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# **I. INTRODUCTION**





## Introduction

### EURASIA FOUNDATION

#### Overview

Now in its second year, the Eurasia Foundation Network (EFN) operates a new generation of programs aimed at accelerating the emergence of a civically engaged middle class in the Eurasia region. Eurasia Foundation has evolved from a U.S.-based foundation with multiple field offices into **Eurasia Foundation Network**, a constellation of affiliated, locally registered organizations. Today, the Network consists of four local foundations in Russia, Central Asia, the South Caucasus and Ukraine that work in partnership with the U.S. foundation.

In the first half of the 2009 fiscal year, EFN continued to support projects ranging from Tajik-Afghan trade initiatives to small business development in Belarus, to economic reform at the municipal level in Russia. We work with local leaders to accomplish goals essential to their region's development.

The Eurasia Foundation Network possesses many tools with which to greet the current economic environment. Loaded with relevant knowledge and deep regional experience, we implement effective programs that leave a long lasting legacy. We boast an exceptional staff, unique infrastructure, and excellent reputations in the communities where we operate.

The Eurasia Foundation Network partners work with local NGOs to build their capacity and sustainability. The foundations serve as coalition builders, engaging NGOs to develop consolidated positions on issues affecting their citizens.

The Eurasia Foundation Network has the experience and infrastructure to unleash the creativity of citizens throughout the region and to mobilize the finances necessary to advance their aspirations. With the continued support of our partners, friends and the US Government, the Network will continue to link the citizens of Eurasia with Americans and others around the world and contribute to the prosperity and stability of the Eurasia region for many years to come.

While organizations throughout the world are cutting down on philanthropy, our network continues to attract non-US government funds. In Moldova, we won an award of more than \$180,000 from the European Commission to support balanced electoral information before and after the 2009 parliamentary elections. Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia received \$162,000 from a local cell phone company—a contribution that underscores the foundation's leading role in the region's tradition of corporate social responsibility. In Armenia, we were awarded \$250,000 from the UK Foreign Commonwealth Office to continue our successful efforts towards a more transparent government and stronger media.

While we are pleased that in the first half of fiscal year 2009, we have **raised**

and leveraged over \$3.5 million from non-US government sources, we are expecting an impact on private fundraising due to the current global economic crisis. This makes the funding support from the US government even more critical in the support of our work.

## Program Highlights

Working with local citizens and institutions that have the skills and vision necessary to bring the greatest social and economic benefits to their societies, Network partners continue to improve the lives of citizens at the grassroots level by helping small businesses to succeed, local governments to become more responsive, and enabling a budding middle class to emerge.

As New Eurasia Foundation is approaching its fifth year anniversary this fall, it continues to introduce ambitious programs. With more than \$500,000 in support from the British Embassy in Moscow, FNE is implementing a new post-conflict program in the North Caucasus. The **Stabilizing Northern Caucasus: Development of Institutional Conflict-Prevention Mechanisms** program supports and facilitates the integration of migrants, refugees and other displaced individuals and households into their new communities

As a result of Eurasia Partnership Foundation's advocacy campaign and roundtables on the European Neighborhood Program, **EPF Georgia's efforts were officially recognized by the Georgian Parliament.** The Parliament made a public commitment to reinstate legislation that emphasizes its ambition for integration into the EU community. EPF's programs are geared towards ensuring a greater understanding and dedication to EU values, such as human rights, rule of law, market economy, and sustainable development. **EPF is also facilitating policy debates on the EU-Georgia Free Trade Agreement** and is establishing a foundation for future integration projects and public awareness campaigns.

In Ukraine, East Europe Foundation has focused on four key program areas and has more than 30 active donors. Under its Local Economic and Social Development program, EEF has implemented the **Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use** program. Through a local information center in Simferopol, the program **provided more than 100 entrepreneurs, local governing bodies and households with consultations on solar power equipment.** In addition, solar panels installed in a kindergarten in Crimea provided efficient climate control for more than 200 children and teachers. The project also **facilitated the creation of a unique training center for renewable energy technologies** (such as wind power, biogas energy, and biodiesel) in the Vinnytsia Oblast. As a result of the project, the center was able to **demonstrate 15-25% savings in the community's energy supply budget.**

In Moldova and Belarus, Eurasia Foundation programs are leaders in their fields. During Moldova's 2005 parliamentary elections, EF was instrumental in creating the **Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections.** In the 2009 elections, with continued support from EF, the coalition **monitored the election process and provided essential support to government institutions implementing the process.** The coalition's activities are strictly objective and non-partisan. Programs included observing the election campaign, monitoring media coverage, voter education, providing legal assistance to journalists, and providing legal advice to voters.

Over the past two years, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) has been **building ties between Tajikistan and Afghanistan in the spheres of trade, education and culture.** In 2008 at the **Tajik State Pedagogical University, 15 teachers from Afghanistan received training in primary school teaching methods.** All of the teachers, who represented schools from different parts of Balkh province, are now using the new methodologies of teaching at their schools.

More information on the specific programs of EF's partner foundations can be found in the section "Programming Activities" beginning on page 15. More details on the sources and uses of non-US government funds raised to date can be found in Appendix D beginning on page 105.



## **II. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**





## Development Update

### EURASIA FOUNDATION

During the period of October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009, the Eurasia Foundation Network has raised and leveraged **over \$3.5 million from non-US government sources**. Our annual goal is \$11 million.

The following table represents the total fundraising from non-US government donors for each region.

#### **FY09 Funds Raised and Leveraged**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Committed Funds</b>	<b>Pending Proposals</b>
South Caucasus	\$860,053	\$2,058,670
Central Asia	\$560,250	\$2,634,025
Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova	\$1,247,295	\$6,364,344
Russia	\$744,478	\$2,385,900
EF-DC	\$139,786	\$5,000,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,551,862</b>	<b>\$18,442,939</b>

#### **Highlights by Region**

##### ***Caucasus***

In November of 2008, **EPF** was awarded more than \$200,000 from the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support a cross border program between Armenia and Turkey. The program addresses the potentially highly charged issues of media bias in both countries and the rights of Armenian migrants in Turkey.

##### ***Central Asia***

**EFCA Kazakhstan** was awarded almost \$100,000 from **ExxonMobil** for a life skills initiative for young women. The program focuses on leadership and life skills development with the aim of empowering young women.

**EFCA Kyrgyzstan** received more than \$130,000 from the **European Commission** to reduce the impact of conflict on the livelihoods of ten Kyrgyz communities bordering Uzbekistan. The program focuses on developing the capacity of non-state actors, specifically youth.

***Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova***

In January our Belarus program received a grant of more than \$200,000 from the **European Commission**, and is close to securing additional support from the British and the Dutch governments. In Moldova, we won an award of more than \$180,000 from the European Commission to support balanced electoral information before and after the 2009 parliamentary elections. The Eurasia Foundation Network also leveraged more than \$400,000 in donations to the Kyiv School of Economics to date this year.

***Russia***

In October of 2008, **FNE** won more than \$500,000 from the **British Embassy** in Moscow to develop institutional conflict mitigation mechanisms in the North Caucasus. The program focuses on socially vulnerable groups such as migrants, refugees, and displaced persons.

***Bill Maynes Future Leaders of Eurasia Fund***

The Bill Maynes fund has raised over \$32,000 during this reporting period, bringing total receipts to more than \$162,000. We expect donations to accelerate as we prepare to bring in the next class of fellows.

**Non-Core US Government Awards**

In addition to the non-US government fundraising listed, EEF raised nearly **\$600,000** from USAID through a sub-contract to PACT to strengthen civil society in Ukraine.

### **III. PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES**





## Programming Activities

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### Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

#### Belarus

Eurasia Foundation's partner in Belarus, the New Eurasia Establishment (NEE), supports legal clinics at universities throughout the country. The **clinics provide free legal service to vulnerable populations that otherwise could not afford legal assistance and** provide practical experience to law students. The program is targeted towards pensioners and their families, people with low incomes, prisoners and single parents.

In December 2008, as a part of the **Legal Clinics Development** program, Viciebsk State University hosted a seminar for law students on client interviewing and consulting techniques. Students and coordinators from the Polack State University legal clinic joined their Viciebsk peers at the event to enhance their professional capacities and share best practices in providing legal assistance to vulnerable groups.

EF's local subsidiary Kiyv Regional Office (KRO) continues to provide institutional **support for the development of distance learning at the European Humanities University International (EHU)**. EHU operates in exile in Vilnius, Lithuania. Hundreds of students have obtained their education through distance learning and the external degree program. Both degree and non-degree distance learning programs are available at EHU and the university is committed to expanding these programs as a way to provide B.A. degree level education programs to Belarusians.



*MBA students in Belarus received training at the Riga Business School.*

KRO is also supporting a partnership between the Institute of Business Management Technologies at Belarus State University and the Riga School of Business. Through EF's support, an advanced **"International Management Collaboration" (IMC) training program has been developed and delivered for top Belarusian managers and executives**. Managers trained in IMC have enhanced their ability to more competently cooperate with their Western counterparts and have a greater fundamental understanding of business

efficiency and profit making. Belarusian MBA students have gained new experience and knowledge of international best practices in business.

## Moldova

In November of 2008, Eurasia Foundation's office in Moldova held a training seminar for approximately 30 journalists as part of its **Coalition 2009** project to **provide Moldovan voters with fair and balanced information on the 2009 parliamentary elections**. Supported by the **British Embassy in Chisinau, the UK Government Strategic Programme Fund, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and USAID**, the project trained journalists on how to report accurately and objectively on the countries elections.

The coalition's activities were strictly non-partisan **and included programs such as observing electoral campaigns, monitoring media coverage, educating voters, providing legal assistance to journalists and making legal advice available to voters**. EF engaged and coordinated activities with more than 70 organizations.

EF launched the **Developing Viable Media** program in order to **build a more transparent relationship between advertisers and media outlets in Moldova**. As part of the program, the Independent Journalism Center has been selected to create an Audit Bureau of Circulation. Upon its launch in June 2009, the bureau will track and collect data on ownership, advertising revenues and the circulation of media outlets across the country. These efforts have **effectively contributed to establishing a working group consisting of Moldovan media outlets, advertising agencies, and their clients**.

On March 10, EF Moldova opened a third regional **"Pro-Europe" European Interactive Center** in Comrat City to serve as a platform for information dissemination and debate on reforms needed to move Moldova closer to European standards. The center **promotes European values and builds constituencies for European integration in the Gagauz Yeri region**. The center, based at Comrat State University, provides the public with information on the EU's European Neighborhood Policy and the ongoing implementation of the EU-Moldova Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.

EF Moldova's **Corporate Social Responsibility** program has contributed to a greater awareness among the business community about strategies that companies can undertake at the corporate level to support their communities. As a result of EF's efforts aimed at bolstering good corporate citizenship in Moldova, including cofounding an international CSR conference, **Philip Morris** sought out EF as the primary organization through which it would contribute funds to assist flood victims along the Dniester River. Overall **flood assistance was provided to 15,017 beneficiaries from 28 communities**.

## Ukraine

With a grant from EEF and additional funding from the **Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor**, the Kremenchuk Community Development Foundation established a senior center in Kremenchuk. As part of EEF's **Community Centers for People in Need** program, the project took the existing state-supported Avtozavodsky District Office of Social Services and **broadened its services to include improving seniors' standard of living**.



*Volodymyr Kovalenko of the Avtozavodsk District Council greets members of the senior*

Now seniors have services such as physical rehabilitation and legal counseling at their disposal. In February 2009, the city council decided to continue its support of the newly established center with funds from the city budget and also agreed to expand services to an additional senior center.

EEF adopts a comprehensive approach to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by training journalists to report on CSR in a fair and balanced manner, increasing public awareness through its weekly electronic **CSR Bulletin**, and promoting international CSR standards.

One of the main barriers to philanthropy in Ukraine is antiquated charity laws, which do not provide incentives for local corporations to donate. In order to address this challenge, EEF awarded a grant to the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) to advocate **for improved charitable giving legislation**. UCIPR worked with local businesses and NGOs to **develop a consolidated position on amending legislation, and submitted the draft to the Ministry of Culture and Tourism**. The center also launched an advocacy campaign to lobby for the draft law. Through this multifaceted approach, EEF is working to instill a sense of civic responsibility among local businesses and helping to ensure that legislation supports their philanthropic efforts.

EEF continues to develop its **“Eco News”** feature and Eco-Ukraine website ([www.eco-ukraine.org.ua](http://www.eco-ukraine.org.ua)) launched in April 2008. The site conveys news on environmental responsibility in Ukraine and highlights best practices of businesses regarding their CSR strategies. The eco-news feature is distributed on a weekly basis as a part of the CSR in Bulletin. The Eco-Ukraine web-site is updated regularly and consists of news from the CSR bulletin and other useful information collected from various public resources.

One of the most forward-thinking projects under EEF's Effective Governance initiative is the **Innovations in E-governance** project, which seeks to **facilitate citizen access to public services through the promotion of electronic information exchanges** within government bodies and public service institutions. Within the framework of this project, 69 public service procedures were streamlined in the Husyatyn District of the Ternopil Oblast and instruction cards for these services were

created for the public. Following implementation, there was a 25% increase in the number of active users of the Husyatyn District computer network, and the volume of electronic document exchange increased 12-fold. Today, **more than 140,000 citizens living in 49 communities are able to receive improved public services** (including labor and social defense issues, gas, energy, heating supply, housing and utilities services).

## Kyiv School of Economics

The **Kyiv School of Economics (KSE)** has **graduated more than 400 students, of which approximately 50 have gone on to receive their PhDs** and are currently teaching in Ukraine, Europe and North America. Graduates in 2009 represent the 12<sup>th</sup> class at KSE.

As the leading Master's program for economics education in Eastern Europe, KSE continues to expand its programs. Starting in the 2009-2010 academic year, KSE will **introduce MA programs in Economic Analysis and in Financial Economics**. The school has also signed an agreement with the **University of Houston**, which now offers KSE students the opportunity to earn an American accredited Master's degree.



*KSE students receiving their MA degrees in Economics.*

KSE also continues its international cooperation with European institutions. Every year, a group of KSE students visit Stockholm School of Economics. During the tour, students explore the PhD program, meet with the economic faculty and participate in various activities. With the support of the Victor Pinchuk Foundation, KSE is planning to expand to also include schools of business, law and journalism.

KSE has established a similar partnership with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). KSE and NUPI jointly organize international conferences, faculty exchanges, and research projects. Next academic year, a group of top KSE students funded by the Norwegian government will visit NUPI on a brief internship tour. Students will meet NUPI experts and researchers, familiarize themselves with postgraduate opportunities and explore Norway.

## Central Asia - Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA)

### Kazakhstan

In February, 2009 EFCA's representative office in Astana ran the final training session for local NGOs as part of the **Strengthening Civil Society in Astana** program. In an effort to create new and strengthen existing NGOs in Kazakhstan's capital, EFCA has carried out eight institutional training sessions for **representatives from 40 different NGOs**. Participants of the training sessions familiarized themselves with the basic principles of NGO work, the creation of effective teams, and how to set up advocacy companies. As a result of EFCA's efforts **eight new non-governmental organizations focusing on civil society development have been opened in Astana**.

Within the framework of the **Support of Family Groups at Risk** program, in February, 2009 EFCA led a seminar on **building effective models for the early exposure of family problems and the prevention of child abandonment**. Taking part in the seminar were representatives of domestic care and guardianship institutions, boards for the defense of children's rights from ten regions of Kazakhstan, leaders of NGOs working in the sphere of child protection, and members of the Association of Directors of Children's Homes in Kazakhstan. The seminar participants discussed methods of exposing family problems earlier, criteria to define the seriousness of domestic situations, root causes of family problems, and appropriate ways in which to reach out to troubled families in need.

EFCA has a proven track record of identifying local needs and developing programs to match these needs. **The Artisan Business Development Program** in Kazakhstan is a perfect example of the foundation's outreach to the country's various oblasts. Following a successful launch of a Resource Center for Artisans (RCA) in Shymkent, EFCA **opened another such center in the Eastern Kazakhstan Oblast of Ust-Kamenogorsk**.

While the RCA in Shymkent is **conducting master classes, training sessions, and exhibition fairs on handicraft production**, EFCA in Ust-Kamenogorsk signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the oblast department of trade and entrepreneurship. EFCA organized training sessions bringing together artisans from the oblasts of East Kazakhstan, South Kazakhstan, Akmola, in addition to two artisans from Uralsk and Almaty. The artisans were trained on working with ceramics, wood, felt and embroidery, leather, textile, and carpet weaving.



*Kazakh artisans learning and sharing the techniques of their craft.*

Another significant achievement of EFCA is the signing of a cooperation agreement with the company GSM Kazakhstan/K'cell to launch a joint project entitled **Youth Bank Active**. The goal of the program is to **involve youth in the**

development of society and to provide them with the necessary skills to solve social problems. The agreement's importance is not only in its contribution to improving Kazakhstani society but also in its **pioneering role in developing a tradition of corporate social responsibility.**

## Kyrgyzstan

### Central Asia News Service

Dedicated to promoting U.S. standards of objective, fact-based journalism, EFCA is in its third year of implementing the **Central Asia News Service** program (CANS) funded by the U.S. State Department. Bishkek-based CANS is expanding the



audience of its website [www.ca-news.org](http://www.ca-news.org), improving the quality of news and analytical coverage. **Monthly readership has doubled since December 2008, and now stands at over 60,000 unique monthly visitors.**

The program developers are also pleased to note that other media outlets increasingly reference the CANS website. As of April 1, there are over 3,000 references to CANS — three times more than in the previous quarter. CANS is clearly gaining in popularity and credibility in the media world of Central Asia.

It has been a year since the initiation of **the Integration of Religious Education into Civil Society in Kyrgyzstan** initiative, and the project is steadily proving its timeliness and relevance to national needs. The program **reinforces international religious freedom standards while integrating Religious educational institutions and their students into wider civil society.** The project aims to provide the legislative and physical environment to enable Religious Education institutions to introduce secular subjects and increase the relevance and quality of education. In doing so, it will enable students to get recognized diplomas. In addition, it will provide secular and religious schools with the methodology and structures to improve the quality of teaching in schools and the quality of management. A particular focus is on enabling the schools to work closely with each other and their communities.

In December of 2008, EFCA completed the **Improving the Quality of Higher Education Initiative.** The program **engaged students in assessing and improving transparency, accountability and the quality of institutions of higher education.** Participating students conducted surveys that revealed a number of corruption-related problems at six pilot universities. As a result, **prospective students now can access important information and make informed decisions when applying to universities.**

In March of 2009, EFCA's Osh Office completed the **Support to Vulnerable**



*A student using the facilities at the center for the visually impaired.*

**Groups** program, which consisted of two pilot grants to local NGOs 'Blagodat' and 'Kosh -Araket.' Of their numerous achievements, one of the most significant was the opening of the first of its kind Resource Center in the Fergana Valley for the blind and visually impaired. Every day, about 15 people use the Resource Center's specialized technology for the visually impaired to access information, work on computers, and listen to books.

## Tajikistan

In November 2008, as a result of a year-long program implemented by EFCA's office in Dushanbe, **the Tajik Ministry of Justice registered the American Chamber of Commerce in Tajikistan (AmCham).** AmCham promotes cooperation among new companies, established investors and the government to ensure the development of private business in Tajikistan. Through the establishment of AmCham, EFCA will continue to work to improve the environment for foreign business investment and operations in Tajikistan.



*The American Chamber of Commerce in Tajikistan meets for the first time.*

Last year, over a million **Tajik migrants** found work abroad, predominantly in the Russian construction industry. Through its **Essential Services to Migrants program**, EFCA Dushanbe has already **provided consultations on legal registration, job opportunities, and skills required by the local market to over 1,000 potential migrants.** More than 130 program participants received Russian language instruction which will be very useful in finding employment throughout the region.

Over the past two years, **EFCA has been building ties between Tajikistan and Afghanistan in the spheres of trade, education and culture.** In 2008, at the Tajik State Pedagogical University, 15 teachers from Afghanistan received training in primary school teaching methods. All of the teachers, which were representing schools from different parts of Balkh province, are using the new methodologies of teaching at their schools.



*Tajik and Afghan craftsmen exchanging best practices.*

In October of 2008, EFCA in Dushanbe completed the **Support to Tajik and Afghan artisans program**. In cooperation with UNESCO, **EFCA developed and published 1,000 copies of an illustrated artisan catalogue**. The catalogue is a unique methodological guide for Tajik and Afghan craftsmen. Its creation is aimed at helping artisans diversify their techniques, produce crafts of higher quality and market them effectively.

The production of the catalogue united efforts of many parties, including Iranian and Central Asian artisans. It was distributed among the members of the Central Asian Crafts Association (CACSA), ministries, international organizations, local NGOs, artisan leaders in Afghanistan and Tajikistan and the participants of Dushanbe craft fair in April 2009.

## **Uzbekistan**

Through its Osh office in Kyrgyzstan, EFCA is working with youth in the Ferghana Valley to provide them with leadership skills and increase their involvement in solving social problems. Partnering with the **Uzbek Humanitarian Pedagogical Institute** at Osh State University, **EFCA trained 240 students and young teachers on leadership, tolerance, conflict management, effective communication, project management and fundraising.**

EFCA also established a **Leadership Development Center** and supported four small youth-led projects to provide program participants with practical skills for solving social problems in their communities. These projects included performing plays in Uzbek communities in Kyrgyzstan on “Youth Against Drugs” and raising awareness of AIDS among students.

Since 2004 EF has been supporting the institutional sustainability of the **International Business School (IBS) Keladjak Ilmi through offering grants to qualified students from poor families and rural regions.** These scholarships compose approximately 15 percent of the school’s budget and are a funding lifeline to talented students that come from disadvantaged financial backgrounds. Through the end of the 2009 school year EF will have disbursed nearly \$400,000 in tuition and institutional support to IBS.

## South Caucasus – Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF)

### Armenia



*EPF organizes unprecedented Armenia-Turkey cultural exchange.*

Recognizing that good relations between neighbors promote stability, EPF continues to implement projects under its **Armenia-Turkey Cross-Border Dialogue and Cooperation** program. The program strengthens the capacities of NGOs and businesses to develop and maintain cross-border partnerships and educates the public on the benefits of normalized relations. Last year, EPF **organized six cultural exchanges between Armenia and Turkey, which attracted extensive media attention and were attended by more than 1,800 people.** The Armenian government actively participated by providing concert venues, which

demonstrated the readiness of both the public and the state to deepen cultural relations between the two countries.

