

## ANTIGONA COMMUNITY MEETINGS MONITORING AND EVALUATION REPORT

<b>Project Title</b>	Addressing Sexual Violence Against Refugee Women
<b>Objective of the meetings</b>	Awareness raising at the community level
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### Introduction

This report is provided in order to monitor and evaluate the community meetings carried out by ANTIGONA in the framework of the project “Addressing Sexual Violence Against Refugee Women” (ASVARW). The community meetings consisted in six sessions addressed to six different groups (students, lawyers, specialists in domestic violence, NGO members and social workers), with a duration around two hours. In total, 90 people have participated in the different meetings.

Community meeting	Participants
1	21
2	17
3	12
4	12
5	19
6	9

The community meetings lasted in five months, since February to June. The meetings have been programmed in the afternoons (in different times) according to the needs of the beneficiaries. In the community meetings organized with professional associations (of Lawyers and social workers) the meetings have been scheduled according to the contact person of the associations. In the case of the community

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meetings organized with volunteers, we proposed some possibilities and the participants voted for the most suitable day and time.

The community meetings were organised in partnership with associations, a foundation and the university: Faculty of Law of the Autonomous University of Barcelona; Graduate Diploma in Gender-Based Violence; Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (FAS); Lawyers Women association (Dones Juristes); Stop Mare Mortum association; Official College of Social Work of Catalonia.

COMMUNITY MEETING	DATE	PLACE	TIMING	COLLABORATION WITH...
Community Meeting 1	16/02/2018	Faculty of Law – Autonomous University of Barcelona	12-14h	Faculty of Law UAB
Community Meeting 2	19/03/2018	Bonnemaison (C/ Sant Pere Més Baix, Barcelona)	16-20h	Graduate Diploma in Gender-Based Violence
Community meeting 3	18/04/2018	Ca la Dona (C/ Ripoll, 25, Barcelona)	19-21h	Lawyers Women association
Community meeting 4	31/05/2018	Plaça Cívica – Campus UAB (Cerdanyola Del Vallès)	15-17h	Autonomous Solidarity Foundation (FAS)
Community meeting 5	06/06/2018	La Fede (C/de les Tàpies, 1, Barcelona)	18,30-21h	Stop Mare Mortum association
Community meeting 6	20/06/2018	Pati Manning (C/Montalegre, 7, Barcelona)	17-19h	Official College of Social Work.

The modality of the meetings has been agreed with the association/institution collaborating in their organization. The meetings addressed to a general public have been public presentations on general information about asylum and gender violence with a debate on the topic, those organized with association have been held as workshop, where the participants shared their experiences and proposed different actions to take. In some of these workshops we offered an afternoon snack, which



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encouraged the informal communication and interaction among the participants and the facilitator. The content of each meeting has been adapted according to the professional profile and previous information about the topic of each group. It usually included: a short presentation of the project, general information about gender and asylum, sexual violence as a motive for asylum, the situation of asylum in Spain and the situation sexual and gender violence in different countries.

The self-assessment of the each meeting is detailed below:

**Community Meeting 1:**

- Target group: university community (law students, PhD Students, professors)
- Number of participants: 21 (see Annex 1 – Signatures)
- Date: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Place: Faculty of Law – Autonomous University of Barcelona
- Timing: 12-14h
- Coordinator: Maria Barcons Campmajó
- Facilitator: Cristina Fernández Bessa
- Modality: Public presentation and debate
- Documents used during the meeting: presentation “*Migracions, asil i violències per raons de gènere envers les dones*” (see Annex 2)
- Outcome and other remarks: the meeting generates a great interest among the university community. Some of the participants have been volunteers in Greece with refugees during the last summer and their shared their experiences with refugee women. Their interest in the meeting was to know more about sexual violence and refuge in order to deal with this kind of situations. Others were actually working with refugees in a shelter or with migrants. The discussion focussed on the lack of information on these topics in the Faculty of Law. To receive more information about the activities of the project and the topic we



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offered to leave their contact details to Antigona group to receive the presentation of the session and extra information.

**Community Meeting 2:**

- Target group: professionals working on gender based violence
- Number of participants: 17 (see Annex 1 – Signatures)
- Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Place: Bonnemaison (C/Sant Pere Més Baix, Barcelona)
- Timing: 16-20h
- Coordinator: Maria Barcons Campmajó/ Nabila E. Zbairi Pardillo
- Facilitator: Cristina Fernández Bessa
- Modality: workshop
- Documents used during the meeting: presentation “*Migracions, asil i violències per raons de gènere envers les dones*” (see Annex 2)
- Outcome and other remarks: the community meeting has been celebrated as a special session of the [Graduate Diploma in Gender-Based Violence](#), offered by the Autonomous University of Barcelona. The students of the Graduate Diploma are professionals of the area of gender-based violence and its content comprises the different kinds of sexual and gender violence. In this session the facilitator discuss with the students the links of the different kind of violence with refugee and the actual situation of asylum in Spain, taking into account the situation of women and children.

