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I. INTRODUCTION

2015 will be remembered for the high volume of work that was completed and all the severe cases of women and children victims of violence that we faced. In the past year we worked on 25 projects and dedicated our efforts to the mission to provide support many children and families at risk and victims of violence. Naturally, the work on such a large number of projects expanded the scope of the organization. For many years the principal and priority activity of the organization was focused on clinical work and counseling. After the first 21 years of the existence of the organization, an essential part of the activities and projects of Animus were naturally directed towards the future and focused on prevention of violence and promotion of mental health. Animus approached and entered in the kindergartens and schools and gained impeccable experience with healthy and vibrant children between 5-8 years. Our aim was to prepare the future citizens of Bulgaria to be able to identify their feelings and to get acquainted with relevant coping strategies for difficult life situations.

One of the key projects for the organization in 2015 was “Friends of Zippy – The Future Citizens of Bulgaria”. The project aims to encourage the emotional wellbeing of children and to put on the agenda the importance of promotion of mental health among Bulgaria’s children as an investment for the future of the society. By the end of the year, the piloting of the program “Friends of Zippy” in schools and kindergartens in Sofia was successfully completed and the organization focused on promotion and finding ways to guarantee the sustainability of the program. Thanks to the piloting, we managed to lay the idea of developing a whole school approach – an integrated methodological program, consisting of all classes from 1st to 10th grades – for the promotion of mental health and reducing aggression at school.

For its 22-years of existence, Animus Association Foundation has expanded significantly and currently employs over 100 professionals. The organization has consolidated its influence and can currently provide a multilevel assistance to its clients.

In the past 2015 we were identified by UNICEF Bulgaria as an organization that can expand and diversify the service programs for assistance and protection provided to children, victims of violence and their families. Animus Association Foundation became a partner of UNICEF in the Child and Youth Advocacy Center “Protection Zone” in Sofia. The aim and mission of “Protection Zone” is to consolidate the involvement of state institutions (police, prosecutors, social services, court, etc.) in the provision of care and assistance to children victims of violence and children’s rights advocacy when participating in administrative and court proceedings.

The “Protection Zone” program is particularly important to our organization as it combines the efforts of UNICEF Bulgaria, bTV, leading national media, and a large number of Bulgarian citizens supporting children victims of various forms of violence.
Anthony Lake, UNICEF’s Executive Director, visited the Child and Youth Advocacy Center “Protection Zone” at Animus Association Foundation during his visit to Bulgaria in December 2015. Undoubtedly, this was one of the emotional highlights of 2015 for us as several children and their families shared their feelings and opinions about the support and help they had received from Animus. It was moving to hear the highly positive feedback from our clients regarding the assistance and work of Animus’s professionals and team.

In 2015 Animus Association Foundation became a partner organization in numerous international and European projects. Our engagement in international projects proves that the organization is a valuable and attractive partner, preferred for our highly professional expertise, our capacity to implement innovative initiatives and good practice to administer projects.

The projects that we partnered on in 2015 have been largely on the topics of assistance to children and families, child participation, domestic violence, trafficking in human beings, prevention of violence against women and children, promotion of mental health, etc.

Throughout the past year the Training Centre at Animus Association Foundation was approached for providing methodological support, supervision and specialized trainings for professionals from Community Support Centers, Family Type Placement Centers, Departments for Child Protection, other relevant professionals, etc. In 2015, at the Training Center of Animus Association Foundation were conducted 434 trainings and 1,067 participants were trained. We received very positive and inspiring feedback from the participants in various training events, some of which we are happy to share at the end of this annual report.

In 2015 the total number of counseled clients was 16,703, of which 12,331 were counseled on the National Helpline for Children and 1,836 were counseled on the Helpline for Survivors of Violence. 56 clients were accommodated at the Crisis Centre for Survivors of Violence “St. Petka” and a total of 933 clients were assisted with services of Center for Rehabilitation, Counseling, Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, Trauma Center of Animus Association Foundation and Child and Youth Advocacy Center “Protection Zone”. Another 443 clients have been supported at the Social Services Centre for Children and Families and 37 of them are mothers with babies, accommodated at Mother and Baby Unit.

2015 marked six years since Animus Association Foundation has been managing and operating the National Helpline for Children 116 111, funded and monitored by the State Agency for Child Protection. In 2015 the staff capacity of the line increased by another 2 counseling positions.

The organization has continued the management of Social Services Centre for Children and Families, consisting of a Community Support Centre and Mother and Baby Unit. It has been a continued and ongoing tendency throughout the past couple of years that the number of children and families at risk, supported by the team of the Social services centre surpass the capacity of the center, defined in the framework of the state-delegated activity.
The management of Mother and Baby Unit remains to be a serious challenge for our organization. The recruiting of staff for the unit is one of the biggest challenges, as the program is underfunded and its management is one of the most problematic for the organization. Most of the state-delegated programs for prevention of infant abandonment in the country have restructured their activities. Thanks to the efforts of our team we were able to work efficiently and to help 37 women and babies.

In 2015, for the first time in the history of Animus, the organization refused to implement an approved project under the Norwegian EEA Grants for Domestic and Gender-based Violence, as the terms of the contract aimed to compensate the delay in the evaluation of the projects on behalf of the program operating organ in Bulgaria – Ministry of Interior – at the expense of the quality of support provided to the victims of violence.

At times we feel frustrated with the extremely severe cases of women and children victims of violence and left alone in our attempts to help the victims with the way we perceive they need to be helped. We are experiencing serious difficulties in our partnering and communication with the social care system and the key agencies that provide services to support victims. There is no doubt that the sector in charge of supporting victims of violence in Bulgaria is in a severe crisis due to the several government changes in Bulgaria in the last five years, lack of continuity and high turnover of staff. However, we are fully aware that we cannot accomplish our mission and work, without collaborating with the state institutions. Hence, we are making every possible effort to work together with the key stakeholders without compromising the quality of the assistance and services that we provide to our clients.

We are deeply grateful to all those people who have supported our ideas. These are those who believe in us and share our mission, the Board members of Animus Association Foundation, our sponsors, the team of psychotherapists and social workers who continuously strive for professional development and provision of quality services, the volunteers, university students and interns who with their contributions, time and energy have supported our social programs. Behind the successful work of Animus Association Foundation stands a dedicated programming team and excellently working administration. The volunteers and inters assist the most difficult units of the organization – the Crisis Centre “St. Petka”, Helpline for Survivors of Violence, Mother and Baby Unit, where are the most people in desperate need.

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II. LIST OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2015

1. “Social Services Center for Children and Families”, consisting of a Community Support Center and a Mother&Baby Unit, (December 1st 2014 - November 30th 2017), funded by the Bulgarian state budget via Sofia Municipality, under the mechanism of state-delegated activities;

2. “St. Petka Crisis Center for Survivors of Violence” (March 1st 2015 – March 1st 2018), financed by the Bulgarian state budget via Sofia Municipality, under the mechanism of state-delegated activities;

3. “Trauma Center for Children and Families” (September 2013 – August 2016), funded by Bulgarian – Swiss Cooperation Programme, Reform Fund Linked to Civil Society Participation;


5. “National Hotline for Support and Referral of Survivors of Violence” (January 1st 2015 – December 31st 2016), funded by the Domestic Violence Fund at the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice;

6. “Zona ZaKrila – Child and Youth Advocacy Center” (October 1st 2015 – December 30th 2016), funded by Unicef - Country Program for Bulgaria;

7. “Introducing Participatory and Child-centered Approach for Early Identification and Prevention of Bullying in School Setting in 7 EU Countries” (December 1st 2014 – November 30th 2016), funded by the DAPHNE III Program of the European Union;

8. “Bulgarian - Swiss Joint Efforts for Providing Immediate and Unconditional Protection of Trafficked Person and Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings” (January 5th 2015 – December 8th 2017), financed by the Swiss-Bulgarian Cooperation Programme;

9. “Joint Efforts in Applying a Multi-level Approach to Combating Domestic Violence” (September 1st 2015 – September 1st 2018), funded by OAK Foundation;

10. “Comprehensive Care Program for Survivors of Violence in Bulgaria“, (June 2013 - May 2015), funded by Medicor Foundation, Liechtenstein;
11. “Support Center for Victims of Domestic Violence in Bulgaria” (September 1st 2015 – August 31st 2018), financed by Medicor Foundation, Liechtenstein;


14. “Humanitarian Assistance for St. Petka Crisis Center” (February 20th 2015 – February 20th 2016), funded by the International Women’s Club - Sofia;

15. “MenCare Campaign in Bulgaria“ (December 1st 2013 – November 30th 2016), funded by the OAK Foundation, with implementing organization Roditeli Association, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;

16. “Reducing Youth at Risk Numbers: Modeling Early Childhood Intervention Approaches” (November 1st 2013 – October 31st 2015), funded by the NGO Support Program in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014, with implementing organization Providus Latvia, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;


