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NGOs Forum - Kraljevo is an association of four non-government organisations - Regional Centre of Civil Action „LINGVA“, Kraljevo Centre for Human Rights, NGO Imagine Serbia and Center for the Development of the Non-Profit Sector of Central Serbia (CDNPSCS). These NGOs are non-political, non-profitable organisations intended for promotion of human rights, spreading the idea of civic society, struggling for democratization of the system, health promotion, humanitarian activities, education of the young in domain of culture, informing, ecology...



Annual Report for 2008

PROJECTS TITLE

I. LINGUA Community Development Centre Programme

Project no. 182813/2

Project supported by: Norwegian People's Aid – South- East Europe- Belgrade office

Projects description:

I Project: Legal Aid

Duration: 9 months

Schedule of Activities: Monday -Friday, 8 hrs a day

Target group:

About 2.000 IDPs, from Municipalities: Kraljevo, Vrnjacka Banja and Trstenik

Activities:

Solving of ongoing problems (legal, social) aiming to facilitate integration of IDPs and refugees living in collective centres and private accommodation, in co-operation with local authorities. Public intercession on behalf of IDPs and refugees, lobbying local and Republic authorities and relevant institutions as well as international organisations in order to jointly find proper and permanent solutions for IDPs and refugees. Work of a Legal Adviser would be in an office in the Community Centre during 2 days a week and at terrain (collective centres where there are old and laying beneficiary) three days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m. Filling-in and analysis of questionnaires for those IDPs who want to return to Kosovo. Preparing and making Human Rights Annual Report of IDPs in Central Serbia for year 2008.

II Project: Women workshops

Duration: 9 months

Schedule of Activities: Monday -Friday, 8 hrs a day

Target group: 120 IDPs/Refugees women

Activities:

To make the project one whole ore one production cycle, the following activities are included: sewing, weaving, crocheting, knitting and embroidery. Number of daily beneficiaries is about 100 women IDPs/Refugees from collective centres and private accommodation. Work would be organized each working day (Monday to Friday) in two groups (shifts) of 40.

Beneficiaries would be in a position to re-invest the money they get from selling the products made and use it for some of their needs. They may provide financial means for programme continuation upon the project realization. The program would help in more active socialization and integration of beneficiaries with surroundings.

III Project: Medical Advisory

Duration: 9 months

Schedule of Activities: Monday -Friday, 8 hrs a day

Target group: About 3.000 IDPs, refugees and local vulnerable persons

Activities:

This project for work with IDPs is related primarily to persons needing medical care (for persons who have not health assurance) to their getting well, to prevention and health improvement among persons settled in collective centres – reduction of morbidity and mortality rates. Primary medical doctor and clinic psychologist roll is to early discover, treat and prevention of diseases. Work of a doctor (general medicine specialist) and of a clinical psychologist, would be continuous in a medical office in the Community Centre during 2 days a week and at terrain (collective centres where there are old and laying patients) 3 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m. Doctor and psychologist would achieve group and individual interviews with healthy and sick persons about diseases, health problems in a collective and individual, addiction (drugs, spirits, prostitution, AIDS, etc.), professional orientation and so on.

2. Youth Programme: INITIATIVE, SENSE AND CONSCIOUSNESS (ISAC)

Project code: 182609-2

Project supported by: Norwegian People's Aid – South-East Europe- Belgrade office

Implementation period: from September 2007 until May 2008

- Project purpose
- To make the young to participate more active in all forms of society engagement, –To increase the awareness about significant role of the young as a driving force of modern society and the democratic reforms in the society,
- To spread the citizens' activism among the young,
- To attempt to bring politics closer to the young people, encouraging the young to place their ideas through politics and create their lives and future by political means
- To identify the young people's problems in public,
- To train the young, included in ISAC project, for team work, a kick off for new initiatives that would, among other things, enable the project participants exchange new ideas and continue the started cooperation
- Trough activities (Multimedia- rallies and public watching videos) and with active participation of all guests.

