

# **SPAZI DONNA WEWORLD**



**How to prevent and fight domestic violence through  
Gender Empowerment**

**An Italian project.**

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# SPAZIO DONNA WE WORLD



**Spazio Donna, literally a «place for women».**

- **2014:** first Spazio Donna was born after experiencing the needs in difficult outskirts in Naples and Palermo.
- **Expansion** in other major cities, such as Rome and Milan;
- **Today:** 7 Spazio Donna all over Italy.



# Spazio Donna, a growing project:



- **Milano Giambellino**
- **Milano Corvetto**
- **Brescia**
- **Pescara**
- **Roma**
- **Cosenza**
- **Napoli**



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## Spazio Donna's goals:

- Raising awareness on **women's rights**;
- **Active citizenship**;
- Reveal and prevent **violence** on women and their children;
- Work on **gender discrimination**.



# OBJECTIVES

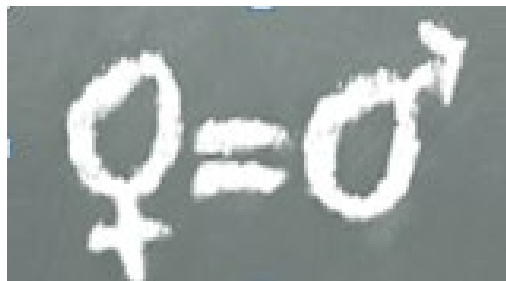


## *General objective*



**Fight intimate partner violence** (*over 6 million women victims in Italy– Istat 2015; statistically a woman is killed every two days*).

## *Specific objective*



**Enhance gender empowerment: relational, personal psychosocial capabilities as an asset to improve local development**

# THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTEXT



Intimate partner violence is often perceived by people as something common: that is because gender stereotypes and roles defined by patriarchal principles are so rooted in society that violence is not recognized as such.

Though violence is transversal to economic, educational, social factors, this approach is even more common in case of:

## **Economic factors:**

- economic dependence on the male partner
- Restricted access to employment
- High unemployment rate

