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INTRODUCTION

TPO Foundation continued to work on the big project “Social Inclusion of Women Returnees” during 2010 whose implementation has begun in 2008. The issues of returnees, particularly those of women were multiple; they needed not just to renovate their homes and gather their families, but also to find the ways in dealing with the administrative demands by the government and institutions that were not fully aware of their needs. Therefore, TPO Foundation strove to analyze the state on the terrain and found out, through the gender sensitive analysis, the specific kinds of discrimination women returnees are faced with and how local governments and relevant institutions perceive those issues. Women returnees were interested in communication; peace building and reconciliation skills and we designed the training packages and materials for the education of women and girls in six municipalities.

The second activity in this period was directed toward strengthening of dialogue in B&H society and through the project and campaign “Test on Dialogue!” we tried to educate not only partner organisations in local communities (15), but also to have a string of seminars and street actions to encourage citizens for a dialogue and questioning of their own opinions. Besides it, in cooperation with the municipality Centre Sarajevo the workshops with the students of primary schools on the theme of dialogue, violence and ways of violence prevention were organized what initiated significant debate between students and teachers.

The third activity was devoted to the awareness raising about gender based violence and potentials of interreligious dialogue for the battle against gender based violence. One of the ways was to gather women from the rural communities (45 villages: 15 Catholic, 15 Orthodox and 15 Islamic) to talk together about violence that affects all families regardless of their ethnicity or religion.

Since 2010 was the electoral year, TPO Foundation in cooperation with Info House and Cure Foundation and other numerous NGOs initiated the great campaign “101 reasons to vote for a woman”. The goal was to move public and sensitize women (particularly in rural areas) to support women on the electoral lists.

I thank all partner organisations for successfully realized projects and TPO Foundation team which conducted all projects professionally.

Programme director

Zilka Spahić-Šiljak



ABOUT US

TPO Foundation mission is contribution to development of democratic civil society, increased awareness on gender equality, establishment of partnership ethics and promotion of accountability and responsibility in family, society and political life in B&H, via implementation of educational, research, psychosocial and intercultural program activities.

TPO Foundation was developed from HNI TPO organisation network with headquarters in Amsterdam, present in B&H since 1998, implementing projects in the fields of psychosocial care, education and reconciliation and dialogue among returnees population. Since 2004, by HNI TPO Amsterdam decision, the local team in B&H works as an independent nongovernmental organisation under the name of TPO Foundation, however, formal registration was completed in 2006. During 2004, TPO Foundation as a local organisation, directed its activities toward educational and research projects in cooperation with B&H, European and USA universities.

Mission realization

Education - Cooperation with universities and other organisations in implementing B&H education reform. Establishment of education centres in cooperation with educational and cultural institutions offering programs for intercultural, multireligious and civic education, predominantly for women and youth. Preparation of curricula, syllabi, and training materials in cooperation with state institutions and other organisations is also conducted.

Research - Assessments in the field of education, human rights, gender equality, dialogue, and peace building with the purpose of preparing adequate policies and specific project activities, always taking into consideration gender perspective and specific qualities of the cultural context.

Gender equality - Promotion and implementation of local and international standards on gender equality through various forms of education and raising awareness about these issues in local communities. Special focus is on development of local gender-inclusive communities that respond to the needs of both women and men.

Public Advocacy - Advocacy for changes in action policies and adoption of new policies with the aim of developing a democratic civil society and gender equality, but also raising awareness of the society about the importance of active involvement and participation of citizens in decision making processes. We advocate for gender sensitisation of B&H legislation.

Capacity Building - Empowering individual capacities of women and youth, as well as organisational capacities of local organisations, in areas of gender equality, human rights, economic strengthening, dialogue, and peace building. Support to education reform, health care, and social rehabilitation by training professionals and promoting user's initiatives, and providing psychosocial support to women, children, and youth.

Intercultural Dialogue - Promotion of intercultural dialogue, peace building, and reconciliation in cooperation with relevant NGOs, both national and international. We organise public debates, round tables and workshops, as well as meetings of artists, academics, and NGO activists capable of providing respective solutions for common action and co-existence. Organisation of meetings in small local communities with the aim of gathering representatives of divided communities in B&H and opening a dialogue.