In order to help Armenian labor migrants understand their legal rights and the realities of working abroad, in October 2007 Eurasia Foundation, with the assistance of the Western Union Foundation, **established eight Migration and Return Resource Centers (MRRCs) in and around Yerevan.** As a result of the economic crisis, Armenia is expecting an influx of labor migrants returning from the near abroad. In order to help returnees reintegrate in their communities, **the centers expanded their services in Vanadzor and Martuni** in the first half of the 2009 fiscal year.

The MRRCs carried out a training sessions on job search techniques and **organized job fairs with the overall participation of more than 30 local employers and 300 job seekers.** Job seekers had



*Labor migrants receive legal advice from the MRRC workers.*

the opportunity to pass on their resumes and gain confidence communicating with potential employers. The job fairs enabled local businesses to interview and interact directly with job seekers in their cities.

## Azerbaijan

EPF's **Islam in a Democratic Azerbaijan (IDA)** program is breaking new ground, **bridging the gap between religious groups and NGOs and placing the discussion of Islam's compatibility with democratic principles at the forefront of the nation's public dialogue.** One of the most significant accomplishments of this program over the past six months was the agreement reached with Baku Islamic University to hold joint extra-curricular courses on Islam and democracy. The Islamic University is one of the major religious educational institutions overseen by the Caucasus Muslim Board, the most influential religious institution in the country. The first class was held in November 2008 on Women's Rights and Islam, and 28 students attended. The significance of this development cannot be overemphasized: the Director of Islamic University is also the deputy of the Caucasus Muslim Board.

**EPF Azerbaijan is expanding its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) Network with seven new organizations joining the network over the last half fiscal year.** The CSI program focuses on developing the internal capacity of local businesses to make wise social investments, through supporting an emerging network of corporate social investment managers who learn from each other's best practices and develop a cohesive approach to their investment strategies. In December, 2008 **EPF organized a workshop led by widely known CSR expert Dr. Michael Hopkins**, which included participant specialists and professionals working in CSI, human resources, and marketing.



*CSI workshop led by Dr. Michael Hopkins*

Azerbaijan's Youth Fund provides small grants to youth organizations to fund local community projects. A testament to the project's success and sustainability, **the Ganja Youth Fund is among the first of Azerbaijan's youth fund committees to obtain external funding and implement a project independently.**



*Ganja Youth Bank participants engaging in group activities.*

As winner of the Open Society Institute-Assistance Foundation's Youth Initiatives competition in January, the **Ganja Youth Fund will soon receive a \$1,000 small grant to implement its *street Law* project in Ganja City.**

In order to stimulate local companies' exports, EPF has partnered with the Azerbaijani Export and Investment Promotion Foundation (AZPROMO), the International Bank of Azerbaijan and Azersun Holding Company. The organizations are **assisting the Azerbaijan Marketing Society in publishing the Azerbaijan Export Catalogue.** While many Azerbaijani companies produce high quality products and

services, they do not have proper marketing and advertising services at their disposal. As a consequence, the products capable of competing internationally are not known or available abroad. **The Azerbaijan Export catalog is designed to introduce Azerbaijan's export potential to the outside world.** The catalogue will contribute to Azerbaijan's economic development by assisting local businesses to export their goods and services.

## Georgia

EPF's **Youth Bank** project encourages young people ages 16 – 25 to get involved in civic activism and volunteerism in their communities. Youth Bank participants learn how to manage grant money and implement small scale projects in their communities.

In October 2008, the Marneuli Youth Bank participants launched a donation drive at five local schools. **Within days, they collected over 2,000 school supplies and 400 articles of warm clothing and boxes of hygiene supplies, all of which were donated towards helping 116 children displaced by the conflict with Russia.**



*Marneuli Youth Bank clothing drive.*

In November, all four Youth Banks in Georgia conducted awards ceremonies to announce the winners of the first micro projects funded in its inaugural grant cycle. **A total of 15 micro projects were awarded and were implemented over the following two months.** For example, the Zugdidi Youth Bank awarded grants for three initiatives that address the consequences of the recent Russia-Georgia armed conflict.

Through the **Participatory Civic Monitoring program in Georgia**, a number of EPF's grantees contributed to better policy reforms. After monitoring the state auction of agrarian lands, the **Civic Education Youth Center successfully submitted recommendations to the parliamentary agrarian committee to improve land privatization laws.** Another grantee, the Georgian Association for Hypertension Studies, submitted similarly successful recommendations to the Ministry of Health to improve the primary healthcare system by preventing endemic hypertension.

In another project, **the Human Rights Protection Center conducted outreach activities to better inform the population, especially members of condominiums, about the local budget process.** A survey commissioned by the Institute for Social Research and Analysis in October 2008 indicated that **Batumi residents who took part in these information sessions are better informed about these issues than citizens in other Georgian cities who did not.**

On November 17, 2008, **EPF participated in an open committee session of the European Union Integration Committee of the Parliament of Georgia.** The session

was part of the coalition of civil society organizations that monitor Georgia's implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) Action Plan (AP). The coalition presented the results of the 2008 monitoring, and **provided recommendations to Parliament for increasing the country's compliance with the ENP AP commitments.** Overall, throughout October-December 2008, **EPF organized three such roundtable conferences** with the participants representing the Georgian government, the EU, civil society organizations and business circles.

### **Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC)**

The Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) **help young researchers and government officials develop skills necessary to better understand their communities.** The centers **promote social science research and public policy analysis** in the South Caucasus. Through round tables and presentations, CRRCs also help international organizations be aware of the changes in public opinion and trends in the region.

In October, **CRRC Armenia** presented findings of research on media conducted as part of a larger project on media coverage in Armenia and Azerbaijan. Among the attendees were the representatives of IREX, AED, OXFAM, OSCE, British Council, IFES and the Embassies of Poland and Romania in Armenia. The participants discussed the findings and provided recommendations on how to utilize the data and engage local government.

In **Azerbaijan, CRRC** has been contracted by the Public Health Reform Center to provide trainings on policy research. The two **training sessions were attended by 15 participants, and represent the largest training cycle CRRC has organized for state officials.**

In Georgia, CRRC launched a cycle of free monthly trainings on survey methods, data analysis and presentation, and questionnaires. The first module was attended by 80 participants who learned how to identify a good survey and what components and methods make a survey research successful.

## Russian Federation – New Eurasia Foundation (FNE)

FNE partner newspapers under the **Regional Independent Print Media Project (RIPMP)** have shown remarkable resilience in the face of the current global



*A presentation on development of free and independent media.*

economic crisis of the past six months. Most publications have managed to keep key personnel, **several have increased circulation, and many have received positive responses from readers for their unbiased and in-depth coverage of the crisis.** Indeed, two RIPMP client newspapers are expanding with sister publications into other regional markets.

In addition, since the beginning of the fiscal year, FNE has been rolling out a U.S. Department of State DRL funded project aimed at **helping regional Russian newspapers and radio stations employ Internet-based technologies to better interact with their audiences.** Interest in the project has been positive and the several participating outlets have already begun employing interactive 'new media' approaches in their reporting.

FNE works to improve and support relationships between Russian regional universities and their local communities. Universities' academic and research activities are combined with community resources to solve local problems.

In 2008, **FNE hosted three seminars to train university managers in university–community collaboration.** The project participants also took part in an **internship program in Israel organized by the International Leadership Institute on best practices in community education.** Under federal funding, a Small Business Support Office was created at Pskov State Polytechnic Institute, which has gone on to develop **training programs geared toward retired military officers and a separate one for farmers.** The office started to work with the Pskov Regional Association of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs to create a special course on small business management.

In December 2008, the Ministry of Regional Development held an international forum entitled **Integration of Compatriots – 2008** as part of its program to assist Russians residing abroad in voluntary relocation in the Krasnoyarsk region. At the forum, FNE presented its experience in implementing its ***Migration Bridges*** project, an initiative which establishes support centers and assistance packages for labor migrants, refugees, and host communities in Russia and countries of the Eurasia region that have emerged as principal suppliers of foreign labor. **FNE experts provided consultations to forum participants and helped identify ways to create favorable socio-economic conditions to attract potential participants to the region.**

Through its **Homeowners Support Project**, FNE helps **apartment owners better manage their common property** through collective decision-making strategies. This fiscal year, the Foundation produced a series of publications on issues such as how to establish a homeowners association and how to finance building renovations. FNE

also organized a conference that was attended by 300 representatives of homeowners associations, NGOs and regional and municipal governments representing 67 cities and 50 regions of Russia to discuss participation of homeowners associations in regional and municipal capital renovation programs.

Striving to improve housing legislation, the Foundation produced a series of publications on issues such as establishing a homeowners association and financing building renovations.



*Apartment owners attending a meeting organized by FNE.*

FNE also organized a conference to discuss participation of homeowners associations in regional and municipal capital renovation programs which was attended by 300 representatives of homeowners associations, NGOs, and regional and municipal governments representing 67 cities and 50 regions of Russia.

To date, 327 representatives of homeowners associations, housing construction cooperatives, management organizations, the federal government, and local self-government have participated in FNE's trainings. More than 50 percent of FNE seminar participants have already applied their newly acquired knowledge and skills to improve the quality of their own housing.

## **IV. EVALUATIONS AND RESULTS**



## Evaluation and Results

### Highlights in Evaluating EF Network Programs

In the first half of FY09, the EF Network foundations completed four formal evaluations. These evaluations included 2 needs assessments, 1 mid-term process evaluation and 1 impact evaluation. A number of the evaluations that were scheduled for completion during the reporting period will be finalized in the second half of the fiscal year. EF spent about \$65,000, or 2.4% of its program spending, on evaluation during the first half of the fiscal year. The recommended industry standard is 3-5% of an organization's program budget.

For a complete list of evaluations completed in the first half of FY09 and those planned for the second half of FY09, please refer to Appendix 1. One illustrative evaluation from the EF Network is highlighted below.

#### *Mid-Term Process Evaluation of the Islam in a Democratic Azerbaijan Program*

In May 2007, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) launched the Islam in a Democratic Azerbaijan (IDA) program. Funded by the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL), the goal of the program is to promote a nation-wide dialogue on the compatibility of Islamic values and democracy. To achieve this goal the IDA program creates formal mechanisms to engage Islamic scholars, religious leaders and civil society professionals in constructive dialogue. It also raises public awareness of shared Islamic and democratic values and fosters partnership among the government, formal and informal religious groups, and members of civil society to address issues of mutual concern. The program's activities include discussion groups in select cities, extracurricular courses for students from Baku's leading theological institute, and small grants for partnership projects. The public awareness component is comprised of nationally broadcast television programs, radio call-in shows, program bulletins, and a website.

In October 2008, EPF contracted an external evaluator to conduct a mid-term process evaluation of the IDA program for the period of May 2007 – August 2008. The report assessed the relevance of the IDA program's strategy, evaluated its effectiveness and progress thus far, and, based on the evaluation's findings, recommended adjustments to the program's activities.

The evaluation report proposed the following recommendations:

- To increase the public outreach, EPF should invite well-known religious experts and representatives from media outlets covering religious issues to participate in the discussion groups.
- The program's television shows should continue and also should involve more well-known and knowledgeable religious leaders and scholars.

- The IDA program staff should deepen their cooperation with Baku Islamic University, encourage its collaboration with Islamic scholars from the West, and conduct more trainings and seminars on research methodology, proposal writing, English language classes, and other related subjects (possibly with CRRC involvement).
- The *Unsiyyat* bulletin should be expanded to at least 4 pages and should be distributed electronically or in hard copies to religious communities, leading NGOs, religious experts and scholars.
- In order to avoid duplication, the IDA radio programs should either cooperate with already existing radio shows and projects or they should be discontinued.
- The website should be either outsourced to a partner organization or significantly enhanced by the program staff.

In February and March 2009, EF and EPF carefully weighed the findings and recommendations of the mid-term evaluation as they prepared a 3-month, no-cost extension request to DRL. The IDA program staff decided to invite journalists and well-known experts to participate in the discussion groups and encourage journalists to prepare articles for publication in the expanded version of *Unsiyyat* bulletin. In addition, four additional TV programs were scheduled to be produced during the extension period. Cooperation with the Baku Islamic University and the support for extracurricular courses are also to be continued with the possibility of conducting trainings on presentation and communication skills. In order to avoid duplicative and ineffective activities, EPF chose to discontinue the radio shows and the website during the extension period.

### **Evaluation Statistics, First Half FY09**

EF and its network partners closed 96 grants in the first six months of FY09. The findings from the EF Network shared indicators for the closed grants reveal the following:

#### ***Changes occurred on individual level***

1. Number of direct individual beneficiaries	19,093
2. Number of trainees	9,559

#### ***Changes occurred on organizational level***

1. Number of organizational beneficiaries	13,650
2. Number of new partnerships formed by grantees	284
3. Resources leveraged (in-kind) from counterparts	\$161,148.60

*Changes occurred on societal level*

1. Media products disseminated	3,999
2. Grantee innovations replicated by others	51
3. New jobs created	811
4. New businesses formed	86

**Evaluation Plans for the FY09**

The EF Network foundations plan to undertake 24 evaluations during the second half of FY09. They include 6 needs assessments and baseline evaluations, 3 mid-term process evaluations, 14 impact or summative evaluations and 1 research paper. Note that by the end of the reporting period, EPF was in the process of finalizing 2 summative evaluations of its programs in Armenia. These evaluations focused on assessing the EPF's Government, Civil Society and Media Participation Against Corruption program, the Resource Centers for Community Development program and the Development of Organizational Capacity program in Armenia. In addition, EPF has received the draft report for the mid-term evaluation of the Caucasus Research Resource Centers program, which is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.



## **Appendix 1: Completed and Upcoming Evaluations**

### **I. Completed Evaluations, October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009**

#### **Needs Assessments**

- Needs assessment for Shulbinsk Orphans Program, Dec. 2008, Kazakhstan
- Needs assessment of the Situation Facing Returning Labor Migrants, Mar. 2009, Kyrgyzstan

#### **Process and Mid-term Evaluations**

- Mid-term evaluation of the Islam in a Democratic Azerbaijan Program, Dec. 2008

#### **Program and Project Impact Evaluations**

- Summative evaluation of the Open School Network Program, Feb. 2009, Georgia

### **II. Upcoming Evaluations, April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009**

#### **Needs Assessments and Baseline Evaluations**

- Baseline survey on Knowledge of European Values and EU Institutions (part of the EPF's European Integration Program), Armenia
- Needs assessment on Role of Youth in Conflict, Kyrgyzstan
- Baseline assessment on the Rights and Services for People with Disabilities, Kyrgyzstan
- Needs assessment and baseline evaluation for Stabilizing Northern Caucasus: Development of Institutional Conflict-Prevention Mechanisms, Russia
- Baseline evaluation for Regional Trade and Liberalization Customs Project, Tajikistan
- Needs assessment for the Education Initiative for Girls, Kazakhstan

#### **Process and Mid-term Evaluations**

- Mid-term evaluation of the Caucasus Research Resource Center Program, South Caucasus (draft report submitted)
- Process evaluation of a 5-Project Cluster in the Participatory Civic Monitoring Program, Georgia
- Mid-term evaluation of the Central Asian News Service Program

## **Program and Project Impact Evaluations**

- Summative evaluation of the Government, Civil Society and Media Participation Against Corruption Program, Armenia (draft report submitted)
- Summative evaluation of the Development of Organizational Capacity & Resource Centers for Community Development Program Programs, Armenia (draft report submitted)
- Impact evaluation of the Conflict Mitigation Program in Batken oblast, Kyrgyzstan
- Summative evaluation of the Freedom of Expression Program, Armenia
- Summative evaluation of the Income Generation for Vulnerable Groups Program, Kyrgyzstan
- Summative evaluation of the Islam in a Democratic Azerbaijan Program
- Summative evaluation of the Developing Viable Print Media Program, Moldova
- Summative evaluation of the Strengthening Citizen Oversight over Parliamentary Elections 2009 Program, Moldova
- Summative evaluation of the Citizen Oversight Initiative, Moldova
- Summative evaluation of the Developing Capacity in Management of International Cooperation Program, Belarus
- Summative evaluation of the Identifying and Specifying Social Contracts in Contemporary Belarus
- Summative evaluation of the Strengthening the Advocacy Capacity of Belarusian NGOs to Solve Eco-Economic Problems Project
- Summative evaluation of the Belarusian Economic Research and Outreach Center (part of the Kyiv School of Economics and Kyiv Economics Institute)
- Summative evaluation of the South Caucasus Creative Commons Program

## **Research Papers**

- Legal Assessment of Endowment Legislation in Armenia (as part of the EPF's Corporate Social Investment Program) and skills

## **APPENDICES**



**APPENDIX A**  
**EXPENDITURE CHART BY COUNTRY**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009**



USAID Core 3 Analysis of Expenditures

By Country

From October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

	Russia	Ukraine	Moldova	Belarus	Uzbekistan	Turkmenistan	Tajikistan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Georgia	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Total FY09
Total Spending By Country	\$82,398*	\$572,242	\$86,258	\$412,378	\$179,622	N/A	\$61,501	\$80,279	\$174,425	\$720,762	\$908,783	\$167,697	\$3,446,345

\*Russian spending appears low due to the fact that current year funding was obligated in September 2008

\*\*\* The figures included in this expenditure chart are unaudited.



**APPENDIX B**  
**OUTCOME STATEMENTS OF GRANTS CLOSED**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009**



## Armenia

### **ACHILLES Society for Defense of Drivers Rights**

Y08-6012

\$22,620

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 8/15/2008

Despite government and civil society efforts to fight corruption in Armenia in the past five years, including adopting a series of laws and strategies and signing on to related international conventions, numerous challenges remain. Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index shows the Armenian public believes corruption has actually worsened, not improved, during that time period. Traffic inspection has been one of the most corrupt state practices in Armenia. To increase drivers' awareness of their rights and responsibilities, the grantee provided free consultations and legal support to about 300 people in person and through a hotline, brought 10 lawsuits to the administrative court on behalf of drivers (6 of them successful), published a book "Typical examination questions for obtaining a driving license," and set up 14 information stands in Yerevan, Gyumri, Vanadzor, Armavir and Abovyan. The grantee cooperated with the police to analyze public feedback (including data gathered through the hotline) to identify areas where further reform is needed; cooperation between the NGO and the traffic police will continue in future. The grantee also submitted a package of amendments and recommendations to the Law on Road Traffic Security (adopted in 2007) and the "Administrative offences" Code, which has not been updated since 1985. As a result of the project, the process of obtaining a driver's license is more transparent, and the first steps have been taken toward reducing corruption in traffic inspection.

### **Armenian Young Women's Association**

Y08-0014

\$11,544

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 7/31/2008

In the Vayots Dzor region of Armenia, high rates of unemployment among youth, few opportunities for cultural and leisure activities, and limited access to formal and informal education result in little civic and economic participation among young people. To address this issue, the grantee established a youth center in Vayots Dzor which worked to promote youth activism in the region through conducting ToT trainings on Leadership/management and fundraising; Youth entrepreneurship; Computer proficiency Election procedures for local youth. The grantee also trained the local partner NGO to build its capacity to advise young people on topics ranging from opening new businesses to the importance of participation in elections and other aspects of civic and political life. As a result of the project, at least 225 young people in Vayots Dzor gained skills they need to participate in the civic and economic development of their communities. The established Center actively operates in the Vayots Dzpr region providing necessary services and assistance to the local youth.

### **Civil initiatives center Vahagni XXI non governmental organization**

Y08-7031

\$1,555

Alaverdi, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 3/31/2008

Many community-based organizations (CBOs) in Armenia lack the skills and experience needed to mobilize people and resources to make a significant contribution to the development of their communities. In order to help CBOs solve local problems more effectively in the Lori region, the grantee expanded its own capacities, services and staff in order to function as a Community Resource Center in Alaverdi. The Center helped local CBOs to better publicize their activities and organized a number of need-based

trainings for young teachers, students and employees of CBOs on computer literacy and program management. Through a newsletter and events such as public discussions, the Center cooperated with CBOs to improve and make more transparent the flow of information between CBOs, municipalities, the donor community, and the public. As a result of this improved communication, the Alaverdi Municipality made their annual work plan and budget available for public discussion, with assistance from the Center. The grantee has become a good resource for local businesses as well, consulting them on financial management, tax reporting, business legislation and other issues. The Center continues to provide a number of services to local CBOs and other community groups in the region. As a result of the project, the grantee has become a multi-functional resource center serving surrounding communities, with a wide scope of expertise and clientele.

### **Development Centre of Armavir Social-Economic NGO**

Y08-3009

\$5,372

Armavir, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 5/15/2008

According to a 2006 OSCE survey, more than 17,000 Armenians (as many as 14% of men and 3% of women in the labor force) are labor migrants annually. Many of these migrants work abroad illegally, and are subject to abuse, exploitation, and difficulties reintegrating in to their communities when they return. To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Armavir Region of Armenia, the grantee expanded its capacities in order to serve as a Migration and Return Resource Center. The center published informational leaflets and held community outreach meetings on the risks of illegal labor migration, and offered one-on-one legal consultations to 120 potential labor migrants and returnees on migration-related legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. The grantee provided about forty returnees with information on employment opportunities in the Armavir Region; as a result, 10 found jobs locally. In addition, the center trained 21 returned migrants in business development, and linked them with local businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship, enabling two trainees to open their own businesses. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from the Armavir Region are better aware of the risks of illegal labor migration, their responsibilities should they choose to migrate, and steps they can take to protect themselves. Returned migrants in the region are also better aware of local employment opportunities in Armenia.

### **Dilnet service educational NGO**

Y08-1004

\$9,320

Dilijan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 8/31/2008

Despite efforts by a number of international donor organizations to strengthen Armenia's non-government sector by developing critical capacities of NGOs, little improvement has been recorded in relation to the sustainability of Armenian NGOs. According to a World Learning survey and a CIVICUS Armenian Civil Society Sector study, Armenian non profit organizations usually experience a decline in operational effectiveness as soon as donor support ends. In response to this need, Eurasia Partnership Foundation established a program to develop the capacities of NGOs at the organizational level in order to improve their performance. As part of that program, "Dilnet Service" NGO involved and trained new volunteers and staff members, developed an organizational strategy, developed its website and created new services, including trainings on accounting and website development for businesses, based on the emerging needs of its beneficiaries. As a result, the grantee has separated the NGO from its associated profit-making enterprise and set new performance goals for the separate entities, expanded its services and

engaged new members in the governing bodies of the organization.

