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# INTRODUCTION





### Overview

In fiscal year 2010, Eurasia Foundation (EF) launched the East Europe Foundation (EEF) of Moldova, bringing the initial work of establishing a network of locally-chartered institutions covering the entire Eurasia region to a successful completion. Today, half of the Network's six partners are led by local nationals. Six years after we began our localization project, all partners are operating on a solid institutional footing and delivering programs crucial to the development of their respective countries. Last year, Network partners raised and leveraged an aggregate \$26.4 million in support of our programs.

Eurasia Foundation's overarching program focus over the past several years has been the design and launch of our local partner foundations. But today, now that the Network structure is largely complete, EF-DC manages about a dozen programs funded by various donors, ranging from independent media in Russia to youth engagement in Moldova to access to justice in Central Asia. These programs are all implemented in close collaboration with our Network partners and would not be possible without their local presence and knowledge. In addition, we also operate programs – such as our Iran and China initiatives, and the Bill Maynes Fellowship – that do not draw intensely on our Network partners, but strengthen our collective technical expertise and enhance the Network's overall profile.

EF-DC has taken the lead with Network partners in designing signature programs in the region – for instance, the access to justice program in Central Asia funded under the Wider Europe Initiative of the Finnish government. Our colleagues in partner foundations are collaborating more actively with EF-DC and each other on joint programs, communications, and fundraising than ever before. The Network received over \$12 million in non-USG commitments in FY10. This statistic reflects the fact that we have moved from discussing potential collaboration with Network partners on joint activities to developing actual proposals to win the funding necessary to complete such projects. We have also increased our efforts to secure competed funding from USAID missions. By putting EF and a Network partner at the core of the teams we have proposed for these programs, we are testing a basic premise of the Network – that combining local and international talent and resources in a united front represents a powerful and efficient approach to engagement in the region. This approach is consistent with the EF sustainability plan developed in June 2010, in cooperation with USAID and the State Department.

### Program Highlights

#### Youth Leadership Development

Youth Bank is an innovative grantmaking **initiative run by young people for young people**. Local Youth Banks provide small grants to fund young people's good ideas to benefit their own communities. The EF Network is currently administering Youth Bank programs in seven countries:

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Moldova. Through almost 50 Youth Banks throughout the region, over 3500 youth have designed or participated in projects that improve their communities.

### Local Economic Development

The Eurasia Foundation Network promotes small business development by crafting trade regulations and assisting workers, especially migrant laborers. Partner foundations fund **social entrepreneurs finding innovative solutions** to fight poverty. In partnership with the Siberian Coal Energy Company (SUEK), New Eurasia Foundation (FNE) is working to diversify the labor market and ensure employment of the local population in regions throughout Russia. For example, in the city of Borodino, FNE has established the Small Business Support Fund, which finances the startups of small businesses with funds from the municipal budget.

### Strengthening Public Policy and Administration

Accountability and transparency in government remain goals in many countries, and EF Network partners help **local governments respond to their citizens**. Partner foundations build institutions, which gather and analyze reliable data to guide policy decisions. Since 2006, EEF has been working to stimulate innovative and participatory solutions to resolve Ukraine's energy crisis. This project aims to improve energy efficiency at the local level; increase the use of alternative and energy-saving technologies; improve the provision of local government services to citizens; and increase community participation in the process of local governance.

### Independent Media

In many regions, journalists continue to face censorship and dangerous working conditions, and the EF Network supports their critical work. The Eurasia Foundation Network provides **training and funding to independent media outlets**, which improves editorial practices and internet presence. Since 1993, EF has invested over \$17 million to develop print and electronic media in six countries. In 2010, with a grant from the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) at the US Department of State, EF continued to work with Central Asian News Service Development (CANSND), a non-profit organization set up by our partner AKIpress, to maintain the journalists' network, contribute to financial sustainability and market the website across the region. At the end of 2010, EF also launched the Professional Youth Journalism program, also with funding from DRL. This program expands an innovative model of training youth in journalism standards of excellence and new media.

### Cross-Border Programs

Major challenges still exist in many areas, as the 2010 violence in Kyrgyzstan highlighted. The EF Network supports **programs that address these ethnic conflicts**. Over the past four years, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) has invested over \$1.3 million (which includes \$1.1 million in USAID funding and \$210,000 in funding from the Government of Norway) to support cross-border programs between Armenia and Turkey.

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

# **DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**





## Development Update

This report summarizes financial commitments made to the EF Network foundations for FY10. Together the Network raised and leveraged more than **\$26 million** this fiscal year. More than **\$11.7 million** was raised through competitive proposals for US government funding. Of the committed funds, 91% will flow through EF Network accounts and 9% are leveraged funds.<sup>1</sup>

### EF Network Funds Raised and Leveraged in FY10

Foundation	Non-Core USG	Non-USG	Leveraged	Total
<b>Eurasia Partnership Foundation</b>	\$4,187,360	\$1,741,941	\$10,504	\$5,939,805
<b>Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia</b>	\$0	\$2,120,808	\$0	\$2,120,808
<b>East Europe Foundation Ukraine</b>	\$842,000	\$655,510	\$504,500	\$2,002,010
<b>East Europe Foundation Moldova</b>	\$96,883	\$2,282,797	\$283,798	\$2,663,478
<b>New Eurasia Foundation</b>	\$0	\$2,486,953	\$511,215	\$2,998,168
<b>Eurasia Foundation DC</b>	\$6,658,227	\$2,869,204	\$1,164,844	\$10,692,275
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,784,470</b>	<b>\$12,157,213</b>	<b>\$2,474,861</b>	<b>\$26,416,544</b>

These figures do not include \$5 million in Core III funds received by EF in FY10. The table above includes \$1.85 million for Belarus programs; Belarus funds flowed through EF's core grant from USAID, but are performance funds, not core funds.

### Highlights by Region

#### **Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF)**

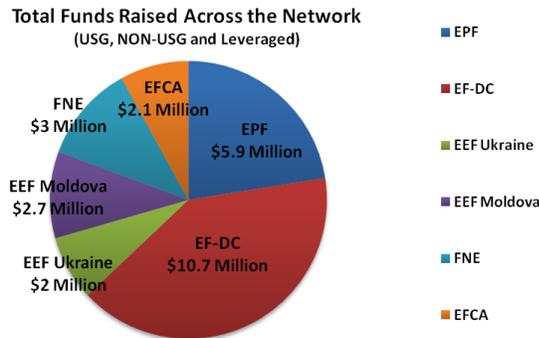
EPF was awarded nearly \$2.4 million from USAID for its support of the Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement program. The program fosters mutual understanding among Armenian and Turkish peer groups in the non-government, media, and business sectors.

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<sup>1</sup> Funding is considered leveraged when a donor contributes to one of our grantees or partners and the contribution is directly contingent upon EFN funding or was made possible by direct EF involvement. Leveraged funds are counted in totals only when documentation demonstrates that these conditions have been met.

### Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA)

EFCA received more than \$330,000 from the European Union to support youth rights and political engagement in southern Kyrgyzstan. This brings EFCA’s total funds raised from the European Union to more than \$830,000 this fiscal year, including nearly \$500,000 that was directed to programs in Kazakhstan.



### East Europe Foundation of Moldova (EEF Moldova)

EEF Moldova received more than \$2.2 million in core funds from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to sustain its programs and operations over the next three years.

### East Europe Foundation of Ukraine (EEF Ukraine)

EEF Ukraine was awarded \$500,000 in USAID Global Development Alliance funds to implement the *Partnership for Cleaner Energy in Ukraine* program. The program will build the capacities of local government and business to design, evaluate and implement community-driven energy efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction projects.

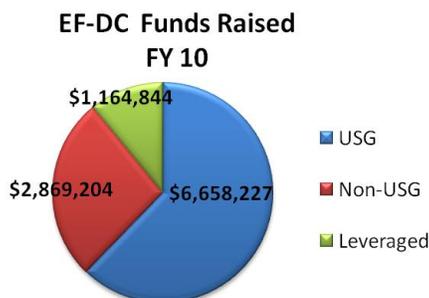
### New Eurasia Foundation (FNE)

FNE raised more than \$1 million in new funds from the Siberian Coal and Energy Company to support its social development programs.

### Eurasia Foundation (EF)

EF raised more than \$6.6 million in non-core USG funds for programs in Belarus, Central Asia, China, Iran and Moldova. The largest non-USG award came from the Carnegie Corporation of New York for \$2 million to continue the Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC) program.

The **Kyiv School of Economics** raised more than \$1.1 million for university programs and for student scholarships. Funds raised by the school are considered EF leveraged funds.



The **Bill Maynes Fund** has a balance of \$70,000 and more than \$14,000 was raised this fiscal year. Nearly \$160,000 has been raised since the inception of the fund.

EF held an **Annual Dinner** on January 12, 2010, and raised more than \$170,000 in corporate sponsorships and individual ticket sales. More than 240 guests attended the event. General Brent Scowcroft was the guest speaker for the evening.

## **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**





## EURASIA FOUNDATION Program Activities

### Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

#### Belarus

EF's Belarus programs are administered through its entity in Minsk, the New Eurasia Establishment (NEE), as well as through its regional office in Kyiv.

**Development of Legal Advocacy in Belarus through the Student Legal Clinics Project for Empowering Civil Society Program** resulted in the successful operation of four clinics, which now offer quality legal aid to the most vulnerable groups. More than 2000 people became aware of the services provided, more than 450 people received legal aid, 690 people received consultations free-of-charge, and 310 students of the 4 university clinics enhanced their skills through practical application. The partners under this initiative include the State Universities of Brest, Grodno, Gomel, Vitebsk and Polotsk.

**Institutional Support and Distance-Learning Development at EHU-International.** During the reporting period, EHU introduced a new Development Department, which has significantly increased EHU's fundraising capacity, including establishing links with new potential donors. The department has nine staff positions, three of which are supported by EF with USAID funds. Thanks to the program, the University has access to modern educational models and techniques mastered by the faculties, which brings the University closer to international standards in education.



Belarus: Folk Singers at Perebrodskaya Zorka

**Developing Capacity in Management.** An English Language Center has been created at the School of Business and Management of Technologies (SBMT) to deliver courses in English as a Foreign Language. These courses focus on English for Academic Purposes for Belarusian students applying to the SBMT MBA program. During the academic year, 1 brochure (3,000 copies) was disseminated, and 2 promotional campaigns were held. As a result, more than 500 enquiries from prospective students were received. All 113 students have paid their tuition fees in full, so SBMT received \$25,435.05 in revenue. EF has also supported the creation of the Center for Distance Learning by the SBMT.

## East Europe Foundation- Moldova

**Free and Fair Elections – Coalition 2009.** EF Moldova’s active involvement in promoting free and fair elections in Moldova led to the creation of a Special Working Group on the Amendment of the Electoral Code of the Republic of Moldova. Most of the Working Group’s recommendations were taken into account and can be found in the text of the approved amendments.



Moldova: Cahul Youth Bank members clean a local park

**Local Economic Partnerships (LEP)** The LEP project was launched and information was widely disseminated. Public presentations were held in 15 districts, with the participation of 441 persons (229 men and 212 women), representatives of the local public administration, NGOs, business, and public institutions. The call for proposals was launched and 88 proposals were received. The panel of experts selected six projects for funding, which are currently under review.

**East Europe Foundation- Moldova (EEF-Moldova).** The East Europe Foundation was officially launched in Moldova in April 2010 and all EF staff, programs and assets were officially transferred to the new funder in June 2010.

## East Europe Foundation- Ukraine

In the cities of Uzhgorod and Zakarpatsk, the **Equal Access for People with Disabilities** project has been implemented to provide access to information for people with visual impairments. To ensure road safety for people with visual impairments in Zakarpatsk Oblast, technology for traffic lights, street crossings and other infrastructure has been installed. Having surveyed 150 people with visual impairments and identified the list of locations where such equipment is needed the most, voicing equipment at 7 road-crossings was installed in Uzhgorod. Additionally, 20 sound alert devices were installed at various locations including 2 hospitals, the Uzhgorod City Council, main train and bus stations of Uzhgorod and Mukachevo, as well as the train station in Chop.