MAIN OUTCOMES

- More than 200 people in 600 households in six municipalities were interviewed for “Situational gender sensitive analysis on women returnees’ condition in B&H”
- More than 200 women returnees in six municipalities in B&H were empowered in communication skills
- More than 600 women returnees were educated how to seek psychosocial support
- More than 300 women returnees got insight in using of gender sensitive methodology in analysis
- More than 300 women returnees were empowered for peace building and reconciliation
- Two publications concerning social inclusion of women returnees were designed and published
- Three training packages were designed for women returnees’ education
- More than 30 seminars for the relevant institutions in charge of employment and social inclusion of women returnees were held
- More than 200 men and women were tested on dialogue in eight municipalities
- Calendar with dialogue competences was published
- Manual “Countering Violence with Dialogue” in BCS was published
- 8-day education for 15 NGO representatives on dialogue and violence was held
- The campaign “101 reasons to vote for a woman” was initiated in 105 rural areas and 36 cities
- More than 2000 women were educated and empowered on political and civic rights
- 11 street actions and campaigns for support of women on electoral lists were held
- More than 50 jingles on women in politics were designed and broadcasted on the local radio stations
- More than 200 media reports on women in politics were presented
- The book “Women, Religion and Politics” was published in English



Cities/municipalities in which TPO Foundation implemented the activities in 2010 were: Bijeljina, Bratunac, Sanski Most, Bosansko Grahovo, Banja Luka, Maglaj, Travnik, Goražde, Bugojno, Kakanj, Mostar, Zenica, Milići, Bijać, Vareš, Kakanj, Ilijaš, Modrinje, Vogošća, Tarčin, Trnovo, Drvar i Livno.



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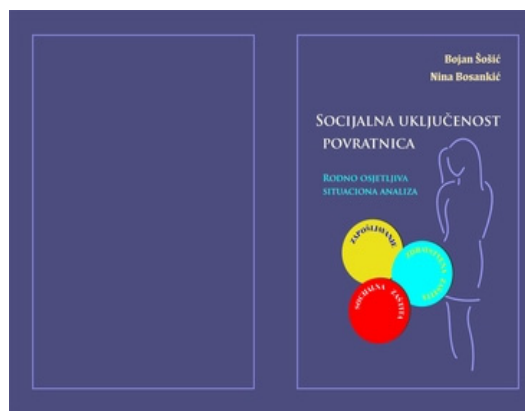
I SOCIAL INCLUSION OF WOMEN RETURNEES

In December 2008 in cooperation with its partner NGOs (Lara Bijeljina, Medica Zenica, Krajiška suza Sanski Most, Forum žena Bratunac, UG Grahovo and Žena B&H) and other relevant partners and with the financial support of Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs TPO Foundation has begun the implementation of the project “Social Inclusion of Women Returnees in B&H” which aims to support the social inclusion and the sustainable return of women who belong to the minor groups in the areas of B&H that record a high rate of return.

The project was intended to meet the needs of returnees and try to solve the problems of the extremely vulnerable group of women returnees from a gender perspective in order to help them to exercise their rights on pension and social and health insurance. The main partners and users of the project are relevant entity and cantonal ministries and services of social work and politics, entity gender centres, relevant municipal bodies and NGOs who focus on working with women (four NGOs), but also bureaus of employment (six bureaus of employment). The project was implemented in two phases in the places in Bosnia and Herzegovina with high rate of return: Bijeljina and Prijedor in Republic of Srpska, then Drvar, Mostar, Sanski Most and Livno in Federation of B&H.

Activity 1 Gender sensitive situational analysis “Social Inclusion of Women Returnees”

TPO Foundation in cooperation with its partner organizations in Bijeljina, Bratunac, Sanski Most, Bosansko Grahovo, Mostar and Zenica conducted gender sensitive research related to the social situation of women returnees in order to determine their needs concerning the issue of pension, health and social insurance. The intention was to collect data for the publication which will be prepared, published and then promoted in the partner municipalities in order to sensitize local governments, bureaus of



employment, and women themselves when it comes to their social and economic issues. The institutions recognized that the greatest problem is the marginalization and exclusion of women returnees and that the solution might be employment, adoption of gender sensitive policies and gender sensitive budgets as well as purpose budgets for certain purposes. The women returnees emphasized the following issues as the most significant ones: unemployment, unbound length of service, lack of good health care, pension and adequate education, additional qualification and requalification.