18. “Trafficking as a Criminal Enterprise”, (May 2014 – March 2016), financed by the 7th Framework Program of the European Union, with implementing organization Trilateral Research and Consulting, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;

19. “Together - to Ensure Justice for Vulnerable Groups of People”, (November 2014 – October 2015), funded by the NGO Support Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area, with implementing organization Gender Alternatives Foundation, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project,
20. “A·Z to SAFETY” (January 1st 2015 – December 31st 2016), funded by the Daphne III Programme of the European Union, with implementing organization Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organisation, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;

21. "Alternative Future. Towards the Empowerment of Children victims of Violence in Alternative Care Through a Gender Sensitive and Child-centered Capacity Building Programme for Professionals" (December 1st 2015 – November 30th 2017), funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the European Union, with implementing organization the SURT Foundation, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;

22. “Let’s Express Ourselves” (June 17th 2015 – April 30th 2016), funded by Sofia Municipality, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;

23. “Network for Work” (July 1st 2015 – February 15th 2016), financed by the Help for Charity Foundation, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;

24. “Increasing the Effectiveness of Referral, Support, Protection and Reintegration of Victims of THB, through the Practical Application of the Transnational Mechanism”, (January 1st 2015 – March 31st 2016), funded by the Programme Area 30 of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009 – 2014, with implementing organization the State Agency for National Security, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project;

25. “RISE - Reinforce Inner Strength Effectively to Combat Bullying” (October 15th 2015 – October 15th 2017), funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Program of the European Union, with implementing organization “CIVIFORM” Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project.
III. SUMMARIES OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2014

1. Social Services Center for Children and Families

December 1st 2014 - November 30th 2017

*Funded by the Bulgarian state budget via Sofia Municipality, under the mechanism of state-delegated activities*

The Social Services Center run by Animus Association Foundation consists of a Community Support Center and Mother and Baby Unit.

As with the years before, in 2015 each individual in our team has carried out their responsibilities and contributed invaluably in their area of expertise. With outstanding work ethic our highly trained and qualified personnel has formed a nurturing and very productive work environment. We stand by the concept, our years of experience have taught us, that active psychological and social work are the basic ingredient to achieving high quality social care. This is a challenge in itself which has encouraged us to praise the strive for augmenting ones knowledge and abilities so we would achieve higher levels of efficiency and quality of our services. An evident guarantee of the quality of our work is the principle that the end user is an active participant in the care-giving process which we have based our practice around and thereby upkeep at all times. All of our services have been well thought through so they may give an opportunity to the end user to develop their independence rather than to become care or service dependent.

In 2015 the team of SCC has continued their work on all previously agreed programs with a large number of participants. It is important to note that in the last four years the governing body of SCC has introduced and been successful in maintaining a program of Rehabilitation through the power of Music. This is beneficial for many of the troubled children in need under our care: adopted children, children with behavioural problems, abused children, children with developmental problems, etc. Through the Music rehabilitation program the majority of children are developing better concentration, larger attention span, better articulation and are improving their ability to communicate in general. Music as an universal medium for expression is a powerful way to create a safe environment where the children are given an
opportunity to communicate and convey their emotional turmoil without a drop of judgement. This is of great importance when dealing with children with history of trauma - emotional or physical. During the sessions in this program the children are encouraged to sing, listen to songs or music, to learn about rhythm and music harmony. A real success of the program has been the case of Monica. She is a pupil at “Louis Braille” - school for children with eyesight difficulties. Monica is completely blind but she has shown remarkable talents and progress in pursuing music and singing. It is her desire to continue her education in Music school and further in the Music academy. She has taken part in the contest “Way to fame” as a sole artist on the 31st of January, 2015 and 2nd of February, 2015 where she has won over the hearts of the audience. In January 2015, we have managed to organize Monica’s first individual recording with the cooperation of “Alexandra Audio” who sponsored the process and helped realize this beautiful and talented child’s dream.

This and many other successful stories have brought us a sense of accomplishment and have fueled our further efforts to continue offering social care and help improve our participants’ overall mental state and indeed their quality of life.

“Mother and Baby Unit”

The “Mother and Baby” Unit is a residential type of facility. Accommodation is provided by the department for “Child Protection”. We work closely together in cooperation, unified in the pursuit of achieving better and more fruitful results.

The team of department “Mother and infant” has focused their efforts in enhancing the social abilities and knowledge base of mothers in the hope of improving their function in society. The main areas of work are concentrated around giving support to mothers in taking care of their newborns in order to inaugurate and secure their confidence in the role of a parent as well as facilitate the mother-child emotional relationship from an early stage. A vital part of our process involves support in the establishment of a deep and healthy motherly affection for the baby by working in a safe nurturing environment with the help of the mother’s extended family in order to achieve a full reintegration of the mother in society.

Our priority is the well-being and full healthy development of the children in our care, therefore we work with a handpicked team of specialists who are
extremely dedicated, compassionate and accept their work in this department as their vocation, purpose in life even, rather than a 'mundane job'.

2. "St. Petka" Crisis Center for Survivors of Violence

March 1st 2015 – March 1st 2018

Financed by the Bulgarian state budget via Sofia Municipality, under the mechanism of state-delegated activities

The Crisis Center "St. Petka" is the only place in Sofia for accommodating women and children, victims of domestic violence. The service is used by victims of domestic violence not only in Sofia and Sofia region, but also by victims throughout the country.

In the 16 years of its foundation in 1999 to this day, The Crisis Center hasn’t closed and has not stopped working with clients. Maintaining the service is a serious challenge for the team and is accompanied by much effort. The emergency accommodation, timely psychological support and social advocacy activities that create the basic conditions for coping in situations of violence. The continuous non-stop mode of the Crisis Center allows for timely support, which in some cases is lifesaving. The majority of women who turn to the Crisis Center for support are in a state of deadlock provoked by a recent beating or other acts of violence against them or their children, or more generally of an event in their lives, with which they feel they can not cope. This is usually associated with a sense for urgent change and also confusion, exhaustion, fear and impotence.

In the situation of enhanced economic crisis, as is the situation in Bulgaria at the moment to the Crisis Center turn mostly women, alone or with their children, who are in an extreme emotional distress and socio-economic situation. In this sense, resolving this type of
cases requires more time, resources and the inclusion of a greater number of relevant institutions to the problem.

The main problems that have emerged in the past year are related to:

- legal protection for victims of domestic violence and taking emergency measures by the Law on protection from domestic violence. Despite the urgency and seriousness we have witnessed in some cases a delay in issuing the order, which greatly discourages the victim and reinforces her doubts about protection and assistance;
- troubled access to health services because of unpaid health insurances;
- a procedure for accommodation in a Crisis Center, which is too bureaucratic and not consistent to the requirements for emergency accommodations;
- insufficient awareness of employees bound to resolving cases of domestic violence, on the authority of other institutions;
- inadequate risk assessment and understatement of the situation in some cases;
- problems with recognition of cases of domestic violence by officers bound to resolve such cases;
- underestimating and trivializing the domestic violence recognized by experts;
- lack of sufficient knowledge to work with victims of domestic violence and the perpetrators;
- lack of knowledge about the manifestations of domestic violence the consequences for the individual and the family / couple;
- a negligibly small amount of judicial proceedings under Article 8, pt. 4 of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence;
- GPs often refuse to issue documents certifying bodily harm by redirecting them to forensic medicine where the fee for issuing a judicial medical certificate is too high and too much for most customers;
- lack of coordinated work between different departments of the social system;
- many lawyers refuse to litigate in cases of domestic violence with complaint only of mental and emotional abuse, since they lack physical easily recognizable signs and evidence. There is an underestimation of violence in these cases;
- the victims are often refused or is impeded the acceptance of their oral and written complaints and signals for committed domestic violence, and are redirected to NGOs or the court. In cases of accepted complaints, there is a practice of failure or delay in the issuance of reference numbers, which are particularly important when submitting a request for protection by the Law on protection from domestic violence in court, as they are important evidence applicable to incoming documentation;
- there is an unawaresness regarding the authority of the Law on protection from domestic violence, the Law on the ministry of interior and Law on weapons,
ammunition, explosives and pyrotechnics in connection with domestic violence cases

- there are cases in which the victim was denied assistance at a signal and the production of documents evidencing the committed domestic violence;
- there are cases in which police officers in order to remedy the situation invite the victim to leave the home despite her reluctance, rather than take actions against the perpetrator;
- frequently Article 2 par. 2 of the Law on protection from domestic violence is not applied under the law, namely that it is sufficient to prove that the child was present during the incident of domestic violence, to accept that it is a victim of mental and emotional one. In such cases, part of the judicial panels require victims to prove direct acts of violence on their children - contrary to the norm of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence, international and European law.