Ukraine: The Western Ukrainian Resource Center collects solid-waste

**Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use.** Since 2006, EEF has provided 18 grants to NGOs to support projects as part of its Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use Project in 10 oblasts of Ukraine including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. The project goal is to stimulate innovative and participatory solutions to resolving Ukraine’s energy crisis, one of the most vital issues for Ukraine’s national and local governments.

In the context of this project, outcomes were defined as improvement of energy efficiency at the local level, improved provision of local government

services to citizens, and increased community participation in the process of local governance. Implementation of all grants resulted either in budget savings or the provision of new services for citizens. Budget savings enabled local governments to finance additional services for their communities (e.g. reconstruction of heating, communications, and road surfacing; improvement of the water supply; repair of social institutions, such as schools, hospitals, kindergartens, etc.). The sustainability of EEF energy efficiency activities is confirmed by the fact that all project partners continue to be active players in the area of the energy efficiency even after the termination of EEF funding.

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

### **Kazakhstan**

**Atyrau and Zhylyoi Community Engagement Program.** EFCA has successfully completed the third quarter phase of the community engagement project in Atyrau. As a result of EFCA efforts, TCO, the project's donor, has received recognition from the authorities of Atyrau region for its social contribution to the social domain. During an NGO exhibition in Atyrau, five NGOs from the project presented the results of their work in the region. One of the NGOs was awarded first place for its social contribution to the Zhylyoi District in Atyrau.



Kazakhstan: Leadership training in a secondary school

**Girls' Life Skills.** Nearly 500 girls (aged 15-18) participated in leadership, computer literacy and financial literacy courses. EFCA's project evaluations and site visits showed that participants had increased self-esteem; were more confident in presenting themselves to an audience; and took an active interest in their own futures as a result of the project. In addition, the implementation of the pilot project revealed an important need for professional development of school psychologists, 95% of whom are women. EFCA is currently working with ExxonMobil on an expansion of this project in Atyrau and the surrounding areas.

**Foster Parenting Initiative, Phase VI.** Thirty children deprived of parental care returned or connected with their biological families, and 46 of 98 parents who expressed an interest in sending their children to institutions decided to keep their children in their families after receiving counseling. Three new methodologies for working with at-risk families were adopted: Case management; a Network approach; and working with community leaders.

**Master of Science Degree in Environmental Management and Engineering (MSEME).** The program seeks to prepare highly qualified environmental specialists in Kazakhstan. EFCA selected two partner institutions, the University of New Mexico and Eurasian National University to develop and implement the degree program. Four first-year students received stipends from the World Federation of Scientists to implement applied research. The program is co-funded by AES and USAID/GDA funds.

**Youth Bank Active.** During the reporting period, Youth Bank (YB) members in four cities of Kazakhstan participated in activities organized by governmental bodies and NGOs. Training was conducted for 13 YB members, 18 youth initiative groups, and 25 YB partners, including NGOs and governmental bodies. YB members created a number of internet-based groups to promote Youth Banks, and one committee member created a YB website. Governmental bodies demonstrated an interest in the project by inviting YB members to NGO forums and youth meetings. An EFCA team conducted an internal evaluation of the Youth Bank project to identify strengths and weaknesses. Kcell, the project donor, expressed an interest in expanding the project to four more cities in Kazakhstan in 2011, after Kcell's headquarters acknowledged the project in its annual report.

## **Kyrgyzstan**

**Promoting the Exercise of Fundamental Democratic Rights in Kyrgyzstan Program.** More than 2000 officials, as well as residents, local council members and village activists from 20 target communities have participated in training. Results include, road repair in the Kun Chygysh District; replacement of heating systems in the Kun Chygysh and Ak-Terek Districts; the repair of roofs in Tortkul District; and the purchase of a water pump for Ulahol School. More than 350 budget manuals for Okmotu staff and local council members were distributed in Russian and Kyrgyz; and 10,000 booklets on defending democratic rights were circulated to citizens.

**Open Budget Hearings.** In nine target regions, citizens received training on engaging civil society in the process of budgeting. 620 participants took part in budget hearings and their suggestions to make corrections to budgets were taken into consideration. As a result of these hearings, a Baizak Okmotu Kindergarten will have two new computers and new furniture; the Kyzyljyldyz Region will have a first-aid building and obstetrician station; and the local council will have additional financial resources for facility renovation.

**Improving the Lives of People with Disabilities (PWDs).** During the reporting period, ten NGOs working with disabled people received consultations on organizational development, office management, staff evaluation, working with staff and volunteers, as well as legal consultation on a variety of issues connected to PWDs. A joint training for NGOs and PWDs was held on the protection of rights and regulations. A fundraising event, which included the sale of crafts made by PWDs, was very successful, as was a sporting event for PWDs in Karakol.



**Promoting Improved Relationships between Religious Institutions and Civil Society Program.** A roundtable discussion about draft laws impacting religious educational organizations was organized in cooperation with the State Agency for Religious Affairs and the ACCELS 'Community Connections' Program. The recommendations developed were presented to the State Commission for Religious Affairs. A working group under the Ministry of Education was set up to develop a new course on religious education for secular schools.

Kyrgyzstan: Youth Bank training

**Increasing the Capacity of Local Authorities and Non-State Actors to Mitigate Conflict Program.** The local NGO ‘Youth of Osh’ trained and consulted with five Youth Banks on conducting research and identifying youth projects in their local communities. Three training sessions were conducted for Osh, Batken and Jalalabat Youth Bank members by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland. Staff designed a facilitation process to resolve conflict situations involving all stakeholders. As a result, 14 small projects were initiated and 125 young people are involved in community work.

**Preventing conflict on water issues in cross-border communities.** 122 participants from 6 communities participated in conflict prevention, social mobilization and water resources management training. 24 grants, totaling \$6000, were given out to fund small irrigation infrastructure rehabilitation projects designed by water usage associations (WUAs), and prioritized by farmers and local authorities. Roundtables to present project results and plan future WUA development were held in Osh and Isfana.

## **Tajikistan**

**Poverty Reduction Small Grants Project.** Small grants were awarded to seven NGOs working with vulnerable groups. 185 individuals were trained in skills useful for generating income, which included beekeeping, sewing, confectionary, tourism development, gold-embroidering, baking, shoe-repair, household appliance repair, and photography services. Eighty vulnerable individuals were employed and 15 new businesses, including bakeries, shoe repair shops and photography shops were launched.

**Civil Society Poverty Reduction in Tajikistan.** 37 NGOs from Khatlon Province and the Regions of Republican Subordination participated in a two-day workshop in Kurgan-Tepe, Kulyab, and Dushanbe, respectively, to build the capacity and skills in strategic planning, fundraising, marketing, board/administrative areas, taxes and law to provide assistance to vulnerable groups and more NGOs in the Region. A newsletter designed to encapsulate global income-generating activities (IGA), best practices and the experience of all income-generation projects was prepared and distributed amongst NGOs. 23 out of 37 participating NGOs submitted proposals addressing priority areas for poverty reduction in the Region.

**Improving Citizens’ Participation at the Local Self-Government Level in Tajikistan.** The objective of this program is to improve the exercise of fundamental democratic rights and electoral processes at a local self-government level in 15 communities in the Fayzabad, Nosiri Khisrav and Khuroson Districts of Tajikistan. EFCA and its partners work closely with local self-governments, local councils, civil society activists and other community members to increase their knowledge and skills on exercising fundamental democratic rights through newly established resource centers. Training and consultations are provided to community members to increase the number of citizens exercising their rights with regard to voting, standing and campaigning for council elections, accessing information, monitoring service delivery, budget development and monitoring budget implementation. Since the beginning of the program the number of citizen appeals to the Prosecutor’s office in pilot regions reporting the violation of rights increased on average by 18 percent.

## South Caucasus – Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF)

Promoting **Social Entrepreneurship** in Armenia and Georgia. An in-house assessment of the NGO and social enterprise situation in Armenia was conducted. Out of the identified 40 NGOs, 17 organizations submitted completed questionnaires. A 4-day practical training on social enterprise development and business plan design was conducted by Czech partners for 30 participants from Armenia and Georgia and a post-training cluster grant competition has been announced.



Georgia: Social Enterprise

**Strengthening Public Policy.** Wayne Visser, Founder and CEO of Corporate Sustainability & Responsibility (CSR) International UK, led training sessions for senior business managers in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia in: 1) communicating CSR Strategies; 2) maximizing the short-term benefits of CSR; and 3) marketing and branding CSR Strategies. The training sessions were attended by representatives of 20 local companies in Armenia and 50 national and international business representatives in Azerbaijan. The program continues to be a success in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

**NGO Laws in Armenia.** EPF, in cooperation with its partners Grant-Thornton Amyot and the European Center for Non-for-Profit Law, has succeeded in drafting an endowment law and related amendments to the current tax and investment laws. The Endowment Law draft has already been discussed with Government representatives and the non-profit sector. Advocacy meetings related to the development of the law and regular meetings with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) working group in Armenia are to be continued.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> CSR Study Tour to BP Azerbaijan** was organized for the Azerbaijan Corporate Social Investment (CSI) Network members. Additionally, a number of consultations were conducted by the CSI Program Manager in EPF Azerbaijan Ahad Kazimov. The number of CSI e-Bulletin subscribers increased to 700.



Armenia: Preparations for the Article 27 freedom of expression talk show

**Youth Engagement.** Youth Bank in Armenia has financed 42 projects and is actively involved in Regional projects. Youth Bank members in Armenia have been featured in the news on national and local TV stations and in articles in regional newspapers. In Azerbaijan, Youth Fund has started the implementation of the Youth Economic Development Project, which aims to create economic and entrepreneurial opportunities for young people in selected communities along the BTC Pipeline. In Georgia, Youth Bank members funded 50 youth initiatives such as the establishment of youth libraries in underserved regions and tree planting.

**Turkish-Armenian Rapprochement.** 14 town hall meetings were organized in 10 regions of Armenia and over 1,250 citizens expressed their opinions concerning the development in Armenia-Turkey relations. The grantee analyzed feedback and distributed it among key Armenian political figures engaged in the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement process. Another grantee, the Civilitas Foundation, created a bilingual web resource and translated and republished articles that appear in the Armenian and Turkish print media. 100 articles were translated from Turkish into Armenian and 50 articles from Armenian into Turkish.

**Local Economic Development—Labor Migration.** As part of the “Research to Identify the State of Armenian Migrants in Turkey Project,” researcher Ms. Aline Ozinian presented her study findings to stakeholders in Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey (co-funded by EF/USAID and the Norwegian Government) in February 2010.

**Azerbaijan Transparency in Municipal Service Program.** Four small grants have been awarded to four municipalities with the aim of strengthening their institutional capacity to provide quality services and standards of practice with the assistance of the Municipal Performance Measurement System. In parallel with these developments, EPF Azerbaijan experts helped 14 municipalities develop strategic plans for 2010-2014. In April 2010, the third phase of the program began and will continue through 2012.



Azerbaijan: Youth Bank meeting

**Georgia Engage and Monitor for Change Program.** EPF developed NGO Regional capacity to implement civic monitoring activities. A nationwide team of 24 certified civic monitoring and issue-based advocacy trainers was established to work with CSO representatives in their communities to

improve civic monitoring efforts. Recommendations for policy design and reform implementation have been submitted and accepted through a number of projects. In one case, the recommendations submitted by the Georgian Society for the Study of Hypertension have been included in the official guidelines for the management of cardiovascular diseases of the Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs of the Republic of Georgia.

**Toward European Integration.** The Georgian government sought EPF’s support in including Civil Society Organizations and the private sector in providing comments and recommendations for Georgia to meet EU and international standards vis-à-vis the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) negotiation criteria. EPF was approved to serve as a representative of Georgian civil society in the Eastern Partnership’s Civil Society Forum.