Activity 2 Gender sensitive analysis of legal documents in the field of social and health protection, work and employment

TPO Foundation did the analysis and published “Gender Sensitive Analysis of Legal Documents in the Field of Social and Health Protection, Work and Employment” within the project “Social Inclusion of Women Returnees” and then organised round tables and representatives of local management and public institutions in the field of work, employment, social and health care were invited as well as women returnees, NGO members and media. Users of the



abovementioned project activities emphasized the need to work more with women returnees particularly in the area of their rights. Furthermore it is necessary to spread information on rights and their achievement (social, health, and pension care) but the key is to finalize the initiated processes with women returnees.

Activity 3 Methodology of gender sensitive research and analysis

An important component of this project was to provide women returnees with the methodology of gender sensitive research and analysis developed by Zilka Spahić-Šiljak. The goal was that women understand better the ways in which needs of women are neglected in the laws and policies of the municipalities and cantons and how in the granting of resources the existing economic discrimination of women is completely disregarded. Women cannot apply for the jobs or grants' calls. The majority of women in rural areas do not have assets on their behalf, but on the behalf of their husbands or fathers-in-law and majority of the calls requires confirmation of house property. Women were introduced to basic questions which need to be asked in gender sensitive analysis on the seminars organised by TPO Foundation because it is the only way to understand the level of exclusion.

Activity 4 “Communication Skills and Psychosocial Support” training package

In order to strengthen women returnees in six partner municipalities TPO Foundation developed the training package entitled “Communication Skills and Psychosocial Support” by Bojan Šošić. During the preliminary talks and analysis of condition on the terrain among women returnees the most important need, as emphasized by the majority, was the improvement of communication skills. Women in rural areas do not have enough knowledge and experience and the seminars they attended to learn the basics of good communication helped them later to advocate their rights and to communicate more successful with state institutions, donors, but also their families.



Activity 5 “Gender Perspective of Peace and Reconciliation” training package

During the implementation of the project “Social Inclusion of Women Returnees”, TPO



Foundation received information that women returnees needed more knowledge about peace building and reconciliation particularly women who lived on the cantonal or entity borders of B&H. Although they have undergone war atrocities women realised that it is important to learn how to make up with neighbours and build long lasting peace in order to continue living. TPO Foundation developed

the training package “Gender Perspective of Peace and Reconciliation” by authors Milica Bakić – Hayden, Zilka Spahić – Šiljak and Alen Kristić. The author team held twelve trainings in six municipalities with women returnees and representatives of local NGOs. Women said they made a first step on the path of reconciliation during the training because it was easier to them to cross the newly set borders and start conversation with their pre-war neighbours. The workshops took place in Zenica, Banja Luka, Sanski Most, Bijeljina and Bratunac and were attended by 15 to 26 women.

Activity 6 Summer Camp “Visit your friend”



In collaboration with its partners Krajiška Suza Sanski Most, CA Grahovo, and Lara Bijeljina TPO Foundation organized a summer camp for children of women returnees from Sanski Most, Grahovo and Bijeljina. Most of these children live in single parent household because their fathers were killed during the war. The camp was organized in village Čaplje near Sanski Most and hosted 30 children from three cities of varying ethnic and religious identities. The program was run by local teachers and TPO

team. The children participated in a workshop and in several sport activities. Every day they had session where they told their stories. They also visited religious sites in Sanski Most and Prijedor.

Activities 7-10 Four trainings of NGOs in order to strengthen their capacities and skills for their work with women returnees

Four educational workshops and round tables on which the publications of TPO Foundation



were presented were organised in the period from October 1 to December 24, 2010 in cooperation with the partner NGOs Medica Zenica, Krajiška suza Sanski Most, Forum žena Bratunac, CA Grahovo, Lara Bijeljina and Žena BiH. The workshops were delivered by the trainers from TPO Foundation: Alen Kristić, Naida Pekmezović and Bojan Šošić. Thanks to this training and training manuals, TPO Foundation strengthened the capacities of these NGOs for their work with women returnees in their local communities. This way the

assistance is provided to the bureaus of employment to develop the set of active measures for the labor market focusing on women returnees as a very vulnerable group. As follow up, the participating NGOs themselves organised several workshops on communication skills, psychosocial support and peace building in their local communities. Also, in premises of these NGOs, round tables were organised and the publications of TPO Foundation i.e. the gender sensitive analysis “Social Inclusion of Women Returnees” and “Gender Sensitive Analysis of Legal Documents in the Field of Social and Health Protection, Work and Employment” were presented. Invitations were sent to representatives of local administration and public institutions in the field of work, employment, social and health protection, then women returnees, members of NGOs, women associations and the media.