### **Investigative Journalists Non-Governmental Organization**

Y08-5009 \$27,941

Yerevan, Armenia 2/1/2008 - 9/30/2008

Despite government and civil society efforts to fight corruption in Armenia in the past five years, including passing numerous laws, adopting a series of strategies, and signing on to related international conventions, numerous challenges remain. Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index shows the Armenian public believes corruption has actually worsened, not improved, during that time period. To increase the transparency of local governance in Ararat, Armavir, Kotayk, Tavush and Lori regions, the grantee recruited and trained a group of reporters in those regions, produced a series of TV talk shows and short films to highlight the issue, and conducted meetings and a round table discussion with local residents, civil society organizations and representatives of local government. As part of the project, the grantee published more than 300 articles on various corruption-related issues in these communities on their website, [www.hetq.am](http://www.hetq.am). The grantee also published 10 inserts in Azg daily, one of Armenia's largest national newspapers, including five featuring material from the targeted regions. As a result of the project, the concept of more transparent local government systems was introduced in the targeted regions.

### **Kaghni Social Ecological Non Governmental Organization**

Y08-7032 \$1,307

Berd, Armenia 2/1/2008 - 3/31/2008

Many community-based organizations (CBOs) in Armenia lack the skills and experience needed to mobilize people and resources to make a significant contribution to the development of their communities. In order to help CBOs solve local problems more effectively in the Berd area of Tavush region, the grantee expanded its own capacities, services and staff in order to function as a Community Resource Center. The grantee cooperated with local and international organizations to conduct a needs assessment of CBOs in the area; organized training for 36 participants from more than 21 CBOs and active community groups on monitoring and community needs assessment, fundraising and proposal writing, solving internal conflicts in communities, and basic computer and internet literacy; provided consulting to at least 12 local businesses; and helped six CBOs develop project proposals and search for funding for community projects. The Center also developed new partnerships and shared experience and plans with a regional network of NGOs, as well as a nationwide network of Resource Centers formed as part of EPF's program. The Center continues to provide a number of services to local CBOs and other community groups in the region including training, consulting and technical assistance, as well as access to communication and information resources. The grantee is the only organization in Berd that has the expertise and capacity to act as a support center for local organizations, donor organizations, municipalities and citizen groups in the region. In this way, the grantee has become a unique and sustainable mechanism of support for local CBOs in the area.

### **Kumayri-Banvor Ltd.**

Y08-2009 \$7,658

Gyumri, Armenia 2/1/2008 - 7/18/2008

Because of poor quality and distribution, circulation of independent regional newspapers in Armenia remains low. As a result, many regional papers struggle financially and

Armenians living in outlying regions primarily rely on (state-run) television for news and information. To strengthen its financial viability, Kumayri, a weekly newspaper in Shirak region, enlarged and trained its staff; acquired new technical equipment which enabled them to improve design and layout; and enhanced partnership with peer media outlets and civil society organizations based in Gyumri. The paper conducted ten public hearings in neighboring communities and based on the discussion in those hearings, as well as individual meetings, community visits and other local sources, published fifty one-page two-color news inserts on issues of importance in the region including unemployment, trafficking, consumers' rights, and issues faced by refugees, the disabled, and other vulnerable groups. As a result of the project, the newspaper improved its public image, enlarged the size and geographic reach of its audience by ten new communities and established cooperation with a number of local organizations, all of which has contributed to its financial sustainability.

**LORI TV LLC**

Y08-5002

\$11,309

Vanadzor, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 10/31/2008

Despite government and civil society efforts to fight corruption in Armenia in the past five years, including passing numerous laws, adopting a series of strategies, and signing on to related international conventions, numerous challenges remain. Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index shows the Armenian public believes corruption has actually worsened, not improved, during that time period. To increase public awareness about their rights and responsibilities in the fight against corruption in Lori Region, the grantee produced and aired a series of television programs: fourteen talk-shows with "vox-populi" on the street interviews with citizens from 67 communities on corruption-related topics (e.g. elections, judicial system, education, healthcare, culture, social-related corruption and local government). The TV programs attracted a great deal of attention among the local population, as indicated by the number of calls and feedback received. As result of the project, the public in Lori region has become better informed about corruption-related issues and means available to them for proactively fighting corruption.

**Martuni Women’s Community Council Non-Governmental Organization**

Y08-3021

\$12,057

Martuni, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 9/30/2008

A recent survey on households conducted by OSCE and Advanced Social Technologies reveals that 15% of the sample has members who are labor migrants. Thus, it can be recorded that labor migration continues to hold a dominant position within the mosaic of migration flows. To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Gegharkunik Region of Armenia, the grantee expanded its capacities in order to serve as a Migration and Return Resource Center. The center published informational leaflets and offered one-on-one legal consultations to 2000 potential labor migrants and returnees on migration-related legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Resource centers staff members also participated in an EPF/CRRC research initiative on labor migration, conducting about 500 interviews with households in Martuni following training on how to conduct an interview and use SPSS for data analysis. As a result of implemented activities 15 jobs were created locally. Martuni Resource Center coordinated and managed the activities of Martuni Youth Bank. Due to devotion and involvement of Martuni MRRC staff the Youth Bank smoothly implemented all planned activities, funding 6 projects in spite of planned 5. The MRRC provided both technical and

informational support, as well as all necessary equipment, transportation and additional sources for establishment of the Youth Bank. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from the Gegharkunik Region are better aware of the risks of illegal labor migration, their responsibilities should they choose to migrate, and steps they can take to protect themselves. Returned migrants in the region are also better aware of local employment opportunities in Armenia.

### **Maternity Center of Armenia Charitable Public Organization**

Y08-1001

\$4,707

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 5/31/2008

Despite efforts by a number of international donor organizations to strengthen Armenia's non-government sector by developing critical capacities of NGOs, little improvement has been recorded in relation to the sustainability of Armenian NGOs. According to a World Learning survey and a CIVICUS Armenian Civil Society Sector study, Armenian non profit organizations usually experience a decline in operational effectiveness as soon as donor support ends. The same groups report that slightly less than one-third of the 4,500 Civil Society organizations registered with Armenia's Ministry of Justice are active at all. In response to this need, as part of EPF's Development of Organizational Capacities (DOC) Program, the Maternity Center of Armenia aimed to improve its organizational performance and service provision. The grantee raised more than \$100,000 by organizing two major charity concerts with famous Armenian singers, launched and continues to publish the first journal in Armenia on maternity issues, and launched new services, such as consultations on prenatal psychology, social patronage, art therapy to its beneficiaries. As a result of these changes, the NGO has become more sustainable and raised its public profile.

### **Nvatshum Youth Non Governmental Organization**

Y08-7015

\$2,003

Ijevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 4/30/2008

Many community-based organizations (CBOs) in Armenia lack the skills and experience needed to mobilize people and resources to make a significant contribution to the development of their communities. In order to help CBOs solve local problems more effectively in Tavush region, the grantee, a youth NGO, expanded its own capacities and services in order to function as a Community Resource Center in Ijevan. As part of the project, the Center provided technical and informational support to 15 CBOs and other youth organizations, business and the public. For example, the Center trained 27 young people in developing a resume, how to behave during a job interview, and how to write a cover letter. For local businesses and other organizations, the Center provided consultations on financial management, budgeting, accounting, labor legislation, banking, credit, Internet searching, and other topics. Thanks to support provided by the grantee, at least 25 people found jobs, 12 CBOs developed strategic plans, and five major donor and microfinance organizations disseminated information about their programs to organizations and the public in Tavush region. The Center also developed new partnerships and shared experience and plans with a regional network of NGOs, as well as a nationwide network of Resource Centers formed as part of EPF's program. The Center continues to provide a number of services to local CBOs and other youth and community groups in the region, including training, consulting and technical assistance as well as access to communication and information resources. In this way, as result of the project the grantee has become a sustainable mechanism of support for local CBOs.

**Syunats Ashkhar LLC**

Y08-2008

\$5,858

Kapan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 8/15/2008

Because of poor quality and distribution, circulation of independent regional newspapers in Armenia remains low. As a result, many regional papers struggle financially and Armenians living in outlying regions primarily rely on (state-run) television for news and information. To strengthen its financial viability, Syunyac yerkir, a biweekly newspaper in the Syuniq region, enlarged and trained its staff; acquired new technical equipment which enabled them to improve design and layout; enhanced partnership with peer media outlets; and attracted new readers by creating a website. As a result of the project, the paper increased its circulation from 1400 to 2300 copies and began printing issues three times per month (versus twice per month at the beginning of the project). The design and content of the newspaper has also improved, and they have created a new website which is updated regularly with news of the region and national news, all of which has contributed to its financial sustainability.

**The A. D. Sakharov Armenian Human Rights Protection Center**

Y08-7045

\$4,235

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 5/31/2008

Many community-based organizations (CBOs) in Armenia lack the skills and experience needed to mobilize people and resources to make a significant contribution to the development of their communities. In order to help CBOs solve local problems more effectively in the Shirak region, the grantee expanded its own capacities, services and staff in order to function as a Community Resource Center in Gyumri.

In Shirak region the grantee strengthened the capacities of more than 12 CBOs and NGOs by building linkages and partnerships between international organizations and CBOs through organizing open-door events and trainings for CBO representatives on major program management topics, as well as by providing information support to organizations: disseminating major donor-related or community development information through e-mail lists, calendars of event, bulletin boards, library of technical resources and publications. For local CBOs, the Center provides consultations on labor code, human rights protection, legal advice and other topics. The Resource Center also developed and published two valuable manuals for CBOs: on Strategic Planning and Fundraising. The grantees are among rare organizations in the region that have the expertise and capacity to act as a support center for local organizations, donor organizations, municipalities and citizen groups. In this way, the resource center has become a unique and sustainable mechanism of a multi-functional support for local CBOs, donor organizations and the public.

**Union of Armenian Government Employees Public Organization**

Y08-6018

\$18,057

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 10/15/2008

Despite government and civil society efforts to fight corruption in Armenia in the past five years, including passing numerous laws, adopting a series of strategies, and signing on to related international conventions, numerous challenges remain. Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index shows the Armenian public believes corruption has actually worsened, not improved, during that time period. To increase transparency in Armenia's civil service through increased civil society participation in government hiring processes, the grantee worked with a team of four local NGOs to monitor recruitment and attestation at the Civil Service Council and the ministries of

Health, Labor and Social Affairs, and Education and Science. The grantee then produced a series of four reports describing their findings during the monitoring process and held a series of workshops with government employees and civil society representatives to discuss the findings and develop an action plan, as well as recommendations for legislative change, for improving transparency. The results of the project were also discussed during two TV debates. As a result of the project, stronger cooperation has been established between the NGO and participating state agencies, and the recruitment and attestation processes at the Civil Service Council and the three participating ministries has improved.

### **Unison NGO for Support of People with Special Needs**

Y08-1003

\$7,375

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 7/31/2008

Despite efforts by a number of international donor organizations to strengthen Armenia's non-government sector by developing critical capacities of NGOs, little improvement has been recorded in relation to the sustainability of Armenian NGOs. According to a World Learning survey and a CIVICUS Armenian Civil Society Sector study, Armenian nonprofit organizations usually experience a decline in operational effectiveness as soon as donor support ends. The same groups report that slightly less than one-third of the 4,500 Civil Society organizations registered with Armenia's Ministry of Justice are active at all. In response to this need, Eurasia Partnership Foundation established the Development of Organizational Capacities (DOC) Program to develop the capacities of NGOs at the organizational and community levels in order to improve their performance. Unison, an NGO which serves the disabled, was one of the beneficiaries of the DOC program's collaborative assessment and consulting process. The grantee conducted a needs assessment and developed new services (such as computer classes for the blind) based on the emerging needs of its beneficiaries and members. As part of the program, the grantee developed a multi-year strategic plan, recruited new board members, established a new governance structure (a ten-member advisory committee), involved new volunteers, purchased new specialized computer equipment and software for the blind, developed an Armenian-language version of its website, trained its IT specialist on print and web design, and created new communications materials. As a result of DOC consultations, the grantee has significantly improved its service offerings and established a new branch in Meghri (Sunik marz).

### **Yerevak Non-Governmental Organization**

Y08-3011

\$4,746

Noemberian, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 6/30/2008

Labor migration continues to affect communities throughout Armenia. Low standards of living and high unemployment means seasonal migration becomes the only means for rural Armenians to support their families. In order to protect the rights of labor migrants and returned migrants from Tavush region, the grantee conducted a number of activities to raise awareness about the risks of illegal labor migration and help returnees to reintegrate into their communities.

During the project, the grantee provided legal consultations to 539 migrants on Armenian and Russian migration legislation, the risks of illegal migration and information on registration procedures; the grantee also consulted more than 312 returned migrants on the basics of entrepreneurship, tax regulations and establishing a business in Armenia. The grantee reached out to potential migrants through a series of public outreach meetings in 15 communities and by publishing 1500 copies of an informational booklet with information on labor registration, contact information for consular services outside

Armenia and other valuable information on migration, distributed to potential labor migrants through the resource center and travel agencies, as well as through customs and local government authorities. The grantee also developed a database of human rights violations among labor migrants in Lipetsk, a common destination of migrants from Tavush region, in partnership with the Union of Armenians in Russia. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Tavush Region are better aware of the risks of illegal labor migration. Thanks to the project, the grantee also established relationships with civil society organizations in Russia, which will help Armenian migrants work legally and better integrate abroad, and help prevent exploitation and human rights violations of labor migrants.

## **Azerbaijan**

### **"Kameliya" LLC Quba region**

B07-0039

\$10,788

Guba, Azerbaijan

5/4/2007-1/25/2008

To further entrench parental inclusion in the educational reform process in Azerbaijan and create mechanisms to supplement state provided resources, implementing organization aimed to promote parent-sponsored school-based commercial activities to raise extra-budgetary funds. Prior to engaging in said commercial activities, implementing organization conducted a series of financial management and budgetary training sessions with emphasis on transparency for parent committees and administrators in two schools in the Guba Region. In partnership with implementing organization, parent committees then piloted fee-based sewing classes in four schools. As a result of the project, US\$1480 collected from the initial courses was reinvested into the school's budget with oversight from the parent committee. As envisaged, the fee-based courses continue beyond the term of the project and seek to provide a steady source of extra-budgetary resources. Furthermore, students received access to affordable vocational training in producing and repairing clothing.

### **Azerbaijan Youth Euro-Atlantic Organization NSGP**

B07-0062

\$15,300

Baku, Azerbaijan

7/2/2007 - 2/1/2008

Youth in Azerbaijan have the potential to play an important, decisive role in building civil society and democratic institutions in Azerbaijan. Unfortunately, participation of youth is notably lacking and knowledge of democratic principles deficient - especially in the regions where prospects lag far behind those of urban centers including Baku. To alleviate these conditions and encourage engagement by rural youth, implementing partner provided opportunities for selected regional participants to learn about Euro-Atlantic values of democracy, rule of law, freedom, civil society, and the importance of youth participation. This was accomplished through a series of trainings and seminars conducted in Baku and the regions of Azerbaijan. As a result of the project, over one-hundred rural youth expanded their knowledge of principles of the democratic development of Azerbaijan.

### **Ganja Regional Organization of "Knowledge" Society**

B06-0118

\$28,289

Ganja, Azerbaijan

9/28/2006 - 1/27/2008

The lack of robust interest and involvement by parents in support of school administration remains a major dilemma for secondary schools in Azerbaijan. Despite a wide range of rights and privileges afforded parents by current law, few exploit these rights by engaging their respective schools. To address this deficit, implementing organization organized and trained democratically elected Parent Committees and School Councils in schools # 28 and # 29 in Ganja. Through seminars and round-table discussions, implementing organization taught these councils, school administrators and community members how to systematically assess and prioritize school needs, design budgets, and manage school resources. A "Parent Fund" - a mini endowment where interest from deposits supports capital improvements - was also successfully piloted in these schools. As a result of the project, parents collected and deposited nearly US\$3,500 in each school's "Parent Fund" and created a transparent mechanism for administrative and financial oversight in their secondary schools. What is more, other schools in the

region expressed an interest in implementing this project in their jurisdictions

**The Organization of Specialists Educated Abroad Azerbaijan**

B07-0037

\$14,483

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/1/2007-3/31/2008

The Parliament of Azerbaijan recently introduced draft legislation proposing the establishment of a national system of subsidized education loans. Currently, no such framework exists in Azerbaijan and demand for access to higher education outpaces the supply of financial mechanisms to support it. To define key aspects of applying this draft legislation and underscore support for its adoption, implementing organization organized a series of 12 regional roundtable discussions among representatives of the education, banking, and government sectors. Detailed information regarding the legislation was provided and publically disseminated - effectively increasing awareness of the proposal and encouraging support. Implementing organization also initiated a national petition drive to illustrate to Parliament a significant grassroots support for the proposed initiative.

**"Alatoran" Literary and Cultural Magazine**

B08-0055

\$6,491

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/22/2008 - 12/15/2008

Azerbaijan lacks philosophical literature about the history of democracy, with the majority of the existing literature in Russian. The History of Philosophy, written by the Norwegian philosophers Gunnar Skirbekk and Nils Gilje, is a good tool for Azerbaijani-language readers to get an unbiased view of the different models of democracy. The grantee-the Alatoran Literary and Cultural Magazine, translated the book into Azerbaijani, published 500 copies and distributed it among education institutions, libraries and scientific centers.

The project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

**"Bridge to the Future" Youth Union NSGP**

B08-0019

\$12,888

Ganja, Azerbaijan

The youth of Azerbaijan have been under-represented in previous national parliamentary and presidential elections due to a pervasive indifference and skepticism that their voice can make a difference. To address this challenge, increase civic activism, and combat voter apathy among young people in 5 rural regions of Azerbaijan, implementing organization coordinated a high-profile "bike action." Using the 2008 Presidential Elections as a catalyst, "bike action" sought to deliver day-training sessions about principles of the democratic elections and voters' rights - by bicycle. After a training of trainers, 10 trained and motivated young participants of "bike action" rode through the streets of Gazakh, Agstafa, Tovuz, Shemkir and Ganja regions conducting trainings and press conferences drawing attention to their cause. As a result of the project, information regarding elections was disseminated among a large audience drawing substantial attention from young voters. This two-month project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

**Association of Young Azerbaijani friends of Europe NSGP**

B08-0035

\$9,000

Baku, Azerbaijan

6/24/2008 - 10/23/2008

The project aimed at raising awareness of human rights, gender issues, and volunteerism

among IDP children settled in two communities in Baku by involving European youth in long-term volunteer activities in Azerbaijan. The grantee-the Association of Young Azerbaijan Friends of Europe (AYAFE)-hosted two volunteers from France and Finland to implement different projects, mainly in IDP communities. While working with IDP children settled in Baku, the volunteers were able to identify specific problems, such as gender inequality. In some cases, girls did not want to sit by boys in the class and some families did not allow their daughters to go to school. Another problem identified was the use of inappropriate educational methodology in some schools that IDP children attend, missing opportunities to engage them in extracurricular activities and acquire a sense of volunteerism. The project addressed these problems through different interactive courses, games, and competitions. AYAFE began implementing the project within the framework of the Youth in Action Program supported by the European Commission in Azerbaijan in 2000. This current implementation period was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

**Azerbaijan National Committee of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Ganja branch NSGP**

B08-0021

\$14,995

Ganja, Azerbaijan

4/10/2008 - 10/11/2008

Free, fair, and competitive elections accurately interpreting and reflecting the will of the people are integral to a functioning democracy. Access to accurate and relevant information, an important factor in the conduct of a credible poll, was severely lacking in previous elections in Azerbaijan. This is especially true among refugee communities resulting from the Nagorno-Karabagh conflict. To address this issue in light of presidential elections in Azerbaijan conducted 15 October 2008, implementing organization conducted a series of educational seminars for internally displaced persons (IDPs) from occupied Kalbacar settled in Ganja. Topics included voting rights, procedures, registration, and appeals. As a result of the project, 136 people in the targeted community increased their knowledge of electoral procedures and were better prepared to participate in the presidential elections. The project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

**Charitable society "Uluchay"**

B08-0005

\$12,580

Sheki, Azerbaijan

2/1/2008- 8/27/2008

To address high unemployment levels, government structures and many non-governmental organizations have been focused on developing youth entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan. The project aimed at supporting integrated approaches to developing entrepreneurial skills and practical business experience among young people. The grantee-Uluchay-organized twelve trainings for young people between the ages of 18-30 in Sheki and then connected them with experts on entrepreneurship, who provided consultations on starting businesses. A business plan competition was held among the training participants and three proposals were awarded by the grantee organization. With these grants, nine youths established three new businesses, creating a more vibrant entrepreneurial environment for young people in Sheki and a potential model of youth entrepreneurship for other communities in Azerbaijan.