## Cross-Border Programs

**Unbiased Media Coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations.** Two documentaries addressing the tense relationship between two neighboring countries were produced by Armenian and Azeri

journalists working in pairs. They conducted a month-long monitoring of four newspapers and wrote the joint report in January 2010. The research, accomplished through in-depth interviews, showed that 95% expressed strong interest in engaging in bilateral programming to promote unbiased media coverage of bi-lateral relations. In addition, 75% of the participants stated that the involvement in the project would help them more objectively cover conflict settings despite the origin of the conflict. Beginning in May 2010, a new phase of the program started with the aim of contributing to accurate and unbiased reporting on the bilateral relationship between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, especially in online media and the blogosphere.

The **Getting Involved!** program works at the level of the individual, where changes start. Participants learn how to shape their immediate surroundings by combining good ideas with the right tools. What works in small projects can be expanded to larger scale. A set of seminars on Project Development, Project Management and Project Evaluation were conducted for 25 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. A total of 15 projects have been carried out. Getting Involved Program participants have created a network and initiated and partly concluded work on 10-15 cross-border and local projects ([www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=221820189191](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=221820189191)).

**The Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC)**, a partnership between the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Eurasia Partnership Foundation and local universities, the CRRC network offers scholars and practitioners stable opportunities for integrated research and training by providing resources, services and programs. CRRC launched Survey Documentation and Analysis (SDA), a web-based interface for statistical analysis. Even those who do not have advanced data analysis skills will be able to extract data in the form of tables without downloading any special software or a dataset. Also, as a part of its Fellowship program, CRRC has launched a 5-6 months long Junior Research Fellowship Program in Georgia, which will enable social science students to gain experience and work with policy experts. The Junior Research Fellowship Program 2010 selected four promising young fellows.

## **New Eurasia Foundation (FNE)**

### **Russian Federation**

In October 2009, FNE completed the **Homeowners Support Project (HSP)**, which was instrumental in developing and strengthening the capacity of Russian non-governmental organizations to advocate for housing rights and empower ordinary citizens by organizing them in homeowners associations. Successful implementation of the program continues through two regional unions of homeowners associations established in the Tver Region and the Republic of Khakassia. In both regions, unions facilitate joint monitoring of progress in housing and utility sector reforms, analyze the outcomes of each phase of the reform, and respond promptly to negative trends.

The **All-Russia Union of Homeowners Associations** established by the Foundation advances the interests of regional homeowner associations (22 Russian regions) and improves the professionalism of their leaders – based on the analyses of obstacles to achieving housing reform goals and the first successes in housing NGOs, a number of proposals and policy recommendations have been made to amend Russian housing legislation and to incorporate best practices in housing stock management.

The New Eurasia Foundation has been contributing to the development of the **Community Schools** movement in Russia since 2005. These efforts have helped to significantly increase the number of community schools (approximately 500 as of today) and expand the movement onto new regions. As part of the new phase of the Community Schools project - “Community Schools in Russia: A New Generation”, the Network of Russian community schools was joined by 14 Russian teachers training and retraining institutions, which makes the Community Schools Network activities more systematic and sustainable. The program is co-funded by the Mott Foundation.

**Local Community Center established in Sagan-Nur.** The students and teachers who work at the school press center learned the foundations of newspaper design and are now prepared to publish their newspaper in printed and electronic formats; they have also acquired skills and knowledge in social project management, local community needs assessment, analysis of their own capabilities,



Russia: Children’s jury

information collection tools, holding competitions for social projects, the provision of resource and information support to projects, PR and fundraising tools. The skills obtained allowed them to organize a competition for the best apartment building entrance. The school newspaper has also succeeded in becoming a local periodical “Peremena” and attracted more than 60 contributors.

As part of the “**Migration Barometer in the Russian Federation**” project, the New Eurasia Foundation has initiated a broad public discussion of labour migration issues through a newly created website - “Migration Barometer” ([www.baromig.ru](http://www.baromig.ru)). The website is used to publish expert materials, facilitate public forums and monitor all significant events in the labour migration area. The project was launched in November 2009, and, thus far, the Foundation has held three large-scale panel discussions dedicated to the economic and legal aspects of labour migration. In addition, a *Center for Comprehensive Support of Resettlers* was established in Krasnoyarsk to manage the process of relocation of Russian compatriots from abroad. Two new training courses tailored to the needs of students and educators working with migrant children and youth were integrated into the curricula of the Krasnoyarsk Teachers Training College and its Resource Center for Educators.

**Regional Development.** New Eurasia Foundation helped some of the most experienced NGOs in the Northern Caucasus region establish five *Centers for Social Cohesion*. These centers address a variety of social problems, including youth unemployment and women’s issues, protecting the rights of migrants and refugees, and relieving social tension in multiethnic communities with the help of social mediators and psychologists. The principal resource for the facilitation of the network is the <http://www.conflict.net/> web portal managed by New Eurasia Foundation. Members of the established network are engaged in defining needs of their communities and finding funds for solving problems.



# EVALUATION





### Highlights in Evaluating EF Network Programs

In FY10, the EF Network foundations completed 25 formal evaluations, including 4 needs assessments, 6 mid-term process evaluations, and 15 summative evaluations. A complete list of evaluations completed in the second half of FY10 and those planned for the first half of FY11 is included in this narrative. Two illustrative evaluations from the EF Network are highlighted below.

### Summative Evaluation of the Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use

In 2006, EF launched the Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use program in Ukraine. The program provided small grants to 12 NGOs in 8 regions of Ukraine and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea from 2006 to 2008. The goal of the program was to introduce innovative energy efficiency solutions in a participatory manner. Through the Municipal Partnerships program, EF and EEF deployed a variety of mechanisms and techniques for increasing energy efficiency, ranging from the installation of energy saving windows to modern building insulation to providing small solar stations for heating water.

From April-July 2010, EEF undertook an internal summative evaluation of the Municipal Partnerships program. The evaluation was conducted by EEF's evaluation officer in close cooperation with the Municipal Partnerships program officer and the implementing organizations. The report's key findings included:

- The grantees' energy efficiency projects cut their beneficiary organizations' energy costs substantially. The savings ranged from 30% to 96%, allowing local governments, schools and other organizations to re-program the savings.
- A defining characteristic of the program's successful projects was the implementing partners' ability to establish strong working relationships with local authorities and/or businesses. These stakeholders not only helped the implementers deliver the projects' planned results, but helped to sustain those results after EEF funding came to an end.
- As mentioned above, the program helped introduce and test a number of different energy saving technologies. All of the technologies, except for biogas machines, proved to be efficient and sustainable. The biogas machines, which use cow manure to produce methane gas, became inoperative when the beneficiary institutions couldn't afford to repair the unit or pay the operator's salary.

Based on the findings, the report proposed a set of recommendations for the design of future energy efficiency projects in Ukraine.

- The most sustainable results were achieved by implementing organizations with strong working relationships with local authorities and businesses. Future project implementers should be able to

demonstrate that they have both the necessary organizational and technical capacity and solid ties to local government, businesses and the media.

- If biogas technologies are to be considered for future pilot projects, the implementing organizations should conduct more thorough budget planning. In addition, additional technical training should be provided to the individuals who will be responsible for operating and maintaining the biogas units.
- To promote the use of the energy efficient technologies, a new culture of energy consumption is needed in Ukraine. Developing such a culture is time consuming and different approaches are needed for different consumers, e.g. the general population, industry and local government. If future projects focus on changing consumers' attitudes and behaviors, they should engage with mass media partners to deliver carefully targeted messages.
- Given the steady increase in energy tariffs and fuel costs, energy efficiency will continue to be one of the most critical issues for Ukraine for the foreseeable future. The report strongly recommends that EEF continues delivering programs in this area.

## **Access to Basic Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Kyrgyzstan**

In August 2010, EFCA authored a substantive needs assessment entitled *Access to Basic Services for Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Kyrgyzstan*. EFCA conducted the assessment to assist ICCO, the Dutch inter-church organization for development cooperation, define the scope and strategy for an extension of its Access to Basic Services program. The evaluation included in-depth interviews with 36 service providers, a focus group and in-depth interviews with 57 families and caregivers, and a desk review of existing studies.

The evaluation's main findings included:

- According to government figures, 0.4% of the Kyrgyz population has an intellectual disability. However, many of the interviewed families stated that they have not registered their children since the procedures are cumbersome and bureaucratic, and the government offers very little financial support. This suggests that the government's estimates may be artificially low.
- Kyrgyzstan's legislative basis protecting the rights of persons with disabilities and the provision of special benefits is relatively well-developed, but awareness and implementation of these laws is extremely weak. On the whole, the system fails to provide adequately for persons with special needs.
- The prevalent medical model of disability focuses on the "disease" or what is wrong with persons with disabilities rather than on their rights and support needs. As a result, persons with a disability find themselves arbitrarily prevented from accessing education, healthcare and social protection.
- Most existing programs for persons with intellectual disabilities and their families focus on children of school age, with little attention given to the needs of persons with disabilities later in life or for families at the time of diagnosis.
- While many rehabilitation centers in theory remain open to older individuals, in practice they lack the funding or the facilities to help people throughout their lives. The lack of care for older adults with intellectual disabilities was a problem frequently mentioned by caregivers, who looked ahead with great concern to the time when they would no longer be able or alive to look after their children.

- Medical care is a genuine concern, particularly in cases where an intellectual disability is accompanied by other conditions, or where some of the symptoms of a disability can be managed with medication (as in the case of some types of autism). Commonly cited complaints were: lack of qualified specialists, facilities being located too far away and prohibitive costs and/or failure to provide discounts and benefits guaranteed by the government.
- Kyrgyzstan has a severe shortage of people trained to work in special education. The special schools in Osh and Bishkek do include “labor” as a main element of their curriculum (teaching female students to sew or do handicrafts and male students to garden or do woodworking, as appropriate), and some provide students with lessons on basic life skills and housekeeping. However, the overall focus is still on academics rather than preparing students to live an independent or semi-independent life.

EFCA prioritized a number of interventions for people with intellectual disabilities and their families and caregivers. The recommendations were tied to four significant phases of life for a person with an intellectual disability: diagnosis, school age, adulthood and life after their parents are no longer able to care for them. Key recommendations include:

- The time of diagnosis is a critical time for people with intellectual disabilities and their families because this is the time at which families tend to fall apart. ICCO’s program should focus on increasing the awareness and sensitivity among medical staff, and strengthening their ability to communicate effectively and positively with parents and caregivers, so they can understand and accept their child’s diagnosis.
- ICCO’s program should also encourage partnerships between the medical community and social welfare community, to enable more holistic support to children and families, and improve awareness and uptake of the available social support options.
- The education component of ICCO’s program should encourage changing schools’ focus from academic achievement to an emphasis on learning life-skills, and increasing parental involvement in their children’s education.
- Lastly, ICCO’s program should raise societal awareness and understanding of intellectual disabilities, to promote tolerance and greater inclusion.

## Small Grant Evaluation Statistics for FY10

EF and its Network partners collect data on a variety of shared indicators for each grant-funded project. The EF Network foundations closed 172 grants in FY10. The data for the shared indicators for these closed grants are the following:

### *Changes occurred on the individual level*

Number of direct individual beneficiaries	19,083
Number of trainees	10,180

### *Changes occurred on the organizational level*

Number of organizational beneficiaries	2,681
Number of new partnerships formed by grantees	299
Resources leveraged (in-kind) from counterparts	\$306,055

### *Changes occurred on the societal level*

Media products disseminated	2,203
Grantee innovations replicated by others	109
New jobs created	0
New businesses formed	21

## **Evaluation Plans for FY11**

The EF Network foundations plan to undertake 17 evaluations during the first half of FY11. They include 5 needs assessments and baseline evaluations, 1 mid-term process evaluation and 11 impact or summative evaluations.