Another trend that emerges in the assessments of risk and its management in cases of victims of domestic violence who turned to the Crisis Center "St. Petka" during the past year is to be associated with particularly severe physical force to the extent life-threatening by fractures of the ribs, the hipbone, lacerated - contusion wounds in the head, death threats, rape in marriage, threats of gunning with owned firearms, attempted strangulation, brain concussion due to severe beating, battering during pregnancy as well as cases of homicide. Work on these cases required a coordinated and well orchestrated actions of the services and institutions relevant to the problem. In these cases the children were witnesses of the acts of domestic violence or were subjected to physical and emotional abuse.

In conjunction with the favorable development of cases of children is required as for the care to be modified the protection measure, for example, a good option is foster care. Exceptional difficulties are encountered in providing foster care, especially for children who are over 10 years of age. Partnership with other structures involved in solving the problems of victims of domestic violence is of great importance for their successful resolution. Therefore, one of the main tasks of the team last year continues to be maintenance, accessibility and involvement of other agencies, to provide choice and continuity of care for victims. Considerable efforts were devoted to visits to the relevant departments, which is a good form of investment, resulting in increasing the number and effectiveness of our collaboration on cases.
3. Project: “Trauma Center for Children and Families”

September 1st 2013 - August 31st 2016

Funded by the Bulgarian – Swiss Cooperation Programme, Thematic Fund “Reform Fund Linked to Civil Society Participation”

The "Trauma Center for Children and Families" provides free programs for children survivors of traumatic events and their parents so that they can have the opportunity to recover from their experiences. The Trauma Center is a specialized and unique service for Bulgaria.

Through the support programs that it offers to children, the Trauma Center improves children’s resilience and capacity to process the traumatic events so as to be able to deal with the consequences in the future. The project helps parents to increase their capacity for good parenting and to create a supportive family environment in which children can grow safely and securely. Support is also provided to the important figures in a child's life outside the family which are key to the development and adaptation of the child in society.
The experience so far shows that the programs of the Trauma Center provide an appropriate and beneficial frame for work with severe cases of survivors of violence. The careful selection of the members of the team, as well as the continual efforts to improve the quality of the work via supervisions and case discussions, are prerequisites for developing skills in professionals to identify trauma symptoms and to intervene effective. Supervisions and clinical discussions are also an effective prevention of professional burnout, which is very topical when it comes to working with complicated and emotionally demanding cases. Team members have the chance to specialize and to develop their knowledge and skills for working with this specific group of clients. Supervisions also give them the chance to mutually support each other and to learn from their professional experience. The combination of a psychodynamic approach to the in-depth experiences and problems of traumatized children and adults and a multidisciplinary approach and focus on the work with parents makes it possible to address more completely the issues of children and families benefitting from the services of the Trauma Center.
4. National Helpline for Children 116 111


_Funded by the Bulgarian state budget through the Bulgarian State Agency for Child Protection under public procurement procedures_

2015 marked the 6th year functioning of the Bulgarian National Helpline for Children 116 111. for the whole period the program has been run by the Animus Association after winning of contests under the Public Procurement Act.

The helpline is a 24-hour program which offers counseling, information and help for children and adults, if they call in relation to a child. Monthly about 9 000 calls are received and about 1000 psychological consultations are carried out. In May 2015 was provided the opportunity to employ more consultants, so more calls can be received. Therefore in the year 2015 that largest number of calls so far were answered – 108 852.

The National Helpline is used mostly by teenagers who seek help for various problems – interpersonal issues, family conflicts, psychosocial problems, violence and abuse. More adults have sought help at the helpline in 2015 which shows both the increasing popularity of the program, as well as the need for more and specialized community services for both kids and parents.

Information for children at risk can be received and referred quickly on the helpline and in 2015 649 such cases have been received and referred to the Child Protection Units that can assess them and intervene directly. That is a raise of nearly 200 such cases in comparison to the previous year and testifies to the popularity and accessibility of the helpline as a channel to refer information for at-risk-children and to receive psychological support. The helpline team consists of specifically trained professionals in the spheres of psychology, social work and special pedagogy, who work on shifts to guarantee the non-stop functioning of the line.
The project "National Hotline for Support and Referral of Survivors of Violence" aimed at providing access to assistance for survivors of domestic violence through a hotline as well as providing guidance to social services throughout the country to assist in cases of domestic violence.

The project targets children and adults survivors of domestic violence and their families as well as consultants providing support at the hotline.

The key activity of the project was ensuring the operation of the 02/981 76 86 hotline for survivors of domestic violence.

In 2015 within the project 1000 leaflets were prepared to publiciae and spread information about the hotline. Three media events were also held within the project. More information about the media participations can be found at:


In 2015 a total of 1 836 telephone consultations were delivered to survivors of violence. Another 145 telephone consultations were conducted with a lawyer in relation to the rights and support of victims of violence contained in the Law for Protection against Domestic Violence. Additionally, the project team held a campaign to recruit new volunteer consultants at the Hotline for Survivors of Violence.

In May 2015 a five-day intensive training was held with 20 new consultants.
in order to introduce them to the work at the Hotline for Survivors of Violence.

Within the project, 24 group supervisions were conducted for the team of consultants volunteering at the Hotline for Survivors of Violence. Twice a month in a group format, problematic calls were discussed in order to improve the competence of consultants and to prevent professional burnout. Each supervision lasted 90 minutes and was led by a specialist experienced in the field of domestic violence.

Additionally, the project made it possible to hold both a seminar for the team of consultants of the National Hotline for Survivors of Violence with the aim of evaluating annual performance and planning the activities for next year, and a debriefing seminar for the discussion of cases.

A methodology was developed to obtain online feedback from survivors calling at the hotline and an anonymous questionnaire was prepared for the clients of National Hotline for Survivors of Violence, which was uploaded on the website of Animus Association Foundation: http://animusassociation.org/goreshta-linia/.

The "Map of Services for Victims of Domestic Violence" was also updated under the project. The map can be found at the website of Animus Association Foundation: http://animusassociation.org/za-fondaciata/partniori/sluzhbi-organizaciiprogrami/.
6. Project: “Protection Zone” - Child and Youth Advocacy Center

October 1st 2015 – December 30th 2016

Funded by Unicef - Country Program for Bulgaria

"Zona ZaKrila" Child and Youth Advocacy Centre is a specialized program to the Community Support Centre, which started its work on 02.10.2015.

The Centre provides services to children victims of violence and their families by establishing a specialized approach and programs, bringing together good-quality of legal, medical, psychological and social practices, using child-friendly working procedures and favorable support environment. "Zona ZaKrila" provides continuous support and advocacy for child victims of violence and their families during the whole process of working on the case from the moment of receiving the signal for violence and initiation to the recovery process's completion. The center is organized on the basis of a multidisciplinary team, which includes representatives of child protection services. The specialized program is supported by UNICEF and BTV. "Zona ZaKrila” develops its activities in the municipalities of regions such as Oborishte, Poduyane and Kremikovtzi.

From the opening of the center, for the last quarter of the year a several meetings have been held with inter-governmental organizations in order to be presented the center’s activities. A Methodology was developed together with experts from UNICEF and SAPI for working with the children. There was a number of specialized trainings for “Zona zaKrila” team. A local multidisciplinary unit has been formed which includes a judge, a prosecutor, a police officer, a social worker from the “Child Protection Department” at the”Social Assistance” Directorate- Oborishte, representatives of municipal areas such as Kremikovtzi, Poduyane and Oborishte, A laywer and two forensic doctors have also been engaged to the “Zona Zakrila”team.
For the past period the team has started working with clients in the specialized programs of the center. In December Protection Zone hosted a meeting between Mr. Anthony Lake, UNICEF Executive Director, and clients of the center. In the emotional spirit of the meeting a client said that in “Zona ZaKrila” they have found psychological, legal and social support.
7. Project: “Introducing Participatory and Child-centered Approach for Early Identification and Prevention of Bullying in School Setting in 7 EU Countries”

December 1st 2014 - November 30th 2016

Funded by the DAPHNE III Program of the European Union

The project is implemented in partnership of 6 NGOs from Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Germany, the UK and the Netherlands. The overall goal of the project is to involve children in preventing bullying and creating a safe school environment in a participatory and empowering way.

The child perspective on bullying is at the core of our project.

The first step was to approach children from the different European countries participating in the project and to ask them to share their views on safety at school and their fears and expectations. In the seven project partner countries, workshops were conducted in primary and secondary schools with students aged 7 to 18. Students from 7 schools in Sofia participated in the children’s workshops held in Bulgaria.

In Bulgaria, in addition to the children’s workshop, project team members also conducted focus groups and interviews with children.