**Evangelic Lutheran Community of Survivor NSGP**

B08-0037

\$4,000

Baku, Azerbaijan

6/24/2008-9/2/2008

As in previous years, the Savoir Evangelic Lutheran Church in Baku organized a summer camp for disadvantaged youth and seniors at its summer property on the Absheron Peninsula. Traditionally, these underprivileged communities lack the resources to participate in such programs in Azerbaijan which benefit both mental and physical wellbeing. The aim of the camp was to promote a healthy physical and spiritual lifestyle among practitioners in a non-threatening rural environment. Participants took part in leisure activities including swimming, athletics, cinema, games and choir while receiving specific instruction in religious studies, good nutrition, and self-reflection. As a result of the camp, 20 underprivileged children and seniors gained valuable lifestyle skills while concurrently experiencing a relaxing summer holiday in a social setting. The project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

**Potential - Union of Sumgait Specialists NSGP**

B08-0020

\$11,000

Sumgait, Azerbaijan

4/10/2008- 10/11/2008

According to reports, previous municipal, parliamentary, and presidential elections demonstrated a pervasive under-representation of one of the most important segments of the eligible electorate - women. To increase voter participation among women in presidential elections held on 15 October 2008 in Azerbaijan, implementing organization conducted a voter education campaign targeting women - herein housewives and those with disabilities - in Sumgait. With the assistance of several municipal block committees and the Sumgait branch of the Society of Disabled Women, implementing organization arranged training sessions for Sumgait-area NGOs engaged in women's issues. These trainings helped them develop local capacity to encourage active female participation in the elections, publish educational booklets, and provide free legal advice on elections-related issues. As a result of the project, women in Sumgait were provided greater assistance and information enabling their participation in the national elections. This was project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

## Georgia

### **American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia**

G08-0034

\$547

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 3/7/2008

One of the key impediments to the development of the Georgian tourism sector is the lack of information on tourism opportunities. While there are publications with the general information on the country, there is an obvious lack of information on the regions, towns, and major destinations. The project addressed this problem by developing electronic versions of high quality Georgian-English brochures on major regions such as Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Upper Svaneti, Racha-Lechkhumi, Samegrelo, Guria, Pshav-Khevsureti, Imereti, Tusheti, Lower Kartli, Javakheti, and sites such as Vardzia and surroundings, Kazbegi, David Gareja and surroundings, Britvisi, and Tbilisi surroundings. In addition tourism product leaflets were developed promoting different types of tourism such as cultural, ecological, bird watching, arts and crafts, harvest, jeep safari and agricultural tours. The samples of the publications were discussed through three focus groups involving representatives of the expatriate community, local tourists, and tourism professionals. The draft publications were also circulated among the members of the American Chamber of Commerce to receive their feedback. EPF is further pursuing the project by arranging printing of the electronic versions of the publications. A number of governmental agencies, such as the State Department of Tourism and Resorts, Tbilisi Mayor's Office, and Administration of Tusheti Protected Areas expressed their interest in taking over the project by covering printing costs as well as reworking the maps developed through the project. The negotiations are still underway. The brochures will be distributed among tourist information centers and will be posted on the official site of the State Department of Tourism and Resorts. The project will increase access to quality and accurate information on the Georgian tourism sector for both local and international tourists.

### **Association of young economists of Georgia - AYEG**

G08-0022

\$9,233

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 6/30/2008

Increased citizen participation in local decision-making and effective public control over local governance is a key element in the development of a vibrant civil society in the regions of Georgia. The grantee-Association of Young Economists of Georgia (AYEG)-trained 60 representatives of civic groups and local governance employees in methods of civic participation and engaged them in monitoring Kutaisi municipal budget expenditures and public service delivery. The grantee worked with Kutaisi City Hall officials to jointly define budget priorities. A proactive public information campaign (inserts in 3 local newspapers, 5 infomercials, 3 TV and radio talk shows, 6 street actions, posters, leaflets) kept local communities informed about the budget, improving the effectiveness of their participation in budgetary oversight. Additionally, a hotline opened in the grantee's office educated more than 50 citizens about the city budget and municipal services. As a result of the project, nine groups in four spheres and five territorial units were formed to advocate for citizens' budget priorities. Ultimately, Kutaisi City Council accepted several of the grantee's recommendations when approving the draft 2008 city budget. The grantee also persuaded the local government to open an information center in the building of the City Hall to facilitate dissemination of public information and increase transparency.

**Biological Farming Association Elkana**

G08-0019

\$8,441

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 7/15/2008

Development of small and medium enterprises working in the area of tourism is hampered by numerous problems, including the lack of basic understanding of how a tourism business can be organized and managed effectively. The project addressed this problem by providing trainings for tourism-related SMEs in Samtskhe-Javakheti and Tusheti. The grantee-Elkana Biological Farming Association-carried out five seminars involving 76 representatives of the tourism industry in Borjomi, Bakuriani, Aspindza, Akhaltsikhe, and Alvani. The trainings covered such issues as service standards for guesthouses, introduction to business administration, guesthouse renovation and maintenance needs, promotion and sales, etc. The workshops included four days of class work and one-day study trips to experienced local SMEs. Participants highly valued the trainings and seven participants became permanent members of Elkana. In addition to the trainings, unspent grant money was used to publish a new edition of a manual for small guesthouses, called "Meals for Tourists," which was widely distributed throughout the country. The project complemented the government-sponsored loan program administered by ProCredit Bank as well as credit facilitation initiatives supported by international aid organizations. During the project period, five of the project participants received loans from ProCredit Bank. Four more entrepreneurs accessed grant support from the USAID-funded Georgia Employment and Infrastructure Initiative (GEII) and Small and Medium Enterprise Support Project. Toward the end of the project, Elkana organized a tour to Samtskhe-Javakheti for Tbilisi based tour operators as part of the Wine Tourism Project, which is funded by Swiss Development Corporation. Elkana continues to build relationships between local guesthouses and tour operations.

**Centre for training and consultancy**

G08-0013

\$9,336

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 5/15/2008

Though the development of small and medium enterprises working in the area of tourism is hampered by numerous issues, one of the most acute problems is the lack of basic understanding of how to organize and efficiently manage a tourism business. The project addressed this problem by providing specialized trainings for entrepreneurs in Mtskheta-Mtianeti and Kakheti, two of the most touristy regions of Georgia. Four trainings involving 69 individuals were carried out in the towns of Mtskheta, Telavi, and Signaghi. The seminars mainly focused on service marketing and financial management. They covered such issues as service design, pricing, cost and revenue planning, tax calculation, etc. The trainings, which were highly regarded, came at a time when substantial investments were being attracted to these regions. This is particularly true for the town of Signaghi, where the government and private sector completely renovated the entire town leading to a substantial increase in the number of domestic and international tourists. The training evaluation showed that participants particularly valued professional advice in the areas of financial planning and marketing. The project will contribute to the improvement of local entrepreneurs' management capacity as well as the quality of services offered by them.

**Education Development Institute**

G08-0015

\$9,942

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 5/14/2008

Curricula reform is a central piece of university-level education reform in Georgia. The

reform process has posed the need for a guiding document for curricular reform combined with the need for a guiding document for programmatic accreditation of universities. These needs coincided with Georgia joining the Bologna process, the aim of which is to ensure compatibility of academic degrees throughout Europe. As a participant in the Bologna process, Georgia committed itself to the development of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), a document outlining the cycles of university education described by learning outcomes, workload, title of qualification, types of award for different cycles, link between cycles, and life-long learning. The project developed such a document with the participation of academics, nongovernmental organizations, and the Ministry of Education and Science representatives. The project carried out several working group meetings as well as a wider forum of academics to elaborate the document. The Ministry accepted it and posted it on the official web-site ([www.mes.gov.ge](http://www.mes.gov.ge)) to receive further feedback. The finalized document to be officially adopted by a normative act will be sent to the Council of Europe Secretariat for Education. In addition to the development of NQF, the project elaborated Benchmark Statements for four specialties-Biology, Psychology, Banking, and Business Administration-which describe learning outcomes and teaching methods for specific fields. The project team is currently involved in a TEMPUS funded project, 'Tuning Education Structures in Europe, which aims to develop Benchmark Statements for ten more specializations. NQF, together with Benchmark Statements, will create the basis for curricula reform and programmatic accreditation of Georgian universities. The project's merit is the involvement of a wide community of academics in the elaboration of major guiding documents, which will ensure a more effective implementation of reforms.

**Georgian Association of Marketing (GAMA)**

G08-0012

\$551

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 7/31/2008

Business education in Georgia has been progressing rapidly due to growing demand from the private sector. Though there have been significant achievements, the development of Georgian business schools has been constrained by a number of factors, including the lack of Georgian language textbooks in the field. Most business schools use English language textbooks, thereby limiting students' access to business education. The project aimed at addressing this problem by translating the most widely-used marketing textbook, *Marketing: An Introduction* by Gary Armstrong and Philip Kotler, from English into Georgian. In addition to the translation of the textbook, the project developed 19 case studies and 16 marketing vignettes about Georgian companies, which were included in the publication. The case studies and vignettes relate general marketing concepts to concrete cases of Georgian companies, increasing the applicability of the concepts discussed in the textbook. One thousand copies of the book were published: 200 were distributed free of charge and the remaining 800 were sold. The majority of universities teaching business education are using the book. The revenues from the book sale have been used to sustain the grantee's efforts in the area of marketing education. The proceeds were used to fund two more projects, translation and publication of a more advanced marketing textbook for further education, *Marketing Research* by Naresh Malhotra and Mark Peterson, and the development of a dictionary of marketing terms. The project has increased Georgian students' and marketing practitioners' access to modern marketing literature.

**International business development and investment promotion center - IBDIPC**

G08-0018

\$0

Batumi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 2/10/2008

In order to address the lack of professional development and employment opportunities for youth in the remote areas of Georgia, the project provided young people from mountainous Adjara, an area with significant tourism potential, with a tourism training opportunity. Twenty two individuals from the village of Nigazeuli went through a 15-day training in various aspects of small hotel operation. The workshops targeted individuals whose families were already running guesthouses or were planning to start one. The seminar covered such issues as business planning, marketing, providing guided tours, etc. The project complemented the efforts of CHF International's Georgia Employment and Infrastructure Initiative, which provided small grants for the renovation of guesthouses in this area. Six training participants subsequently received CHF grants and renovated their houses. The project also had a media component, which included publishing inserts in the newspaper "Batumelebi," which aimed to popularize tourism-related jobs among the young people of Adjara. Last summer 55 tourists visited Nigazeuli village, among which were 25 international tourists. The project contributed to the improvement of the quality of services provided by local guesthouse operators.

### **Junior Achievement Georgia**

G08-0024

\$9,531

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 7/31/2008

The quality of economics education is low in Georgia, especially at the level of high schools, which lack qualified teachers to deliver introductory economics courses. The project addressed this problem by delivering economics training to 379 teachers from all over the country to use the Civic Economics Program, which is based on the Junior Achievement Applied Economics textbooks. The pool of trainees was subdivided into teachers who required more in-depth training and those who had some experience in teaching economics. In addition to theoretical training, teachers were instructed in how to lead a practical segment of Civic Economics program called Student Company, which teaches students how to start and manage a real business. All participating teachers received Civic Economics books and workbooks, which were printed with the support of ProCredit Bank. At the end of the project 50 Student Companies created by teachers who went through the training took part in the competition organized by Junior Achievement Georgia with the support from Saradjishvli Company and the Batumi Municipality. The competition identified the best Student Company. It also included an essay writing component, involving 500 individual students. The winners were awarded with special prizes. The project received coverage in Business Courier, a major business program on Rustavi 2 television channel and the Business News Journal.

### **The Union "Georgian Regional Media Association"**

G08-2010

\$25,457

Tbilisi, Georgia

3/1/2008 - 6/30/2008

Public oversight of local electoral commissions and increased public awareness of the need for fair and transparent elections contribute to Georgia's democratic development. The grantee-the Georgian Regional Media Association-established a consultative group of prominent media, election and legal experts and linked them with nine popular newspapers in eight regions (Ajara, Imereti, Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Guria, Shida Kartli, Samegrelo). Another group of eight local coordinators was established to supervise monitoring of the precinct election commissions' work on voter education, campaigns and election-day monitoring. Thanks to the local coordinators' efforts, 177 civic activists participated in the monitoring. Results of the monitoring were publicized in special

newspaper inserts in seven newspapers, providing information about violations to CSOs and the public. Using their experience in the January 5, 2008 president election and the additional training provided during the project, 85 proactive community members monitored the local election administrations during the May 21, 2008 parliamentary elections. Public meetings in the regions helped to educate 118 additional civic activists about the rules of fair elections. Information about all violations was compiled in a data bank and then posted on the grantee's website ([www.grma.ge](http://www.grma.ge)), allowing a broad audience to get information about the course of the elections. The project significantly contributed to the education of voters by publishing and disseminating two types of brochures (a guide on possible methods of faking elections and a guide for citizens on election procedures) and running a hotline allowing the consultative group to provide consultations to accredited journalists. The project's informational materials and monitoring activities helped the targeted communities to vote independently and make an informed choice because they were fully informed about electoral procedures and the positions of the main political players. The project experts helped the participant newspapers to enhance knowledge and practice in coverage of election-related issues that resulted in unbiased coverage of the elections by the newspapers involved in the project.

**Transparency International Georgia (TI Georgia)**

G08-0025

\$9,384

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 6/30/2008

At the beginning of 2007, the government announced a new program to privatize secondary healthcare in Georgia. The program involved a complicated process of selling off existing healthcare assets, some of which would remain hospitals/clinics while others would be converted into different investments. The program, called "One Hundred New Hospitals," was started with relatively little information about the process or design, limiting opportunities for public oversight. The grantee-Transparency International Georgia-conducted in-depth participatory monitoring of the government's program, involving various interest groups in the process, including hospital staff, healthcare professionals, professional associations and the media. The grantee trained 23 journalists from different media outlets in Kakheti, Imereti, Guria, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Samegrelo, Shida Kartli, Adjara and Tbilisi, who then produced 6 high-quality articles on the healthcare reform in their respective publications. In order to assess healthcare professionals' knowledge of the hospital privatization process, the grantee performed site visits and developed and conducted a survey of 64 medical professionals from 13 hospitals to determine awareness levels and opinions of the government's reform initiative. The grantee then conducted a roundtable discussion to deliver the preliminary results of the assessment to stakeholders. Based upon this information and the participants' comments, the grantee developed recommendations for the Ministry of Economic Development and the Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection. To ensure maximum coverage of the monitoring findings, TI Georgia developed two different publications: a full report designed for state actors, NGOs and the media and a shorter version designed for the general public. In total 3,100 copies were distributed in Tbilisi and in the regions. In spite of the frequent reshuffling of ministerial leadership, the recommendations submitted to the government ultimately reached the addressee and the current healthcare minister expressed interest in the findings and recommendations. They have become the subject of discussions at the various forums.

**Union "Public Movement Multinational Georgia"**

G08-2011

\$20,028

Tbilisi, Georgia

3/1/2008 - 7/31/2008

Democratic elections rely upon an informed and engaged citizenry and proactive civic monitoring by local organizations. This is especially important in Georgia, where ethnic minorities have been manipulated in unfair elections due to language barriers and limited access to information. Within the project, which was co-funded by IFES and Cordaid, the grantee-Public Movement Multinational Georgia-monitored the parliamentary elections and the pre-election period. The grantee oversaw the election administrations in four regions of Georgia (Samtskhe-Javakheti, Shida Kartli, Kvemo Kartli and Kakheti) that are densely populated by ethnic minorities.

Through local media centers in five cities, the grantee provided information to ethnic minorities during the pre-election period, helping to increase the traditionally low voter turnout in these regions. Election day monitoring (voting, tabulation of ballots) by 250 trained observers, including for the first time representatives of ethnic minorities, resulted in several appeals about violations of the election rules filed by the observers. The grantee complemented the monitoring by providing pro-bono legal aid for election-related complaints. During the project, PMMG significantly increased its capacity and is now the third Georgian organization qualified to conduct parallel vote tabulation.

## **SCCP**

### **Project Office Tbilisi/Georgia of the German adult education association**

C07-4014

\$11,220

Tbilisi, Georgia

9/1/2007 - 2/11/2008

The countries of the South Caucasus share many common challenges in the field of vocational education. The absence of effective policymaking and public misperceptions has led to a decline in the region's national vocational education systems, which already adversely affects economic development and employment levels in all three countries. Working with its partners from Armenia and Azerbaijan, "Branch Office of the German Adult Education Association in Georgia sought to develop high quality, comparative policy analysis and recommendations for relevant government ministries on vocational education in the context of the EU's European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). Using a unified research methodology, the three partners conducted a comprehensive, comparative research and analysis of legal and practical contexts of vocational education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Each grantee periodically convened a working group consisting of local stakeholders in their respective country to help shape the contents of the policy report. The partners delivered one integrated regional public policy report that featured an overview of vocational education problems in the three countries of the South Caucasus, country-by-country policy analysis, EU and ENP-related mechanisms for addressing vocational education, and policy advice to be brought to the attention of national governments. The project was successful in proving that local NGOs/policy research institutions could effectively and efficiently provide with much-needed expertise in developing fundamental policy roadmaps to meet national ENP commitments.

## **Civil Society Institute**

G06-0045

\$37,000

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2007 - 1/31/2008

Improving the capacity of the staff of newly created municipal bodies is a crucial component in the pursuit of efficient self-governance in Georgia. Through a combination of targeted stakeholder assessment and municipal staff training session, the grantee-the Civil Society Institute-replaced outdated operational methods in various divisions of

Batumi City Hall. The project increased the efficiency of Batumi City Hall's human resource policy, established modern methods of administration, and promoted the transparency and openness of the City Hall's function, encouraging public participation in City Hall's activities. The grantee elaborated a set of recommendations and a concept for increasing the efficiency of the Batumi City Hall. The subsequent new charters, developed by the grantee and based upon the recommendations, expedited the legal and administrative reforms in the City Hall and reduced the number of citizen complaints. The City Hall, which was so engaged in the project that it even increased the number of participants in the municipal management training from 93 to 110, now saves considerable time and resources in serving its citizens.

**Georgian Association of Publishers**

G01-2025

\$36,832

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/1/2001 - 5/15/2003

After the collapse of the centrally planned economy, the Georgian publishing industry fell into disarray. The state no longer dictated what was to be published, few entrepreneurs knew how to run a publishing business, black market products conquered the market leaving little room for higher quality and more expensive books. To address these challenges, Georgian Association of Publishers conducted comprehensive surveys of consumers and producers to analyze sector-specific problems. The findings of these surveys together with a set of recommendations on publication standards were presented to interested publishers. The project also tackled the black market problem by organizing textbook fairs in Tbilisi and the regional centers, Kutaisi and Batumi. These fairs attracted a great number of consumers and generated an increase in the sales of licensed books. The project attempted to boost public interest in the problems of the publishing industry by publishing a monthly insert in the Dilis Gazeti Newspaper. The grantee also developed legislative proposals, which were presented to the parliament. However, this activity did not entail any changes in the existing regulations. Two years after completion of the project the Association merged with other union of publishers, Georgian Book Publishers and Booksellers association. The new entity continues promotion of the publishing industry by organizing book fairs and acting as an advocacy institution for publishing companies.

**Public Center of Freedom and Democracy**

G02-6001

\$34,496

Poti, Georgia

9/1/2002 - 3/1/2004

The public participation in anti-corruption activity and civic monitoring of the government is a key component of participatory democracy in local governance. The project was funded through the anti-corruption watchdogs competition - joint initiative of the EFG and OSGF. The fruitful partnership with experienced NGO and the local media outlets increased impact

of the monitoring of the Poti municipal budget by civic organizations, allowed to reveal cases of corruption and mobilize local civic sector to engage in a dialogue with the city government to deal with the problem. The permanent participation in the budget discussions, creating of a monitoring group and wide-scale public information campaign (Newspaper insertions, 10,000 leaflets of 4 types about budget and 10 TV and radio broadcasts and PSA devoted to the project) about misuse of the budgetary funds forced the city government to make the city budget more transparent, withhold questionable contracts and tenders and direct money to the public needs. The wide involvement of communities contributed to the increased accountability of the city government and

significantly inhibited misappropriation of the municipal budgetary funds. The organization increased its capabilities as civic watchdog and created a positive precedent of effective public participation in the budget processes.

### **Svaneti tourism center**

G07-3002

\$20,412

V. Mestia, Georgia

10/1/2007 - 4/30/2008

Development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) working in the area of tourism is hampered by the lack of understanding of how to organize and effectively manage a tourism business. This is particularly true in the mountainous regions of Svaneti and Racha, which have been unable to tap into their significant tourism potential. The project addressed this problem by providing six trainings for 101 guesthouse owners in the towns of Mestia, Lentekhi, and Oni in the following fields: bed and breakfast management standards, financial management and accounting, taxes and relations with the Tax Agency, customer service, etc. The grantee also assisted participants in developing redesign projects for their houses to adapt them to the needs of tourists. Twenty seven projects were developed. The training was designed to complement the government-sponsored Employment Initiative 2007, which provides subsidized loans to tourism SMEs through a partnership with ProCredit Bank. Unfortunately, the grantee reported that only two of the participants received subsidized loans due to ProCredit Bank's cautious lending approach to guesthouse operators in these regions. Nonetheless, the trainings received very positive assessments and were found particularly valuable by the participants during a time when there was a significant influx of tourists to these regions. One of the tangible achievements of the projects is that participants from the villages of Mazeri, Iprali, Adishi, and Ushguli improved the sanitation systems of their houses. Other participants used the knowledge received through the trainings to set prices for their products and services.

### **The Georgian Union of Mountain Activists**

G06-0087

\$25,005

Tbilisi, Georgia

1/20/2007 - 4/15/2008

The Georgian mountains already attract a significant number of tourists interested in hiking. This flow of tourists creates a natural demand for qualified mountain guides. In the absence of formal training institutions, self-trained guides do not often know how to develop and manage hiking tours. The project addressed this problem by educating individuals interested in working as guides in seven mountainous regions of Georgia, including Upper and Lower Svaneti, Racha, Khevi, Khevsureti, Pshavi, Gudamakari, and Shida Kartli. The grantee-the Georgian Union of Mountain Activists-conducted a workshop for 35 individuals (some already had been serving as guides and others not) on different aspects of safety, emergency medical care, camping, hiking equipment, and food selection for expeditions. In addition, practice expeditions were conducted in participants' respective regions, providing trainees the opportunity to mark tourist routes. The project also developed reference publications, including a manual for mountain guides and a special English-Georgian dictionary, 250 copies of which were distributed among participants and a wider audience in various mountainous regions. Equipped with these skills and materials, training participants are now able to provide improved services to tourists, which can lead to increased employment opportunities as tour operators expand activities in Georgia's mountainous regions.

### **Union For civil society**

G07-0037

\$29,664

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/1/2007 - 12/20/2008

The goal of the project was to promote the peace building process between Georgian and Abkhazian society through person to person dialogue and with the cooperation of civil society organizations from both sides. The grantee-the Union for Civil Society-was responsible for analyzing the current legislation in Georgia and Abkhazia in order to identify possible obstacles to closer economic ties. This analysis provided the platform for recommendations to support the development of bilateral economic relations in the short run and conflict resolution as an eventual goal. The grantee held a series of meetings in Armenia between representatives of civil society organizations from Georgia and Abkhazia, where they discussed the output of the project and formulated evidence-based policy recommendations to strengthen economic ties. The grantee identified common economic fields where Georgia and Abkhazia could have bilateral cooperation, particularly for SMEs. It also established business linkages between the parties of the conflict. The grantee elaborated policy recommendations, however, subsequent changes to the environment, specifically Russia's and Nicaragua's recognition of Abkhazia's independence, have made them irrelevant.