## **Completed and Upcoming Evaluations**

### **I. Evaluations Completed in FY10**

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

- Needs assessment of Micro Finance in Aksay, Kazakhstan, Oct. 2009
- Needs assessment of “Special Status” Russian Research Universities (National Research Nuclear University and National Research Technological University), Feb. 2010
- Baseline assessment Youth rights inclusion and political engagement in Southern Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyzstan, March 2010
- Baseline evaluation for Improving education and social protection for Children with Disabilities, Kyrgyzstan, August 2010

#### **Mid-term Evaluations**

- Process evaluation of the Artisans Resource Center in South Kazakhstan, Jan. 2010
- Internal process evaluation of the Management of International Cooperation in Belarus: Institutionalization of Western-style MBA program, Belarus, July 2010
- Process evaluation of Youth Bank Active program, Kazakhstan July 2010
- Process evaluation of Independent Anti-Corruption Council, Kazakhstan, Aug. 2010
- Process evaluation of Anti-Corruption program, Kazakhstan, Aug. 2010
- Process Evaluation for Reducing Poverty Caused by Institutionalization of Orphaned Children, Kazakhstan, Sept. 2010

#### **Summative Evaluations**

- Final evaluation of the Youth Fund program, Azerbaijan, Oct. 2009
- Summative evaluation of Youth Development in Shulbinsk, Kazakhstan, Oct. 2009
- Final Summative Evaluation of the Azerbaijan Youth Fund Program, November, 2009
- Impact evaluation of the Artisans Resource Center in Eastern Kazakhstan, Dec. 2009
- Final evaluation of Everyone Has a Right to Work program, Ukraine, Dec. 2009
- Final evaluation of the Developing Viable Print Media in Moldova program, Dec. 2009
- Summative evaluation of the Qinghai NPO Resource Center, China, Jan. 2010
- Summative evaluation of the Girls’ Life Skills Development program in Atyrau, Kazakhstan, March 2010

- Summative evaluation of the Community Universities program, Russia, April 2010
- Final evaluation of Improving Lives of People with Disabilities, Kyrgyzstan, July 2010
- Internal summative evaluation of Electronic Village: New Information Technologies for Local Governments in Chernivtsi Oblast, Ukraine, July 2010
- Summative evaluation of the Partnerships to Improve Employment Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities program, Ukraine, July 2010
- Internal summative evaluation of the Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use program, Ukraine, Aug. 2010
- Final evaluation of Zhylyoi Community Development program, Kazakhstan, Sept. 2010
- Summative evaluation of Know About Business program, Kazakhstan, Sept. 2010

## **II.Upcoming Evaluations, First Half of FY11**

### **Baseline and Needs Assessments**

- Baseline assessment for Youth Radicalization in Tajikistan program, Oct. 2010
- Internal baseline evaluation for Public Private Partnerships: Supporting Local Investments and National Competitiveness, Ukraine, Oct. 2010
- Needs assessment for Kazakhstan Open Budget Initiative project, Nov. 2010
- Needs assessment for Reducing Poverty Caused by Institutionalization of Orphaned Children, Kazakhstan, Jan. 2011
- Baseline evaluation for ARMedia (Media 3.0), Armenia, April 2011

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

- Mid-term evaluation for Improving Citizens' Participation with Local Self-Government, Tajikistan, March 2011

### **Summative Evaluations**

- Summative evaluation for Social Investment Program, Georgia, Oct. 2010
- Final evaluation for Capacity of Local Authorities and Non-State Actors to Mitigate Conflict, Kyrgyzstan, Nov. 2010
- Summative evaluation of Civil Society Poverty Reduction program, Tajikistan, Dec. 2010
- Summative evaluation for Towards European Integration, Georgia, Dec. 2010
- Summative evaluation for Youth Bank, Georgia, Dec. 2010
- Summative evaluation of Engage and Monitor for Change program, Georgia, Dec. 2010
- Final evaluation, Youth Economic Development Program, Azerbaijan, March 2011
- Summative evaluation of the Unbiased e-Media Coverage in Armenia and Azerbaijan, March 2011
- Summative Evaluation for Life-Skills Education Initiative for Young Girls in Atyrau, Kazakhstan, March 2011
- Internal summative evaluation for Community Centers for Elderly Citizens, Ukraine, March 2011
- Impact assessment of Kazakhstan Open Budget Initiative, May 2011



## **APPENDICES**



**APPENDIX A: EXPENDITURE CHART BY COUNTRY**  
October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010





## Appendix A

### Analysis of Expenditures by Country

Core Spending in USD

From October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010

Spending by Country	Russia	\$32,765
	Ukraine	\$1,589,730
	Moldova	\$267,107
	Belarus	\$1,013,563
	Uzbekistan	\$180,643
	Tajikistan	\$58,275
	Kazakhstan	\$216,065
	Kyrgyzstan	\$201,239
	Georgia	\$641,825
	Armenia	\$727,814
	Azerbaijan	\$266,718
Regional	\$2,224,193	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,419,937</b>	



**APPENDIX B: GRANTS CLOSED**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2009 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**





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## Appendix B

### Outcome Statements of Grants Closed

Alphabetical by Country

October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010

#### Armenia

##### **Artur Ghazaryan**

\$3,062.06

Armenia (Tavush Province)

10/15/09 - 06/30/10

The project "Lessons on Batik" helped the Dilijan Youth Bank members, in cooperation with a local arts school, to furnish and equip a small room for practicing batik (a traditional dyeing method). As a result of this project, the arts school now includes batik techniques on its official curriculum. The "Specifics of Sustainable Development in Education" project held two seminars on informal educational tools and methods for the 199 schoolchildren and 25 teachers from 5 communities of Noyemberyan sub-region. The "Classes on Handcrafting" project enabled 16 young females to participate in workshops on different types of handcrafts, including needlework, knitting and beadwork. The projects "Garbage Removal" and "Renovation of the House of Culture Garden" addressed environmental issues by cleaning and renovating parks, streets and local public places of garbage and installing trash bins in the communities of Voskevan and Gandzasar. As a result of these projects, the youth bank committee members developed an understanding of transparency and good governance, acquiring practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

##### **International Center for Human Development (ICHD) NGO**

\$10,256.61

Armenia (Yerevan)

12/14/09 - 03/31/10

The grantee proposed to enhance the efforts of bi-lateral projects urging the establishment of a common ground for cooperation between Armenia and Turkey by translating into Armenian and publishing 1,000 copies of *Unsilencing the Past* by David Philips. The book reveals the lessons learned from the 2001-2003 Turkish-Armenian Reconciliation Commission (TARC) process. By disseminating the Armenian language version of the book to more than 500 individuals and institutions in Armenia, the grantee exposed the Armenian public opinion leaders and general public to international intellectual thought regarding Armenian-Turkish relations.

##### **Lala Avetisyan**

\$3,111.96

Armenia (Syunik Province)

10/15/09 - 06/30/10

The "Eco-club" Sisian Youth Bank members organized a three-day excursion to the Sisian forest reserve for 28 pupils. The "Beehive" initiative group purchased six beehives and an apiary was established. The "Youth for the Protection of Schools and Nature" project purchased and provided 22 rabbits to the initiative group. Sixteen rabbits were awarded to the school's eco-club students, comprised of twelve young amateur ecologists. The project "Children's Playground" reconstructed a playground for 130 school-children on the premises of Sisian school N1 for children with special needs. The "Chairs" project installed four benches and several trash bins in the local "Karen

Demirchyan" park. As a result of these projects the youth bank committee members developed an understanding of transparency and good governance, acquiring practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Naira Arakelyan**

\$3,526.07

Armenia (Armavir Province)

10/15/09 - 06/30/10

The "Know Your Rights" project recruited 48 students at 6 schools to participate in seminars on human rights. The "Renovation of the Sports Ground" project brought together 8 schoolteachers and 15 students to assist in the reconstruction of the sports-ground next to the "Armavir 1st Secondary School". The "Assistance to Socially Vulnerable Children" project donated stationary and sports goods to 50 socially vulnerable children from St. Ghazar school. The "Exhibition-sales/Armavir State College" initiative groups purchased painting materials for 45 students at the Arts College. The students created works with great enthusiasm and participated in the exhibition. The "Renovation of the Aygevan Village Park" initiative group purchased trash bins to install in the park with the help of twenty students. The "Renovation of the classroom of Norapat Secondary School" project renovated a room in the school was refurbished. As a result of these projects, the youth bank committee members developed an understanding of transparency and good governance, acquiring practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Luiza Petrosyan**

\$3,345.02

Armenia (Shirak Province)

10/15/09 - 07/31/10

The project "Open Forum for the Shirak Youth" enabled the Gyumri Youth Bank members to organize regular meetings/discussions with the participation of well-known experts, NGO leaders, singers and civil society representatives to discuss problems Armenian youth face in regard to a lack of employment and educational opportunities. The "Problems in the Focus of the Camera" initiative group has organized and implemented four photo exhibition discussions. More than 200 participants had a chance to discuss community problems and ways of solving them. The "Los Originales" the initiative group organized four party-club style evenings for local youth and interested parties. The project "Let's Rebuild Our Village" initiative group rebuilt not only the fountain of Amasia, but also improved the park by planting new trees. The project "Books for the Orphanage" initiative group purchased 150 illustrated, coloring and puzzle books and donated them to 70 orphans from the Gyumri-based local orphanage. As a result of these projects, the youth bank committee members developed an understanding of transparency and good governance, acquiring practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Atom Mkhitarian**

\$3,077.58

Armenia (Yerevan)

11/18/09 - 06/30/10

The project, "Healthy children for a healthy society," enabled Yerevan Youth Bank members, in cooperation with "The Armenian PR Association," organized a one-day campaign working with 20 children of 2 different age groups. The "Green Light" project organized two-day workshops to assist youth in writing resumes. The "New Faces" project developed a bilingual public youth site that includes information on existing youth NGOs, clubs and centers. The website provides students with activities and goals as well as links for possible scholarship and exchange opportunities. The "Miracles of Fairy Tales" project staged Yezid fairy tales, which touch upon the issue of integration for ethnic minorities. The "Clean Yerevan, Clean Hrazdan River" project included 15 volunteers who participated in a one-day campaign to clean the bank of the Hrazdan River. The project "Yereqnuq" purchased colorful threads for children with special needs to make carpets. The carpets will be sold to support the sustainability of the project. As a result of these projects, the youth bank

committee members developed an understanding of transparency and good governance, acquiring practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Naira Muradyan**

\$3,133.69

Armenia (Ararat Province)

10/16/09 - 06/30/10

The project, "Computer Literacy," selected 30 schoolchildren from Yeraskh community to participate in a class on computer literacy. The "Let's Be Aware" project increased the number of local youth-led "Veratsnund" newspaper leaflets from 15 to 99. The "Film Festival" project organized a series of film viewings on human rights issues, national values, traditions, and conflicts in 11 selected communities of the Ararat region, including the participation of 242 young people. The "Workshops" project organized workshops on basic computer literacy, foreign languages, and needlework for 30 local young people aged 15-25. The "Treasures of our Homeland" project youth bank organized a tour from the village of Surenavan to Lori. The group included 32 young people from Surenavan in the Ararat region. As a result of these projects, the youth bank committee members developed an understanding of transparency and good governance, acquiring practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Political Sciences Academic-Research Foundation**

\$9,753

Armenia (Yerevan)

05/01/09 - 11/30/09

The grantee sought to contribute to the ongoing discourse on conflict resolution and regional security in the South Caucasus through scholarly research and expert discussion. The grantee, in partnership with the Lyon Centre for International Security and Defence Studies, brought together a group of experts to study security and conflict transformation prospects in the South Caucasus. The research findings were discussed at an international conference: "Reassessing Security in the South Caucasus: Regional Conflicts, Stability and Transformation" in Yerevan in May 2009, with the participation of experts from Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Iran, Great Britain, the Russian Federation, the US, France and Armenia, as well as ambassadors from a number of foreign missions to Armenia. A book featuring the research findings and conference materials in English and Russian will be published and disseminated among stakeholders in the region and beyond by the "Lyon Center for International Security and Defence Studies". The project increased awareness locally and internationally about conflict resolution prospects in the South Caucasus.