Thanks to the feedback provided by children in the framework of workshops and focus groups, we were able to develop a children’s booklet so that children’s voices can reach teachers and various stakeholders from the child protection system. The booklet is translated in 7 languages and is available electronically.
Within the project, members of Animus team conducted trainings with teachers from different schools in Sofia. The topics of the trainings were related with the issues of violence, aggression, the need of healthy communication, the rules and the social atmosphere at school. The trainings opened a space for presentation and discussion of the „Mechanism for Counteracting Bullying among Children and Students at School“. Animus is a member of the working group at the Ministry of Education that developed and reviewed the mechanism.

The Center for Counselling, Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis at Animus Association Foundation provides psychological support to victims of school bullying and their parents. What is more, counselling is provided not only to victims but also to perpetrators of school bullying.

Within the project, knowledge gained and lessons learned will be spread among a broader audience of specialists responsible for children’s well-being – head teachers, teachers, social workers, police officers, other key stakeholders, etc. We believe this is an effective way of increasing the awareness among professionals on the emotional needs of children.

The final project phase will assess the existing legal framework on the topic of prevention of bullying in the 7 EU member states participating in the project. Findings of this assessment will be used to stimulate a public debate and to draw up recommendations for potential legislative changes.
8. Project: “Bulgarian-Swiss Joint Efforts for Providing Immediate and Unconditional Protection of Trafficked Persons and Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings”

January 5th 2015 – December 8th 2017

With the Financial Support of the Swiss Confederation through the Thematic Fund “Security” of the Swiss-Bulgarian Cooperation Program

The project is supported by a grant from Switzerland through Thematic Fund Security. Partners of Animus Association are the Swiss NGO FIZ-Advocacy and Support for Migrant Women and Victims of Trafficking and the International Center for Migration Policy development (ICMPD). The project is part of a larger Swiss-Bulgarian Program “Swiss-Bulgarian Program of Cooperation for the Prevention of THB and the Identification, Protection, Support, Return & Reintegration of Victims of Trafficking” which is implemented by the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, IOM-Bulgaria and Animus Association.

The project aims to ensure respect of the rights of trafficked persons for immediate and unconditional access to services upon identification in Switzerland as country of destination and in Bulgaria as country of origin. The project will contribute to the sustainable implementation of the protective measures for victims of trafficking as envisaged in the Swiss and in the Bulgarian legislations.

Some of the activities in 2015 were:

- development of Swiss-Bulgarian bilateral guidelines for identification, protection and referral of victims of trafficking. The process started with the development of bilateral working group with experts from both countries. The activity is implemented in partnership with FIZ;
- monitoring and assessment of the implementation of the Bulgarian National Referral Mechanism (NRM). The process started with meeting of all actors implementing the NRM and development of assessment criteria and methodology. The activity is implemented in partnership with ICMPD;
- analytical report “Relevant Push and Pull Factors for Trafficking in Human Beings from Bulgaria to Western Europe”;
- research and presentation “Legal ways for Bulgarian citizens to work abroad” aiming at preventing trafficking in human beings for labor exploitation;
- six workshops for young people from institutions to prevent human trafficking by developing skills and attitudes for safe search of work;
- two training seminars for help-line consultants working at the 02/981 76
building their capacity to provide prevention through the telephone;
- prevention campaign “There is Something Rotten in the Ad”:
  ✓ 3’000 Posters – in all employment bureaus (100), in 900 post stations; at main border checkpoints (at Kulata, Kalotina, Gjueshevo, Russe-Dunav Most and Sofia Airport); 3 poster attacks in Sofia downtown and in all universities in Sofia
  ✓ 20’000 Leaflets placed on the seats of the buses of UNION IVKONI company travelling to European destination countries;
  ✓ 5 Billboards (3 mega-boards 8/4 m at Kalotina and Kulata) 2 pizzas 4/3m at Russe-Dunav Most) – at main border checkpoints – Rousse, Kalotina, Kulata, Kapitan Andreevo and central locations in Sofia;
  ✓ 5 Outdoor adds (2 CLs triple sides in the center of Sofia and 3 light boxes at Sofia Airport:
    - building the capacity of the Crisis center and transforming it into Transit Center for trafficked persons.
    Training and supervision for the staff;
    - urgent and unconditional services for trafficked persons.

September 1st 2015 – September 1st 2018

Funded by OAK Foundation, Switzerland

The overall project goal is to ensure sustainability in combating domestic violence in Bulgaria. Specific project objectives are:

1. Ensuring the legal framework for the implementation of social services for women victims of domestic violence: A lot of active work for raising the capacity of relevant local structures is necessary to implement the already developed coordination mechanism and minimum standards so that they do not remain on paper.

2. Engaging local authorities on the topic of domestic violence and increasing the capacity of local key stakeholders to combat domestic violence in compliance with the coordination mechanism and the minimum standards: One of the most important lessons learnt from AFF’s previous project, funded by the OAK Foundation, is that it is most difficult to work with some individual attitudes to domestic violence of people in power. This makes it clear that even if the coordination mechanism and the standards are officially adopted by the key institutions, no meaningful change is possible without the serious involvement of local communities. Following the OAK Foundation’s principle for co-financing, AAF ensures the engagement of local communities in combating domestic violence – they will provide halls, logistics, participation at the local level, etc.

3. Creating a sustainable model for a specialized comprehensive service, supporting people in situation of domestic violence: The existence of such a center will allow the service users to request help and participate in the further development of services targeted at them which contributes to the victims’ empowerment. The center will also collect feedback from the clients about the services offered in order to improve them.

The target groups of the project are women, adolescents and children victims of domestic violence, local authorities and key stakeholders, decision makers on the topic of domestic violence.

The proposed project plans the following activities: lobbying campaign; lobbying in partnership with the Alliance for Protection against Domestic Violence and Gender Alternatives Foundation for signing and ratifying the Council of Europe Convention; participating in drafting a law for social services; synchronizing the coordination mechanism with the Council of Europe Convention for Combating
Violence against Women and Domestic Violence; institutionalizing the minimum standards for social services, conducting active media campaign on the issue of domestic violence; work in the community campaign; researching key partners in regions where there are no active NGOs in the field of domestic violence; increasing the capacity of key local stakeholders to participate in multidisciplinary teams and work on domestic violence cases, in compliance with the coordination mechanism; increasing the capacity of service providers and NGOs to work on domestic violence cases in compliance with the minimum standards; piloting the service “Comprehensive Center for Support of Victims of Domestic Violence”; creating a mechanism for interaction between the piloted center and the 24/7 emergency services for victims of domestic violence.

The project will ensure sustainability in the implementation of services in cases of domestic violence against women. In addition, the project will implement the Coordination Mechanism for assistance and support of victims of domestic violence. The Coordination Mechanism was ratified at the institutional level; however, in order to achieve its practical implementation, training for all local structures is required. The experience of partner organizations in the country shows that joint horizontal trainings with different institutions are needed in order to attain the actual implementation of the Coordination Mechanism. Thus, the current project will provide the opportunity for the mechanism to be applied in practice rather than to remain only on paper.
The overall project goal is to provide possibilities for life free of violence to children, adolescents and women victims of domestic violence, sexual violence or trafficking in human beings in Bulgaria. Specifically, the project aims at providing specialised psychosocial counselling and crisis intervention to children, adolescents and women victims of violence; facilitating the reintegration of survivors of violence through family and community work, empowerment program and pedagogical program; further strengthening the quality of the comprehensive care program provided by AAF through supervisions and debriefing seminars.

In 2015 (January to May) the project supported a total of 63 clients who benefitted from the full set of psycho-social services available – crisis intervention and psychotherapeutical counselling, empowerment and pedagogical program, family consultations program. The professional community and the team of Animus Association were supported through the programs for community work and methodological support, supervision and debriefing seminars.

As for the whole two-year funding period altogether 394 women, children and adolescents benefitted from the programs psycho-social support.

The provision of good-quality social programs contributes enormously to the lobbying efforts of AAF to justify the development of comprehensive standards for victims of violence. This project supports the psychological and social work of the Crisis Centre “St.Petka”.
The project is a follow-up action of the previous project funded by Medicor Foundation for psycho-social support of survivors of violence.

The overall project goal is to provide possibilities for children, adolescents and women victims of domestic violence in Bulgaria to recover from the consequences of the experienced violence and to acquire skills for an independent life, free of violence. This is being achieved through a comprehensive set of social services. A part of the comprehensive approach is increasing the capacity of AAF staff and other partners of the community to work with cases of domestic violence.

The project contributes to the achievement of AAF long-term goal to develop a specialized support center for victims of domestic violence in Bulgaria. It plans to implement the *The Minimum Standards for Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence* elaborated in a previous project of AAF. The project continues and builds upon the good practice of programs already resumed in the first project funded by Medicor: crisis intervention and psychotherapeutic counseling, empowerment program, pedagogical program, community work, family consultations program, advocacy program. The capacity of professionals is supported and developed through regular debriefing seminars and clinical supervision on cases.