## **Kazakhstan**

### **Development fund of education**

A04-0089

\$38,496

Uralsk, Kazakhstan

2/14/2005 - 12/31/2006

Addressing the decrease in corn production (from 250,000 to 1000 ha) and the increase in the level of unemployment in the Burly region of WKO due to the Karachaganak gas field development, EFCA initiated Development fund of education in Uralsk, Kazakhstan. The project aimed to provide the WKO farmers with quality agro-consulting service and to help institutions of higher education in the West Kazakhstan region introduce new technologies in remote rural areas. The grantee implemented the following activities: provision of consulting services and trainings for farmers in three districts of the WKO, including Burli district, in cooperation with micro crediting organizations; development and publishing a series of resource materials containing agricultural business information, involvement of farmers in innovative technology conferences and seminars, development of partnership with SSAU and other foreign universities, involvement of WKATU students in research work. As a result of these activities, in the area of cattle breeding, 80% of female livestock were artificially inseminated, bull-calves were isolated, cattle vaccinated and an improved mix of animal feed introduced, new innovative tools and materials were developed which enable farmers to make informed decisions which will improve the effectiveness of their work, individual larger scale farms increased productivity by 10-15% for different crops, and reduced production costs fell by 10-18%; companies were able to access potential clients; partnerships with SSAU and the University of California established which will facilitate information and skill sharing in the future; students had hands on experience in marketing research. This research can be used to improve the way that agricultural products are marketed and thus improve the income of farmers. This grant is part of the West Kazakhstan Microfinance Initiative and is jointly funded by Karachaganak Petroleum Operating b.v.

### **Almaty Public Foundation of Blind People Society**

A07-0052

\$5,000

Almaty, Kazakhstan

9/27/2007 - 11/27/2008

Recognizing that the visually impaired in Kazakhstan experience a low level of social activity in community life, EFCA initiated a project aimed at involving them. As part of the project, EFCA organized courses in Braille for 41 and computer literacy for 86 blind people; a round table to draw the attention of society towards the problem of the disabled, and conducted an assessment of the project's influence. In the course of the round table a resolution was signed by the Department of Health And Social Protection, with the goal of informing the visually impaired through the Kazakh Society for the Blind. The project was financed by the World Bank and USAID in the framework of the small grants program.

### **Public Association Center for Initiative Support**

A07-0011

\$15,000

Shymkent, Kazakhstan

12/13/2007 - 12/13/2008

Every year, a number of children deprived of parental care and placed in orphanages increases. The government does not have effective mechanisms to address this problem. Children who grow up in institutions lack sufficient life skills to successfully adapt to societies; it leads to an increase in the number of at-risk families and social orphanage. EFCA launched a Public Association Center for Initiative Support with the goal to

socialize children deprived of parental care through spiritual and moral education of a family, and involving children in social life; development and adoption of social orphanage prevention measures. A survey was conducted with 120 respondents to identify the level of their awareness about orphans' problems. As a result of the project, 199 social workers and psychologists were trained in social orphanage prevention measures; 17 teenagers from foster families, orphanages and at-risk families got involved in volunteer activities at youth center "Shymkent-Plus;" 103 psychological, social and legal consultations were provided to foster parents and children, at-risk families and general public; 119 orphanage graduates participated in professional orientation and life-skill trainings; 20 parents participated in seminars on preventing family violence and on the rights of children; 15 foster parents receive assistance in the school for foster parents. Trained teachers and social workers conducted seminars for 218 colleagues; 17 members of youth center "Shymkent-Plus" demonstrate positive behavior change; the Center assisted the Regional Department of Education in developing recommendations for adoption of the government program "Children of South-Kazakhstan Oblast 2007-2011" The project was sponsored by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID in the framework of the Foster Care Initiative Program, Phase V.

**Public Association Center for the Social Adaptation of Children**

A07-0007 \$15,000

Astana, Kazakhstan 12/13/2007 - 12/13/2008

A number of children deprived of parental care and placed in orphanages increases every year. Unfortunately, Kazakh government does not have effective mechanisms to address this problem. Children who grow up in institutions lack sufficient life skills to successfully adapt to societies; it leads to an increase in the number of at-risk families and social orphanage. This project was initiated to adopt a program for social and psychological assistance of foster families and families in difficult life situations in order to prevent social orphanage and reduce number of children grown up in institutions. Grant activities included: situational analysis of foster families, families in difficult life situations and children grown up in institutions held in Astana; assessment of regular monitoring of 12 foster families conducted; a "hotline" established (funded by the European Commission); a manual on methodologies of assisting children deprived of parental care placed in foster families published; 25 psychological trainings held for children in orphanages; 2 legal trainings and 4 socio-psychological trainings organized for foster parents, a legal training organized for secondary school security/inspectors; 3 rehabilitation clubs for children from at-risk families established. As a result of the grant activities, the main needs and working directions were identified; rehabilitation clubs and schools #2 and 23 are now regularly operating; 5 partnerships with secondary schools were established; the Center works with the Committee of Children's Rights Protection on developing the standards of services for children deprived of parental care; standards are included in a new law on social services; 10 children deprived of parental care placed in foster families. The funding came from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID in the framework of the Foster Care Initiative Program, Phase V.

**Public Association Women's Club "Tomiris"**

A07-0010 \$15,000

Pavlodar, Kazakhstan 12/13/2007 - 12/13/2008

Number of children deprived of parental care and placed in orphanages increases every year. The government does not have effective mechanisms to address this problem.

Children who grow up in institutions lack sufficient life skills to successfully adapt to societies; it leads to an increase in the number of at-risk families and social orphanage. EFCA set out to assist the local government in developing the alternative ways of orphan care. The foundation implemented the following activities: organized a school for foster parents for 23 parents; placed 20 children in weekend foster families (funded by the Regional Department of Labor and Social Protection); involved 34 foster children (including those enrolled in the government foster parenting program) in personal development activities. Moreover, in the framework of the government social orphanage prevention program, 22 women and six teenage girls received psychological assistance. The project also assisted orphans in their adapting to the communities upon graduation. As a result of the project, 15 of 22 women who planned to place their newborns in institutions decided to keep the children; 7 orphan graduates were placed in education institutions; 12 socio-psychological experiment participants demonstrated positive behavior change; the organization participates in development of the government program "Social Orphanage Prevention 2009-2011." The project was supported by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID in the framework of the Foster Care Initiative Program, Phase V.

**Public Foundation "Ak zhunis"**

A07-0086

\$5,700

Esik, Kazakhstan

12/13/2007 - 8/7/2008

A 2007 study showed that one in every six women in the region is sexually assaulted or exploited, and is in need of information and psychological support. In order to decrease violence against women and children, EFCA initiated a public foundation "Ak zhunis." The grantee conducted information awareness campaigns discouraging violence against women and children; provided legal and psychological support to potential and existing victims of violence; trained 15 women volunteers who regularly conduct informative awareness campaigns about violence against women; developed and distributed booklets, leaflets, and bookmarks on the rights of women and children; provided 49 telephone consultations to victims of violence. Of these, 90% were related to domestic violence. Notably, it helped win a court case involving protection of mother and child right and another court case involving protection of a teenage girl. The project was funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan LLP and USAID

**Public Foundation "Perekrestok"**

A07-0009

\$15,000

Kostanay, Kazakhstan

12/13/2007 - 12/13/2008

Number of children deprived of parental care and placed in orphanages increases every year. The government does not have effective mechanisms to address this problem. Children who grow up in institutions lack sufficient life skills to successfully adapt to societies; it leads to an increase in the number of at-risk families and social orphanage. In order to assist the local government in developing the alternative ways of orphan care, EFCA in Kazakhstan initiated a public foundation "Perekrestok." The project's activities included the following: an information campaign aiming to popularize family forms of orphan care was organized; government agencies were assisted in placing orphans in family based care: training potential foster parents, preparing children to be placed in foster families, monitoring and consulting foster families; 83 specialists who work with orphans were trained in methodologies of socialization and adaptation of children deprived of parental care and working with foster and at-risk families; psychological and

legal assistance was provide to 123 foster families and 4 families in difficult life situations; assistance in socialization and rehabilitation was provided to 37 children deprived of parental care who live in institutions. As a result, relationships with media were established, 30 positive articles covering orphans' issues were published; partnerships with the regional Committee of Children's Right Protection were established to share information and methodologies and to implement common strategies for the benefit of children; 3 kids were placed in foster families, one child was adopted by foster parents; the Centre "Way to Home" extended its services to social orphanage prevention: 20 children participate in social orphanage prevention initiative; situations in 4 assisted at-risk families improved. The funding came from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID in the framework of the Foster Care Initiative Program, Phase V.

### **Women's Union of the Ural Region "Umit"**

A07-0008

\$14,440

Uralsk, Kazakhstan

12/13/2007 - 12/13/2008

Number of children deprived of parental care and placed in orphanages increases every year. The government does not have effective mechanisms to address this problem. Children who grow up in institutions lack sufficient life skills to successfully adapt to societies; it leads to an increase in the number of at-risk families and social orphanage. Addressing this issue and assisting the government in implementing the deinstitutionalization policy in West-Kazakhstan oblast, EFCA launched women's union of the Ural region "Umit." Its activities included: preparing 26 children deprived of parental care for placement in 14 foster families; providing regular assistance to the families; 14 foster families monitored and assisted; 23 orphans were trained in using personal computers and crafts; 4 round tables organized to discuss the questions of developing the alternative ways of parental care; 130 children from complex "Zhas Dauren" and 90 students from professional high school #4 participated in legal trainings; 24 at-risk families were assisted. As a result, 26 children were placed in foster families; 15 children deprived of parental care found their parents and relatives; 9 of 24 at-risk families decided not to place their children in institutions as a result of psychological, social and legal assistance; the community board is regularly operating, involving representatives of the government, civil society, mass media and experts in solving problems of children deprived of parental care. The project received financial support from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID in the framework of the Foster Care Initiative Program, Phase V.

## Kyrgyzstan

### Alliance of patients right defenders

H07-0048

\$3,601

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

6/1/2007 - 1/31/2008

People with disabilities and/or enduring health problems living in Kyrgyzstan are generally unaware of their rights or do not have access to facilities with complete and proper information. The goal of this project is to improve the access of these people to the services of medical rehabilitation programs. This will be accomplished by: 1. Increasing the information available to disabled people about their rights to quality medical services. 2. Reforming the monitoring system of invalids eligibility and access to medical care. 3. Collecting information from the acting legal authority on disabled peoples' rights, as well as publishing handbooks and posters entitled "the rights of invalids".

4. Informing disabled people about the project and its results, as well as holding press conferences and roundtable discussions. 5. Assigning lawyers to consult with and inform invalids on their rights, as well as publishing and distributing pamphlets entitled "the rights of invalids" to health care professionals. 6. Interviewing disabled people and health care workers before and after the project to gauge the level of their understanding of their rights and duties in society. The result of this project was the publication of articles on reputable internet sites, such as AKI-press, [www.kloop.kg](http://www.kloop.kg), [www.stan.kg](http://www.stan.kg), and others, as well as a televised segment on a Channel TB broadcast. Additionally, in the Chiska province, there was a 32% increase in the quantity of invalids receiving adequate medical attention (there were 271 disabled people at the start of the project, and 359 at the end). Likewise, the quantity of received medical prescriptions increased by 30% (the number of prescriptions received was 196 at the beginning of the project, and 255 at the end). This initiative was funded by the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia through funds supplied by the Eurasia Foundation.

### Public Foundation Phenomenon

H07-0044

\$3,623

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

6/1/2007 - 5/31/2008

In order to provide more opportunities for blind and partially blind people to receive high-quality education and employment, EFCA in Kyrgyzstan with a financial support from USAID have initiated a program addressing the needs of this vulnerable populace. Blind and partially blind people need access to audio books when enrolling and studying at college. The Regional Specialized Library for Blind and Deaf has little fiction and no books on jurisprudence, economics, politics, sociology, ethnography, and other disciplines.

As part of the project, EFCA conducted survey among the target group to identify which audio books are wanted most; digitized audio books at the Regional Specialized Library for Blind and Partially Blind; recorded and digitized new fiction and science books. The foundation also cooperated with local media to raise public awareness about problems that visually impaired people face. As a result of the project, 46 blind and partially blind people now have greater access to education because they can use technology effectively and relevant study materials are now available. Moreover, seven program participants enrolled in the Medical College at Kyrgyz State Medical Academy, specializing in nursing and massage. Eight other program participants entered other universities in Bishkek.



## **Russian Federation**

### **Foundation "Independent Press Center"**

M07-0065 \$50,000

Moscow, Russia 12/10/2007 - 9/29/2008

The following events have been conducted during the life of the project:

- 235 events, among them: 32 round tables; 30 presentations; 12 seminars for journalists; 3 public discussions and other public events, total approximately 7-8 events per week. The average amount of each event participants is 40-50 people. Some institutional support for the Grantee has also been provided.

### **Foundation for Local Self-Government Development**

M07-0042 \$20,000

Penza, Russia 6/1/2007 - 11/30/2007

In the project frames it was made an attempt to create a socio-governmental institution of the strategic planning standards in realization of national projects:

- For-project of the city development strategy was created;  
- A Strategy Municipal Team was formed for the coordination of all the strategic planning standards in realization of national projects activity;  
- City administration formed a strategy development Department;  
- Project-analytical center created for the experts and public organizations strategy development serving.

### **Independent Regional Press Support Foundation**

M07-0064 \$215,000

Moscow, Russia 12/10/2007 - 9/9/2008

During the life of the project, the following events were conducted:

- 15 trainings for the journalists;  
- 3 conferences for the publishers and print media regional top-managers;  
- 2 summits on experience exchange between AIRP members.

Also, institutional support for the AIRP was provided as it was outlined in the main agreement between Eurasia Foundation and USAID.

### **Noncommercial organization "Civil initiatives support foundation of Nigniy Novgorod"**

M07-0028 \$68,270

Russia 2/1/2007 - 1/31/2008

The project was aimed at fostering housing culture among citizens through the development of a Network of Schools of education in the housing sphere. The project was implemented in four pilot regions: Volgograd, Nizhniy Novgorod, Pskov, and Krasnodar.

Recognition of the role of NGOs in implementation of the housing and utility sector reform at the federal level is deemed as the key result of the project. In particular, the network of Housing Education Schools was supported by the RF Ministry of regional development and relevant regional structures. During the project implementation period the Network expanded from eight to 12 organisations encompassing 11 Russian regions. Activities of the Network member-organisations resulted in the creation of a housing education model and technology, a common information environment, and a number of forums. The Network member-organizations have implemented several joint projects. The Network's operation has facilitated establishment and development of new

institutions (housing associations, unions, clubs, etc.) and mobilized the housing movement in Russia. It has improved effectiveness and efficiency of education and enlightenment activities in the housing sphere and supported the development of housing self-governance.

**Region public organization of invalids "Children's order of charity"**

M07-0059

\$7,347

10/29/2007 - 2/29/2008

During autumn school holidays (November, 3 - 10) the training program was implemented for group of leaders (selected by New Eurasia Foundation) from the city of Tarko-Sale and Khanymey village (Yamalo-Nenets autonomy) together with participants of School of Mutual Humanism from Regional public Organization of disabled people named "Child's Medal of Charity". 55 children (from the city of Tarko-Sale and Khanymey village of Yamal-Nenets Autonomy, city of Naberezhnye Chelny of Republic of Tatarstan, city of Volzhsk of Republic of Mariy-El, Perm, Orenbourg, Orel, Astrakhan, Sarov, Moscow, city of Kolomn of Moscow Region) took part in the training program. Two handicapped children - Kostya Trofimov and Sasha Kurakin, and starblind children were the subject for special care for all the participants. The activity of the project "We are together" trainers was aimed at reaching the objectives and goals pointed in the logic model. The final goal was achieved due to the efforts of the educational staff, organizational events that were held, and careful selection of training staff. All the planned events were carried out in time.

**Stavropol State University**

M06-0037

\$13,690

Stavropol, Russia

10/1/2006 - 12/31/2007

The project was designed to support institutional development of the Stavropol State University Commercialization Office. As a result of the project, the Commercialization Office expanded the scope of services it provides to individual researchers and university research teams in intellectual property management and commercialization of new technologies and solutions. In addition, the Stavropol State University Commercialization Office designed and successfully tested a mechanism that it now uses to identify, select, and advance university-designed technologies and solutions into the real economy sector. The Commercialization Office looks for sources of funding required for commercialization of new technologies and solutions, negotiates with potential investors, prepares and supports license agreements, etc. The Commercialization Office contributed to a number of normative documents regulating the university's intellectual property policy and facilitating development of the university's corporate innovation environment. The grantee published the following materials in the course of the project: "Innovations in a modern university: normative documents" and "Innovations in a modern university: terms and notions". The project enabled the university to grow its innovation potential and facilitated development of the innovation sphere of the Stavropol region upon the whole.

## **Tajikistan**

### **Public Institute of professional accountants and auditors of the Republic of Tajikistan**

D06-0065

\$9,515.04

Dushanbe, Tajikistan

There are a number of factors preventing wide spread formation of new kinds of nongovernment regulation in the financial sector in Tajikistan. The main factors that are currently contributing to this trend are: the absence of any substantive interaction between the Tajik government and the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC); the difficulty in converting accounting practices according to MSFO because of the incompatibility of the outdated educational system and modernized methods of accounting; the lack of official acknowledgement of the status of the accounting sector in the Tajik Republic.

The aim of this project is to assist in the reformation of the accounting system of the Tajik Republic, and its conversion from state regulation to compliance with international standards of financial accountability.

The result of this project has been the official initiation, in the form of PIPAART, of Tajikistan's entrance into the IFAC. The program entitled "Introducing international standards of financial accountability (MSFO) in the Tajik Republic" was accepted by the Tajik government. Three participants of the project were included in the government commission on introducing MSFO and in the working group on developing recommendations of MSFO with the Tajik Ministry of Finance. Consultants to the project accomplished the reformation of financial practices in 13 enterprises and organizations in Tajikistan. 166 people in the provinces included in the MSFO gained new knowledge and skill sets through courses entitled "Administrative accountability", "Administrative accountability 2", "Financial management", "Financial accountability", and "Auditing licensing". Three people received their CAP certificates at the end of the courses. 300 copies of teaching aids and manuals entitled "Financial Accountability" were published, 200 of which were in Russian and the remaining 100 in Tajik. The Ministry of Finance has approved the latest recommendations regarding MSFO reforms in Tajikistan. This project is funded by USAID.

### **NGO Nihol**

D06-0100

\$8,490

Dushanbe, Tajikistan

The average level of unemployment in the Rashtsk region of Tajikistan reaches up to 90%. 52% of this region's population is young people. The Garm region is distinguished by its political instability, which is essentially caused by its high level of poverty and unemployment levels. The goal of this project is to give instruction in fruit horticulture and modern methods of agricultural engineering. This will allow for the project to affect a large portion of the population and assist them in creating strong foundations for profitable livelihoods.

The impacts of the project were as follows: provided training sessions and seminars on the topic of "fundamentals of horticulture agricultural enterprises"; conducted meetings between local government authorities and farm owners; created new orchards of apples and pears; published "The Horticultural Handbook"; Organized community service volunteer days; established the farming industry and ownership rights. The results of this project are as follows: 50 people went through training sessions and seminars which covered the "fundamentals of horticulture agricultural enterprises"; 3 meetings took place

between local government authorities and farmers; new orchards of vital agricultural products were created; 1,000 copies of the “Horticultural Handbook” were published; 2 days of community service activities were carried out, which saw the participation of 40 volunteers from the local population; “Iskandar”, a farming collective, was established and went on to employ 10 farmers who were project participants. This project was funded by USAID in the framework of its “open doors” program.

## Ukraine

### **Charity Foundation 'Heifer Project International -Ukraine'**

K07-0047

\$18,593

Kyiv, Ukraine

9/4/2007 - 2/4/2008

A large portion of the income of Odesa oblast's rural population is generated by selling animal husbandry products. However, due to the lack of special skills, knowledge and industry technologies, their profits are very low. The grantee addressed this issue by initiating a project which generated new job opportunities and stimulated small business growth in rural areas in Odesa oblast in the field of animal husbandry. About 150 farmers from three districts of Odesa oblast received training and consultations on various aspects of meat and dairy production, successful business management, and technological developments. The project helped to establish three initiative groups, two of which registered as farm cooperatives by the end of the project. Members of the initiative groups and cooperatives received in-kind support from the grantee in the form of livestock and equipment, which assisted in increasing their levels of productivity. The project experience was spread with the help of the publication and a round table and highlighted by local media. As part of the Eurasia Foundation's Local Economic Development Program, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator and US Agency for International Development, the project nearly doubled the profitability of animal husbandry among the target audience.

### **Izmail Foundation for Entrepreneurs Support**

K07-0050

\$18,060

Izmail, Odesa oblast, Ukraine

7/16/2007 - 7/15/2008

The southern part of Odesa oblast is rich in resources to fuel the tourist industry and there is high demand for local souvenirs, but few skilled craftsmen to produce them. At the same time, the oblast's rural areas are expected to suffer from high unemployment rates in the coming year. To address these issues, the grantee held workshops on traditional craftsmanship for the unemployed in the Bolhrad, Izmail and Kiliya districts of Odesa oblast. As a result, 128 people learned traditional artisan and craft-making techniques. Project experts developed instruction manuals for producing 30 different traditional crafts and 109 craftsmen were schooled in basic business and marketing tools. To help the new craftsmen begin businesses, the grantee organized 11 exhibition fairs, published a catalogue, launched an online store and created a database of 64 local craftsmen on the newly created website [www.danubesouvenir.com](http://www.danubesouvenir.com). On the legislative level, the project helped lobby for a fixed tax in five major crafts-related entrepreneurial activities in the Izmail region. A group of local craftsman also registered the Pridunaiskiy Souvenir association to market their wares and lobby municipal authorities. About 24 print and internet articles were published about the project. A partnership was established with local authorities and employment centers, which resulted in the production of a joint operating plan for 2009. As part of EF's Local Economic Development initiative, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and USAID, the project launched 79 new businesses and helped make existing ventures more profitable.

