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NGOs Forum - Kraljevo is an association of three non-government organisations - Regional Centre of Civil Action LINGUA, Kraljevo Centre for Human Rights 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 2005

PROJECTS TITLE

- 1) **LINGUA Community Development Centre Programme**
Project supported by: Norwegian People's Aid – South- East Europe- Belgrade office

Projects description:

I Co-operations with Local Authorities

Duration: 9 months

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

Target group:

About 5.000 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 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 2005.

II IDPs and Refugees NGOs foundation

Duration: 9 months

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

Target group:

5 IDPs and refugees NGOs, about 150 IDPs and refugees

Providing information, education and registration of the IDPs and refugees NGOs. Seminars for acquiring knowledge and skills of NGO sector work, PC workshops; practical training, to cover writing strategic plans, drafting project proposals and implementation of 5 mini projects. Monitoring, helping end evaluation of new registering IDPs and refugees NGOs.

III Project: Volunteers Centre (Friend in Need)

Duration: 9 months

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

Target group: Planned number of volunteers (engaged from the local population) is 50. Planned number of children, beneficiaries of this programme (IDPs and refugees settled in collective centres) is 50.

Activities:

Registration of interested children-beneficiaries, media presentation of the programme on local TV (with the aim to motivate and animate volunteers, and affirmation of the idea of voluntarism as well). Preparing, printing and distribution of leaflets to citizens, with an adequate slogan (with the aim to animate volunteers and to promote the program). Interviews with children-beneficiaries and their parents. Interviews with signed up volunteers. Connecting volunteers and the children-beneficiaries involved in the programme. Weekly meeting with the volunteers because of weekly and monthly programme evaluation. Acquisition of tickets for cultural and sports events in the city, buying of books and CDs for volunteers as an award for their engagement in the project;

Regular contact with the parents of the children-beneficiaries with the aim to track the planned objectives; Regular contact with local media with the aim to promote the programme; Marking of the World's Day of Volunteers on December 5th with the presence of volunteers involved in the program.

IV Project: Informative Desk

Duration: 9 months

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

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

Activities

The number of daily comings to the Informative desk would be about 100 IDPs, refugees and local vulnerable persons. This is going to be information service about all humanitarian organizations active in the region, as well as about relevant state institutions (Social Care Centre, Commissariat for Refugees, local NGOs...). Distribution of branch magazines treating issues of significance for IDPs and refugees (published by UNHCR, Kosovo Government...), taking off and printing adequate useful information from web sights (OSCE, B92, EU Info Pool ...). Then – obtaining and distribution of the monthly pre-paid bus tickets by which one of the essential problems of collective centres beneficiaries is solved. About 600 children IDPs/refugees from col. Centres and local are expected to attain basic knowledge in computer work that would give them good basis for advance learning. The training and usage of Internet would be free of charge.

V Project: Women workshops

Duration: 9 months

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

Target group: 130 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.

VI 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 3 days a week and at terrain (collective centres where there are old and laying patients) two 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: Imagine Serbia

Project supported by: Olof Palmes Internationella Centrum

Implementation period: from March 2005 until December 2005

Duration: 9 months

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

Target group: Target group of the project is youth, ages from 15 to 27, from which the enormous number is not interested to take active participant role in the social-political life. Total number of youth, ages 15 to 27, in targeted municipalities, is **176.175 youth**. Project would be realized in 12 Central Serbian municipalities.

Poor financial and social situation, political instability, information thru electronic and press media (which are under the control of interest groups with radical opinions) resulted in sluggishness between younger populations, and the expansion of nationalism and xenophobia resulting again in the lack of interest among youth regarding movement, communication and the exchange of experiences. The only medium that constantly and increasingly attracts the interest of the young is the Internet. According to the official research of the Republic the number of the Internet users is increasing by 150% a year, 85% being under the age of 30. Taking into account the official estimation of relevant institutions in August 2005 in Serbia and Montenegro are about 36,000 web sites and about 2,100.000 individual Internet users or 24,7 % of total population. Just because of this situation in the society, in March 1st 2005 Lingua NGOs has started realisation of the program *Imagine Serbia*. For six months only an incredible success was recorded. Total (current) rank of Web site www.zamislisrbiju.org according to number of visits on the world, at the middle of the August was 7.326

(http://www.alexa.com/data/details/traffic_details?q=&url=http://www.zamislisrbiju.org/), and on the fourth place by in Serbia and Montenegro (<http://www.cepelin.net/top100/>).

The main objective of the *Imagine Serbia* project is to minister a real chance to the youth, as to actively involve them into a society development planning process. For this objective to be realized it is absolutely necessary to objectively inform youth thru a web presentation www.ZamisliSrbiju.org, with the purpose to inform of successful fulfilment of all necessary conditions needed for rapid integration into the European Union...