**The Civilitas Foundation**

\$13,627

Armenia (Yerevan)

09/01/09 - 12/31/09

The grantee proposed addressing the rapprochement and reciprocal cultural understanding between Turkey and Armenia via the establishment of a bilingual web resource that would translate and republish articles that appeared in the Armenian and Turkish print media. During the project, more than 100 articles were translated from Turkish into Armenian, and 50 articles from Armenian into Turkish. Over the nine months since the project launched, the number of unique visitors to the web page was more than 3,000, while the number of article downloads exceeded 1,800. A number of articles translated from Turkish into Armenian were republished by Armenian print and electronic newspapers. By increasing reciprocal media coverage in Armenia and Turkey, the project contributed to diminishing mutual misperceptions and stereotypes, and improving understanding among media communities in the two countries.

**Yerevan State Linguistic University after Brusov NCSO** \$14,407  
Armenia (Yerevan) 04/01/09 - 03/31/10  
The grantee, Yerevan State Linguistic University, sought to establish a model internship program that would effectively link students' career preferences with market demands. The grantee created and maintained a database of potential internship placements with major employers in Armenia, as well as a list of YSLU students interested in future internships. Potential employers had a chance to interact with future interns during a number of joint workshops and career days managed by the grantee. The project made it possible for more than 100 students to participate in an internship program with a local employer. In addition, the grantee managed to sign a long-term agreement on student internships with the biggest cell phone operator in Armenia: Viva Cell MTS.

**ADX Ltd.** \$18,007  
Armenia (Yerevan) 10/15/08 - 10/31/09  
In order to increase the quality and depth of media coverage of four major issues--relations with Turkey, the European agenda, the fight against corruption, and migration--the grantee established two expert groups that monitored the selected issues, fact-findings groups and a monthly discussion club with the participation of experts and journalists. The grantee published the articles and interviews in its newspaper and on its popular website. The grantee also launched thematic online forums to stimulate public interest and discussion of its publications.

**Golden Apricot Cinema Development NGO** \$17,157  
Armenia (Yerevan) 7/1/2009 - 8/31/2009  
Promoting intercultural dialogue and exchange through film, the grantee and a Turkish partner organized a film festival in Yerevan. They organized a documentary film workshop as part of the 2009 Golden Apricot International Film Festival in Yerevan. The workshop was led by four renowned international trainers, who taught a group of 10 young Armenian and Turkish filmmakers about the techniques and culture of independent film production. Participating filmmakers were also able to take four master classes from renowned filmmakers from the US, Japan and Georgia. As a result of the project, young filmmakers from Armenia and Turkey improved their skills in the production of independent film, as well as established mutual contacts and became better acquainted with the cinema and culture of their neighboring country.

**Green Tavush Development and Support Center NGO** \$8,600  
Armenia (Yerevan) 10/15/2008 - 7/15/2009  
The grantee carried out an environmental educational program in nine communities of the Tavush Region. The grantee established ten groups of young environmentalists and trained them on environmental protection as well as on cooperation, trust, decision making, project design and monitoring. The grantee also organized seven joint conferences with 130 youth from 10 established ecological youth clubs. Twenty small-scale community projects were implemented by the local members. As a result of the project, more than 130 youth aged 11-15, as well as community members from villages in the Tavush Region, learned about environmental protection through direct involvement in protecting and cleaning their communities.

**Journalists' Team for Sustainable Future NGO** \$6,486  
Armenia (Yerevan) 07/01/09 - 10/31/09  
The grantee, in partnership with a Turkish team of researchers, conducted a joint assessment of existing bias in the print and electronic media of both countries. The assessment included primary analysis of selected newspapers and Internet news sites, and a series of three focus group discussions

with stakeholders in both countries regarding the level of accuracy and bias in media coverage. The results of the study were discussed during a bi-lateral meeting of prominent Armenian and Turkish media figures in Bursa, Turkey, on October 13-15, 2009. The study, which was part of EPF's program "Reducing Media Bias in Armenia and Turkey," was funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**NGO Center Civil Society Development NGO**

\$13,869

Armenia (Vanadzor)

02/01/08 - 05/15/09

The grantee expanded its own capacities, services and staff in order to function as a Community Resource Center in the Region. The grantee strengthened the capacities of more than 60 NGOs, organizing open-door events and program management trainings for representatives. The grantee also disseminated major donor-related or community development information through e-mail lists, a calendar of events, bulletin boards as well as a library of technical resources and publications. For local organizations, the Center provides consultations on labor code, human rights protection and other legal issues. The grantee also 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 Vanadzor following training on how to conduct an interview and use SPSS for data analysis. With additional funding from the Western Union Foundation, the Vanadzor MRRC provided additional services to returnees and potential migrants.

**Azerbaijan**

**Sheki Region Kish Municipality**

\$2,820.30

Azerbaijan (Sheki)

10/02/09 - 12/02/09

In order to promote transparent and accountable governance and increase access to information at the municipal level, the Kish Municipality held four public hearings, where 166 community members communicated their recommendations for local budget priorities. As reported by the head of the Kish Municipality, over 50% of the recommendations put forth by citizens were taken into consideration during the budget formulation process. The municipality published a budget forecast as a newspaper insert in Azerbaijan Tahsili (500 copies). The municipality also prepared a public report on its activities over the past five years, upcoming projects and financial expenditures. The Kish Municipality also set up five receptacles to receive recommendations and correspondence from community members.

**Barda Region Daymadagildi Municipality**

\$2,622

Azerbaijan (Barda)

10/02/09 - 12/02/09

The Daymadaghildy Municipality, like many local municipalities in Azerbaijan, was unaccustomed to inclusive policy formulation and lacked appropriate structures to communicate with their constituents. It sought to involve community members in preparing the municipality's strategic plan for 2010-2014. The municipality prepared and conducted a survey of 350 respondents to learn their opinions about local priorities. The subsequent strategic plan was drafted and distributed among community members (350 copies). The municipality held one meeting and five round tables, where the head of the municipality presented the draft of a strategic plan on local priorities to community members and listened to their recommendations. This project increased public engagement in defining the municipality's five year strategy and resolving local problems.

**Gakh Region Gakhbash Municipality**

\$2,728

Azerbaijan (Gakh)

10/02/09 - 12/02/2009

The Gakhbash Municipality prepared and conducted a survey of 1,500 community members about ways to improve the management and increase the transparency of the Gakhbash Municipality's activities. After the survey was completed, the municipality conducted a roundtable discussion with the participation of 50 community members. The survey results revealed that most respondents did not clearly understand the function of the municipality and that they wished to allocate more powers to the municipality. The municipality created two boards to post reports and announcements for the public and also purchased and installed the Transparency Budget Program, which streamlined its accounting.

**Khachmaz Region Hudat Municipality**

\$2,927

Azerbaijan (Khachmaz)

10/02/09 - 12/02/09

Representatives of the Khudat Municipality held four public hearings and 16 open door meetings in order to promote the inclusion of community members in the budgeting process and increase public trust in the municipality. More than 400 community members communicated their recommendations for local budget priorities at these meetings. The municipality published a report including expenditures from the last five years and a budget forecast as a newspaper insert in "Khachmaz" (500 copies). On October 28 and November 20, 2009 the municipality held televised discussions about the budgeting process. As a result of the project activities, the municipality functions more transparently with the involvement of community members.

**Caucasus Media Investigation Center**

\$15,000

Azerbaijan (Baku)

06/24/08 - 04/23/09

To develop independent journalism, the grantee organization established an e-TV channel ([www.channel13-tv.com](http://www.channel13-tv.com) or [www.kanal13-tv.com](http://www.kanal13-tv.com)) producing short e-TV programs on topics such as corruption, economic issues and regional concerns in Azerbaijan. This was a ten-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

**Center for Economic Research Public Union**

\$12,500

Azerbaijan (Baku)

06/24/08 - 03/23/09

In December 2007, a Compulsory Health Insurance Agency at the Cabinet of Ministers was established. The Government of Azerbaijan then created an action plan to identify available medical facilities and the financial responsibilities of both the government and individuals within the country. The grantee Economic Research Center held the following activities: focus group meetings in Sheki and Ismayilly; meetings with local and international experts to discuss healthcare reforms; research on public financing for healthcare issues; analysis of the state budget and legal regulations related to healthcare financing; reviewing international experience in compulsory medical insurance; and round tables in Baku and Sheki. The project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

**Institute for Reporters Freedom and Safety**

\$5,283

Azerbaijan (Baku)

07/16/2008 - 04/15/09

The grantee implemented a project to investigate human rights and freedom of expression in Nakhchivan. This information was sent to Baku for translation and dissemination among international groups, civil society organizations and mass media representatives. In addition, the grantee placed the results of the project on the first online English-language searchable archive of materials on human rights violations in the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic. This was a twelve-

month project funded jointly by the British Embassy, the US Embassy and the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

**National NGO Forum Shemkir Regional –  
NGO Resource and Training Center NSGP**

\$13,704

Azerbaijan (Shamkir)

07/02/09 - 11/01/09

The grantee organization set up the Azerbaijan Boys Leadership Experience Camp 2009 (ABLE Camp 2009) targeting boys aged 14-17. During the four days, 33 participants underwent a program focused on developing civic awareness and leadership skills. In addition, the grantee conducted seminars on project design, writing and management. This was a seven-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

**Georgia**

**ALPE Foundation**

\$27,545

Georgia (Tbilisi)

12/07/09 - 06/15/10

In order to support the integration of ethnic minorities, the Ministry of Education and Science devised several possible legislative changes and amendments, which, if enacted, would simplify the admissions process of the largest ethnic minority youth (Azeri and Armenian) to higher education institutions. The ALPE Foundation organized a public roundtable to discuss the most acceptable amendment package. The project team also conducted a study of barriers to higher education for ethnic minority youth residing in the country.

**Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)**

\$35,149.16

Georgia (Tbilisi)

12/02/09 - 05/31/10

To contribute to the creation of favorable conditions for effective participation of minority groups in the political, social, economic and cultural life of the country, GFSIS implemented an integration project composed of capacity building activities, policy development, public debate and TOT components for representatives of ethnic minority communities in Samtskhe-Javakheti. The project team organized awareness raising training to enhance the skills and promote the participation of ethnic minority community representatives in public policy decision-making for 24 representatives of civil society, media and local government leaders of the ethnic minority population of Samtskhe-Javakhet. The project will support the establishment of informal networks of regional civil society groups to interact with each other and with Tbilisi-based civil society organizations.

**Media Development Foundation**

\$24,183.27

Georgia (Tbilisi)

12/01/09 - 05/31/10

Print media's representation of ethnic, religious and cultural minorities as a threat often fuel religious and ethnic tensions and confrontations in Georgian society. The Media Development Foundation aimed to confront these issues through its three-month media monitoring process, three focus group meetings, a roundtable discussion and a journalist training session. The Media Development Foundation met its goals to identify potentially offensive media stereotyping, stigmatizing content, insults, ethnic and religious jokes, and individual expressions of intolerance towards ethnic, religious and cultural minorities in media. The Foundation intends to help prevent potentially offensive content from being published in the future.

**ALPE Foundation** \$20,728  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 06/30/08 - 10/30/09  
The grantee established a summer school to enhance students' knowledge in the field of constitutional and human rights. The running of the school has been assumed by the Constitutional Court and Ilia Chavchavadze University, ensuring its continued existence. During the project, the summer school provided 25 law students a complete training cycle for improvement of their theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of international standards of Constitutional and Human Rights Laws. The Georgian Supreme Court found the reader/book so useful that representatives expressed an interest in republishing it in greater circulation.

**Chemi Kharagauli** \$27,013  
Georgia (Kharagauli) 07/01/08 - 06/30/09  
The grantee newspaper "Chemi Kharagauli" conducted several training sessions in Kharagauli to increase the cooperation between local government and the larger population. Issues raised during these rural meetings were then published in the newspaper. The grantee also published a monthly newspaper insert informing people about how they could participate in local self-governance. The project additionally conducted six budget discussion meetings, publishing reports of these meetings in the newspaper and creating a precedent of open public discussions devoted to budgeting. The grantee also expanded the distribution network of the newspaper "Chemi Kharagauli" from 43 to 68 villages, and the number of distributors from 18 to 31.