**Community Meeting 3:**

- Target group: lawyers (lawyers specialized in gender based violence)
- Number of participants: 12 (see Annex 1 – Signatures)
- Date: 18<sup>h</sup> April 2018



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- Place: Ca la Dona (C/Ripoll 25, Barcelona)
- Timing: 19-21h
- Coordinator: Maria Barcons Campmajó
- Facilitator: Cristina Fernández Bessa
- Modality: workshop
- Documents used during the meeting: presentation “*Violències sexuals i de gènere, dones i refugi. Quin paper podem jugar les advocades?*” (see Annex 2)
- Outcome and other remarks: the third meeting has been organized with the association of Women Lawyers ([Dones juristes](#)). In this association there are many lawyer women specialized in sexual and gender based violence. The session focused on the relationship of gender based violence and asylum, sexual and gender based violence as a motive of asylum, the situation of gender violence in different origin countries and the situation of asylum in Spain in the last years. The topic caused a great interest through the lawyers, who asked for more detailed information about the refuge databases and international treaties to base their cases. A presentation with some resources has been distributed to the associates of “Dones Juristes” through the secretariat of the association.

**Community Meeting 4:**

- Target group: Foundation workers and volunteers
- Number of participants: 12 (see Annex 1 – Signatures)
- Date: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018
- Place: Plaça Cívica – Campus Autonomous University of Barcelona (Cerdanyola del Vallès)
- Timing: 15-17h
- Coordinator: Maria Barcons Campmajó
- Facilitators: Cristina Fernández Bessa (UAB)/ Júlia Pérez Curell (FAS)



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- Modality: workshop
- Documents used during the meeting: presentation “Dones migrants, violència de gènere i asil. El cas de la mutilació genital femenina” (see Annex 2)
- Outcome and other remarks: the fourth meeting has been organized with the [Foundation Autònoma Solidària](#) (FAS). This NGO has a special volunteer programme on asylum and they have worked in Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) programmes in the origin countries. The facilitator of Antigona offered a general presentation on asylum and gender and the FAS facilitator offered a presentation on FGM. The discussion focussed on the relationship of both topics and the lack of public visibility of FGM as a motive for asylum. The next step of the meeting was a little collaboration of Antigona with the Foundation in the preparation of training materials addressed to university students about refuge and gender.

**Community Meeting 5:**

- Target group: members of an NGO advocating for the right of asylum and to safe passages
- Number of participants: 19 (see Annex 1 – Signatures)
- Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Place: La Fede (C/de les Tàpies 1, Barcelona)
- Timing: 18’30-20’30h
- Coordinator: Maria Barcons Campmajó
- Facilitator: Cristina Fernández Bessa
- Modality: workshop
- Documents used during the meeting: presentation “Violència sexual i dones refugiades. Col·loqui berenar Antigona i Stop Mare Mortum” (see Annex 2)
- Outcome and other remarks: the fifth meeting has been organized with the NGO [Stop Mare Mortum](#), an NGO who intend to influence the political agenda



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on migration and asylum. The meeting has received a great interest through the members of the NGO. As the public was actually working on asylum issues the presentation has focused on more technical aspects on gender and asylum. The participants discussed on the future actions on the association around the topic. They were the following: to increase the gender mainstream in all the NGO actions, to include the development of the article 46 of the Spanish the Asylum Law in their claims for the asylum regulation, to work this topics in deep in the new gender group of the association.

**Community Meeting 6:**

- Target group: social workers
- Number of participants: 9 (see Annex 1 – Signatures)
- Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Place: Pati Manning (C/Montalegre, 7, Barcelona)
- Timing: 17-19h
- Coordinator: Maria Barcons Campmajó
- Facilitator: Cristina Fernández Bessa
- Modality: Workshop
- Documents used during the meeting: presentation “Col·loqui violència sexual I dones refugiades. Quin paper podem jugar des del treball social?” (see Annex 2)
- Outcome and other remarks: The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting has been organized together with the Official Association of Social workers ([TSCAT](#)). After a general presentation on the topic the debate focussed on the role of social workers and their privileged knowledge about the experiences of the social groups in vulnerable situation. The main topics discussed have been: the mainstreaming of migration and asylum in social worker, the experiences of social workers



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working on trafficking (and their lack of appropriate resources) and the lack of information about sexual and gender violence, beyond domestic violence. The interested people could continue working on these topics in the group on Migration and interculturality of the Official Association of Social work of Catalonia. The next step will be working to increase the visibility of these social problems from the experiences of social workers in order to raise the awareness of society and politicians to obtain more appropriate public policies on asylum and gender.

### **Annexes**

Annex 1: 6 community meetings posters and signatures/attendance list

Annex 2: Presentation (in Catalan)

Annex 3: Photos from the community meetings