### **Khortytzia Rayon Union of Entrepreneurs "Porada"**

K07-0037

\$19,648

Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine

8/27/2007 - 8/31/2008

In Zaporizhzhia, large businesses are experiencing growth, but small entrepreneurship is decreasing, partly because small businesses have little to no incentive to use innovative

technologies and approaches. To address this issue, the grantee worked to encourage innovation in the production sector in Zaporizhia oblast. Project experts compiled a database of 165 production enterprises in the oblast and analyzed relevant legislation to identify major impediments to entrepreneurial development. Using research results, the grantee came up with strategic plans for improving permit acquisition procedures to increase efficiency at permit offices. It also organized four business clubs to unite production entrepreneurs and provide them with opportunities to gain new skills, share best practices, establish business contacts, foster a forum for dialogue with local authorities and discuss common problems. The grantee also developed recommendations for local authorities and entrepreneurs and produced an informational booklet for Zaporizhia, Energodar and Tokmak identifying local regulation specificities for each town. To highlight and update project activities, the grantee created a project website and worked with media, which led to seven publications. As part of EF's Local Economic Development initiative, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and USAID, the project provided a range of support to start-up and existing entrepreneurs and helped create 42 new jobs in Zaporizhia oblast.

### **Letavytsia Public Organization**

K07-0067

\$17,518

Donetsk, Ukraine

8/1/2007 - 4/30/2008

Many remote towns and villages in Donetsk oblast lack a stable energy supply, which threatens the economic well being of local communities as the cost of Russian gas rises. To address this issue, the grantee worked with local communities to introduce alternative energy equipment and conduct a public awareness campaign. The grantee created a database of bio-energy systems being used in Ukraine and then selected three of the most applicable systems for the pilot regions. In addition, a database of bio-energy system producers was also created for use by other stakeholders in the field. The grantee held a broad information campaign, publishing three brochures summarizing the project and two informational leaflets, which triggered media interest and resulted in the publication of 18 articles in the press, two radio programs and continued interest in the topic after the project's end. Five buildings were selected for piloting three different types of bio-energy systems in four villages and three demonstration seminars for local communities were conducted. At the end of the project, the grantee organized a roundtable to discuss project results. The project, co-funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and USAID, resulted in better conditions for residents of the pilot villages and increased local communities' interest in alternative energy.

### **Nizhnegorie Entrepreneurs and Agrarians Union**

K04-0254

\$24,679

s. Nizhnegorsky, Ukraine

1/10/2005 - 1/20/2006

In Ukraine, a lack of skills among mayors and council members prevents local governments from effectively addressing local development needs. Local officials have little experience engaging constituents, often leading to a lack of public trust and confidence. To address this issue, the grantee provided rural councils in Crimea with new approaches and community involvement tools to solve existing local problems. The grantee trained and advised 90 rural council officials and community activists of 20 rural councils in public private partnership, legal aspects of local self-governance, information technologies, private entrepreneurship development and other key areas. The grantee also organized a study tour to Western Ukraine for 16 rural council members. Pilot projects were initiated by community members in 19 villages of the Nyzhniokhirskyi district of the

Crimean Autonomous Republic. These projects targeted various areas, such as water supply reconstruction and the establishment of communal enterprises and nursing homes. Participating rural councils created the Association of Local Governments. The project gave council members from the target areas much-needed practical skills, including how to effectively use citizen input to make decisions. The project experience was covered by local media and shared with 33 representatives of different rural councils of the Crimean Autonomous Republic.

**Union of Entrepreneurs of Small, Medium and Privatized Enterprises of Ukraine, Sevastopol**

K06-0217

\$19,647

Sevastopol, Ukraine

3/14/2007 - 3/13/2008

Ukraine's law on the state regulation of economic activity came into force in 2004, but it did not begin to benefit the owners of small- and medium-sized businesses until recently since entrepreneurs did not know their rights and authorities did not adhere to the law. To solve this problem, the grantee launched a campaign publicizing the law among entrepreneurs and promoting dialogue between small- and medium-sized businesses and local authorities. The grantee monitored and analyzed current regulatory policies and issued recommendations to authorities. The legal assistance center founded by the grantee held 12 training sessions and 1,206 consultations for businesses, business associations and local lawmakers. The local media printed and aired 39 articles and radio and TV programs. The grantee produced two publications summarizing the project and fostered the exchange of best practices between entrepreneurs through two conferences, internet forums and 14 mailings. The project, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and USAID under EF's Local Economic Development program, resulted in the creation of a union of entrepreneurs that protects the rights of small- and medium-sized business owners and lobbies for more favorable conditions.

**Western Ukrainian Resource Center**

K06-0123

\$29,498

Lviv, Ukraine

9/25/2006 - 3/31/2008

The energy crisis in Ukraine in 2005-2006 caused a harsh increase in fuel prices, which led to a budget deficit for heating public buildings. These buildings use old heating systems which are energy inefficient. Almost all technologies for sorting and processing husbandry waste are also inefficient and lead to environmental pollution. To address these issues, the grantee promoted the introduction of biogas technologies in Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv and Ternopil oblasts. Targeting communal enterprises and small/medium enterprise owners, the grantee conducted a wide informational campaign on the application and benefits of biogas technology. Namely, the grantee organized multiple visits to communities and published various information materials distributed to local governments and farmers. The project activities were also widely covered by local media, at various all-Ukrainian public events. Two biogas generators were piloted in Lviv Children's Ecological Center and Nazaret Rehabilitation Center in Drohobych district. The grantee also created a biogas technologies training center that trained six technical specialists to work with biogas generators. The grantee also organized eight seminars on the benefits of these generators for 107 local entrepreneurs and farmers, and provided 78 individual consultations. The organization also created a website of the training center for information support of its work. Inspired by the project, local residents expressed their interest in purchasing biogas generators for private use. Co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, the project resulted in increased awareness of renewable energy

technologies among entrepreneurs and communal enterprises in target territories.

### **Youth Initiatives Department Public Organization**

K07-0087

\$25,753

Kharkiv, Ukraine

6/18/2007 - 6/17/2008

According to the annual report of the Kharkiv oblast governor, consumption of fuel in the oblast is the highest in Eastern Ukraine. Considering the burden on local budgets and environmental harm, this translates into an urgent need for increasing energy efficiency in the region. To address this issue, the grantee stimulated innovative and participatory solutions to improve energy efficiency in Valky, Kupiansk and Balakliya districts of Kharkiv oblast. The grantee analyzed energy-saving opportunities using non-traditional sources of energy for each of the three pilot districts and disseminated research results through the district state administrations' websites and in the media. It also trained a group of 30 local experts and activists in developing and implementing local energy efficiency plans and helped to create three initiative groups in these districts. The project included a series of six trainings for the initiative groups and three study tours to other regions that have already successfully tested energy efficiency models. These groups developed and publicly presented programs to increase energy efficiency for the three pilot districts, and these programs were adopted by their respective district councils. To ensure its sustainability, the project also created a regional foundation to support energy efficiency which by the completion of the project raised 102,000 UAH from local businesses. The implementation of nine community initiatives was funded by the new foundation. The project experience was summarized in the publication Local Partner Initiatives for Energy Efficiency (300 copies) and disseminated among local partners in the region and at a concluding conference. Thirty-one publications in local media and a competition of scientific projects among schoolchildren also helped to raise interest and awareness in the topic. Project experience has been picked up and replicated in two other districts of Kharkiv oblast. The project was co-funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## Washington, DC

### **"The Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia" Corporate Foundation**

W07-0003

\$47,811

Almaty, Kazakhstan

2/1/2007 - 7/31/2007

In order to meet Philip Morris Kazakhstan's goal of creating a mechanism through which the residents of Enbekshikazakh District could address problems in their own communities, the Eurasia Foundation (through a sub-grant to the Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia) implemented the second phase of the Community Development Initiative in Enbekshikazakh District, Almaty. Within the framework of the second phase, EFCA successfully conducted wide reaching training seminars, forums, consulting sessions, round tables, independent expert trainings, and technical assistance to local NGOs. In addition, EFCA held two grants competitions, and awarded funding to 12 winning projects for a total amount of \$72,300. As a result of these activities, local NGOs gained experience in program management and accounting; and thus increased their capacity and established the groundwork for a local community foundation, which will be executed in the third phase of the Community Development Initiative.

### **"The Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia" Public Foundation**

W07-0031

\$7,238

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

9/15/2007 - 3/15/2008

In order to increase capacity, quality and financial viability of radio, TV, and print media coverage in the Ferghana Valley, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia implemented the second phase of the Ferghana Valley Media program. With support from the British Embassy in Tajikistan, the OSCE center in Bishkek and USAID, EFCA undertook a number of activities, such as round tables and forums, extensive business and marketing training, and on-side consultations focused on financial sustainability and professional growth. It also allocated small grants to strengthen organizational capacity of mass media outlets in the FV. As a result, the target media outlets achieved significant progress in enhancing their institutional capacity by improving their marketing, human resources and planning systems. Moreover, the project helped the media outlets improve quality of information, increase their popularity and launch interesting programs based on popular demand.



**APPENDIX C**  
**US GOVERNMENT GRANTS BY COUNTRY**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009**



## Armenia

### **Forum for XXI Century Leaders Youth NGO**

\$18,847.76

Armenia

1/01/09 - 5/31/09

To increase the role of emerging young leaders from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia in propagating democratic values and positive change in the region of the South Caucasus through raising the youth's knowledge of the values of parliamentary democracy and interest in democratic process, as well as building cross-border networks among young leaders. The three partner organizations will arrange for a 7-day pre-simulation workshop at the Bilgi University of Istanbul, Turkey, to develop skills and understanding of parliamentary work and legislative procedures with a group of 45 young leaders from the three countries of the South Caucasus, as well as to provide a forum for a simulation discourse among the participants on the issues of common concern. Provided the workshop is successful, the three partners will arrange for a follow-up workshop for another group of 45 participants from the South Caucasus, which will be followed by a Model Caucasus Parliament session in Strasbourg, France, in summer 2009. The project will be instrumental in establishing cross-border partnerships and networks among emerging young leaders of the South Caucasus, as well as it will turn the project participants into active proponents of the parliamentary democracy as a unique mechanism for reconciling conflicting interests and expectations of different groups/communities through the means of communication and compromise.

### **Green Tavush Development and Support Center NGO**

\$8,599.57

Armenia (Tavush Province)

10/15/08 - 7/15/09

In order to raise the awareness on environmental concerns among young people of Tavush region and involve them in addressing some of the issues, Green Tavush NGO will organize and implement an environmental educational program for the young people in eight communities of Tavush region and across the country. Through establishing groups of young environmentalists, training them on the topics of environmental protection as well as on trust building and cooperation, decision making, project design, monitoring, and organizing joint conferences, community actions, Green Tavush NGO will form a youth network and promote cooperation across communities on best environmental action practices. According to the project fifteen training courses will be organized in eight villages of Tavush Marz. As a result of the project more than 130 youth aged 11-15 as well as community members of major villages of Tavush marz will increase their knowledge on environmental protection and increase their sense of responsibility through direct involvement in protecting and cleaning their communities.

### **MELTEX Ltd.**

\$27,479.72

Armenia

11/18/08 - 5/18/09

To increase public access to alternative media in Armenia. The grantee, independent media outlet A1+, will upgrade its popular website, adding video to articles, interactive polls, a search engine, a news ticker with breaking news, and a blog which invites comments from users. The grantee will also add a call-in audio portal, where the public will be able to hear daily news briefs about political, economic, social and cultural developments in Armenia simply by making a telephone call. As a result of the project, a major independent media player will reach a larger audience both with and without Internet access by employing new alternative media tools and skills.

### **ADX Ltd.**

\$18,454.96

Armenia (Yerevan City)

10/15/08 - 8/15/09

To increase the quality and depth of media coverage of some of the most important political issues facing Armenia: relations with Turkey, the European agenda, the fight against corruption and migration. By publishing a special series of analysis, interviews, and the results of discussion clubs, the grantee will stimulate public discussion around these issues. As a result of the project, the Armenian public will be better informed and their voice better heard on critical issues facing the country.

**Investigative Journalists Non-Governmental Organization**

\$46,214.41

Armenia

1/01/09 - 12/30/09

To improve governance by community councils in rural areas of Armenia. The grantee will conduct research in more than 60 communities (Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Gegharkunik, Tavush and Syunik regions) organize seminars for regional reporters, then prepare and publish 14 online articles per month, a monthly newspaper insert, two TV programs and continuously updated content on EPF's Anti-Corruption web portal on issues related to local self-governance and the role of the public in community councils' work. The grantee will also draft mechanisms for the local government for clear reporting on their activities to the citizens in cooperation with the Ministry of Territorial Administration. They will also conduct a series of three roundtables on transparent and effective local governance with the participation of the Ministry of Territorial Administration, the National Assembly's Committee of Territorial Administration and Local Self-Government Affairs, journalists and NGOs. As a result of the project, rural residents will be better aware of community councils' activities and responsibilities, and community councils will become more transparent, and accountable to their constituents.

**Community Finance Officers Association**

\$19,437.17

Armenia

3/02/09 - 10/22/09

To increase citizens' understanding of the Law on Local Self-Government in Armenia. The grantee will present the responsibilities and functions of local self-government bodies as prescribed by the Law in a straightforward, easy to read, yet comprehensive series of three manuals. The manuals will contain comments to the Law (to be gathered through stakeholder discussions), will clarify the responsibilities of heads of municipalities and city council members, and will include information on municipal budgeting and interrelations between local and national government authorities. As a result of the project, municipalities and other stakeholders will be provided with a useful tool to sort out ambiguities in the Law and to better understand their rights and responsibilities as defined by the Law.

**Yerevan State Linguistic University after Brusov NCSO**

\$14,406.56

Armenia

4/01/09 - 12/31/09

To improve mechanisms of employment through internship programs. The grantee, Yerevan State Linguistic university, will establish a model internship program. The grantee will create and maintain a database of potential placements and students interested in the program, set up summer internships for selected students, conduct workshops and trainings for employers and future interns, and organize as career trips for interns. As a result of the project a new mechanism of employing students and graduates of one of Yerevan's major universities will be introduced and better information on the job market in Armenia will be available to students.

## Azerbaijan

### **Gender Association "Symmetry"**

\$12,589.00

Azerbaijan (Astara, Masally)

11/28/08 - 3/27/09

To enhance the leadership capacity of prominent women of faith-based community organizations in Masally and Astara regions and increase their involvement in local civil society. Project implementer will conduct a series interactive training for 40 religious female activists providing instruction in leadership, confidence building, communications skills, and community-based organizational management with relation to the key gender-related issues. Relevant booklets and outreach materials illuminating best practices and compatibility between religious community and civil society will also be developed throughout the project and disseminated among the target group and community-at large. Publications of articles in local newspapers will increase knowledge and raise awareness of women in targeted regions on gender issues. It is envisaged that as a result of this project, prominent women involved in faith-based community organizations will increase their leadership capacity and knowledge contributing to greater, more impactful involvement in civil society.

### **Youth for development Social Union**

\$12,332.32

Azerbaijan

11/28/08 - 3/27/09

To increase interaction between faith-based community groups and civil society organizations through legal assistance and tolerance training in the sensitive Zaqatala Region. Implementing organization will develop collateral materials illuminating regulatory procedures for registration and provide legal assistance and training to unregistered faith-based religious groups aspiring official acknowledgment of state structures. Employing the services of an expert religious rights attorney and regionally-based representatives, individual consultations with faith-based community groups and training will be conducted using the aforementioned collateral materials. Implementing organization will also carry out a series of trainings on tolerance and the importance of intercultural dialog during this 4 month project. As a result of the project, faith-based organizations in the Zaqatala Region will gain invaluable legal information and support while learning new techniques in promoting cultural dialog and tolerance.

### **Azerbaijan National Committee of Helsinki Citizen's Assembly** \$10,600.00

Azerbaijan

12/30/08 - 5/31/09

To increase the role of emerging young leaders from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia in propagating democratic values and positive change in the region of the South Caucasus through raising the youth's knowledge of the values of parliamentary democracy and interest in democratic process, as well as building cross-border networks among young leaders. The three partner organizations will arrange for a 7-day pre-simulation workshop at the Bilgi University of Istanbul, Turkey, to develop skills and understanding of parliamentary work and legislative procedures with a group of 45 young leaders from the three countries of the South Caucasus, as well as to provide a forum for a simulation discourse among the participants on the issues of common concern. Provided the workshop is successful, the three partners will arrange for a follow-up workshop for another group of 45 participants from the South Caucasus, which will be followed by a Model Caucasus Parliament session in Strasbourg, France, in summer 2009.



## Georgia

### **Center for civil integration and inter-ethnic relations (CCIIR)** \$36,641.14

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

12/15/08 - 6/15/09

To create a sustainable civic resource of proactive citizens in Marneuli (Kvemo Kartli) and Telavi (Kakheti) by establishing civil education resource centers. Center staff will be trained in fundraising, policy dialogue and civic monitoring by EPF partners the Association of Young Economists of Georgia and Center for Training and Consultancy. Once running, the centers will arrange meetings for NGO leaders, interest groups and stakeholders with government officials on issues of local concern, e.g. education, local budget, public services, etc. The centers will also provide trainings to community leaders and engaged citizens to increase civic and political participation. The centers will closely cooperate with the Office of the Public Defender of Georgia, which will provide technical and logistics support during and after the project. As a result of the project, Kvemo Kartli and Kakheti civic and minority groups will have consistent access to a source of information about raising funds for their projects and proactively engaging in the local decision-making and socio-economic and political processes.

### **Liberty Institute**

\$36,539.60

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

10/20/08 - 5/20/09

To promote integration of minority and disadvantaged groups through increased participation in secondary school governance in Georgia. A major education reform law passed in 2003 gave much greater autonomy to individual schools to set budgets, but implementation of the law is lagging in rural areas, particularly those heavily populated by ethnic minorities. The project envisions introduction of and establishment of a participatory budgeting approach, a model that has been effectively used by the Liberty Institute for past several years, in 40 schools in the Samskhe-Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli regions of Georgia. The project team will conduct series of trainings in participatory budgeting and management and raise awareness among school stakeholders of their rights and responsibilities to get involved in school governance. The major stakeholders and target group of the project are school principals, school board trustees, and parents selected from the 40 schools, who will actively participate in school budget formation process. The project will help ethnic minority communities gain experience in working with school authorities and engage them in decision-making activity thus increasing integration process of minorities in Georgia's social and economic processes.

### **Centre for training and consultancy**

\$29,617.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

12/01/08 - 1/15/10

To increase participatory civic monitoring and the accountability of the local governance in Rustavi and Telavi municipalities. The grantee will provide trainings for representatives from the municipalities, CSOs, the mass media, academic institutions and business in public policy planning and analysis in order to promote professional, results-oriented cooperation between local civil society and local authorities. Under the guidance of the grantee, project participants will elaborate policy papers-in Rustavi about addressing the problem of unemployment and in Telavi about fixing local infrastructure problems. The projects in Rustavi and Telavi will build capacity, facilitate policy dialogue and create a framework for cooperation between different local stakeholders. Project implementation and outputs will be available on websites that will be taken over by the municipalities after the project. The project will be implemented in cooperation with EPF's grantee Center for Civic Integration & Interethnic Relations. It will train the staff of Civil

Education Resource Centers, which CCIIR together with the Public Defender's Office will create in Kvemo Kartli and Kakheti.

**International Center for Civic Culture**

\$23,086.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

12/01/08 - 8/29/09

To enhance the effectiveness of civic monitoring carried out by grassroots civil society organizations in Batumi, Samegrelo and Shida Kartli regions by creating sustainable mechanisms of participatory monitoring. Representatives of approximately 60 grassroots CSOs from various fields will be trained in participatory monitoring using the Guidebook on Civic Monitoring (prepared with EPF funding) and other learning tools. Under the guidance of the trainers, the grassroots CSOs will develop monitoring action plans (covering issues appropriate to their organizations and communities), which will then be implemented in cooperation with the local government. The increased number of CSOs capable of conducting professional and high-profile civic monitoring will promote increased transparency and accountability of local government activities and allow for CSOs to exert greater influence on the local decision-making process.

**Movement for future Union**

\$17,010.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

1/01/09 - 5/31/09

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**Center of democracy and civil integration**

\$2,996.15

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

11/24/08 - 3/31/09

To develop intercultural awareness and facilitate greater tolerance and understanding of the needs of minorities in

Tbilisi. As a result of the recent political and economic challenges in the country, there has been a steady increase in religious, ethnic and cultural tensions in Georgia. There have been cases when fundamental human rights have come under direct assault. Intolerance is very often rooted in ignorance and fear of other cultures, nations and religions. For these reasons, the project interventions place great emphasis on educating the target group of young agents of change (30 students selected from 5 schools of Tbilisi) about tolerance, human rights, multiculturalism and religious and cultural diversity. The project team will train a core group of secondary school students as agents of change, who will

communicate the key project messages to a wider community and act as long term catalysts of social change in their respective communities. Through meetings with various religious representatives and celebrities from various ethnic groups, the project will foster intercultural understanding of the core target group of young people exclusively through participation within a new culture. A new website will open a forum for the exchange of ideas, allowing project participants and stakeholders to express their personal commitment to tolerance and contribute to the public awareness campaign. An essay competition for the secondary school students on the issues of tolerance will also help the students to develop capacities for independent judgment, critical thinking and ethical reasoning.

**Dairy information and Promotion Association**

\$86,021.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

3/23/09 - 5/31/10

The proposed project aims to contribute to improvement of food standards and safety in Georgia. Primary objectives of the project are to promote Georgian producers of food products, support Georgian producers in meeting EU food safety requirements, support Georgian government in implementation of food safety law and increase consumer awareness regarding the food safety issues. Activities in support of objectives include creation of expert groups, who will work with existing documents to develop risk study and risk mitigation actions to be discussed and approved by the relevant government structures; to develop training materials regarding different food safety requirements to be presented and discussed with small and medium size food produces at the national level through a series of seminars in Tbilisi and regions; to update existing information regarding small and medium size food producers and make it accessible through print registry (matrix) and electronically; and to design and implement a complex public programs, articles and website. The project will be jointly implemented by Association Dairy Georgia in partnership with International Centre for Trade Policy and Law and Growth, Development and Continuous Improvement of Your Business Association, with each partner having a distinct role.





involved in the realization of social orphanage prevention strategy in the region. Funding comes from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID

**Public Association "Asyl"** \$5,000.00  
Kazakhstan (East Kazakhstan Oblast) 10/24/08 - 10/24/09

To help disabled children in Semei city integrate into their community. The grantee will set up a sensory room to improve motor function, provide social and legal counseling to 300 children and 100 parents, and conduct eight seminars for NGO specialists and parents. The project should result in greater social integration of disabled children, and will provide a new resource for addressing their physical and psychological needs.