The target groups of the project are women, adolescents and children victims of domestic violence, couples in a situation of domestic violence and/or separation, relatives and members of the extended families of survivors of domestic violence, the staff of AAF providing direct support to victims and the professional community.

For 2015 (September to December) a large number women and children victims of domestic violence benefitted from the programs of the support center. The majority of them were counseled, and some of them were also accommodated in the crisis center. Some of the women took part in the empowerment program and
families or relatives of survivors participated in the family consultations program. Clients also received pedagogical support in this period and some of the supported survivors received individual advocacy concerning their rights, access to social services, etc.

The team of the crisis center was supported through debriefing seminars and individual clinical supervisions for the above period. Multidisciplinary meetings were carried out as parts of the community work and methodological support of cases.

The project enables hundreds of victims who are not accommodated in the crisis center to receive support recovery from the effects of domestic violence, whereas the Crisis Centre "Sv. Petka" is a key element of the integrated Support Center.
The project "Zippy’s Friends – the Future Citizens of Bulgaria" is financed under the NGO support program in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014. The project is implemented in partnership between the "Animus Association Foundation" and the Norwegian organization, Voksne for Barn, and is supported by the Regional Inspectorate of Education at the Ministry of Education and Science, Directorate "Prevention, Integration, Sports and Tourism" at Sofia Municipality.

The project aims at expanding community services improving the welfare of vulnerable children by introducing the "Zippy’s Friends Program" in a mainstream school in Bulgaria. "Zippy’s Friends" is a unique program with leading organization Voksne for Barn, Norway. The program is a tool for the prevention of school bullying and the marginalization of children on ethnic, social, physical or other principle, as well as a tool for improving the mental health of children. The program not only improves the social climate in the classroom and children’s coping skills and self-esteem but also their academic achievements. "Zippy’s Friends" is a program that helps children at an early age to develop coping skills so that they can better cope with life crises and difficulties at various stages of their lives.

Some of the most important activities that took place in 2015 within the project were:

- For the first time during the academic year 2014-2015, a program promoting the mental health of children aged 5-7 was implemented in 14 pre-school groups and classes from schools and kindergartens in the city of Sofia; 300 children participated in Zippy’s Friends program. In 2015-2016 school year the program continued in four new classes.
In conjunction with the implementation of the program in schools and kindergartens, a study was conducted to assess the program's impact on children and on the climate in the classroom which will function as the basis of a report which will be prepared for the effectiveness of the “Zippy’s Friends” program in Bulgaria. The results show that parents of the children who participated in Zippy’s Friends program increased the active strategies for coping than the children who did not attend in the program and who increased the passive strategies. We conducted a survey which aimed to find out whether children’s way to communicate with each other and with their teacher has changed after the implementation of Zippy’s Friends program. The data shows that teachers believe that the program has a positive impact on children’s communication skills and their abilities to solve problems within the group.

More information about the Zippy’s Frinds program can be found on the following link:

http://priatelitenazippy.com/

November 2014 – October 2015

Funded by the NGO Support Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area

The project aims at developing a strategy for ensuring financial sustainability of the programs of Animus Association Foundation, and more particularly, of the Zippy’s Friends mental health promotion program. The project also strives to establish long-term partnerships with businesses and companies running social responsibility programs. The Zippy’s Friends program targets 5-7 year-olds and addresses important issues such as violence and aggression in school settings. The program helps children acquire positive, non-harming coping strategies so as to constructively deal with difficulties not only at school but also later in their lives. It improves children’s skills for making friends, building relationships, solving conflicts, dealing with loss, etc. and also improves children’s academic performance.

The diversification of the funding sources of Animus Association Foundation guarantees the continuity of the Zippy’s Friends program and expands its effect of improving children’s mental health and emotional well-being. The project attracted many representatives of the business sector and a large number of like-minded people to the ideas of the program as well as numerous supporters to the organization’s mission and activities. As a result of the activities of the project, Raiffeisenbank included the Zippy’s Friends program in its 2015 donation platform called “Choose to Help”.

The project also launched an active campaign with Internet and social networks, which aimed at presenting the organization on the Internet and popularizing its programs and activities. The work within the social media contributed to the wide popularization of the Zippy’s Friends program and made the other important programs of the organization also widely popular.
A DMS Campaign supporting Zippy’s Friends was also launched within the project. The DMS campaign was publicized during an information campaign held for the Children’s Day on the 1st of June in front of Ivan Vazov National Theatre. The event was held within the Children’s Fair organized by Easy Art Foundation.

More information about the Zippy’s Friends program can be found on the following link:

http://priatelitenazippy.com/

February 20th 2015 – February 20th 2016

Funded by the Charitable Foundation to International Women’s Club – Sofia city

The project aims at supporting the Crisis Center “St. Petka” by providing humanitarian aid related to delivery and supply of:

- food products for the women and children accommodated in the crisis center;
- medication;
- medical examinations;
- sanitary products and office supplies;
- repairs;
- transport costs.

The "St. Petka" Crisis Center is the only place in Sofia for accommodating women and children, victims of domestic violence. The service is used by victims of domestic violence not only in Sofia and Sofia region, but also by victims throughout the country. The capacity of the center is eight beds and the duration of the stay is up to three months.

The Crisis center includes a range of activities that help victims of domestic violence to stop the circle of violence, to emerge from the situation of abuse and to recover from the experience. The process of leaving the situation of violence and the restoration of the consequences is long and different for each sufferer. The time required depends on the duration of the violence and the capacity of the client to deal with difficulties.

The support that creates the basic conditions for dealing with the situation of violence are different programs and services such as emergency accommodation, timely psychological counseling and social advocacy. The 24-hour regime of operation of the Crisis Center allows timely support, which in some cases is lifesaving. Many of the women who turn to the Crisis center for help are
in a state of complete inability to cope with the situation provoked by beatings and other acts of violence against them or their children, or more generally of an event in their lives, which they feel they can not deal with. This is usually associated with a sense for urgent change, and at the same time with confusion, exhaustion, fear and helplessness.

Maintaining the services provided by the Crisis Center is a major challenge and is accompanied by much effort. The Crisis Center is a 24-hour program that generates a large amount of costs associated with meeting the daily needs of the clients. The optimal functioning of the Crisis Center and the providing of a quality social service create the need of a higher cost standard.

The project provided funding for the provision of food and other humanitarian needs such as medicines, medical services, hygiene products and more.

Thanks to these funds the project provided comfort of residence for the client of the center. It was a good form of investment crucial not only for their physical survival, but also to regain their sense of self-worth and aid in their social reintegration and functioning.
Animus Association Foundation (AAF) has joined a coalition of 10 Bulgarian NGOs, which in 2013 successfully launched the international MenCare campaign (http://men-care.org/) in Bulgaria.

“MenCare Campaign in Bulgaria“ encourages the active men involvement in children’s lives with the aim to create a non-violent family environment, that supports child development. The project’s activities are focused as on fathers, as well as on all relevant male figures in the family. In its framework the coalition of NGO’s actively develops activities in the following workstreams:

1. Informational and media campaign aiming at promoting “positive model of parenting”, justified through the outcomes of a national representative survey of attitudes;
2. Direct work in kindergartens and primary schools. Elaboration of educational models and methods, which facilitate the work of teachers and other professionals towards active fatherhood through men involvement. This is the activity in which AAF contributes mostly in the project in the form of trainings for teachers and social workers;
3. Developing a network of partner organizations and advocacy for “Child support and protection policy” to be accepted by private and public organizations and professionals.

In 2015, AAF held two three-day trainings with teachers from kindergartens on the topic "Creating and implementing models for supporting active fatherhood." Teachers from kindergartens in Sofia took part in the trainings. Practices were developed for inclusion of fathers in the lives of their children in kindergarten. At the end of the year we carried out another two 3-day training sessions with social workers from the child protection system on
"Inclusion of fathers in social work related to child protection".

The idea of these training was to raise the awareness of specialists in the educational and social sphere to the importance and specificity of the male figure in the development and upbringing of children, as well as developing specific skills to involve fathers on the one hand, and to assess them as an important resource in dealing with the problems of children.

FAA participated in the elaboration of a manual for teachers in kindergartens, which was published in 2015.

We actively disseminate information about the campaign and its events in our communication channels.

The implementation of this campaign is essential, since it puts a high social priority on the meaning of fatherhood for the development of children. The fact that such a topic is not popular in Bulgarian public space makes the project extremely challenging and socially significant.


November 1st 2013 – October 31st 2015

Funded by the NGO Suport Program in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014, with implementing organization Providus Latvia, Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project

Antisocial behavior is consequences of ignoring some of child’s needs in one’s early childhood. The objective of the project therefore is to develop innovative methods for social work in regions of Latvia to reduce the risk situations that cause antisocial behavior. The objective of the project is to develop innovative working methods in Latvia in order to reduce the risk factors responsible for the antisocial behavior. The target group consists of 48 children who are in a risk of social isolation.

