



**Pledge submitted by Association for Action against Violence and Trafficking in Human Beings
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Location: North Macedonia

PLEDGE NUMBER 1: Eliminating gender based violence and human trafficking and upholding victims' rights. We, Open Gate/La Strada North Macedonia, reaffirm our unwavering commitment to the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as in various international conventions to safeguard the rights and dignity of all human beings. We are determined and work towards elimination of all forms of violence and promotion of human rights, ensuring that every individual lives free from the fear of violence, abuse, or discrimination. This is our shared goal! We call all Governments, civil society, human rights defenders to join forces in bringing an end to all forms of gender-based violence and human trafficking, as gross violations of human rights.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027

PLEDGE NUMBER 2: Ensuring the rights of victims of human trafficking. We pledge to contribute to advancing the national legal and institutional framework for identification, protection and support to all victims of human trafficking by 2027. We will proactively engage in improving shelters, medical care, psycho-social support, legal aid, including compensation, education and qualification, employment and full reintegration of victims in the society. Open Gate will empower survivors to have influence in anti-trafficking policies and measures. Our impact will be measured by the hope and future we will rebuild for every woman, man and child victim. We will collaborate with other countries, CSOs, and international bodies to achieve these goals.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2027

PLEDGE NUMBER 3: Empowerment and support to victims of gender-based violence By 2030, we commit to empower 30% of victims of GBV to report incidents and be more knowledgeable of their rights without fear of retaliation. We pledge to provide comprehensive support and provision of services to all victims of GBV and most importantly access to justice and compensation for the harm suffered. We will continue cooperating with the responsible authorities in ensuring that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions, and justice is served for the victims.

Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised: Dec 31, 2030