**Women's Union of the Ural Region "Umit"** \$13,830.00  
Kazakhstan 3/16/09 - 12/16/09

To decrease the number of children growing up in institutions through developing alternative forms of parental care and preventing social orphanage in West-Kazakhstan Oblast. Activities: Assisting orphans, foster families and children and families in difficult life situations; creating volunteer mobile groups in Uralsk, Zelensky and Akzhaik Regions together with NGO "Arna" and NGO "Shuak;" conducting social orphanage prevention trainings together with the local department of children's rights protection; providing recommendations to Mazhilis for improving legislation related to social orphanage prevention. Expected outcomes: 15 at-risk families that receive assistance leave their children in families; 15 families report improved relationships with their foster children; 25 children who grow up in institutions returned to their biological families; 10 social workers use new methodologies in working with at-risk families and children. Funding comes from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

**Public Association Women's Club "Tomiris"** \$13,850.00  
Kazakhstan 3/16/09 - 12/16/09

The purpose of the program is to improve the quality of life of orphans and to prevent social orphanage in Pavlodar Oblast. Activities: Increasing professional level of specialists who work with children and families in difficult life situations; Assisting foster and at-risk families; Strengthening partnerships with local government agencies involved in social orphanage prevention; Assisting orphans through organizing crafts workshop, and conducting legal trainings. The program implementers expect to achieve the following outcomes: 10 specialists who work with at-risk families adopt new methodologies; 5 children who grow up in institutions return to their biological families; 20 families report better relationships with their foster children; 60% of orphans involved in the project demonstrate higher level of self-esteem. Funding: Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID

**Public Association Center for Initiative Support** \$14,317.00  
Kazakhstan 3/16/09 - 12/16/09

The purpose is to improve the quality of life of orphans through developing alternative forms of parental care and to prevent social orphanage. The following activities will be undertaken: Training specialists who work with children and families in social orphanage prevention measures and organizing family assistance in schools; Assisting in socialization of children placed in foster families and children growing up in institutions by training

them in life skills and involving in social activities; Strengthening partnerships with local and national governments and participating in developing standards for social services to orphans for the new law “On special social services;” Expected outcomes: 2 new families enrolled in the government foster care program; 10 families report improved relationships with foster children; 50 specialists who work with children and families use new methodologies; 60% of orphans involved in the project demonstrate higher level of self-esteem. Funding: Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID



## Moldova

### **League for the Defense of Human Rights in Republic of Moldova, LADOM**

\$85,238.00

Moldova

11/25/08 - 7/25/09

To promote free and fair elections through civil society monitoring of the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will comprehensively observe election campaigns, the election process itself and the post-election period. The project will reduce the likelihood of administrative violations, helping to ensure that the election results are a true reflection of voter intent. It will also encourage civic activism and increase the election observation capacities of more than 2,000 long- and short-term observers. The project will benefit from technical assistance provided by National Democratic Institute (NDI). The project is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi), the British Embassy in Chisinau/ the UK Government Strategic Programme Fund, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the German Embassy to Moldova.

### **Committee for Freedom of Press**

\$27,985.00

Moldova

12/22/08 - 5/22/09

To increase citizens' access to information regarding the upcoming parliamentary elections through special radio programs dedicated to elections and electoral debates. The grantee will prepare and broadcast on the BBC radio frequency 16 civic education programs, 24 electoral debates, rebroadcasting all these radio programs on 10 regional radio stations. The project will reach out the people from Moldova and the breakaway transnistrian region, supplying them with balanced information about the 2009 electoral process and the electoral candidates. The project is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

### **National Assistance and Information Center for NGOs "CONTACT" \$22,031.00**

Moldova

11/25/08 - 6/25/09

To foster Moldovan citizens' understanding of and participation in the 2009 parliamentary elections. In partnership with other NGOs, the grantee will conduct a nation-wide civic education campaign, supporting local NGOs technically and financially in organizing voter information programs at the grass-roots level. The project will foster the involvement of local NGOs in door-to-door campaigns in at least 160 villages in 16 Moldovan districts. The project targets local NGOs, first-time voters and civically passive citizens. The initiative is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi), the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

### **Center for Analysis and Prevention of Corruption**

\$25,995.00

Moldova (Chisinau City)

12/22/08 - 7/05/09

To provide free legal assistance to individuals, NGOs, and journalists on election-related issues. The grantee will open a legal hotline and have lawyers present at the appellate courts to assist all interested non-partisan groups during the electoral campaign and election day. The project will ensure that breach of law, especially of the election code, are reported and settled through the appropriate legal means. The project is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Association of Independent Press**

\$11,410.00

Moldova

12/22/08 - 5/05/09

To monitor print media coverage of the 2009 Moldovan parliamentary elections. The grantee and its partners will comprehensively monitor 16 national and local publications. The results will be published in bi-weekly and final reports and presented to domestic and international stakeholders. The project will independently analyze print media coverage of the 2009 parliamentary elections and advocate balanced reporting. The project is co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

## Tajikistan

### **PU Association Woman and Society**

\$25,900.00

Tajikistan

2/01/09 - 3/31/10

The project is aimed at facilitating the free movement of goods across the borders of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, and reducing the difficulties faced by entrepreneurs and shuttle traders, especially women during crossing borders and engaging in cross-border trade. Project activities consist of five interrelated stages: survey, capacity building and trainings/workshops, interim assessment, post-project evaluation and elaboration of recommendations. Based on the survey the project implementer will develop recommendations and action plan for removing administrative and not administrative barriers for doing cross-border business. Within the framework of the project there will be organized workshops and trainings on increasing awareness of entrepreneurs (about 400 participants) about procedures of cross-border trade. This project is supported by the Regional Trade Liberalization and Customs project (USAID-funded) as well as the German Organization for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)



## Ukraine

**Council of Leninskaya veterans' organization of Poltava city** \$12,632.69  
Ukraine (Poltava Oblast) 11/01/08 - 4/14/09  
To increase senior citizens' quality of life and access to municipal services. The grantee will establish a senior center at the Lenynskiy district office of social services in the city of Poltava, organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions, and offer counseling on rehabilitation and social issues to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program, this project is co-funded by Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor with support from the Lenynskiy District Department of Labor and Social Protection.

**Pustomyty rayon association of people with disabilities** \$13,945.73  
Ukraine (Lvov Oblast) 10/15/08 - 3/31/09  
To provide job-skill training for the disabled through the creation of an employment information and consultation center. The grantee will equip and launch the center, as well as produce informational materials about its activities. The center will host training sessions on entrepreneurship, sewing, hairdressing, computer and other vocational skills. To facilitate employment, the grantee will create a database of vacancies and job seekers. The project, which is co-funded by Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor, will improve the quality of life for disabled people and provide a model for other cities.

**Eidos International Charity Foundation** \$6,624.16  
Ukraine (Kiev City) 2/01/09 - 3/31/09  
East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to raise awareness of the importance of recycling in a unique manner. The grantee will create a website and online store purveying artwork made of used packages by Ukrainian artists. The grantee will foster dialogue on world recycling practices during a series of lectures, as well as place advertisements in metro stations, distribute fliers and hang posters in universities. The project seeks to make Ukrainian youth more conscious of and responsible for the environment.

**Red Cross of Ukraine, Zaporizhia oblast organization** \$11,038.83  
Ukraine (Zaporozhye Oblast) 3/17/09 - 9/17/09  
East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens. The grantee will establish a senior center at the Khortytsky District Office of Social Services in the city of Zaporizhia to organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions and offer rehabilitation and legal counsel to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Zaporizhia, this project is co-funded by Slavutich, Carlsberg Group with support from Municipal City Services of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia.

**Zaporizhia city organization of veterans of Ukraine** \$11,038.96  
Ukraine (Zaporozhye Oblast) 3/17/09 - 9/17/09  
East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens. The grantee will establish a senior center at Municipal City Services of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia to organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions and offer rehabilitation and legal counsel to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Zaporizhia, this project is co-funded by Slavutich, Carlsberg Group with support from

Municipal City Services of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia.

**Charity AIDS - service organization "Shans"**

\$29,220.91

Ukraine (Dnepropetrovsk Oblast)

2/01/09 - 9/30/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to promote broad access to employment for vulnerable youth and foster public-private partnerships to create job opportunities in the city of Kryvyi Rih. The grantee will conduct three trainings for social workers and one training for state employment center employees to help improve services for orphans. In addition, 60 orphans will be trained within a series of seven seminars on leadership, life and employment skills. The grantee will publish and disseminate information for vulnerable youth including their rights and privileges under Ukrainian law, advice on seeking employment and resources and services at their disposal. The grantee will also create a youth coordination committee to serve as a motivational body to stimulate cooperation between NGOs working with vulnerable youth, local government agencies and local employers. The project, co-funded by ArcelorMittal Kryvyi Rih, will promote effective adaptation of social orphans in society by developing partnerships between local civic organizations, social services and employers.

**Ternopil Association of Consumers**

\$10,296.49

Ukraine (Ternopol Oblast)

3/02/09 - 8/31/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to promote citizen and independent expert participation in the process of administrative-territorial reform development and implementation. The grantee will form a regional stakeholder group in Ternopil oblast, inventory community resources in four rayons of the oblast, and design an efficient research-based administrative-territorial structure for these rayons. The project results will be discussed with the public during round tables held in the rayons and oblast center and an information campaign will be launched for local media. An analytical brochure with experts' findings and recommendations will be published and disseminated to journalists, experts, and local and national governments. The project is implemented in partnership with the DESPRO project, the Civil Society Institute and funded by the Black Sea Trust.

**APPENDIX D**  
**NON-US GOVERNMENT GRANTS BY COUNTRY**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2008 – MARCH 31, 2009**



## Armenia

### **Investigative Journalists Non-Governmental Organization** \$46,214.41

Armenia 1/01/09 - 12/30/09

To improve governance by community councils in rural areas of Armenia. The grantee will conduct research in more than 60 communities (Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Gegharkunik, Tavush and Syunik regions) organize seminars for regional reporters, then prepare and publish 14 online articles per month, a monthly newspaper insert, two TV programs and continuously updated content on EPF's Anti-Corruption web portal on issues related to local self-governance and the role of the public in community councils' work. The grantee will also draft mechanisms for the local government for clear reporting on their activities to the citizens in cooperation with the Ministry of Territorial Administration. They will also conduct a series of three roundtables on transparent and effective local governance with the participation of the Ministry of Territorial Administration, the National Assembly's Committee of Territorial Administration and Local Self-Government Affairs, journalists and NGOs. As a result of the project, rural residents will be better aware of community councils' activities and responsibilities, and community councils will become more transparent, and accountable to their constituents.



## **Belarus**

### **Business Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers**

\$68,615.00

Belarus

12/01/08 - 3/30/10

To promote small and medium business in the regions of Belarus. The grantee will increase professional capacity of small and medium businesses in the regions by providing training and individual consultations to existing and prospective entrepreneurs. The project will also facilitate dialogue between business and local authorities by organizing public discussions and round tables with representatives of business and various government bodies and advocating a more efficient regulatory environment. The project is co-funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



## Georgia

### **Regional educational fund of Gori**

\$7,550.00

Georgia (Kartli)

3/10/09 - 9/09/09

To transform the young people of Gori into active community members and enable them to represent their communities and play an active role in solving their community's problems. The grantee will provide intense training and education to the students of Gori University about the fundamental issues of civil society, community mobilization, leadership and civic advocacy. The project will enable and encourage the participants to create new community based organizations with the skills to raise funds for implementing small community projects, share best practices and experiences with coevals and enhance their civil integration. The project will primarily help victims of the war to cope with the post-conflict problems. The project is financed within the EPF Open Door Grant program, aimed at assisting the civil sector in and around the conflict zones in overcoming post-conflict problems.

### **Kakhetis Khma**

\$27,720.01

Georgia (Kakheti)

12/01/08 - 7/31/09

To promote citizen oversight on the spending of the central budget transfers and subsidies allocated to the Kakheti Region for implementation of the "Vintage-2008" program. After receiving training in covering budgetary issues, the grantee will undertake journalistic investigations of the local budget spending for the designated program and cover the issue in a designated section of the newspaper. The project will increase the role of the local media in participatory civic monitoring in the region, enhance the capacity of the newspaper's journalists to cover fiscal issues, including the budget, and create an environment for increased citizen participation in the local decision-making process.

### **Union "SIQA - Georgian Association of Educational Initiatives" \$30,319.00**

Georgia (Kartli)

1/15/09 - 7/14/09

To help children and adolescents overcome psychological pressure as a result of the recent Russia-Georgia conflict and promote an educational philosophy and practice that inspires and develops positive values in the secondary schools of the conflict affected areas. Values against Violence (VAV) is based on the Living Values Education module that has been implemented in more than 80 countries of the world and is designed to promote the development of values-based learning in conflict affected communities, overall development of the individual and a culture of positive values, such as peace, tolerance, respect, responsibility and unity. The project will encourage educators to look at education as an opportunity to provide students with a philosophy of living, thereby facilitating overall growth and development of children and youth. The project also targets teachers from secondary schools in Gori to improve the quality of learning and turn the education process into a purposeful activity to facilitate children and adolescents overall growth, development, and choices so that they may integrate themselves into the community with respect, confidence, and purpose. The grantee will train a select group of teachers on the concept of VAV and then support participants in developing educational plans that incorporate the acquired theoretical material into their teaching methodology. In addition, the grantee will train the teachers in colorful silhouette theatre techniques, one of the effective teaching methods of positive living values. The learning of VAV will be enhanced by community-wide events, such as an exhibition of values-based drawings by children and adolescents and theatre performances on VAV. The project team will develop and distribute posters that describe the core principles of basic positive values in

a user-friendly way.

**Medical Workers Initiative**

\$21,400.00

Georgia (Imereti)

3/10/09 - 5/09/10

To improve IDPs' access to quality medical services in the Imereti region. The grantee will monitor the implementation of the state's medical programs designed to improve medical services provided to patients from the IDP collection center in Kutaisi (310 IDPs) The project will be implemented in cooperation with local CSOs and will enhance the capacity of the target IDP community to advocate for their healthcare needs and improve the quality and increase the breadth of services provided by the municipal medical service. The project will create a local Coordination Consultative Center for Protection of Patients' Rights, which will become a public resource for advocacy and monitoring and will coordinate the activities of the public control commissions trained in monitoring. Through these activities the project will improve the degree of citizen participation in the region, increase the accountability of local authorities and enhance IDPs' accessibility to more quality medical service.

**Akhalsikhe Youth Bank**

\$1,949.00

Georgia (Samtskhe-Javakheti)

12/01/08 - 4/06/09

A khalsikhe Youth Bank initiative group has announced micro grants competition for the youth (aged 16-25) of Samtskhe Javakheti Region to open up the opportunities for participation of young people in decision making and mobilization of resources around the important challenges faced by youth of Samtskhe Javakheti. As a result of community needs assessment Akhalsikhe Youth Bank has identified the following priorities:

- 1) Lack of opportunities for involvement in sports;
- 2) Ecological problems: environment pollution;

As a result of the competition Akhalsikhe Youth Bank has solicited 32 applications, out of which 12 were shortlisted for the interview and only 3 have been selected for funding. The finalist projects are the following:

- 1) "Everlasting Art"" by 4 members of Akhalsikhe University youth initiative group.
- 2) "Clean and Comfortable School Yard" , by 4 members of initiative group from Akhalsikhe Public School # 1
- 3) " Book - first of all" by 3 members of Akhalsikhe Public School # 1 initiative group from

**Marneuli Youth Bank**

\$2,177.00

Georgia (Kartli)

12/01/08 - 4/07/09

Marneuli Youth Bank initiative group has announced micro grants competition for the youth (aged 16-25) in Marneuli District to open up the opportunities for participation of young people in decision making and mobilization of resources around the important challenges faced by youth of Marneuli. As a result of community needs assessment Marneuli Youth Bank has identified the following priorities:

- 1) Ecology problems;
- 2) Lack of opportunities for involvement in sports;

As a result of the competition Marneuli Youth Bank has solicited 26 applications, out of which 14 were shortlisted for the interview and 5 have been selected for funding. The finalist projects are the following:

- 1) Project "Fun Sport Games" by youth initiative group of 3. (Djakhid Akhedov, Sanan Kalaev, Emil Gurbanov)
- 2) Project "Protect nature" by youth initiative group of 3 ( Emil Akhmedov, Vugar

Ashirov, Turadj Mustafaeva)

3) "Project "Me and Environment" by youth initiative group of 3 ( Suraia Guseinova, Ketii Kvanchiani)

4) Project "Volleyball" by youth initiative group of 5 ( Nika Asanidze, Mari Chichinadze, Giorgi Chachanidze, Nino Chachanidze, Zura Kusiani, Jemal Asanidze);

5) Project "Chess championship" by youth initiative group of 3.( Muslaim Bairamov, Sbukhi Budagov, Maksud Sharaev)

**Zugdidi Youth Bank**

\$1,571.00

Georgia (Samegrelo)

12/31/-14 - 5/15/09

Zugdidi Youth Bank initiative group has announced micro grants competition for the youth (aged 16-25) of Samegrelo Region to open up the opportunities for participation of young people in decision making and mobilization of resources around the important challenges faced by youth of Samegrelo. As a result of community needs assessment Zugdidi Youth Bank has identified the following priorities:

1) Poor environmental conditions;

2) Negative Psychological consequences of Russian-Georgian war of Augusts, 2008;

As a result of the competition Zugdidi Youth Bank has solicited 6 applications, out of which 5 were shortlisted for the interview and 3 have been selected for funding. The finalist projects are the following:

1. "Healthy Environment for future generations", which considers cleaning of the Tsalenjikha District village Jvari Public School territory, which is used by the local population for garbage disposal place.

2. "Theatre against War", which considers developing of pantomime theatre performance named "NO WAR" , by Zugdidi Public School # 2 initiative group to emphasize positive consequences of non-violent ways of resolution of conflict for Zugdidi public.

3. "Source of Knowledge" , which considers purchase of books for the school library to help IDP students (which makes 20% of the total number of the students) to have better access to extracurricular literature.

**Association Studio Re**

\$44,374.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

12/15/08 - 6/15/09

In support of open discussion on Georgia's integration into European structures and raise awareness about the European Neighborhood Policy. The project envisages communicating information about the EU and its relations with its neighbours through TV discussions. The project will prepare 10 TV programs communicating to the wider Georgian public about EU structures, policies, countries, cultures, economic development and challenges. Journalists will work in different regions to highlight general or specific problems and obligations Georgia has to fulfill as part of its commitment to the European Neighborhood Policy. The grantee, "Studio RE" will conduct a two-day training for regional journalists to present the project and discuss the issues that are to be highlighted in the TV programs. The project will involve 19 regional channels and their journalists to achieve better access to information for remote communities, activate regional journalist to work on European issues, increase their capacity-building via TV programs.

**Association "Youth Development Center"**

\$11,746.00

Georgia (Kartli)

1/15/09 - 7/14/09

To improve access of youth IDPs, from the Russian- Georgian war affected territories of Gori District, to income generating resources by means of skill- and capacity-building

program. The project will provide 40 youth IDPs both with an opportunity of generating instant cash income and will prepare them for longer term opportunities for sustaining themselves. Through the series of handicraft trainings, the target group of young people will acquire skills that will enable them to produce handicraft production for selling. The project will connect the target group with local relevant businesses to sustain their sources of income in the future. Overall, the project will improve the living conditions of the young displaced persons and their families and will support their reintegration in the society. The project is financed within the EPF Open Door grant program aimed at assisting the war affected population in conflict zones in overcoming the post-conflict problems.

**International center for social research and policy analysis** \$27,408.00  
 Georgia (Tbilisi City) 2/10/09 - 12/10/09

The goal of the project is to promote the principles of a knowledge-based economy at higher education centers of Georgia. The grantee-the International Center for Social Research and Policy Analysis (ICSRPA) -will conduct a SWOT analysis to assess the Georgian education sector in terms of its status as a knowledge-based economy and advocate best practices from other countries that have successfully converted to a knowledge-based economic framework. The grantee will work specifically with two Georgian universities in its assessment and awareness raising activities and create a space for networking and sharing best practices to facilitate the establishment of a knowledge-based economy in Georgia.

**Batumi Youth Bank** \$2,044.00  
 Georgia (Ajaria) 12/01/08 - 10/04/09

Batumi Youth Bank initiative group has announced micro grants competition for the youth (aged 16-25) of Adjara Region to open up the opportunities for participation of young people in decision making and mobilization of resources around the important challenges faced by youth of Adjara. As a result of community needs assessment Batumi Youth Bank has identified the following priorities:

- 1) Lack of opportunities for involvement in sports;
- 2) Inadequate conditions for receiving quality education;

As a result of the competition Batumi Youth Bank has solicited 24 applications, out of which 6 were shortlisted for the interview and 4 have been selected for funding. The finalist projects are the following:

- 1) "Football Tournament" by 4 members of youth initiative group.
- 2) "Help to the orphanage children", by Batumi State University students initiative group;
- 3) "Intellectual Games" by Kobuleti Public School # 3 initiative group;
- 4) "Intellectual Games of kindergarten kids" by Batumi State University students initiative group

**Wild Plant Conservation Association (WPCA)** \$29,477.00  
 Georgia (Tbilisi City) 3/25/09 - 9/24/10

As part of the Eco Awards Program 2009, the Wild Plant Conservation Association (WPCA) proposes an 18-month project to develop ways to protect two economically important plant species - Cyclamen vernal Sweet and Galanthus woronowii Losinsk. WPCA will work to conserve the two species ex-situ [off site] by creating natural collections and a seed bank. Ex-situ conservation is the most important and affordable method of maintaining biodiversity, which can be implemented by the botanic institutions on their territory by creating "reserve supplies" of the natural collection. It is

also important to provide the population with science-based research and assist them in creation of the natural collections ex-situ. In addition, population will have opportunity to get seedlings or seeds from WPCA for further re-production of the above-mentioned species with aim to use them for commercial purposes - either sell locally or export to international market.

