

Strengthening the capacity of civil society to ensure the protection of women at risk and survivors of domestic violence



Acted is an INGO working across 43 countries in pursuit of its triple mandate as a humanitarian, development, and environmental actor. Since 1996, Acted Central Asia works on strengthening gender equality, civil society and good governance, green economy, natural resource management, climate change adaptation, disaster risk management and emergency response.

Since its then groundbreaking pilot work in Uzbekistan began in 2018, Acted has built strong **regional expertise** on women's empowerment, gender equality and combatting domestic and gender-based violence (GBV). In liaison with civil society and government, Acted is striving to improve the **protection of women at-risk and survivors of domestic violence** across Central Asia.

To do so, Acted empowers civil society to support the effective implementation of legislation, enhances access to comprehensive support services and fosters women's economic empowerment, while promoting equitable social norms and behaviors. Via a **regional platform** for key stakeholders, Acted is also promoting peer-to-peer learning and exchange in Central Asia.

Target regions: Kyrgyzstan (Batken, Chui, Jalal-Abad), Tajikistan (Districts of Republican Subordination, Khatlon) and Uzbekistan (Fergana, Surkhandarya)

Programme Participants: Women and girls at-risk or survivors of domestic violence, perpetrators, shelters and rehabilitation centres, police officers, psychologists

Timeframe: September 2021– September 2024

Key achievements:



397 representatives of local and national authorities benefit from training to apply national legislation on domestic violence effectively



6 district authorities adopt recommendations in their development plans and commit local budgets to improve the prevention of, and response to, domestic violence



344 CSO representatives and service providers have enhanced capacity to prevent and address domestic violence



4,650 women at-risk or survivors of domestic violence access legal and psychosocial consultations and economic empowerment opportunities

Partners:

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Empowered CSOs to advocate for improved domestic violence legislation

- **1** package of recommendations to improve existing national legislation submitted to governments in all three countries
- **131** CSO representatives trained on monitoring of domestic violence laws
- **250** national-level decision-makers sensitized on gaps in domestic violence laws



Enhanced support services for women at risk or survivors of domestic violence

- **3** women's desks established in Kyrgyzstan
- **19** CSOs providing frontline services with strengthened organizational capacity
- **25** police officers and **20** psychologists trained on service standards
- **158** women at-risk and survivors of violence participating in a reintegration programme

CSO-led initiatives to promote gender equality and social behavior change

- **167** CSO representatives trained in community outreach and campaigns
- **60** community events organized
- **14** media programmes broadcast
- **281** men participating in focus groups or Gender Action Learning System (GALS) trainings
- **200+** journalists trained on gender sensitivity