Specific objective: Encourage young people to **understand** their society and **imagine** better future and **make** concept of a new society; Offer young people a chance to develop a vision of community in which they would like to live, and take necessary actions create that vision; Providing relevant information, which in despite of all possibilities in communications created along with the rapid development of new technologies are still failing to reach a great number of young people; Rapprochement and introduction of youth from the municipalities from central Serbia with youth coming from the territories of ex-Yugoslavia, where this project represents a rare opportunity for contact and exchange of opinions; Improvement of the relationship between generations (younger and older generations); Training of youth which are involved in *Imagine Serbia* project realization, thru exchange of opinions in discussion groups on the web site, for the purpose of recognizing problems in their own society; Raising the awareness of the NGOs in the society; Stimulation for new initiatives, which will enable project participants to exchange new ideas and continue initiated cooperation; Increase citizen participation in the work of NGOs in the Central Serbia region...

Activities:

Promotion and protection of human rights – Main Discussion Board; Managing and addressing discussion by the all Moderators; Internet research (survey) connected to current topic – it will act as a guideline for further discussion. Info–Documentation Centre; Formation of unique documentation centre with chronologically integrated; documentation regarding history of human rights violations and committed crimes on the territory of ex-Yugoslavia; Online Legal counselling; Online NGO Support Centre; Contacts with other organizations from the former Yugoslavian republics territories and invitation to participate (Bosnia, Kosovo, Croatia, Macedonia)...

Just because of this situation in the society, in March 2005 Forum NGOs- Kraljevo has started realisation of the program **Imagine Serbia (Imagine Your town)** in 12 municipalities of Central Serbia, and the main aim is to give a chance to youth, to through variety of activities become actively included into planning of development of society

where they live. To realise this goal objectively informing of the young people is necessary, such as web presentation www.zamislisrbiju.org. In order to inform about fulfilment of all necessary preconditions necessary for accelerated integration into European Union, including respecting human rights and minority rights, introducing with the relevant facts from the recent past, improving cooperation with nearby countries, and information about the work of The International Criminal Tribunal in Hague, index of corruption in the society; improving of conscious about significance and role of the young people as a motivate of democratic reforms; to enable for the young people to place their ideas through internet presentation www.zamislisrbiju.org and to influence by political means to creation of their own destiny...

Forum NGOs believe that especially small local communities, in the Central Serbia region, having problems with accepting new forms of behaviour, where young people not given a chance to get informed and participate in making decisions of significance for the whole community. The young, as the agents of the future have to take over decision making in their communities, but also to be aware of the fact that they themselves are the agents of that future. Target Group of project **Imagine Serbia- Imagine Your Town** are the young between 18 and 30 years of age from 12 municipalities from Central Serbia.

3. POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH STRUGGLE AGAINST CORUPTION

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

Implementation period: from March 2005 until February 28th 2006

With the realisation of the project **Poverty reduction through struggle against corruption** in addition, planned activities, we want to affect the reduction of corruption in the Region of Kraljevo with synchronised activities of Forum NGOs, the Municipal Anti-Corruption Commission, local Police, and Municipal Prosecutor's Office in order to encourage citizens for active engagement in the fight against corruption.

The position of Forum NGOs is that all preconditions for successful realisation of the project **Poverty reduction through struggle against corruption** are met.

Due to realisation of the *Be brave! Say no to corruption* (realised by Forum during 2003/2004) and a series of public discussions on corruption and crime in the past year, Forum NGOs has established good co-operation with the police in Kraljevo and investigation bodies. Professional human resources in Forum NGOs and remarkable co-operation with institutions of the system (prosecutor's office, police, media, and local authorities) will enable undisturbed realisation of the planned project.

Project Objectives

- Poverty reduction through struggle against corruption. Reduction of corruption will result in higher international investments during the privatization process, and that will directly affect the improvement of the living standard of the citizens in Kraljevo Region.
- We want to support our citizens to set themselves free of all fears and concerns, and to motivate them for active involvement in the struggle against corruption by realising this project.
- We are convinced that our campaign will positively provoke other NGOs and system institutions to join our campaign and initiate similar actions on their own.
- We are certain that our campaign will have a psychological impact on the majority of corrupted individuals and institutions, and frighten them in a way.
- One thing that this project will hopefully produce, as a valuable benefit for our community is initiation a series of programmes (in co-operation with local authorities) related to the problem of corruption, and to finally result in passing an Act on Anti-Corruption in the Republic Parliament.
- Realisation of programmes such as introduction of an Ombudsman as an active control of power, volunteers as a control of this feature in state organisations, etc.

Target Group

Citizens of Kraljevo Municipality and of neighbouring municipalities (Trstenik, Vrnjacka Banja, Krusevac and Cacak) covered by programmes of Radio/TV Kraljevo. Total number of population in the above-mentioned municipalities is approximately 400,000.

We are convinced that we can animate specially people employed in local self-government bodies, state institutions (justice administration, police, education, health-care, and NGOs).

Research results indicate that the gender ratio of the target group involved in the project is 51:49 in favour of women. The Forum NGOs Assistant team consists of two persons; one of them is a lady.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2005

Project title	Donors	Amount (EUR)
LINGUA Community Development Centre Programme – NPA Project no. 182 513	Norwegian People's Aid – South-east Europe	104,738.00
IMAGINE Serbia Project No. 70 059 J	Olof Palme International Centre/SIDA	23.162,94
POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH STRUGGLE AGAINST CORUPTION – Project No. 429.000.055/04	Comite catholique contre la faim et pour le developpement – France	23, 000.00
TOTAL		150 900.94

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