3. Support to the setting up of refugees and displaced associations

Project No. 429.000.069/07

Project supported by: Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement

Implementation period: from February 2008 until January 2009

Beneficiaries: Target group is IDPs and refugees in Kraljevo municipality, as well as from the Central Serbia region. Direct beneficiaries are activists of 3 new formed IDPS/ refugees NGOs with 45 members, as well as interested NGOs from Kosovo, Bosnia (which we will animate to involve them in the project). Indirect beneficiaries were all IDPs who will have financial support, assistance or service through direct beneficiaries.

Objectives: - overall objective: Economic independence of IDPs and refugees through self-organising. Specific objective: Support to economic independence and intensified socialisation of IDPs and refugees; Education of activist IDPs/refugees NGOs from the field of economic strengthening; Shaping new programs of economic strengthening of IDPs i refugees; Affirmation of voluntarism and getting involved in other people's problems; The reduction of antagonism of locals towards IDPs and refugees; Stimulating active participation of IDPs/refugees in civic initiatives

Results (in 2008): Facilitated integration of IDPS and refugees through programs of economic strengthening of newly formed NGOs; Development of newly formed and existing IDPs/refugees NGOs regarding implementation of a new dimension in other words new approach to problem solving with support and public advocacy by Forum NGOs; Education and monitoring of engagement of IDPS/refugees NGOs activists will result with data base, and "bank of ideas" for the new programs which IDPS and refugees NGOs will implement; Mutual help IDPs/refugees in solving existential problems; Involvement of engaged volunteers (IDPs and refugees) to assist socially most deprived categories of local population will reduce antagonism of locals towards IDPs and refugees; Founding and strengthening new IDPs/refugees associations (founding, registration and functioning of new 3 IDPs/refugees NGOs in Central Serbia)

Activities: Activists of Forum NGOs will held 5 two days trainings and workshops on economic strengthening (micro crediting program, founding social cooperatives, writing business plans, education for women IDPs, Innovation and good practice projects) for the activists of newly formed and existing IDPs/refugees NGOs in the Lingua centre and in the field; Activists of Forum NGOs (Program Manager and Program Assistant), will hold 7 two days seminars (in a form of workshop) in the filed of "Anatomy of Project Proposal" and "Strategic Planning of the Organisation"; Continuous monitoring of realisation of 3 subprojects by Program Manager and Program Assistant as well as continuous assistance with project proposal preparation, applying to international NGOs; Realisation of "Bank of Ideas"; Assistance of Forum NGOs PgM and PgA in realisation of 3 subproject; Forum NGOs lobbying authorities, republic authorities, preparation and making of annual report regarding human rights of IDPs in the region of Central Serbia; Creating data base of new interested IDPs/refugees, education and assistance in founding and registering of new IDPs/refugees NGOs in Central Serbia; Organising Regional conference "How well home countries take care of its invisible citizens?" that was held from 30 to 31 January at the Lingua Centre-Kraljevo. 24 representatives of 12 NGOs from Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo as well as Julie Biro, Project Officer for the South East Europe-French international organisation CCFD, actively participated in the conference. The representatives of the relevant NGOs in the Region exchanged experiences and through open discussion concluded what are the key problems of so called "invisible" citizens in the Region, as well as solutions to key problems. After the two-day discussion, the Conference participants defined conclusions as well as the obligatory recommendations that were sent to the prime ministers of the states in the Region, aiming to recommend measures and the activities that the home countries have to undertake in order to protect and realise basic human rights of IDPs/refugees/returnees.

The text of the letter is on the link <http://www.forumnvo.org.rs/docs/Open%20Letter.pdf>

The letter was forwarded to the addresses of the 76 international institutions and organisations that deal with issues of human rights in Balkan.

4. Friend in Need

Implementation period: from September 2008 until February 2009

Co-operating Netherlands Foundations for Central and Eastern Europe/ BCIF

Duration: 6 months

Schedule of Activities: Monday - Friday, 8 hrs/ day

By realizing of the project “A Friend in Need”, the Volunteering Center contributes to engaging of people coming from the local population who want to help the most vulnerable citizens. That will reduce their (IDPs) feeling of being isolated, and facilitate socialization and integration of IDPs and refugees into the environment where they are living in at the moment.

