

# EQUAL

TOGETHER WE STAND FOR GENDER EQUALITY



*"Domestic violence is not just a women's issue. It's a human rights issue." - Tarana Burke*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- >72,000 complaints of harassment and violence against women and girls.
- 85% of the violations take place within families.
- 243 rape cases officially recorded.
- 7.2% of women aged 20-24 married before the age of 18.

Uzbekistan is a low-income country in central Asia with approximately 34.5 million population (50.3% women). In recent years, the country has accelerated reforms in all sectors, making good progress in the areas of human rights, democracy, and sustainable development. Nevertheless, gender inequalities in the country persist and gender-based violence remains rampant:

## >>> SOME STATS

# WHAT IS EQUAL PROJECT ABOUT?

The **EQUAL** project seeks to contribute to reducing gender-based violence (GBV) in Uzbekistan, and especially in the regions Ferghana, Kashkadarya, and Namangan, where GBV is most prevalent.

Two NGOs from Greece and Uzbekistan will collaborate for 30-months (February 2023 – July 2025) with the aim:

- To understand the root causes of gender-based and domestic violence in Uzbekistan
- To raise awareness on women rights, gender-based and domestic violence.
- To strengthen civil society to support victims and prevent the violation of women's rights.
- To enhance the skills of journalists and other media workers to promote gender equality.
- To strengthen policy dialogue and links between stakeholders, and enhancing democratic debate in the digital sphere.

## HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE OUR GOALS?

- Primary research with the participation of more than 100 local persons
- Capacity Building for 120 CSO employees
- Training provision for 170 Journalists
- Experiential learning workshops for 360 girls and boys between 12-16 years old
- Education and support activities for 600 women between 16-44 years old, including victims of domestic violence.
- Raising awareness campaign online and in-situ reaching over 10.000 Uzbek persons.



# WHO WE ARE?



>>> **ANCE - ATHENS NETWORK OF COLLABORATING EXPERTS**



>>> **MEHRJON CENTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

## JOIN US

We have embarked on this journey with the hope that this project will foster awareness about Gender-Based Violence and ultimately contribute to advancing gender rights. We all have a role to play.

Help us spread a message of respect and equality, **join us on:**

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- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10009457772824>
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