II TEST ON DIALOGUE!

TPO Foundation in cooperation with Medica Zenica started the campaign “Test on Dialogue!” in October, 2010. This campaign is the result of the project “Raising Awareness about Gender based Violence Issues and Women’s Role in Peace Building and Reconciliation” supported by UNIFEM.



The main message is “Let’s all test on dialogue!” to see how ready we are to accept different opinions and ideas and how ready we are to learn, grow and act truly in those encounters for the sake of general benefit. The overall goals of the “Test on Dialogue!” campaign are to raise awareness on issues of interreligious dialogue and gender equality focusing on gender based violence. The campaign was open for all citizens, especially the youth and NGOs.

Activity 1 Training for NGOs



Trainings with 15 NGO representatives (Sarajevo, Tuzla, Zenica, Mostar, Banja Luka, Velika Kladuša, Srebrenik, Maglaj, Bihać, Bosanski Petrovac, Gradiška, Bijeljina, Višegrad and Sanski Most) were organized within the campaign “Test on Dialogue!”. After the training, the participants organized their own mini campaigns “Test on Dialogue!” in their local communities in the form of street gatherings, joint circles of different ethnic and

religious traditions’ members in order to raise awareness on respect and appreciation of diversities.

Activity 2 -10 “Test on Dialogue!” in local communities

Within the promotion of the campaign “Test on Dialogue!” educational workshops were organised in order to raise awareness about issues of interreligious dialogue and gender equality with the focus on gender based violence. The campaign was dedicated to all citizens, particularly young people and representatives of NGOs. Medica from Zenica in cooperation with TPO Foundation organised promotions of the campaign “Test on Dialogue!” in the American Corner in Zenica, Maglaj, Travnik, Bugojno and Kakanj.



During the promotions the most discussed theme was how to use dialogue in order to solve conflicts non-violently and how religion can be abused in all aspects of life. Cure Foundation from Sarajevo in cooperation with TPO Foundation promoted the campaign "Test on Dialogue!" in the premises of Goraždanke association in Goražde. It was concluded that this form of dialogue includes all people: religious and non-religious ones. The importance of prevention and elimination of various forms of gender based violence was emphasized. Forma F from Mostar organized the promotion in Mostar in cooperation with TPO Foundation. The calendar with dialogue competences drew attention of many and participants expressed wish for the continuation of these activities on this very theme. Vive žene from Tuzla organized promotion "Test on Dialogue!" in the American Corner in Tuzla and the participants were high school students of the 4th grade from the gymnasiums "Meša Selimović" and "Ismet Mujezinović" and the Catholic School Centre "Sv. Franjo (St. Francis)". The work with students turned out to be more active, meaningful, and freer and more open than the one with adults.

III AWARENESS RAISING ON THE ISSUES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

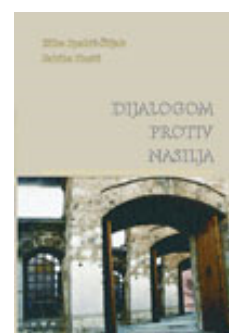
TPO Foundation in cooperation with Medica Zenica implemented the project “AWARENESS RAISING ON THE ISSUES OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND ROLE OF WOMEN IN INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE”. The general goal of the project is to raise awareness of local communities about women human rights with the particular emphasis on gender based violence and interreligious dialogue and to promote and advocate protection of women human rights through the capacity building of the civil society organizations and religious organizations and groups.

The training was held by 10 experienced experts in these fields from B&H, Serbia and Croatia and they are: Zilka Spahić – Šiljak, Ivana Dračo, Jadranka Rebeka Anić, Rada Šukara – Grinzberg, Marija Grujić, Mirjana Stanković, Jadranka Leovac, Alen Kristić, Sabiha Husić and Nasiha Šehić.



