore goods, and toys during Advent.

Our great support is also provided by our neighbors and family members of our colleagues, who willingly share their grown fruits, vegetables, and eggs throughout the year and also help by donating clothing, shoes, and other necessary items.



We also greatly appreciate the technical support of all our centers, without which ensuring the daily operation and functioning of our services would be significantly more difficult.

We would love to name everyone, including individual supporters and families, but GDPR makes it a bit complicated. To everyone, and there were plenty of them in 2025, we would like to express a big THANK YOU for your help, support and energy!

We are glad that there are many wonderful people in Slovakia who bring joy to others, who are able to share and change the destinies of many women, children and families.

People at the Sun Centre, n.g.o. in 2025



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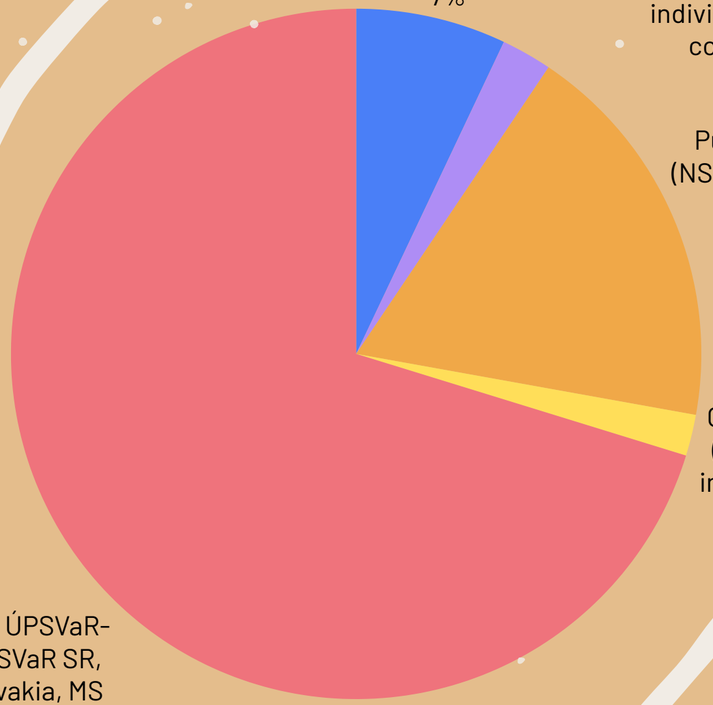
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Economy in 2025



Revenue 2025



Share of income tax for sole proprietors and legal proprietors (+-3%)
7%

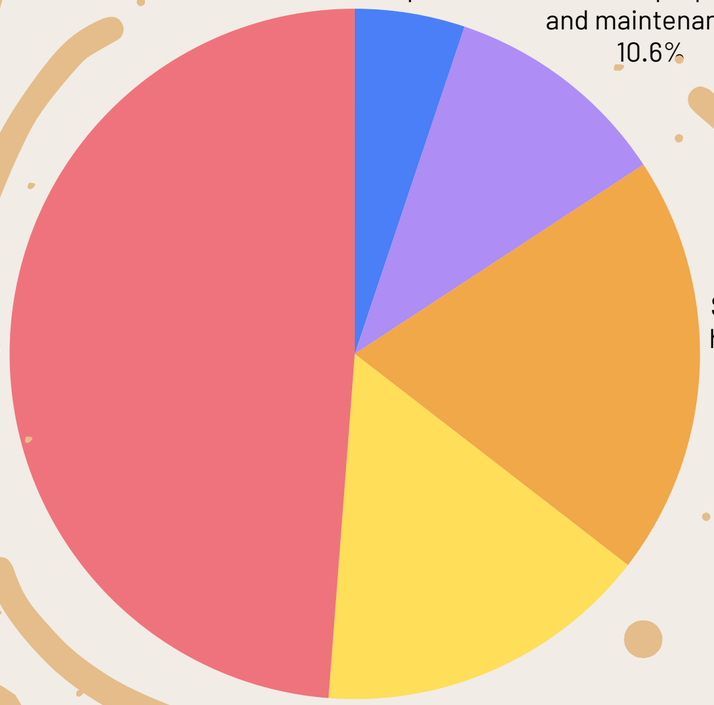
Private sources (companies, foundations, foreign partners, individual donations, contributions)
2.4%

Public sources (NSK, City of Nitra)
18.4%

Own activity and other income (interest, compensation from insurance companies, etc., sale of IM)
1.9%

State resources (ÚPSVaR, ÚPSVaR-EU program Slovakia, MPSVaR SR, MPSVaR (EU program Slovakia, MS SR)
70.2%

Expenditures 2025



Expenditure on media and fundraising campaigns
5.2%

Other expenses (employee training, professional literature, accounting processing, property insurance, IM purchase, bank fees, property tax, repairs and maintenance)
10.6%