In 2015 Dimitar Germanov prepared a presentation for the final project conference in Latvia. He presented Bulgarian practices related to some prevented measures of children’s antisocial behavior. The presentation was delivered in front of the key stakeholders and Latvian professionals responsible for policy making. It was focused on three activities of Animus Association Foundation related to prevention of children’s antisocial behavior – the Trauma
17. Project: “Promotion of the Rights of Trafficked Persons in Bulgaria, Romania and Slovakia with Emphasis on Legal Support – A Human-rights Based Approach”

January 1st 2013 – December 31st 2015

Financed by ISEC Program of the European Commission and supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Netherlands

The project is implemented in partnership with the Netherlands Helsinki Committee (main applicant and project coordinator) and ADPARE (Association for the Development of Alternative Practices for Education and Reintegration) – Romania, “Pro Refugio” Association – Romania and „Human Rights League” – Slovakia.

The goal of the project is to improve the access to legal aid for victims of trafficking in human beings and to develop a network of lawyers who can work on trafficking cases in close collaboration with non-governmental organizations running crisis centers for victims of human trafficking, counseling centers and shelters for survivors of trafficking.

Some of the most important activities that took place in 2015 were:

- Three expert meetings for lawyers and social workers were organized where trafficking cases form the real practice were discussed and problem situations in supporting the victim during the criminal proceedings were debated. Prosecutors, judges and lawyers from Netherlands shared their experience and presented good practices aiming at avoiding secondary victimization of the victim.
- Training of NGO representatives to advocate for the rights of trafficked persons and effective implementation of the relevant legislation in Bulgaria.
- A Round Table “Legal legal ways to protect victims of trafficking. Do victims of trafficking in human beings have real access to legal aid in Bulgaria? The Role of the lawyer, prosecutor and the judge.” was organized. Lawyers, prosecutors, judges, representatives of the National Legal Aid Bureau and social workers participated and debated the best ways to protect the rights of the victims in Bulgaria.
- Two specialized manuals for lawyers and social workers “Legal ways to protect victims of trafficking” were printed and distributed. The manuals provide guidelines on how to effectively use the Bulgarian and the international legislation in the best interest of the victim.
- A monitoring report “Treatment of victims of trafficking in court in Bulgaria” was published. The report was developed by “Gender Alternative” Foundation based on the monitoring of 40 court hearings within 11 court cases of trafficking in the country.
- A leaflet for victims of trafficking “Where from now?” was published. It presents the rights of the victims and the ways they can be protected. The leaflet contains contact information of the centers providing support to trafficked persons and the contacts of all lawyers, trained to work with the victims.

18. Project: “TRACE: Trafficking as a Criminal Enterprise”

May 1st 2014 – March 31st 2016

Funded by the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration.

The current project is being implemented in partnership with TRILATERAL RESEARCH & CONSULTING LLP (UK) – leading organization, VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL (Belgium), TILBURG UNIVERSITY (the Netherlands), THE COUNCIL OF THE BALTIC SEA STATES SECRETARIAT (Sweden), THE NATIONAL AGENCY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (Romania), CYPRUS POLICE (Cyprus) and LA STRADA INTERNATIONAL (the Netherlands).

TRACE aims to support stakeholders in combating and disrupting human trafficking, one of the largest criminal enterprises in the world, by assessing and consolidating information surrounding the perpetrators and the wider trafficking enterprise. The project will focus on the activities of the perpetrators by developing an understanding of the structure, social relationships, modus operandi, travel routes and technologies associated with different types of human trafficking. Based on the analysis of perpetrators’ behaviour TRACE seeks to be able to better identify
who is in danger of being trafficked and furthermore, who is vulnerable to becoming involved in human trafficking (including those who may have been victims themselves).

In 2015 experts from the "Animus Association" Foundation worked on the following thematic work packages, part of the "TRACE" project (TRACE – Trafficking as a Criminal Enterprise):

**WP2: The Act of Human Trafficking**
- Contribution to “Report on Key Aspects of the Act of Human Trafficking” (geographic trajectories and ways of recruitment); the report also provides and expert analysis of court practices;

**WP3: The Traffickers**
- Conducting field research: interview questionnaires for persons convicted for trafficking in people and contribution to “Report on Specificities and Motivation of Traffickers and the Social Communication among Them”;
- Participation in a seminar, presenting the report, held in June in Brussels, Belgium;

**WP4: The Role of Technology in Human Trafficking**
- Conducting research of secondary sources and contribution to “Report on the Role of Existing and Newly Existing technologies in Human Trafficking”;
- Participation in a seminar, presenting the report, held in September in Tilburg, the Netherlands;

**WP5: Trafficking as a global phenomenon: political and social economic aspects**
- A leading partner in the development of “Report on the Ways in Which Socio-economic, Political and Criminal Tendencies Affect Trafficking in People”;
- Organizing a seminar, presenting the report, held in November in Sofia, Bulgaria.
A partnership of two non-governmental organizations, active in the area of human rights and the protection of vulnerable groups and victims of violence, implement the project collectively in Bulgaria. The project aims at encouraging democratic values and protecting human rights. The project mainly targets victims of domestic violence and elderly people. Youths are targeted as a secondary group. Key programs of the project are: providing legal support and psychological counseling to victims of domestic violence, as well as training of social workers, human-rights experts and university students.

Animus Association Foundation contributes to the implementation of the project with training venues and professional expertise on the topics of domestic violence and the support of the victims. The organization also contributes to the raising of awareness among target groups, particularly on the protection of the rights of victims of domestic violence. In the long term, the project will support the exchange of experience and will expand the cooperation in support of the victims.

In 2015 Animus Association Foundation took part in an exchange seminar that brought together magistrates, public prosecutors, policemen, lawyers, social workers, psychologists and representatives of non-governmental organizations, in the region of Plovdiv. Forty-six experts took part in the seminar. Another 15 experts participated in a project coordination meeting held in May.

In July the trainers of Animus Association Foundation conducted a training for social workers from services from the region of Plovdiv. The training built the expertise of the participants on the topic of ensuring effective application of the law relevant to the protection of the rights of victims of domestic violence. Eighteen professionals from social services providing direct support to victims of domestic violence took part in the training.

The project team held three press conferences to ensure the visualization and publicity of the project. The second press conference presenting the implementation and progress of the project took place in April 2015.

20. Project: “A-Z to SAFETY”

January 1st 2015 – December 31st 2016

Funded by Daphne III Program of the European Union.

The project “A-Z to Safety” aims at preventing and protecting young women and girls, mostly from ethnic minorities who are victims or at a risk of becoming victims of harmful practices, such as early forced marriages, honor-based violence (domestic violence, genital mutilation, acid attacks, etc).

The coordinator of the project is Iranian and Kurdish Women's Rights Organization (IKWRO). Animus Association Foundation is a partner in the project, along with three other organizations - Papatya (Germany), Orient Expres (Austria), Refugee Women's Association (UK).

The project targets six groups of beneficiaries:

1. Young girls and women, mostly from minority communities (of Roma and Turkish origin) and refugees who are victims or potential victims of harmful practices;

2. Professionals who help beneficiaries: teachers, social workers, police officers, coordinators of NGOs, government officials and others;

3. Community, which needs to change their way of thinking about early marriages, discrimination based on religion or ethnicity, sex crimes and more;

4. The media that will help in order to raise public awareness and change the legislation;

5. Physicians who need more information to assist in the process of termination of harmful practices at European level;

6. Innovations of national legislators and policies that can effect changes in the law.

Main project activities include:

1. Offering information, advice, support, assistance and other activities performed by Animus Association Foundation to young girls and women who are victims or potential ones of harmful practices by specially equipped Call center. National Helpline for Children 116 111;
2. Offering psychological counseling office for the purpose of emotional support and dealing with consequences such as post-traumatic stress, anxiety, depression, violence and abuse;

3. Organizing and conducting expert group of professionals to support the process of awareness and identification of harmful practices in target communities. This will be an opportunity to create awareness and promote equality and help vulnerable women and young girls to seek support and assistance;

4. Organizing and conducting workshops for professionals to increase their knowledge and skills to identify victims or potential of harmful practices;

5. Organizing and conducting workshops for beneficiaries in order to empower and increase their self-esteem and personal resources to deal with harmful situations threatening physical and emotional well-being, support in finding jobs, getting acquainted with their fundamental rights, etc.