**Georgian Centre of Population Research** \$18,000  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 06/01/08 - 03/20/09  
The Georgian Centre of Population Research conducted a survey of 750 leading executives and entrepreneurs about their perception of developments within their companies, specific sectors and the entire economy. Due to changes in the environment, 250 respondents also provided their views regarding the effect of the August 2008 conflict with Russia and the global economic crisis on Georgia's economy. The published report was disseminated among various stakeholders, including government officials, with the aim to promote the discussion of the strengths and shortcomings of the Georgian business environment and support policy changes at the governmental level.

**Human Rights Center** \$32,761  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 10/01/08 - 10/10/09  
The grantee's lawyers researched 50 politically sensitive criminal and administrative court cases and monitored the trials. The grantee distributed 100 copies of a report about the monitored court cases to domestic agencies and the expat community. The report provided a comprehensive analysis of the monitoring results and recommendations for increasing public oversight of the judiciary. Sitqva, the popular daily newspaper *Rezonansi*, Radio-1, and several popular websites reported on the monitoring results. As a result of the project, three cases have been resubmitted for further examination. In the case of Irina Khodoiani, who appealed to the grantee after losing a case because of her religious beliefs (she is a Jesuit), further publicity of the case caused the appeals court to reverse the lower court's decision.

**InterNews Georgia** \$46,675  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 02/01/08 - 04/30/09  
Internews Georgia, along with its Armenian (Media Support "INTERNEWS" NGO) and Azeri (Internews Azerbaijan) partners selected ten media professionals from each South Caucasus country to take part in the project. The 30 journalists and producers formed 21 two-country production

teams. The participants took master classes, and produced 21 documentaries promoting the ideals of common humanity and tolerance. The project culminated with a cross-border documentary film festival in which the best films were selected by an independent jury.

**Kakhetis Khma** \$26,469  
Georgia (Gurjaani) 12/01/08 - 09/30/09

The project undertook monitoring of the state program Vintage 2008 and informed its audience about the program's expenditures in this wine-growing region. It also promoted the local newspaper's reputation as an independent and credible source of information. Finally, leaders organized a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture of Georgia and wine producers. The vintners had a chance to present their problems to the minister. Within a week after the meeting, those wine producers who had not received subsidies received the payments.

**Liberty Institute** \$36,540  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 10/20/08 - 06/30/09

The grantee worked to promote increased participation of ethnic minorities in secondary school governance in Georgia. By conducting a series of training sessions in participatory budgeting and management, the grantee raised awareness among the major stakeholders of their rights and responsibilities to be involved in school governance. The project helped 15 communities populated by ethnic minorities to gain experience in working with school authorities and engage them in decision-making activity, increasing integration of minorities into Georgia's society.

**Movement for the Future Union** \$17,010  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 01/01/09 - 05/31/09

The project organized a workshop for young leaders (45 participants from Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan) at Bilgi University, Turkey on parliamentary democracy and the democratic process. The project planned to be instrumental in establishing cross-border partnerships and networks among emerging young leaders of the South Caucasus.

**Union of Young Cinematographers "New Studio"** \$35,043  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 10/01/06 - 08/30/09

To support the preservation of the cultural identity of minorities and protect their cultural heritage, the Union of Young Cinematographers "New Studio" prepared three 25-minute documentaries on the Ukrainian, Ossetian and Azeri national minorities. The films focused on the historical, cultural and social aspects of their lives. These documentaries were designed to increase understanding and tolerance of Georgia's ethnic minority cultures.

**Women's Fund in Georgia** \$32,233  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 03/01/08 - 05/31/09

The project provided special training for disadvantaged women interested in starting businesses in Imereti and Samegrelo-Zemo. The training sessions were based on a course developed by the Friends of Georgia Foundation, a Dutch organization, in cooperation with the University of Groningen's Department of Entrepreneurship. The trainees were also given an opportunity to apply to microfinance institutions (MFIs) and receive loans. The grantee supported the trainees' loan applications by providing loan guarantees with money raised from Dutch Rotary Clubs. 46% of the trained women started their own businesses. Half of the women independently sought and received funding for their business ideas without the need for loan guarantees.

**Zugdidi Youth Bank**

\$1,255

Georgia (Zugdidi)

12/12/08 - 06/20/09

Zugdidi Youth Bank announced a grant competition and solicited six applications, out of which five were shortlisted and three funded. The Zugdidi Youth Bank grantees successfully monitored the projects funded through the micro grants cycle. The Healthy Environment for Future Generations project purchased 16 garbage bins for the school building and yard, cleaned 26 classrooms and mobilized the local community to clean the territory of the public school in the village of Jvari, Tsalenjikha District. It had been used by the local population as a garbage dump. In the project "Theater Against War," the initiative group staged a pantomime performance called *No War* emphasizing the positive results of non-violent conflict resolution. In the project "The Source of Knowledge," the initiative group purchased 18 books for the school library to help internally displaced students (who constitute 20% of the total number of students) have better access to extracurricular literature.

**Kazakhstan****Public Association "Asyl"**

\$5,000

Kazakhstan (Semei)

10/24/08 - 10/24/09

Due to the lack of psychological and social support disabled children in Semei and Zhanasemei receive, the Public Association "Asyl" has assisted these children in integrating and adapting to society. The project facilitated the installation of equipment into a sensory room and also conducted 12 training seminars for employees, parents and children. Innovative methods of social support for disabled people were introduced to parents and psychologists through two training sessions conducted by the Department of Social Security. Two roundtable discussions were held with the aim of informing the public about the project and its results and 111 consultations were given to parents and their children. According to diagnosis and attendance sheets, approximately 300 children improved their social skills and 15 families noted that they had improved communication with their children through involvement in joint creative activities such as drawing and doing crafts. This project was funded by USAID.

**Public Association Center for Initiative Support**

\$14,317

Kazakhstan (Shymkent)

03/16/09 - 12/16/09

There are five children's homes in the South Kazakhstan region, where 570 orphans are housed, two thirds of which are social orphans. The children leaving the homes do not have enough skills for an independent life. Ten social teachers, fifteen psychologists and eighty-one inspectors for teenage affairs attended workshops aimed at preventing the establishment of social orphanages, as well as to improve orphans' and homeless children's involvement in society. More than 100 children took part in training sessions aimed at developing their life skills and professional orientation. Ten families receive continuous support in the form of consultations and counseling and ten adolescents in care families or in care homes are participating in events at the youth centre "Shymkent Plus." Over 100 consultancy services were offered to foster families, guardians, children and families in difficult living situations. Seven homeless children were provided with guardians or foster families. Eight families made the decision to continue to look after their children independently after consultation with the Centre. A partnership was created between the Centre of New Technologies, Improving Qualification and Retraining Teachers, and the Department of Social Security within the South Kazakhstan Regional Department. This project was funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan LLP and USAID.

**Public Association Center for the Social Adaptation of Children** \$25,544  
Kazakhstan (Astana) 03/16/09 - 12/16/09  
The goal of the project was to develop programs of social and psychological assistance for families and children living in care institutions. Consultations were held for 30 foster families and families in difficult living situations. Training sessions on professional development were held for 38 school inspectors and 48 social teachers. A roundtable discussion was held, with the participation of representatives from the government and NGOs, including members of the "Bakhytty Bala" network. A program to increase social teachers' and school inspectors' professional qualifications was introduced at the Institute for Increasing Qualifications Amongst Educational Staff in Astana. \$55,000 was raised to support the network, from the World Bank and the Bota Foundation. This project was funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan LLP and USAID.

**Public Association Women's Club "Tomiris"** \$13,850  
Kazakhstan (Pavlodar) 03/16/09 - 12/16/09  
The project coordinators set out to work together with local government bodies in developing a policy of deinstitutionalizing the large number of orphans and homeless children in Pavlodar Oblast. The coordinators organized regular "Foster Family Schools" for 20 foster parents and 29 foster children. The coordinators facilitated psychological and social assistance to 6 single mothers and 27 children from broken homes and assisted those leaving children's homes to adapt to life, helping them apply to universities and vocational colleges. Over 100 specialists were trained in methods of preventing social orphanages and three methodical manuals for psychologists, teachers and social workers were prepared and published. Seven homeless children returned to their families, four children were taken into state foster care, five children from children's homes entered universities and vocational colleges, and six single mothers made the decision to continue to care for their children themselves rather than giving them to a children's home. The grantee assisted in creating the state program "Preventative Measures against Social Orphanages in Pavlodar 2009-2011." The project was funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan LLP and USAID.

**Public Foundation "Perekrestok"** \$14,459  
Kazakhstan (Kostanay) 03/16/09 - 12/16/09  
The coordinators recruited 280 specialists to work with families which took part in program events to improve their family lives. Fourteen journalists attended workshops, which covered family and childhood problems and the center regularly consults 12 foster parents and 5 families in difficult social situations. The center assisted in the socialization and rehabilitation of 27 children from orphanages and 2 documentaries and 13 articles were produced on the topic of social orphanages and the development of foster care. A partnership with the Department for Education in Kostanai Oblast has been established, as well as with the Department for Children's Rights Protection and several care institutions. Two new methods of the establishment of social orphanages were created and introduced into the center's work and into the work of care institutions. One new foster family was registered with the help of the organization. The project was funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan LLP and USAID.

**Public Foundation Bereke** \$40,429  
Kazakhstan (Shymkent) 05/20/08 - 11/30/09  
The lack of an official migrant worker agreement between the governments of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan results in the majority of migrant workers working illegally in Kazakhstan. This project is driven by the need to address the problems of intolerance towards migrant workers, and the illegal, psychological and social discomfort of migrant workers working in three raions of South

Kazakhstan Oblast (SKO) that border Uzbekistan. A migrant worker support center was created and is active in three areas of the SKO. The center has facilitated 1,421 consultations for migrant workers, published and distributed 4,327 copies of 3 kinds of printed materials for migrant workers, given 331 hotline consultations, supported an information campaign about migrant workers through 18 appearances in newspapers, local TV programs and radio, and has held 17 meetings with authorities who work with migrant workers.

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

\$13,830

Kazakhstan (Uralsk)

03/16/09 - 12/16/09

The program coordinators set out to decrease the number of children living in children's homes by developing foster care homes and taking measures against social orphanages. The coordinators provided regular contact hours with 29 children in 17 foster families, offering psychological and legal advice, and they also hosted leisure activities. They provided 353 telephone consultations on legal, social, educational and psychological issues. Seven social workers were trained in methods to prevent social orphanages from being established and four recommendations were directed to Kazakhstan's Parliament relating to law making regarding children's rights. Five children at a children's home returned to their biological parents and eighteen children were put in contact with their families. Twelve graduates of the children's home were enrolled at universities and vocational colleges and five graduates were assisted with job placement. Seventeen families that were defined as being in the risk group kept their children after consultations. This project was funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan LLP and USAID.

**Public Association "Meyerim"**

\$16,637

Kazakhstan (Aktau)

05/20/08 - 05/20/09

Limited data exists about labor migration into Mangystau Oblast. Labor migrants arrive in Mangystau mainly from Uzbekistan, yet their government lacks bilateral labor migration treaties with the main destination countries of Kazakhstan and Russia. The flow of labor migrants (LMs) exceeds 70,000 people every year and there is no reason to predict a decrease in the flow. The project goal is to contribute to improving labor conditions for foreign workers. The grantee provided 255 consultations for labor migrants and 900 copies of handbooks about labor migrants' rights. Representatives of the association have also taken part in six regional TV programs on channel Mangistau and had seven meetings with state representatives. According to representatives of law enforcement, the quantity of proceedings has decreased in comparison with last year by 10%.

**Public Foundation Our Heritage**

\$42,709

Kazakhstan (Almaty)

11/25/08 - 09/25/09

To increase the competitiveness of Kazakhstan artisanal products in local and regional markets, the grantee supported training programs. They organized four training sessions on traditional Kazakh embroidery (Aktobe), on artistic wood processing (Karaganda), and jewelry (in Aktobe and Karaganda). Eighty six artisans participated in trainings organized in Aktobe and Karaganda. Sponsor: Chevron Munigas, Inc.

