

# Mary Ward Loreto Men Project

MARY WARD LORETO is planting hope with a human rights approach to combating modern day slavery. This challenging mission is implemented through works of justice, education, grass roots action and systemic change.

The aim is to eradicate poverty, the prime cause for human trafficking.



Mary Ward Loreto considers direct engagement with the Albanian community of men as a necessary step. These communities need to be strengthened to promote gender equality.

Men have a crucial role to play in preventing abuse and violence against women and the trafficking in human persons. This project is designed to improve men's contribution to gender equality and changing social attitudes toward women in Albania. This will be achieved through raising the awareness of men on issues of gender equality and human and professional development.

In order to strengthen the identity and progressive role of men you need to sustain a man in the family, a man within the community and to find the instruments which will enable the men to deepen their integrity and find fair work.

Project Goal: Strengthen the role of men in gender equality, the elimination of abuse and violence, and in promoting progress toward economic independence and the welfare of men as a whole. This in itself will contribute to the development of a better society in Albania.

Since the beginning of the project we are in: Lushnja, Shkodra, Lezha, Puka, Tirana and Prisons. With your support and collaboration we are planning to enlarge our activities even in other cities and villages.





## Project Objectives:

1. Raise awareness in preventing human trafficking and promote safe migration;
2. Raise awareness and promote the benefits for men re gender equality;
3. Promote the need for changed behavior of men in relation to family and society;
4. Raise awareness of men in the respective communities for representation and greater collaboration with local government representatives;
5. Increase the intellectual and professional potential of men through vocational training programs and courses;
6. Involve men in jobs that have a positive and transformative impact on their lives and promote enterprise;
7. Support sound economic initiatives that are helpful to men and women in need, and which have a positive impact on the communities concerned;
8. Support, through specialized techniques, specific groups of men who live in Prison.

### Activities:

- \* Human development training programs
- \* Vocational trainings
- \* Forums
- \* Community research
- \* Capacity building
- \* Economic empowerment
- \* Social and emotional support in prisons