Statutory, social and health insurance and statutory and social expenses
19.7%

Overhead costs related to services for women, families and children (rent, energy, travel, telecommunications costs, therapeutic aids and supplies, support materials, etc.)
15.7%

Salary expenses and service fees (related to services for women, families and children)
48.8%

The organization did not incur any costs for research and development activities. The organization carried out its activities in a way that did not have any negative impacts on the environment. The organization does not have an organizational unit abroad. The organization did not acquire any business interests or shares in 2025. The organization's activities do not affect the change in employment. The organization has not identified any significant risks and uncertainties to which it would be exposed. The organization assumes that the future development of its activities will be identical to the previous period and in accordance with the statute - ensuring generally beneficial objectives within the framework of providing social assistance. No events of special importance occurred after the end of the accounting period. The operating result for the previous period will be transferred to the unsettled operating result of previous years.

Account	*Profit and Loss Account as of 31.12.2025*	COSTS	PROFITS
*501	Material consumption	60 909,05 €	
*502	Energy consumption	31 950,29 €	
*511	Repairs and maintenance	30 983,67 €	
*512	Travel expenses	930,50 €	
*513	Representation expenses	1 547,96 €	
*518	Other services	250 008,30 €	
*521	Salary expenses	906 309,22 €	
*524	Statutory social insurance and health insurance	321 526,58 €	
*527	Statutory social expenses	46 122,80 €	
*528	Other social expenses	1 000,59 €	
*532	Property tax	886,75 €	
*538	Other taxes and fees	4 835,58 €	
*547	Personal expenses	66 953,91 €	
*549	Additional other expenses	16 860,20 €	

*551	Depreciation of intangible and tangible fixed assets	64 935,88 €	
*556	Fund creation	0,00 €	
*563	Grants awarded to individuals	0,00 €	
*602	Revenues from sales of services		24 565,83 €
*646	Accepted gifts		7 872,86 €
*649	Additional other revenues		7 945,03 €
*651	Revenue from the sale of long-term assets and long-term tangible assets		6 000,00 €
*656	Výnosy z použitia fondu		0,00 €
*658	Income from property rental		0,00 €
*662	Contributions received from other organizations		109 988,92 €
*663	Contributions received from individuals		5 869,72 €
*665	Contributions from the share of paid tax		27 905,52 €
*667	Contributions received from public fundraising		999,82 €
*691	Subsidies		1 641 965,07 €
TOGETHER		**1 805 761,28 €**	**1 833 112,77 €**
PROFIT		**27 351,49 €**	

Účet	Balance sheet as of 31.12.2025	ASSETS	LIABILITIES
*014	Valuable rights – E-learning	11 550,00 €	
*021	Buildings	456 855,73 €	
*022	Sets of movable assets	69 033,11 €	
*023	Vehicles	256 971,76 €	
*029	Other long-term tangible assets	20 258,50 €	
*031	Lands	113 668,38 €	
*042	Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	0,00 €	
*052	Advances for the acquisition of long-term tangible assets	0,00 €	
*074	Amortization of valuable rights		11 550,00 €
*081	Depreciation of buildings		223 319,15 €
*082	Depreciation of equipment and furnishings		55 205,87 €
*083	Depreciation of vehicles		180 534,44 €
*089	Depreciation of long-term tangible assets (LTA)		16 328,56 €
*132	Inventory	5 357,54 €	

*211	Cash desk	4 325,59 €	
*221	Funds in bank accounts	362 950,52 €	
*311	Trade receivables	30,59 €	
*314	Operational advances granted	2 131,73 €	
*315	The other receivables	30 000,00 €	
*321	Trade payables		330,87 €
*323	Short-term reserves		0,00 €
*324	Advance payments received		0,00 €
*326	Uninvoiced deliveries		5 088,71 €
*331	Liabilities to employees		0,00 €
*335	Receivables from employees	7 120,00 €	
*345	Other taxes and charges	56,40 €	
*346	Receivables arising from financial relations with the state budget and local gov. budgets	720 639,06 €	
*378	Other receivables	0,00 €	
*379	Other liabilities		44,30 €
*381	Cost of future periods	2 926,49 €	

*384	Revenues of future periods		1 355 067,37 €
*385	Income of future periods	1 122,39 €	
*411	Share capital		112 100,02 €
*412	Cash funds established in accordance with a specific regulation		0,00 €
*428	Unsettled financial results of previous years		67 469,86 €
*431	Financial result for the accounting period		27 351,49 €
*472	Liabilities from the social fund		10 607,15 €
	TOGETHER	**2 064 997,79 €**	**2 064 997,79 €**

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Posúdili sme, či výročná správa 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 2025 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.

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