**Moldova**

**Alliance of Access to Information and Training Community Centers of Moldova** \$18,754

Moldova (Rezina)

07/14/09 - 08/28/09

The accuracy of voter lists, especially in urban areas, was one of the most contested issues during the April 5 parliamentary elections. To avoid allegations of invalid lists during the July 29 elections, the

grantee monitored the accuracy of voter lists in Chisinau using door-to-door inquiries, telephone calls and list analysis. The project reduced the likelihood of multiple-voter fraud, helping ensure that the election results were a true reflection of voter intent. The grantee also encouraged civic activism and increased the monitoring capacities of 25 election observers. The grantee identified a series of legal and organizational gaps in the management and administration of voter lists and issued recommendations to improve the accuracy of voter lists in the subsequent electoral processes.

**AO Terra-1530**

\$2,992

Moldova (Straseni District)

08/10/09 - 09/09/09

Corruption is a widespread phenomenon within educational institutions of Moldova. To address this issue, the Terra-1530 NGO organized a summer school for 20 young students from the Straseni region. The grantee trained youth on methods of organizing public information campaigns for preventing and fighting corruption. This project created conditions for decreasing tolerance towards corruption among citizens from local communities.

**Association of Independent Press (API)**

\$23,539

Moldova (Chisinau)

07/08/09 - 09/07/09

According to OSCE/ODIHR monitoring reports, most Moldovan media showed bias toward a number of candidates during the April 5 parliamentary elections, making it difficult for citizens to make an informed choice. To address this issue, the Association of Independent Press produced a four-page insert distributed as a supplement in local and regional newspapers. The supplement covered various aspects of the electoral process, including interviews with political party leaders, a comparative analysis of candidates' policy platforms and articles about the role of civil society organizations in ensuring free and fair elections. The project supplied citizens with impartial information on election issues and encouraged them to participate in early parliamentary elections July 29.

**Center for Analysis and Prevention of Corruption**

\$7,117

Moldova (Chisinau)

07/08/09 - 09/07/09

Access to information represents an important precondition for free and fair elections. To help citizens exercise their electoral rights, the grantee provided free legal assistance, erected billboards, and published public service announcements in national newspapers. In the run-up to parliamentary elections on July 29, 2009, the grantee provided free legal advice to 280 citizens, including NGO representatives and journalists. The project empowered citizens to responsibly exercise their electoral rights and highlighted a number of issues electoral administrative bodies need to address in order to ensure free and fair subsequent elections.

**Independent Journalism Center (IJC)**

\$46,384

Moldova (Chisinau)

08/15/08 - 07/15/09

The lack of transparency of Moldovan media diminishes the prospects of income generation from advertisers. Data on media ownership, advertising revenues, and circulation figures still are not made public. To address these issues IJC implemented a project on the creation of an Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) in Moldova, taking the first steps towards building a more transparent relationship between advertisers and media outlets as well as increasing the credibility of the media in the eyes of the business community. The grantee worked closely with leading media outlets and businesses, developing the necessary preconditions for the creation and launch of this entity. As a result of the project, the registered Audit Bureau of Circulation and Internet (BATIM) became important in the Moldovan media market. The project was financially supported by the Dutch

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and USAID.

**Institute for Public Policy (IPP)**

\$141,417

Moldova (Chisinau)

03/13/09 - 06/13/09

In order to deter electoral fraud, ensure the legitimacy of the new parliament, and increase the interest of the media in the results of Moldova's parliamentary elections on April 5, 2009, the Institute for Public Policy conducted an exit poll. During Election Day 604 trained operators interviewed 19,789 voters from a sample of 10% of polling stations, in full accordance with the developed methodology. The exit poll provided valuable statistical data on voter turnout and political preferences disaggregated by age, social group, urban/rural location and gender. This information will be important for subsequent electoral processes, helping NGOs and electoral administration bodies target their civic and voter education activities, as well as helping political parties to better target their messages. According to various stakeholders, including Moldovan politicians, journalists and NGO leaders, the exit poll conducted by IPP served as a preventive measure against attempts to defraud the elections results.

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

\$43,817

Moldova (Chisinau)

07/08/09 - 09/07/09

To combat fraud in the July 29, 2009, parliamentary elections in Moldova, the League for the Defense of Human Rights of Moldova (LADOM) conducted a comprehensive election observation campaign. Through a network of 37 experienced, long-term observers and about 2,000 recruited and trained short-term observers, the grantee developed monitoring reports on the elections during the pre-electoral period, on Election Day and in the post-electoral period. It distributed these reports to the media, political parties, the Central Election Commission and international institutions. LADOM then formulated recommendations on ways to improve the electoral process in Moldova.

**NGO Institute for Democracy in Comrat**

\$9,241

Moldova (Comrat)

04/01/09 - 07/31/09

Corruption is still widespread within Moldova's educational institutions. One of the main problems revealed by regular opinion polls is the bribing of teachers for passing grades on exams. To address this issue, the NGO Institute for Democracy in Comrat organized a variety of educational and outreach initiatives in partnership with Taraclia State University to inform teachers and students about the negative consequences of corruption and encourage them to report any malpractices. To ensure the project's sustainability, the grantee also developed a code of ethics and an anticorruption course at Taraclia State University.

**Union of Young Roma from Moldova "Tarna Rom"**

\$6,806

Republic of Moldova (Chisinau)

10/01/08 - 03/31/09

The Roma minority is underrepresented at all levels of government in Moldova and is insufficiently involved in political and electoral processes. To address these issues, on the eve of the April 5, 2009, parliamentary elections, the "Tarna Rom" NGO engaged in a comprehensive civic and voter education campaign targeting the ten communities most populated by Roma. The grantee disseminated voter education materials among Roma citizens, conducted training with more than 200 participants and involved community members in election observation activities. The project increased Roma participation in the elections by 28%.

**University Legal Clinic from Balti** \$14,121  
Moldova (Balti) 04/01/09 - 07/31/09  
To address educational corruption, the Legal Clinic from Balti University organized a number of training and outreach initiatives to inform teachers and students about the negative consequences of corruption and encourage them to report such malpractices, which led to reporting 12 corruption cases. Additionally, the grantee developed and introduced a new optional anticorruption course at Balti State University (BSU).

## Russia

**"Baltic Europa"** \$5,000  
Russia (Moscow) 05/01/09 - 12/31/09  
The project developed structure and content for the school principals' in-service training module for the course devoted to state-public school management. The school principals implemented best practices in this area and the authors of the program were used as the basis for the training course. The authors developed illustrative cases of the best practices in the public-state school management. These materials were tested at the workshops for school principals and teachers within the informal education of the pilot project territories.

**Academy of Government Service, Vladimir Branch** \$14,583  
Russia (Vladimir) 04/20/08 - 10/13/09  
The project was aimed at retraining municipal and government personnel, specialists who work with youth, as well as personnel who manage youth NGOs in Vladimir region.

**Archangelsk NGO Support Center "Garant"** \$49,989  
Russia (Archangelsk) 03/28/08 - 10/15/09  
The project was designed to improve the effectiveness of social policies and charitable programs implemented by private companies operating in the Arkhangelsk region. The "Garant" Center analyzed best practices in the development and implementation of social programs by private companies in Norway and the Russian Northwest. The research results were presented to private companies in the course of public events and used by "Aurora Polaris", a local company, for the development of its social policy. In the course of the project two businesses implemented a workplace fundraising program. In addition, the "Garant" Center implemented a fundraising program, "From Heart to Heart", which is designed to raise money required to treat seriously ill children. Five private companies initiated charitable activities of their own. The "Philanthropist of the Year" contest was conducted among private companies operating in the Arkhangelsk region for the first time in the region's history.

**NGO "Regional Center of Education Technologies"** \$13,171  
Russia (Tambov) 04/08/08 - 11/15/09  
This project is a continuation of "Regional youth programs" that was implemented before by the New Eurasia Foundation. The project "Active youth – to local community" has contributed to retraining youth specialists and administrative staff. The youth workers developed a program aimed at developing professional competences of personnel working with youth. The project organizers work with volunteer groups on crime prevention with trouble teens, who themselves become active assistants to volunteers after workshops called "Social behavior skills." Those working on the project in Tambov have worked out scenarios using interactive technologies to engage young people in different activities and find their place in the processes of regional and municipal development.

**Pskov Regional Center of Educational Technologies** \$30,000  
Russia (Pskov) 05/01/08 - 05/01/09  
The project helped establish a community school resource center, train pilot school teams, and put together resource portfolios of the participating schools. A community school resource center is now operating to support and coordinate interaction among all local schools that are interested in implementing socially meaningful activities and community education. In addition, the project helped establish a Community Schools Coordination Board and put together a network of community schools in the city of Pskov.

**Local Level Collaboration Center/  
Krasnoyarsk Regional Community Organization** \$14,599.63  
Russia (Krasnoyarsk Krai) 05/12/10 - 11/15/10  
The project facilitated the development of the Coordination Board for the Development of Community Education as a result of a meeting held to discuss the development of community schools. The meeting participants took an active part in the roundtable discussions and workshops held within the framework of the annual national forum for the development of community schools. In addition, the meeting participants discussed the report on "Experiences in testing community school development methods." The project helped design criteria used to assess the development of community schools and put together a plan of further actions to be taken to finalize the Russian version of the community school self-evaluation guidelines and self-evaluation instructions.

## Ukraine

**Association Lviv Tourist Board** \$14,915  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 07/01/09 - 03/31/10  
With the goal of increasing opportunities for tourism and recreation for people with special needs, the grantee designed a tourism route, created documentation needed to establish such a route and is lobbying for financing from the local budget to support its efforts. In order to increase the quality of tourism services for people with disabilities, the grantee developed a learning module on tourism for people with special needs that has been incorporated into general tour guide courses in Lviv. During a three-day seminar, 90 tour guides were acquainted with the specifics of working with tourists with special needs. In order to consolidate best practices in this area, the grantee published 500 copies of a guide for tourism professionals and 1,000 copies of self-guided tours of the city for people with special needs - a guide that is also available in electronic form on the grantee's website. A total of 58 representatives from local NGOs discussed the existing situation and ways of improving tourism opportunities for people with special needs at an international conference organized by the grantee. This was featured more than 30 times in the local media.

**Charitable Organization Malteser Assistance Service** \$6,812  
Ukraine (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast) 10/12/09 - 05/12/10  
In order to address the issue of poor access for people with special needs in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, the grantee conducted a project aimed at lobbying for equal rights and drawing attention to existing problems of accessibility in the Oblast. As part of the project the grantee assessed 15 buildings and posted the results on the "accessibility" section on the grantee's website. The site also includes legal documentation, best practices in this area, and various documents that reflect the current situation with regard to accessibility of city infrastructure. In order to draw attention to the topic, five public events were staged in various raions of Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast and a competition to create advertising for the movement was held among local school children. These awareness-raising events

demonstrated the obstacles that people in wheelchairs face and how they can be overcome. More than 400 people witnessed or took part in the events, while 70 representatives from local NGOs, the media, and civic activists participated in the final press conference. The project is supported by EEF as part of its program entitled "World Without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs" - a program co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Dyvosvit Uzhgorod City Civic Organization of People with Vision Impairment** \$11,448.49  
Ukraine (Uzhgorod) 10/15/09 – 03/31/10

To ensure safety on the roads of Zakarpattia Oblast for people with visual impairments, the grantee installed automated voice signals for traffic lights, street crossings and other forms of infrastructure in Zakarpattia Oblast. Twenty sound alert devices were installed at various locations, including two hospitals, Uzhgorod city council, the main train and bus stations of Uzhgorod and Mukachevo, as well as the train station in Chop. Twelve articles were printed in local newspapers and online. Five TV news spots and two radio clips were aired on local stations. The project is supported by Norwegian Telecommunications company Telenor Group in Ukraine as part of its program "World Without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs."

