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Community informed about women's rights to inheritance

Today, on 12 September 2014, EC Ma Ndryshe held the subsequent debate with the citizens and representatives from the Basic Court in Prizren on the topic **"Women's rights to inheritance"**, under the "Linking communities to justice providers" project, funded by USAID and overseen by ATRC. The debate was intended to bring out deliberations between citizens, panelists and the Basic Court of Prizren on the fundamental concepts of inheritance acquired by will (testament) and by law, with particular emphasis on women. In this debate, to discuss about this topic with the citizens, present were Mehmet Ndrecaj, Judge in the Basic Court in Prizren and Valbona Salihu, from Lawyers Association NORMA.

Based on their groundwork experience, particularly in monitoring court cases and other related activities, Lawyers Association NORMA introduced a brief analysis for women and their right to inheritance. According to Ms. Salihu, the city of Prizren, by the number of cases of women retaining or acquiring their right to inheritance, heads other municipalities. Representative of the Court spoke about the responsibilities, roles and court's work in terms of inheritance cases and on the rights, possibilities and services the court provides to the citizens of Prizren in inheritance cases, especially to women. The second part of the debate was more interactive, with questions and comments uttered by citizens, media representatives and civil society attending this debate, on the issues of delays in inheritance proceedings in courts, appeals in cases when one of the descendants is not included in the will, inheritance through Life Endowment Contract and inclusion of women in contracts of selling and purchasing.

Project **"Linking communities to justice providers"** is financially supported by USAID, supervised by ATRC and implemented by EC Ma Ndryshe. The overall purpose of the project is to increase citizen participation and confidence building in the justice system.

EC Ma Ndryshe will continue to organize debates with citizens and the court with the purpose of a better understanding of their rights thus fashioning a space for cooperation between both parties.

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