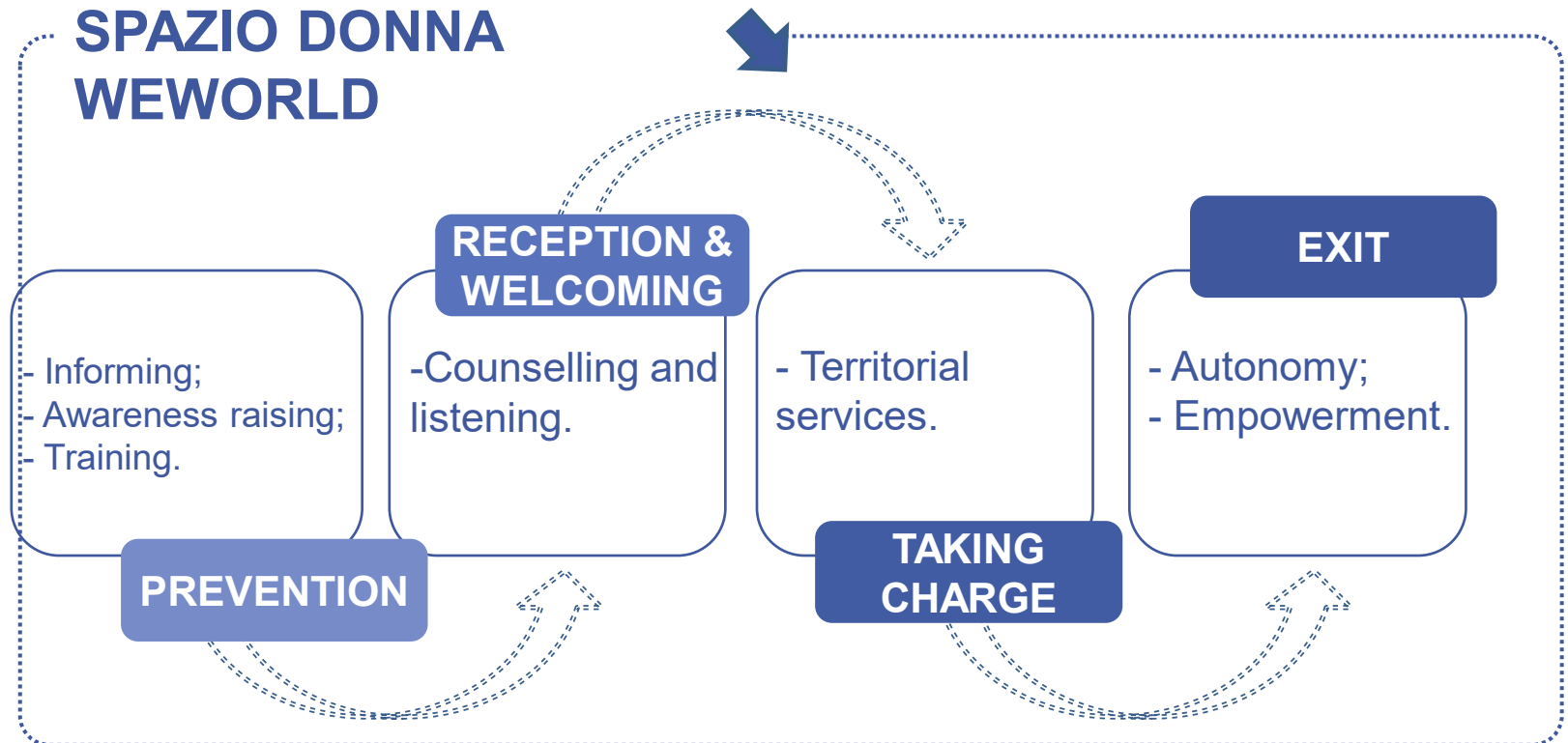
## **Cultural factors:**

- Family conceived as a private sphere subject to man's control
- Violence as a way to resolve conflicts
- Low literacy





# STRATEGY



## SYSTEMIC APPROACH

# EMPOWERMENT



RESOURCES

AGENCY

Control over physical, financial, human and intellectual resources



Have the capability and freedom to make individual life-choices

ACHIEVEMENT

# THE WOMEN WE WORK WITH



**Live in conditions of economic and cultural poverty**

**Are isolated**

**Foreigners with no family/friends**

**Are victim of violence or has been in the past**



**Have more than 3 children/ big family**

**Unemployed, house-wives or caregivers/cleaners**

**Some of them are already grandmothers at the age of 40**

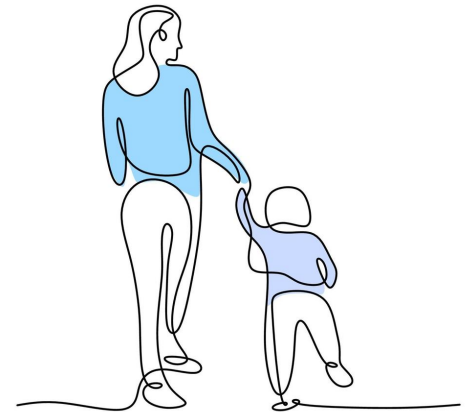
**Early married**

# FOUR AREAS OF INTERVENTION



## Spazio Donna interventions focus on four main areas:

- ❖ **Self care**: physical and mental health, free time, hobbies, socializing, etc...
- ❖ **Look after others**: mother-child relationship, family life, parenthood, etc...
- ❖ **Work**: look for a job, skills, how to write a resumé, professional training, etc...
- ❖ **Territory's resources**: work with other services to better help women in their empowerment process.



# STRONG POINTS



## Spazio Donna is a unique project because:



- It works on **women empowerment**;
- Every project has **no limits** of time;
- It is **not a public service** (as social service);
- It can be **flexible**;
- **Network** work with the specific territory.

# ACTIVITIES



Individual  
counselling



Wellness  
activities





*Exhibitions*



## Book reading



## Training course on Italian language



## Leisure and recreational activities



# Events



Children's labs



*Outdoor activities addressed to families*



*Child care*



*Workshops on parenthood*







# THANK YOU!

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