

A stylized profile of a woman's head, facing right. The profile is drawn with a thin grey line. Overlaid on the profile are several thick, expressive brushstrokes. A large, curved purple stroke starts near the top of the head and sweeps across the forehead and eye area. Another purple stroke is positioned below the first one, also curving across the eye. A thick grey stroke follows the bottom contour of the head and neck, extending from the left side towards the right. The background is plain white.

National network to end violence  
against women and domestic  
violence

# Initiative for forming the network

- The aim of this initiative was to raise voice and awareness and help to improve policies and practices for dealing with the issue of violence against women and domestic violence
- Mission – achieving coordinated action of CSOs towards advancing policies and practices in combating VAW and DV. The network aims for recognition of women’s human rights and their promotion in the country.
- Vision – create a society free of violence, in which women can fully develop their potentials and actively participate in creating communities of equal opportunities

# Forming the network



- National network was formed on 7 December 2010 by 20 civil society organizations that work on women's rights issue
- One year was functioning as informal network
- Officially was registered on 16 December 2011

# Forming the network

- Initial process of forming the network last 3 months
- Three day seminar was held and all women organizations were invited to participate in the process of developing the strategic documents
- As a product we had developed draft versions of:
  - Strategic principles and goals of the Network
  - Rulebook for network functioning
  - Rulebook for communication
  - Rulebook for conflict of interests

# Forming the network

- Draft version of the documents were finalized in the next period – three working groups were formed and each one of them had different tasks

1<sup>st</sup> Group was working on finalizing the document with strategic goals and principles

2<sup>nd</sup> Group was working on Rulebook for communication and Rulebook for conflict of interests

3<sup>rd</sup> Group was creating the web site of the Network

# Forming the network

- Final version of all documents was sent to all organizations for comments
- On the first meeting all documents were discuss and approved from all members
- Coordinator of the network was elected and members of temporary Management board were also elected

# Best practices

- Directly including member organizations in implementation of activities
  - Five partner organizations were selected and each one of them implemented different activity
  - Working groups formed for implementation of activities from the second project

# Best practices



- Networks have more influence on institutions
- National network was part of working group for development of the new National strategy for Domestic violence 2012 – 2015
- National network is part of the National Coordinative Body for combating DV



A stylized profile of a person's head and neck, rendered with thick, expressive lines. The top of the head and hair are defined by a vibrant purple line, while the rest of the face, neck, and jawline are outlined in a dark grey. The word "Challenges" is centered within the purple hair area.

# Challenges

- Communication and feedback from all network members