**The International Union for Conservation of Nature Program Office for Southern Caucasus** \$75,268.64

Georgia (Tbilisi City) 3/23/09 - 11/23/10

In support of improved stakeholder participation in the protected areas of Georgia, the IUCN Program Office for the Southern Caucasus, together with the Georgian Society of Nature Friends (Telavi) and the Mlokosevich Society (Lagodekhi) and in collaboration with the Agency of Protected Areas (APA) at the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources, is implementing the project Facilitating Stakeholder Participation in Protected Areas of Georgia. The project aims at supporting the APA in developing and piloting Terms of Reference for newly established Protected Area Advisory Boards and at creating additional participation mechanisms (Associations of Friends of Protected Areas, Junior Ranger Programs) in three protected areas (Lagodekhi, Tusheti and Vashlovani). By establishing these mechanisms, the project will increase local ownership of protected areas (PAs) and use the skills, knowledge and commitment of stakeholders for the benefit of the pilot PAs, making them more effective tools for biodiversity conservation, livelihood support and sustainable economic use.

**Biological Farming Association Elkana** \$54,855.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City) 6/01/09 - 2/04/11

To reduce the negative impact of agriculture on the environment in the Samtskhe-Javakheti Region and preserve local agricultural biodiversity by introducing the sustainable use of endemic species. The grantee, Elkana, will work with local farmers to introduce and promote the principles of bio-farming in Samtskhe-Javakheti and re-introduce the wheat variety known as Tsiteli Doli, a sturdy, endemic variety of wheat. In cooperation with Begeli, a local bread producer, Elkana will popularize the use of Tsiteli Doli in bread baking, increasing demand for the wheat. The project will result in improved socio-economic conditions for the farmers in Samtskhe-Javakheti.

**Georgian Tourism Association GTA** \$47,789.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City) 3/23/09 - 10/22/09

To facilitate market-oriented, participatory sustainable tourism for Protected Areas (PA) of Georgia in Lagodekhi, Algeti and Kintrishi the Georgian Tourism Association (GTA) offers a seven-month project through the Eco Awards Program 2009. Through this project, GTA will provide workshops for local community representatives on product development and services including accommodation, catering, etc. for both international and Georgian visitors. The association also works to raise the profile of the Protected Areas, including information about accommodations, activities and attractiveness. The project will work with the Algeti PA, which is considered the least developed PA in Georgia. Creation of guesthouse data bank and booking facilities will increase access to information for potential visitors. The project is carried out in partnership with the Agency of Protected Areas (APA).



## **Kazakhstan**

**Public Association Center for the Social Adaptation of Children** \$25,544.00  
Kazakhstan 3/16/09 - 12/16/09

The purpose of the program is to strengthen and further improve social orphanage prevention and foster care programs in Astana and in Kazakhstan. The program activities include the following: assisting foster families and families in difficult life-situations; increasing professional level of specialists who work on social orphanage prevention through trainings and consultations; maintaining partner network for social orphanage prevention and for developing alternative forms of parental care; assisting Committee for Children's Rights Protection in developing standards for providing social services to orphans. The program expects to achieve the following: 15 families report improved relationships with their foster children; 5 new families enrolled in the government foster care program; 8 specialists who work with families and children prepared to provide professional training to their colleagues; 3 new collaboration mechanisms between NGOs and government adopted with a purpose of social orphanage prevention; 2 standards for social serviced for orphans included in the law on special social services. Funding comes from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

**Public Foundation "Perekrestok"** \$14,459.00  
Kazakhstan 3/16/09 - 12/16/09

To strengthen institutional sustainability of the Center "Way to Home" through developing partnerships with and promoting collaboration between NGOs, media and local government agencies of Kostanay city and Kostanay oblast. The program implementers will undertake the following activities: Educating media in covering social issues; training specialists who work with children and at-risk families in social orphanage prevention measures; participating in developing standards for social services to orphans for the new law "On special social services;" assisting families and children in difficult life situations and foster families;

The program implementers expect the following results: 5% increase in the number of positive articles about orphans; 10 families report improved relationships with their foster children; 3 new families enrolled in the government foster care program; 4 new partners involved in the realization of social orphanage prevention strategy in the region. Funding comes from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID

**Public Association "Asyl"** \$5,000.00  
Kazakhstan (East Kazakhstan Oblast) 10/24/08 - 10/24/09

To help disabled children in Semei city integrate into their community. The grantee will set up a sensory room to improve motor function, provide social and legal counseling to 300 children and 100 parents, and conduct eight seminars for NGO specialists and parents. The project should result in greater social integration of disabled children, and will provide a new resource for addressing their physical and psychological needs.

**Women's Union of the Ural Region "Umit"** \$13,830.00  
Kazakhstan 3/16/09 - 12/16/09

To decrease the number of children growing up in institutions through developing alternative forms of parental care and preventing social orphanage in West-Kazakhstan Oblast. Activities: Assisting orphans, foster families and children and families in difficult life situations; creating volunteer mobile groups in Uralsk, Zelensky and Akzhaik

Regions together with NGO “Arna” and NGO “Shuak;” conducting social orphanage prevention trainings together with the local department of children’s rights protection; providing recommendations to Mazhilis for improving legislation related to social orphanage prevention. Expected outcomes: 15 at-risk families that receive assistance leave their children in families; 15 families report improved relationships with their foster children; 25 children who grow up in institutions returned to their biological families; 10 social workers use new methodologies in working with at-risk families and children. Funding comes from Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

**Public Association Women's Club "Tomiris"**

\$13,850.00

Kazakhstan

3/16/09 - 12/16/09

The purpose of the program is to improve the quality of life of orphans and to prevent social orphanage in Pavlodar Oblast. Activities: Increasing professional level of specialists who work with children and families in difficult life situations; Assisting foster and at-risk families; Strengthening partnerships with local government agencies involved in social orphanage prevention; Assisting orphans through organizing crafts workshop, and conducting legal trainings. The program implementers expect to achieve the following outcomes: 10 specialists who work with at-risk families adopt new methodologies; 5 children who grow up in institutions return to their biological families; 20 families report better relationships with their foster children; 60% of orphans involved in the project demonstrate higher level of self-esteem. Funding: Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID

**Public Association Center for Initiative Support**

\$14,317.00

Kazakhstan

3/16/09 - 12/16/09

The purpose is to improve the quality of life of orphans through developing alternative forms of parental care and to prevent social orphanage. The following activities will be undertaken: Training specialists who work with children and families in social orphanage prevention measures and organizing family assistance in schools; Assisting in socialization of children placed in foster families and children growing up in institutions by training them in life skills and involving in social activities; Strengthening partnerships with local and national governments and participating in developing standards for social services to orphans for the new law “On special social services;” Expected outcomes: 2 new families enrolled in the government foster care program; 10 families report improved relationships with foster children; 50 specialists who work with children and families use new methodologies; 60% of orphans involved in the project demonstrate higher level of self-esteem. Funding: Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

## Kyrgyzstan

**PF "Centre for forecasting and social information"** \$34,886.00

Kyrgyzstan 10/07/08 - 8/06/09

To promote an establishment of state policy aimed at improving social and economic basis for returning labor migrants. The grantee will bring together efforts of six NGOs working in the area of labor migration and conduct round tables and public hearings in 7 oblasts. It is expected that recommendations on improving social and economic basis for returning migrants will be developed. The project is funded with PACT Inc. Kyrgyzstan.



## **Moldova**

**Public Organization NISTRU BANKS** \$4,446.00  
Moldova (Trandnestria) 10/01/08 - 3/28/09  
To increase civic and voter participation in the village of Molovata Noua and in five surrounding villages in the Dubasari district. The grantee will disseminate informational booklets and leaflets and conduct five seminars on civic and voter education issues. The project will increase awareness of the importance of elections in a democratic society and boost voter turnout for the 2009 parliamentary elections. This project is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

**Association of Citizens with Initiative** \$5,217.00  
Moldova 10/01/08 - 4/16/09  
To encourage the population of Cantemir district and in particular the youth to participate in the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will seek to educate on the political processes a core group of 20 youth leaders who will then organize a voter information campaign in four selected villages and towns. The project will also include publishing the flyer "Make Your Choice", organizing 2 voter education discos and conducting a door-to-door campaign. These activities are expected to stimulate citizen engagement in the election process and increase voter turnout in the project region. This initiative is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

**Congaz Center of Civic Initiatives** \$3,239.00  
Moldova (Gagauz ATO) 11/01/08 - 4/10/09  
To increase youth participation in the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will provide training in communication and voter education techniques to youth leaders in the village of Congaz. The project will establish a network of educated and active young volunteers who will foster a participatory culture among local youth, as well as increase young-voter turnout in the region. The project is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

**Union of Young Roma from Moldova "Tarna Rom"** \$6,995.00  
Moldova 10/01/08 - 3/31/09  
To encourage Moldova's Roma population to vote in the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will seek to improve the leadership capacities of Roma activists, educate Roma women on political processes and establish dialogue between Roma and political parties. These objectives will be accomplished through a targeted information campaign, training activities and election observation efforts. The project will devote special attention to addressing cultural obstacles Roma women face in establishing a voice in patriarchal Roma communities. As a result of this initiative, the grantee will develop a network of Roma leaders serving as point people in their respective communities, leading to the increased participation of Roma in Moldovan political life. This project is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

**League for the Defense of Human Rights in Republic of Moldova, LADOM**  
Moldova \$85,238.00  
11/25/08 - 7/25/09  
To promote free and fair elections through civil society monitoring of the 2009

parliamentary elections. The grantee will comprehensively observe election campaigns, the election process itself and the post-election period. The project will reduce the likelihood of administrative violations, helping to ensure that the election results are a true reflection of voter intent. It will also encourage civic activism and increase the election observation capacities of more than 2,000 long- and short-term observers. The project will benefit from technical assistance provided by National Democratic Institute (NDI). The project is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi), the British Embassy in Chisinau/ the UK Government Strategic Programme Fund, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the German Embassy to Moldova.

**Partnership for Development Center**

\$14,999.00

Moldova

12/22/08 - 7/22/09

To promote gender equality within 2009 national electoral process in Moldova. In partnership with other NGOs the grantee will develop and promote a gender equality code of conduct for political parties and media during the 2009 parliamentary elections and provide consultations aimed to facilitate its implementation. The grantee will monitor the parliamentary elections from a gender perspective, helping to articulate further challenging and prospects for mainstreaming gender in electoral processes. The project is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (Sida/Asdi), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Soros-Moldova Foundation, and the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

**National Youth Council of Moldova**

\$20,162.00

Moldova

11/25/08 - 4/25/09

To foster Moldovan citizens' understanding of and participation in the 2009 parliamentary elections. In partnership with other NGOs, the grantee will conduct a nationwide get-out-the-vote campaign, including trainings and workshops, a door-to-door information campaign, and the distribution of promotional materials. The project will work with youth, women, minority ethnic groups and the unemployed. The initiative is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi), the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**AO Pro Lex**

\$2,980.00

Moldova

3/09/09 - 5/09/09

Eurasia Foundation's Representative Office in Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to encourage youth from Leova to participate in the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will train first-time voters, conduct one voter education disco and disseminate voter education materials. An opinion poll with young people will be conducted after the elections to measure the effect of the project. The project is financially supported by Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Committee for Freedom of Press**

\$27,985.00

Moldova

12/22/08 - 5/22/09

To increase citizens' access to information regarding the upcoming parliamentary elections through special radio programs dedicated to elections and electoral debates. The grantee will prepare and broadcast on the BBC radio frequency 16 civic education programs, 24 electoral debates, rebroadcasting all these radio programs on 10 regional

radio stations. The project will reach out the people from Moldova and the breakaway transnistrian region, supplying them with balanced information about the 2009 electoral process and the electoral candidates. The project is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**National Assistance and Information Center for NGOs "CONTACT"**

\$22,031.00

Moldova

11/25/08 - 6/25/09

To foster Moldovan citizens' understanding of and participation in the 2009 parliamentary elections. In partnership with other NGOs, the grantee will conduct a nation-wide civic education campaign, supporting local NGOs technically and financially in organizing voter information programs at the grass-roots level. The project will foster the involvement of local NGOs in door-to-door campaigns in at least 160 villages in 16 Moldovan districts. The project targets local NGOs, first-time voters and civically passive citizens. The initiative is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi), the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Independent Daily "TIMPUL de Dimineata"**

\$14,998.00

Moldova

10/27/08 - 3/20/09

To enhance public awareness of European integration issues, EU institutions, policies and standards and Moldovan-EU relations, as well as to present different perspectives on these issues to the public. The grantee will produce a monthly newspaper insert called European Integration Step by Step containing reports, analysis and interviews on European affairs and the progress of the EU-Moldova Action Plan. The grantee will also promote dialogue between government, media and NGOs through public and expert debates. This project is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

**Association of Parents and Teachers from Drepcauti village**

\$2,880.00

Moldova (Edinet District)

12/10/08 - 1/31/09

To assist the school in the village of Drepcauti in repairing damages caused by the floods in summer 2008. The grantee will equip the school cafeteria with new tables and chairs. This project is supported by Philip Morris Management Services B.V. Representative Office in Moldova.

**Vadul Nistrului AO**

\$2,960.00

Moldova (Chisinau District)

12/10/08 - 1/31/09

To assist the Gura Bicului community in repairing damages caused by the floods in summer 2008. The grantee will repair a portion of a water pipe that is connected to the local school, kindergarten and adjacent households. This initiative will ensure villagers have running water, creating better living and hygienic conditions. This project is supported by Philip Morris Management Services B.V. Representative Office in Moldova.

**Curier-Prosper AO**

\$3,000.00

Moldova (Edinet District)

12/10/08 - 1/31/09

To support the children's art school in the village of Lipcani in repairing damages caused by the floods in summer 2008. The grantee will repair and furnish the premises of the painting school in Lipcani, creating a modern, well-equipped environment for students.

This project is supported by Philip Morris Management Services B.V. Representative Office in Moldova.

**Association of Parents and Teachers from Trifauti village** \$3,000.00

Moldova (Soroca District) 12/10/08 - 2/15/09

To support a school in the village of Trifauti in repairing damages incurred during the floods of summer 2008. The grantee, in cooperation with the school administration, will replace old windows and partially renovate the premises, creating a safe, healthy and warm environment for students and employees. This project is supported by Philip Morris Management Services B.V. Representative Office in Moldova.

**Crio-Inform NGO** \$3,000.00

Moldova (Edinet District) 12/10/08 - 5/15/09

To assist the village of Criva in repairing damages incurred during the floods of summer 2008. The grantee will repair a 3-km stretch of road of strategic importance to villagers, restoring easy access to neighboring forests and private agricultural land plots. This project is supported by Philip Morris Management Services B.V. Representative Office in Moldova.

**Center for Analysis and Prevention of Corruption** \$25,995.00

Moldova (Chisinau City) 12/22/08 - 7/05/09

To provide free legal assistance to individuals, NGOs, and journalists on election-related issues. The grantee will open a legal hotline and have lawyers present at the appellate courts to assist all interested non-partisan groups during the electoral campaign and election day. The project will ensure that breach of law, especially of the election code, are reported and settled through the appropriate legal means. The project is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Association of Independent Press** \$11,410.00

Moldova 12/22/08 - 5/05/09

To monitor print media coverage of the 2009 Moldovan parliamentary elections. The grantee and its partners will comprehensively monitor 16 national and local publications. The results will be published in bi-weekly and final reports and presented to domestic and international stakeholders. The project will independently analyze print media coverage of the 2009 parliamentary elections and advocate balanced reporting. The project is co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**PROMO-LEX ONG** \$14,941.00

Moldova 3/06/09 - 6/05/09

Eurasia Foundation's Representative Office in Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to promote free and fair elections in Moldova by monitoring the 2009 parliamentary elections in the breakaway transnistrian region. The grantee will monitor the behavior of self-proclaimed authorities, electoral contestants, and media. The results will be published in periodic reports and presented to domestic and international stakeholders. The project is co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Russia**

**Mikhaylin Vadim Yurievich** \$1,641.00  
Russia 10/06/08 - 3/31/09  
1 month scholarship at the St. John's College, Oxford (December 1-22, 2008)

**Shaydorova Natalia** \$1,115.15  
Russia 10/28/08 - 5/30/09  
1 month scholarship at St. John's College (January 5-31, 2009)

**Makaryuk Alexander** \$2,417.15  
Russia 10/15/08 - 12/31/08  
Children's travel to Sochi (20-25 October, 2008)

**Shigapova Olga** \$2,340.04  
Russia 10/15/08 - 12/31/08  
Children's travel to Sochi (20-25 October, 2008)

**Kopytina Natalia** \$2,340.04  
Russia 10/15/08 - 12/31/08  
Children's travel to Sochi (20-25 October, 2008)

**Klimova Tatiana** \$2,340.04  
Russia 10/15/08 - 10/15/08  
Children's travel to Sochi (20-25 October, 2008)

**Ivannikova Marina** \$2,340.04  
Russia 10/15/08 - 12/31/08  
Children's travel to Sochi (20-25 October, 2008)

**Zavyalova Irina** \$2,340.04  
Russia 10/15/08 - 12/31/08  
Children's travel to Sochi (20-25 October, 2008)

**Katyukova Elena** \$2,340.04  
Russia 10/15/08 - 12/31/08  
Children's travel to Sochi (20-25 October, 2008)



## Ukraine

**Council of Leninskaya veterans' organization of Poltava city** \$12,632.69

Ukraine (Poltava Oblast) 11/01/08 - 4/14/09

To increase senior citizens' quality of life and access to municipal services. The grantee will establish a senior center at the Lenynskiy district office of social services in the city of Poltava, organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions, and offer counseling on rehabilitation and social issues to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program, this project is co-funded by Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor with support from the Lenynskiy District Department of Labor and Social Protection.

**Pustomyty rayon association of people with disabilities** \$13,945.73

Ukraine (Lvov Oblast) 10/15/08 - 3/31/09

To provide job-skill training for the disabled through the creation of an employment information and consultation center. The grantee will equip and launch the center, as well as produce informational materials about its activities. The center will host training sessions on entrepreneurship, sewing, hairdressing, computer and other vocational skills. To facilitate employment, the grantee will create a database of vacancies and job seekers. The project, which is co-funded by Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor, will improve the quality of life for disabled people and provide a model for other cities.

**Red Cross of Ukraine, Zaporizhia oblast organization** \$11,038.83

Ukraine (Zaporozhye Oblast) 3/17/09 - 9/17/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens. The grantee will establish a senior center at the Khortytsky District Office of Social Services in the city of Zaporizhia to organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions and offer rehabilitation and legal counsel to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Zaporizhia, this project is co-funded by Slavutich, Carlsberg Group with support from Municipal City Services of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia.

**Zaporizhia city organization of veterans of Ukraine** \$11,038.96

Ukraine (Zaporozhye Oblast) 3/17/09 - 9/17/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens. The grantee will establish a senior center at Municipal City Services of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia to organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions and offer rehabilitation and legal counsel to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Zaporizhia, this project is co-funded by Slavutich, Carlsberg Group with support from Municipal City Services of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia.

**Charity AIDS - service organization "Shans"** \$29,220.91

Ukraine (Dnepropetrovsk Oblast) 2/01/09 - 9/30/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to promote broad access to employment for vulnerable youth and foster public-private partnerships to create job opportunities in the city of Kryvyi Rih. The grantee will conduct three trainings for social workers and one training for state employment center employees to help improve services for orphans. In addition, 60 orphans will be trained within a series of seven seminars on leadership, life and employment skills. The grantee will publish and

disseminate information for vulnerable youth including their rights and privileges under Ukrainian law, advice on seeking employment and resources and services at their disposal. The grantee will also create a youth coordination committee to serve as a motivational body to stimulate cooperation between NGOs working with vulnerable youth, local government agencies and local employers. The project, co-funded by ArcelorMittal Kryvyi Rih, will promote effective adaptation of social orphans in society by developing partnerships between local civic organizations, social services and employers.

**Pravo Vyboru Kharkiv Center for Young Disabled Rehabilitation**

\$15,583.77

Ukraine (Kharkov Oblast)

2/02/09 - 7/31/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve physical and psychological rehabilitation for children with disabilities in the Kharkiv district. The grantee will provide the Tolerance School integration center with necessary equipment and training for the staff. The center will provide various rehabilitation services for children with disabilities and organize joint events and activities for children and youth. Through media publications, the grantee will promote an attitude of acceptance towards people with disabilities. The project, which is co-funded by Philip Morris Ukraine, will improve the quality of life for children and youth with special needs in the Kharkiv district.

**Ternopil Association of Consumers**

\$10,296.49

Ukraine (Ternopol Oblast)

3/02/09 - 8/31/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to promote citizen and independent expert participation in the process of administrative-territorial reform development and implementation. The grantee will form a regional stakeholder group in Ternopil oblast, inventory community resources in four rayons of the oblast, and design an efficient research-based administrative-territorial structure for these rayons. The project results will be discussed with the public during round tables held in the rayons and oblast center and an information campaign will be launched for local media. An analytical brochure with experts' findings and recommendations will be published and disseminated to journalists, experts, and local and national governments. The project is implemented in partnership with the DESPRO project, the Civil Society Institute and funded by the Black Sea Trust.

**Trostianechchyna Union of Entrepreneurs**

\$10,337.92

Ukraine (Sumy Oblast)

3/02/09 - 8/31/09

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project to promote citizen and independent expert participation in the process of administrative-territorial reform development and implementation. The grantee will form a regional stakeholder group in Sumy oblast, inventory community resources in four rayons of the oblast, and design an efficient research-based administrative-territorial structure for these rayons. The project results will be discussed with the public during round tables held in the rayons and oblast center and an information campaign will be launched for local media. An analytical brochure with experts' findings and recommendations will be published and disseminated to journalists, experts, and local and national governments. The project is implemented in partnership with the DESPRO project, the Civil Society Institute and funded by the Black Sea Trust.