Volunteers recruited from the local population will be included in the project “A Friend in Need” who will be mentors, and children aged from 7-15 years old settled in collective centres – as beneficiaries of the program. Planned number of volunteers (engaged from the local population) is 25. Planned number of children, beneficiaries of this program (IDPs and refugees settled in collective centres) is 25. Volunteers who will participate in the program will be awarded once a month with an adequate present. The awarding should stimulate persons participating in this program.

The aim of the program “A Friend in Need” is to enable easier integration of children aged from 7-15 years old. In other words, to enable them to improve their school marks, to enable them an easier contact with the environment, to strengthen their self-confidence as to prevent deviant behaviour such as alcoholism, suicidal, drug addiction, prostitution, etc.

The whole program will be realized under supervision of an engaged clinic psychologist from Lingua. The engagement of the psychologist is on voluntary basis.

Another aim of the program is by media presentation to affect positively on motivation of the environment to involve itself into voluntary work.

5. Poverty Reduction of IDPs through Micro-Crediting

Project No. PGI GCP BLK 000083

Implementation period: from January 2008 until December 2008 (started in May 2006)

British Embassy, Belgrade

Duration: 12 months

Schedule of Activities: Monday - Friday, 24 hrs a day

Purpose

Socialization and integration of internally displaced persons from Kosovo in Kraljevo municipality through economic strengthening through micro crediting programme.

Activities

According to the goals defined, initial phase activities can be divided into main and temporary ones. Temporary activities would comprise preparation, legal formulation, deposit bank account opening, intended to micro financing only, printing of applying forms, tender in local weekly paper. Two Credit officers will visit all the 21 collective centres and directly explain the project to potential beneficiaries. After forms filling by applicants, the credit officer would visit them all and check validity/correctness of data stated in applications. Credits, advocated by credit officer, are approved by the Credit Committee consisting of three members (Project Coordinator and Credit officers). Credits would be approved for the period of 6-12 months with 0.5% of interest rate on monthly basis.

Outputs

With a new portfolio from the project *Poverty Reduction through Micro-crediting Programme*, the number of beneficiary families (130) would increase up to 90 new beneficiary families (in that case total number of beneficiary families would be 220 (1.100 family's members).

Along progressive growth of the number of beneficiaries, after one year of realisation of the project *Poverty Reduction through Micro-crediting Programme*, we will be able to finance approximately 350 beneficiary families (with about 1,750 supported family members) in December 2007.

Impact

Economic strengthening of the IDPs and refugees and consequently their more intensive socialisation and integration: Chances for new jobs opening: Breakage of poverty chain, since it is known that the long lasting poverty they have suffered during the passed decade produces numerous social consequences that would even multiply in future and make sudden social victims of transition: Strengthening of the existing production processes as to make them more self-sustainable/justified: Improved self-confidence and integration of vulnerable groups: Support to female population, women being twice as vulnerable in transition process: Assistance to local self-government to resolve key problems, such as unemployment and low living standard of population.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2008

Project title	Donors	Amount (EUR)
<i>LINGVA Community Development Centre Programme</i> (three subprojects) – NPA Project no. 182813/2	Norwegian People’s Aid – South-East Europe	45,000.00
<i>INITIATIVE, SENSE AND CONSCIOUSNESS (ISAC)</i> Project code: 182609-2	Norwegian People’s Aid – South-East Europe	4,000.00
<i>Poverty Reduction Of IDPs Through Micro-Crediting programme</i> Project No. PGI GCP BLK 000083	British Embassy, Serbia	26,000.00
<i>Friend in Need</i> (Help to IDPs children settled in Collective Centres)	Co-operating Netherlands Foundations for Central and Eastern Europe/ BCIF	8,940.00
<i>Support to the setting up of refugees and displaced associations</i> [February 2008 - January 2009] Project No. 429.000.055/07	Comite catholique contre la faim et pour le developpement – France	35,000.00
TOTAL		118 940.00

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