Activity 1 Manual “Countering Violence with Dialogue”

TPO Foundation in cooperation with Medica Zenica designed the manual “Countering Violence with Dialogue”. The manual was edited by Zilka Spahić-Šiljak and Sabiha Husić and additional texts were prepared by Alen Kristić and Marija Grujić. The basic idea of the manual was to educate women – coming from three different ethnic and religious communities – about concepts of gender based violence, but also to direct them toward arguments and messages of three religious traditions about domestic violence prevention and protection mechanisms.



Activity 2 Seminars for NGOs

A several days training “Countering Violence with Dialogue: Gender based Violence and Interreligious Dialogue” was organised on Vlašić near Travnik for 15 NGO representatives. The goal was to raise awareness of local communities about women human rights with particular emphasis on gender based violence and interreligious dialogue and to promote and advocate protection of women human rights through building capacities of civil and religious organisations.



Activities 3-18 Educational workshops for women from all parts of B&H



As part of the project “Increasing Awareness on Gender Based Violence and the Role of Women in Interreligious Dialogue” TPO Foundation organised 16 education workshops for women from 48 rural areas. The workshops were held in period from November 26 to December 10, 2010 in the following places: Bijeljina, Sanski Most, Bosanski Petrovac, Dokanj, Maglaj, Mostar, Goražde, Zenica, Milići, Travnik, Bihać, Vareš, Kakanj, Ilijaš, Modrinje and Vogošća. The workshops were realized by certified trainers who

passed the training provided by TPO Foundation in cooperation with Medica Zenica. The workshops were realized in cooperation with the following partner NGOs: Fondacija Cure Sarajevo, Vive žene Tuzla, Lara Bijeljina, Perpetuum Mobile Banja Luka, Krajiška suza Sanski Most, Forma F Mostar and Nahla Sarajevo.



Medica Zenica in cooperation with TPO Foundation organised 3 educational workshops in Zenica region, i.e. in the local communities of Babino, Janjići and Lokvine, and 46 women were present. The workshops were moderated by Sabiha Husić and Habiba Kovač. The participants showed huge interest in the issue of

violence and they were eager to find out more about how to report the cases of violence and whom to address for help. In general the issues they indicated are: misunderstanding of men in their communities and lack of their support for women's needs.

The association Krajiška suza in cooperation with TPO Foundation organised two workshops in Sanski Most on November 27 and December 4, 2010 and 25 women attended it. The workshops were moderated by Mevluda Kazić and Jasminka Šarčević-Burnić, Vedran Francuz and Roberta Nikšić. The participants concluded that these workshops serve as a test i.e. instrument of needs and way to resolve problems in the society because they are related to gender based violence.

WA Vive žene Tuzla in cooperation with TPO Foundation organised two workshops in local communities Dokanj, Tuzla on December 1 and Nova Kasaba, in the municipality of Milići on December 4, 2010. 32 participants attended the workshops. The workshops were moderated by Aida Mustačević-Cipurković. The big problem in this area is illiteracy of women as well as the lack of awareness about this issue. As a consequence, these women do not talk to each other and they lack mutual support. Until this very day they live in a framework of tradition in which they have unfavorable status. Some women were able to break out of this framework and because of that they are not isolated, but it took too much time and efforts to have their values acknowledged.




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CURE Foundation in cooperation with TPO Foundation organised two workshops in Bosanski Petrovac on December 6 and in Modrinje near Kakanj on December 12, 2010 and 25 women were present. The workshops were moderated by Rada Sukara, Denija Hidić and Adisa Crnovršanin. The participants displayed great satisfaction with the workshop as such. They also showed readiness to participate in similar

workshops in their community as well as to help with its organisation.

Forma F in cooperation with TPO Foundation organised one workshop in village Gubavica near Mostar on December 1, 2010 where 16 women were present. The workshop was moderated by Tea Rebac and Adisa Crnovršanin. The women participated actively and they freely expressed their opinion. They also expressed their hope to meet again and participate in such workshops.

The Center for Education and Research (CEI) Nahla in cooperation with TPO Foundation organised one workshop in Bihać on December 5, 2010, and 36 women attended it. The workshop was moderated by Roberta Nikšić and Đermana Šeta. In general participants did not



experience gender based violence related to religion, but rather to the patriarchal society they live in and with their social situation in general.