In 2015:

- young women and girls received information and support through the National Helpline for Children 116 111; as well as psychological consultations;

- expert meetings were held with professionals;

- trainings were held for victims and potential victims of harmful practices;

- trainings were held for professionals;

- flyers were designed, printed and distributed at various events, conferences and workshops on topics related to harmful practices;

- packs of training materials were created to help professionals working with victims of harmful practices;

- international meetings were held with all project partners.
About Alternative Future

Alternative Future is an innovative project aimed at improving the lives and life chances of young people who have experienced violence. It is being delivered by a partnership of organizations across six European countries – Fundació SURT (Spain), Animus Association Foundation (Bulgaria), Children in Scotland (UK), Instituto degli Innocenti, IDI (Italy), Dissens (Germany) and Association for Men’s and Gender Issues Styria, AMGI (Austria), and is funded under the Rights, Education and Citizenship programme of the European Union.

How the project carries out its work

The first step is to speak directly to young people who live in residential care settings, so that we can understand better how they perceive, understand and reflect on violence. This group of young people has been chosen as many of them will have direct experience of violence, through physical assault, sexual abuse, coercion by adults and aggression within peer relationships. The project team is speaking to young people in all six partner countries, to gather and reflect a diverse range of circumstances, experiences and contexts. The team is also gathering information from practitioners.

The information gathered from the young people and staff will be used to develop learning resources. These will build the capacity of staff to work more effectively with young people who have experience of violence and its continuing adverse
effect. This information will be shared at a number of seminars – five or six in each participating country – so we hope to reach a substantial number of practitioners. Work with practitioners through the learning events should result in a number of identifiable actions to empower and support young people who have experience of violence, with particular emphasis on young people within the care system.

Informing policy at national and European level is a key part of project activity. A final European symposium will be held in Edinburgh near the end of 2017.

What we will produce

The main output of the project will be a Transnational Good Practice Catalogue, which will be the result of all the aforementioned activity. There is a project website http://alternativefuture.eu where the learning materials and methods will remain available after the project ends.
Project BG06-242 “Let’s express ourselves” has as its main objective the creation of effective mechanism in seven kindergartens, for socialization and educational integration, training and adaptation to the school activity and to enhance motivation to participate in the educational process of children aged 3 to 6 years from vulnerable groups exposed to risk of social exclusion and poverty, including those of Roma and / or other ethnic groups, through work with children in a multicultural environment, including socio-psychological, educational and creative activities for working with children, partnering with the family, local communities structures of civil society and local authorities.

As a partner in Project BG06-242 “Let’s express ourselves”, “Animus Association” Foundation took over the execution of two of the planned activities:

- Working groups for sharing core competencies with the teachers from the kindergartens
- Consultative work with a psychologist for children from vulnerable groups and systematic work with their parents

During the workshops for exchange of key competencies with teachers from the kindergartens were presented and exercised various strategies for active involvement of the fathers in their children’s lives and in the activities of the kindergartens, as well as methods for assessing and supporting children victims of violence.

During the visits by psychologists from "Animus Association" Foundation in the kindergartens were conducted psychological counseling of children, their parents and relatives, as well as group sessions with children from the respective kindergartens.
23. Project: "Net4Work"

July 1st 2015 – February 15th 2016

_Financed by Bulgarian Donor’s Forum_

"Net4Work" – Net for work is a project that tries to provide employment opportunities and integration of young people from vulnerable societies. The project is funded by the "Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation" BCAF. "Animus Association" is a partner on this project. The duration of the project is from 01.07.2015 - 15.02.2016.

The project aims to provide young people the necessary communication and social skills to succeed in the labor market; to create the opportunity to meet young people from vulnerable groups who seek employment with responsible and committed potential employers, representatives of business; to offer psychological support; to facilitate the search of a job for the young people, to share experiences, knowledge and skills with all organizations working with vulnerable groups.

24. Project: “Increasing the Effectiveness of Referral, Support, Protection and Reintegration of Victims of THB, through the Practical Application of the Transnational Mechanism”

January 1st 2015 – March 1st 2016

_Funded by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 "Interaction within the framework of Schengen and fight against Cooperation and Combating Cross-border and Organised Crime, including Trafficking and Itinerant Criminal Groups"

Beneficiary of this project is the General Directorate for Combating Organized Crime, in partnership with the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Poland, the Hungarian National Police Headquarters, the National commission for combating traffic in human beings of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria and "Animus Association" Foundation.

The project is aimed at developing resources of the Bulgarian law enforcement structures, social workers, other national organs and non-governmental organizations(NGOs) for deliberation, assistance, protection and reintegration of the victims , as well as improving and strengthening the cooperation and mutual
understanding between them at national and international level, through practical application of the Transnational Referral Mechanism.

The project is based on the understanding that the effective fight against organized crime and the prosecution of perpetrators is possible only if there is a humanely regard and concern for victims. The project is based on the long experience and cooperation of the Animus Association and the police in dealing with cases of human trafficking. Protecting the interests and rights of victims are of primary concern for all partners.

As a partner in the project “Increasing the effectiveness of referral, support, protection and reintegration of victims of THB, through the practical application of the Transnational mechanism”, the "Animus Association" Foundation has the following activities, with regard to the victims of trafficking in human beings:

- Accommodation in a crisis centre for a period of three months;
- Risk assessment and security plan;
- Empowerment program, which involves developing skills for realization on the labour market;
- Providing psychosocial support;
- Humanitarian aid;
- Regular supervisions for the team;
- Debriefing for the Crisis center.

These mandate the provision of professional psychosocial support immediately after leaving the situation of human trafficking. Victims of human trafficking are provided a safe and secure environment of residence. In 2015, were supported 38 victims of human trafficking, 15 of which were accommodated in the Crisis Center. In some cases the accommodation is not carried out and the victims are supported, by providing them with a safe return, making a risk assessment and a security plan for action after their return. They are provided with emergency contacts with necessary services and institutions that can adequately assist in each individual case.
The RISE project main aim is to reduce the phenomenon of bullying in boarding schools by developing an innovative intervention program responding to the needs of the young generation and concentrating on building the inner-strength of teenagers, so it aims at:

- promoting an environment of trust and mutual respect, in which members feel safe and comfortable expressing thoughts and feelings;
- developing coping skills to counter the emotional toll that bullying takes on an individual,
- cultivating social supports and a sense of a peer community.

RISE project will reduce the episodes of bullying in boarding schools by increasing the inner strength of teenagers, developing their self-esteem, coping skills and self-efficacy, using an innovative programme based on outdoor training and mindfulness techniques.

The RISE intervention program, according to research surveys and studies, will ensure that teenagers will:
- learn confidence and how to gain more self-esteem;
- be more accepting of others’ views and differences;
- cooperate better with others;
- have a decreased aggressive behaviour.

Boarding school staff will be trained and equipped with tools to support teenagers and deal with episode of bullying.

The applicant of the project is Civiform (Italy). The project partners are Animus (Bulgaria), VTI Brugge Boarding School (Belgium); IFRTS (France); CJD Berufsbildungswerk (Germany); ISRE (Italy)
In 2015 the Training Center at Animus Association Foundation held 4343 training events, involving a total of 1067 participants. These trainings were held both at the Training Center and at venues across the country.

The training activity aimed at enhancing the skills of professionals, working with children at risk and children victims of violence, as well as at developing skills for case work in a multidisciplinary team, work with adopters and foster parents, work on cases of parental alienation, etc. The trainings were designed on the basis of a psychodynamic theoretical framework and interactive methods, which provide the participants with practical skills for direct work with people.

The main focus of the training activities in 2015 was put on increasing the professional competences of social workers and psychologists from community support centres, crisis centres and child protection services (overall 8 trainings for 142 participants). The work of the specialists was supported by providing supervision of the direct work on cases: 17 individual and group supervisions were conducted for colleagues from 2 community support centers in the country. Additionally, 3 thematic trainings were delivered to a total of 62 kindergarten teachers, aiming at developing and applying models of support of active fatherhood.

In 2015 the trainers at Animus Association Foundation delivered a training to 20 volunteers for work at the Hotline for Survivors of Violence in Bulgaria.

Additionally, the Training Centre provided trainings aimed at deepening the knowledge and skills of the team of therapists and consultants of Animus Association Foundation for provision of psychotherapeutic and psychosocial support for clients in various programs. During the year, 262 group supervisions were held for the teams at Animus Association Foundation, which included experts from the Center for
Rehabilitation, Counseling and Psychotherapy, the Community Support Centre for Children and Families, "St. Petka" Crisis Center, the National Helpline for Children 116 111 and the Hotline for Survivors of Violence. Within these regular workshops clinical and theoretical material, concerning work with children, parents and families, was discussed.

Acquiring in 2007 a license (№ 200712489) in accordance with state educational requirements, the Training Center continued to provide vocational training for the position Social Work Assistant, as well as within the subject "Social Work with Children and Families at Risk".