TPO Foundation organised three additional workshops in Vareš on December 3, in Ilijaš on December 9 and in Vogošća on December 10, 2010 and 31 women were present. The workshops were moderated by Naida Pekmezović, Peika Rajić and Adisa Crnovršanin.

IV 101 REASONS TO VOTE FOR A WOMAN



The implementation of two-year project “Empowerment of Women’s Role – 101 Reasons to Vote for a Woman” began in April 2010. The project was implemented in 36 B&H cities and 105 rural areas where citizens were educated and sensitized to vote for women on the upcoming elections (the project does not advocate any party), to think about the power of their votes which can be used for changes’ initiation, increase of influence and number of votes of

women in the political life of B&H. 101 statements of famous personalities from B&H were collected as an answer to only one question that still waits for its answer since the first democratic elections: WHY VOTE FOR A WOMAN?

36 cities and 105 villages were seeking for an answer why to vote for a woman from April to October 2010. 13 organisations from 11 cities were working on awareness change about position of women in B&H.

The project result reflects in that neglected and “invisible” women got better chances and access to means they need in order to participate in politics as decision makers. Extensive media campaign conducted on state and local level and educational activities



implemented in rural areas show that knowledge about women political rights, skills, possibilities and responsibilities is increased as well as decision-making abilities.

Activity 1-4 Educational workshops on active citizenship and women's human rights



Within the project “101 Reasons to Vote for Women” TPO Foundation held four educational workshops in May 2010. The topics were active citizenship and women’s human rights. 20 women of different age and profession attended the first workshop, which was held on May 22, 2010 in Hrasnica. 26 women were on the second workshop that was held the following day in Tarčin. Both workshops were held by Zilka Spahić Šiljak and Lamija Kosović. Evaluations that were done by participants after both workshops showed that there was a significant step forward in terms of women's awareness on the topics of women's human rights and active citizenship. Women learned that only active participation in society can bring positive changes for them and their human rights. They also learned that education is one of the core elements for promoting

and enhancing human rights of women.

The third workshop was held on May 29, 2010 in Trnovo. 30 women attended the workshop,



which was led by Maida Hasečić and Sedžida Hadžić. The evaluation results showed that women learned not only about their human rights, but also about the necessity to organize and actively participate in the community in order to achieve their rights. Finally, all three workshops contributed to women's understanding of their responsibility to vote and consequently to be politically active.

In cooperation with NGO Korak više the fourth workshop was organised in Vogošća on June 14, 2010, with 23 participants and associates from this organization. Maida Hasečić and Sedžida Hadžić were trainers. The information about the workshop was broadcasted at the TV station Vogošća in the program Vogošćanska hronika.

Activity 5 Promotion of the project and competition

On June 21, 2010 in Media Centre Sarajevo, the project “101 reasons to vote for women” was promoted, and the best reason, chosen by the listeners of Radio Stari Grad who voted in the period from May 27 to June 27 2010, was announced.

The voters judged the statement of Marijan Mijajlović, a sport journalist to be the best one:

“If Indira Gandhi, Jadranka Kosor or, Benazir Bhutto can do it, I do not see the reason why women in B&H could not assume leadership positions in



their country. They need equality and we definitely need to support them and bravely try to catch up and follow the example of the leading countries in the world where women have an important position in decision-making political processes.”



Mr. Thomas Rugg, the director of the Swiss agency for development and cooperation, Mrs. Zilka Spahić-Šiljak – the coordinator of this project (The TPO Foundation), Mrs. Sabiha Husić (Medica Zenica), Mrs. Bojana Tomašević (Infohouse) and Mrs. Jadranka Milićević (Cure Foundation) spoke on the promotion.

V PUBLICATION “WOMEN, RELIGION AND POLITICS”

TPO Foundation in partnership with IMIC centre Zajedno (engl. “Together”) and the Centre of the Interdisciplinary Studies (University of Sarajevo) published an English version of the book “Women, Religion and Politics” by the author Zilka Spahić-Šiljak.

This book is a doctoral paper by the abovementioned author which analyzes to what extent the interpretative inheritance of monotheistic religions is a powerful bond with the cultural and custom tradition and how it affects the public engagement of women in B&H. A part of publication is available on

<http://www.tpo.ba/b/dokument/WomRel&Politics.pdf>.