The Training center continued its practice of work with students from various universities in the country and abroad, by offering a clinical base for students following a contract concluded with the Faculty of Pedagogy and Faculty of Preschool and Primary School Education at “St. Kliment Ohridski” University of Sofia. A total of 12 students had their practical training at the “St. Petka” Crisis Center and the “Mother and Baby” Unit. Another 11 students from various universities in Bulgaria did volunteer work in key units of the organization.
V. STATISTICS OF ANIMUS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION FOR 2015

Distribution of clients of Animus Association Foundation

Counselling, psychotherapeutic and prevention programs - 933 clients
Crisis Center for Survivors of Violence - 56 accommodated clients
National Helpline for Children 116 111 - 12,331 consultations
Hotline for Survivors of Violence - 1,836 clients
Social Services Center for Children and Families - 433 clients
Mother and Baby Unit - 37 clients
Training Center - 1,067 participants in training events

Total number of clients for 2014 – 16,703

Distribution of clients by type of problem and share of the services and programs

1. STATISTICS OF THE HOTLINE FOR SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE
   Total – 1,836 consultations

Chart 1: Distribution of clients by type of problem

- Domestic violence: 1,017 clients
- Mental illness: 222 clients
- Other type of violence: 93 clients
- Trafficking in human beings: 38 clients
- Sexual violence: 21 clients
- Other problem: 445 clients
Chart 2: Distribution of clients by type of domestic violence

- Intimate partner violence: 771 clients
- Domestic violence by parents against children: 150 clients
- Domestic violence by children against parents: 89 clients
- Domestic violence among relatives: 62 clients

Chart 3: Distribution of clients by gender

- Women: 1,436 clients
- Men: 343 clients
- Children and adolescents: 57 clients
Chart 4: Share of consultations by the type of caller

- Survivors of violence: 1378 clients
- Citizens: 74 clients
- Relatives and family members: 362 clients
- Professionals from social services: 16 clients
- Police: 4 clients
- Journalists: 2 clients

Chart 5: Distribution of callers by the place of residence

- Sofia and Sofia Region: 769 clients
- Places outside the capital city: 707 clients
- Foreign countries: 27 clients
2. STATISTICS OF THE NATIONAL HELPLINE FOR CHILDREN 116 111

Total – 12 331 consultations

Chart 6: Distribution of clients by the type of support provided

Chart 7: Share of consultations by type of problem
Chart 8. Share of consultations by type of caller

- Teachers: 6 consultations
- Parents: 1,118 consultations
- Institutions: 143 consultations
- Other adults: 1,400 consultations
- Teenagers: 6,217 consultations
- Children up to 12 years of age: 447 consultations

Chart 9. Distribution of under-age callers by gender

- Boys: 4,123 consultations
- Girls: 5,541 consultations
3. STATISTICS OF THE CENTER FOR COUNSELLING, PSYCHOTHERAPY AND PSYCHOANALYSIS

Total – 933 clients

Chart 10: Distribution of clients of Animus Association Foundation by type of program

- Telephone counselling: 224 clients
- Correspondence program: 42 clients
- Psychotherapy: 391 clients
- Pedagogical program: 51 clients
- Empowerment program: 19 clients
- Prevention of violence and promotion of mental health: 200 clients
- Psychoanalysis: 6 clients
Chart 11: Distribution of clients of the program for psychotherapy, psychoanalysis and empowerment by type of problem

Chart 13: Distribution of clients of the program for psychotherapy, psychoanalysis and empowerment by age
Chart 12: Distribution of clients of the program for psychotherapy, psychoanalysis and empowerment

- Parents: 88 clients
- Adolescents: 36 clients
- Couples: 12 clients
- Relatives/family members: 11 clients
- Adopters: 5 clients
- Other adults: 216 clients

Chart 14: Distribution of clients of the program for psychotherapy, psychoanalysis and empowerment by gender

- Men: 76 clients
- Women: 329 clients
4. STATISTICS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Total – 443 clients

Chart 15: Distribution of clients

- Parents: 159 clients
- Children and adolescents: 155 clients
- Adopters: 120 clients
- Foster parents: 1 client
- Relatives/family members: 8 clients

Chart 16: Distribution of clients by type of problem

- Deviant behaviour: 97 clients
- Prevention of abandonment: 37 clients
- Sexual violence: 9 clients
- Parental capacity: 202 clients
- Adoption: 128 clients
- Personal development: 11 clients
- Other problem: 61 clients
- Foster care: 1 client
- Physical disability: 43 clients
- Domestic violence: 47 clients
- Other type of violence: 14 clients
- Parental alienation: 13 clients
- School bullying: 5 clients
Chart 17: Distribution of clients by type of program

- Psychological counselling: 153 clients
- Logopedic support: 44 clients
- Pedagogical support: 21 clients
- Musical counselling: 49 clients
- Social counselling: 42 clients
- Family counselling: 63 clients
- Training of candidate-adopters: 86 clients

Chart 18: Distribution of clients by gender

- Women: 280 clients
- Men: 163 clients
Chart 19: Distribution of clients by age

- Children and adolescents: 155 clients
- Adults: 288 clients
5. STATISTICS OF THE MOTHER AND BABY UNIT AT THE SOCIAL SERVICES CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Total – 37 clients

Chart 20: Distribution of clients by type of problem

- Parental capacity, prevention of abandonment, deviant behavior: 17 clients
- Child development: 20 clients

Chart 21: Distribution of clients by type of program

- Health care: 23 clients
- Crisis intervention: 17 clients
- Empowerment: 17 clients
- Mediation: 17 clients
- Assessment and increasing of parental capacity, socio-legal activities: 17 clients
Chart 22: Distribution of clients by age

- Baby, child up to 18 years of age: 20 clients
- Adults: 17 clients

Chart 23: Distribution of clients by gender

- Boys: 8 clients
- Mothers and girls: 29 clients
6. STATISTICS OF THE CRISIS CENTER FOR SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE

Total - 56 accommodated clients

Chart 24: Distribution of clients by type of problem

- Domestic violence: 56 clients
- Trafficking in people: 15 clients

Chart 25: Distribution of clients by age

- Children: 20 clients
- Adults: 48 clients
Chart 26: Distribution of clients by gender

- women and girls: 47 clients
- boys: 9 clients

Chart: 27 Transit cases and telephone counselling related with trafficking in people

- transit cases: 42 clients
- telephone counselling: 10 clients
7. STATISTICS OF THE TRAINING CENTER OF ANIMUS ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

Total – 434 training events with 1 067 participants

Chart 28: Professional help and methodological support provided by Animus Association Foundation

Chart 29: Professional development, methodology and standards

5 supervisions for professionals
17 group Skype supervisions
25 thematic trainings for professionals; 489 participants
1 training for volunteers; 20 participants
43 university students and volunteers introduced to the programs of the organization

252 clinical seminars
262 group supervisions
830 individual supervisions
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

To the Founders of
Animus Association Foundation

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Animus Association Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as of 31 December 2015, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by EU, and the Bulgarian legislation and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.
In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Animus Association Foundation as of 31 December 2015, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by EU and the Bulgarian legislation.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements – Management’s report for the year ended 31 December 2015

We have reviewed the management’s report for the year ended 31 December 2015 of Animus Association Foundation, which is not part of the financial statements. The historical financial information in the management’s report complies in its main aspects with the financial information, presented in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by EU and the Bulgarian legislation. The preparation of the management’s report is responsibility of the management.

Mariy Apostolov  
Managing partner

Zornitza Djambazka  
Registered auditor responsible for the audit

Grant Thornton Ltd.  
Auditing Company

27 June 2016  
Bulgaria, Sofia
Statement of financial position as at 31 December

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Prepared by: /Daniela Popova/

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December

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<td><strong>Profit/(Loss) for the year</strong></td>
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Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December

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# Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December

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The increase in the general reserve is caused by the current net profit for 2015 amounting to TBGN 42, which includes the profit from trade activities at amount of TBGN 5.

12. Financing - non-current assets

As at 31 December the unused financing received for the acquisition of non-current assets includes the following amounts:

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<td>ORANJE FONDS</td>
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<td>Others</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>254</strong></td>
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The amounts received from Bulgarian and foreign organizations for the acquisition of non-current assets are recognized as income up to the amount of the depreciation and amortization expenses of the respective financed non-current assets for the financial year. The rest of the financing is accounted for as deferred income.

13. Financing – current activities

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The amounts received from Bulgarian and foreign organizations for financing of the Foundation’s current activities are recognized as income up to the amount of the incurred expenses for regulated activities in the current period. The rest of the financing amounts are accounted for as deferred income.

The received funding and donations in 2015 and the spent amounts are presented as follows:

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14. Payables to suppliers

Payables to suppliers recognized in the statement of financial position include:

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The net carrying amount of payables to suppliers is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value.

15. Payables to employees and social security institutions

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The current portion of these liabilities represents the Foundation's obligations to its current and employees that are expected to be settled during 2016.