**Lypovodolyna Cossack regiment** \$13,711.54  
Ukraine (Sumy Oblast) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10

In order to provide assistance to the elderly and citizens with disabilities, the grantee founded a community center at the local government offices for the elderly and people with special needs in Lypova Dolyna, Sumy Oblast. As part of the first stage of the project, the grantee conducted repairs to the premises of the newly established community center, purchased furniture and equipment, and identified activities that would be popular among clients of the center. The grantee also introduced internet service to the community center. Eighty people visit the center's nine hobby groups (including one screening movies, with others featuring singing, knitting, tourism, history, computers and more) and participate in them actively. In all, 53 medical services and 40 psychological counseling services were provided through the project. The local media took interest in the center and highlighted its activities in eight different articles that appeared in local media. Part of EEF's "Community Centers for People in Need" program, the project was co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Nadia Drohobych Voluntary Society for Children with Disabilities** \$3,731.49  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 12/22/09 - 07/07/10

The grantee established a resource center for youth living with special needs in order to combat unemployment caused by the current economic crisis. The grantee created a resource center which provides services that increase the educational potential and employment skills of young people living with special needs. A database of 28 job placements and 17 educational institutions was also created, and more than 60 beneficiaries were supported by the center. A total of 20 computer classes of different levels were provided for youth living with disabilities, and the grantee also held an informational campaign which included the creation of a booklet, six articles in the press and two TV news broadcasts. Thanks to the partnership established with the local employment center, employers and local authorities, the grantee found employment places for 11 young people and motivated 7 young people to continue their professional education. The project is a part of the program "Everyone Has the Right to Work".

**Pyriatyn Raion Organization of Veterans** \$12,519.09  
 Ukraine (Poltava Oblast) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10  
 The grantee founded a community center at the center for the elderly and people with special needs to provide the elderly and citizens with disabilities with community activities essential to improving these citizens' quality of life in Pyriatyn, Poltava Oblast. At first, the grantee conducted repairs to the premises of the newly established community center, purchased furniture and equipment, and identified hobbies that would be popular among center clients. The grantee introduced a computer literacy group for visitors to the community center that continues to grow in popularity each month. As a result of the project, 216 people visit the center's eight hobby groups (singing, knitting, computer classes, etc.) and have access to legal and medical assistance. Community center visitors also have access to running water and a newly established laundry service. The local media took interest in the center and highlighted its activities in four articles and one TV news feature. Part of EEF's "Community Centers for People in Need" program, the project was co-funded by the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Regional Tourists' Information Center** \$10,975.78  
 Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast) 10/12/09 - 06/15/10  
 The grantee assessed the current accessibility of tourism infrastructure and services in the Oblast for people with special needs and provided the heads of museums, hotels, and representatives of the local authorities with a 65-page report containing recommendations on how to improve the existing facilities there. Based on the assessment, the grantee chose three museums in Bolehiv, Rohatyn and Halych, and made them accessible by constructing three ramps and two entranceways complete with call buttons. Additionally, the grantee created a separate section on its website devoted to the accessibility for tourists and published the results of its survey there. A broad promotional campaign in support of equal access for tourists resulted in 65 articles appearing online and 2 news spots on local TV. The project was funded by Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor Group in Ukraine as part of its program "World Without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs".

**Pravo Vyboru Kharkiv Center for Young Disabled Rehabilitation** \$28,149.32  
 Ukraine (Kharkov Oblast) 02/02/09 - 06/30/10  
 The center provides access to information technologies for the disabled. Over the course of the program, 27 disabled center clients found jobs, including two who were offered employment at the center. Center staff assisted 100 students in improving their CVs and job-searching skills. The center also provided information on working with disabled students through meetings with 28 instructors from Kharkiv higher education institutions and by publishing 750 copies of three different educational brochures. In addition, the center provided guidance to orphaned students from boarding schools and technical secondary schools to encourage these students to continue their education and held a charity drive to collect used computer hardware for disabled students in the city of Kharkiv. Community members donated 34 second-hand computers and 15 computers were adapted and given to low-income disabled students. The grantee is currently planning a new training program for disabled students on how to use the computers with specially adapted software.

**Development of Corporate Social Responsibility Center** \$12,225  
 Ukraine (Kyiv) 07/21/08 - 12/31/09  
 The grantee designed a set of activities to increase awareness of CSR within stakeholder groups represented in the National Mirror Committee for 10 pilot areas. The campaign educated the stakeholder constituencies on the ISO 26000 standard development process, discussed the draft

standard, and provided feedback to the Committee. The grantee researched the regional aspects of CSR and presented its findings. The grantee conducted ten training sessions with 163 trainees in the pilot Oblasts on introducing aspects of social responsibility into the activities of organizations based on the ISO 26000 standard. 49 articles in print and online media were published, and 17 news spots were broadcast on TV and radio. Ukrainian companies (SCM, Volia, RusAl and Foxtrot), the UNDP and local organizations leveraged \$30,000 for project activities. The project assisted Ukraine in developing its own position on the ISO 26000 draft, and National Mirror Committee decided to vote in favor of the draft. As the result of the project, the grantee received a major grant from the UNITER project to develop the national CSR agenda.

**Charity AIDS Service Organization "Shans"**

\$29,221

Ukraine (Kryvyi Rih)

02/01/09 - 10/15/09

The grantee conducted training sessions for 20 social workers and NGO leaders to help improve services for orphans. In addition, a training program was developed and 36 social orphans were trained in a series of seven seminars on communication, leadership, life and employment skills. The grantee developed, published and disseminated 500 copies of the booklets on employment issues. As a result of the project, six young people were employed and 22 decided to continue their education at universities and/or vocational schools. The project was co-funded by ArcelorMittal.

**European Integration and Regional Development Agency**

\$31,723

Ukraine (Lviv)

09/01/08 - 08/21/09

The grantee worked with local governments and communities to assess the possibility of using alternative energy sources, including using sawdust as fuel. The grantee conducted a series of seminars and roundtables to inform local governments, energy managers, community activists and communal enterprises about energy-saving initiatives that can be implemented in the municipal and private sectors. Project experts conducted energy audits of five municipal buildings and provided comprehensive recommendations regarding possible energy-saving measures. A biomass boiler was installed at Saryi Sambir District Hospital and is expected to save up to 30% on yearly energy costs. The government and local timber-processing enterprises signed an agreement to provide free sawdust for the first year of the boiler's operation. The agency finally distributed the information to local governments in Ukrainian mountainous districts. The project was co-funded by the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

**Red Cross of Ukraine, Zaporizhia Oblast Organization**

\$10,979

Ukraine (Zaporizhia)

03/17/09 - 09/17/09

The grantee created a community center for the elderly in Khortytsky territorial center Zaporizhia. During the project 96 people took part in seven hobby groups and 289 people received medical and legal services. The grantee published and distributed 500 copies of a brochure with the schedule of the hobby groups and specialists' office hours. As a result of the active engagement of the center clients and support from the grantee, it became possible to include a nurse and a physiotherapy coach in the territorial center's budget and, therefore, continue providing services after the end of the project. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Zaporizhia, this project is funded by Slavutich, Carlsberg Group, with support from the Municipal Service of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia.

**Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR)**

\$12,796

Ukraine (Kyiv)

05/15/08 - 02/15/09

The grantee formed an expert group that researched the legislation regulating charitable activities in Ukraine. The group produced two documents, one on developing legislation that regulates charitable activity in the country and another outlining the need to develop tax legislation covering philanthropic endeavors. These documents were presented for public discussion at two national conferences and a roundtable for 257 representatives of charitable foundations and corporations. Additional consultations were held with representatives of the Ministries of Culture, Justice, Economy, Finance and Tax Administration, as well with representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce and the European Business Association. The grantee, along with the Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum, continues to unite stakeholders to present a draft law to the Ukrainian parliament, as well as monitor and assist in the review of the draft law. The project also received funding from the Foundation for Development of Ukraine and the International Renaissance Foundation. It was implemented in partnership with the Ukrainian Philanthropist Forum.

**Zaporizhia City Organization of Veterans of Ukraine**

\$11,039

Ukraine (Zaporizhia)

03/17/09 - 09/25/09

The grantee created a senior citizen community center at the premises of the Municipal Service of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia. During the project 154 people took part in four hobby groups. Among them, 75 are regulars at the physical exercise classes that were introduced as part of the project. Over 90 people met with a pension fund representative, doctor and psychologist. A nurse, a psychologist and physiotherapy coach were included in the center's budget and, therefore, continue to provide services after the end of the project. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Zaporizhia, this project is funded by Slavutich, Carlsberg Group, with support from the Municipal Service of Social Assistance in Zaporizhia.

**APPENDIX C: GRANTS USING USG FUNDS  
OCTOBER 1, 2009 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**





## Appendix C

### Grants made by the EF Network from US Government Funds

October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010

#### Armenia

##### **Caucasian Center of Peacemaking Enterprise NGO**

\$12,298.60

Armenia (Yerevan)

12/01/09 - 09/30/10

To organize a regional documentary film festival showing films from ten different countries about conflict and human rights issues. The films will be screened in Yerevan and four regions of Armenia. Similar festivals will be organized throughout the South Caucasus by partner organizations. Film screenings will be accompanied by cultural and social events facilitated by experts from throughout the South Caucasus. The project will contribute to increased awareness of global trends in human rights protection and peaceful means of conflict resolution among previously excluded communities in the South Caucasus. The project will be conducted with the cooperation of partner organizations from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno-Karabakh.

##### **Anna Martirosyan**

\$3,718.13

Armenia (Syunk Province)

10/15/09 - 07/31/10

To develop youth leaders and build their decision-making and critical thinking skills by putting them in charge of making small grants to other young people to develop their communities. With direct support from Jinishian Memorial Foundation the youth-led community projects will make tangible improvements in remote, often neglected areas through direct action, combining volunteerism and grant-making. As a result of the activities, workshops and seminars, the youth bank committee members will develop an understanding of transparency and good governance as well as acquire practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

##### **Disabled Children's Parents "Astghatsolk" NGO**

\$5,705.02

Armenia (Gegharkunik Province)

04/15/10 - 12/31/10

To promote the concept of social entrepreneurship in Armenia by establishing a woodcraft production facility in the Chambarak community. The newly established social enterprise will be managed by disabled young clients of the grantee. The beneficiaries will be trained in woodcraft techniques and in operating the equipment purchased through the project. The grantee will carry out an extensive marketing campaign to promote and sell its products through direct sales, fairs and the web-store. The project will result in increased labor and social opportunities for disabled children in the Chambarak community. It will also become an additional funding source to support the works of Astghatsolk NGO.

**Caucasian Center of Peacemaking Enterprise NGO** \$12,298.60  
Armenia (Yerevan) 12/01/09 - 05/25/10  
In cooperation with partner organizations from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno-Karabakh, the grantee will organize a regional documentary film festival showing films from ten different countries about conflict and human rights issues. The films will be screened in Yerevan and four regions of Armenia. Similar festivals will be organized throughout the South Caucasus by partner organizations. Film screenings will be accompanied by cultural and social events facilitated by experts from throughout the South Caucasus. The project will contribute to increased awareness of global trends in human rights protection and peaceful means of conflict resolution among previously excluded communities in the South Caucasus.

**International Center for Human Development (ICHD) NGO** \$10,256.61  
Armenia (Yerevan) 12/14/09 - 03/31/10  
This project will enhance Armenia-Turkey Track II diplomacy efforts by exposing Armenian public opinion leaders to alternative international intellectual thought regarding Armenian-Turkish relations. The grantee will translate from English into Armenian, then publish and disseminate a select piece by David Phillips that addresses the Armenian-Turkish relationship. The project will further promote mutual trust between Armenian and Turkish societies.

### Azerbaijan

**Sheki Region Kish Municipality** \$2,820.30  
Azerbaijan (Sheki) 10/02/09 - 12/02/09  
With funding from EPF, the Kish Municipality will implement a project to increase the transparency, accountability and accessibility of information about its activities. The grantee will conduct four public hearings with the participation of community members using the recommendations put forward to design the municipality's planned activities, budget and strategic development. The grantee will make 500 copies of the draft budget for 2010. They will also issue 1,000 copies of a booklet on the past five years, including planned activities, income and expenditures for the next five years. Through this project, the grantee will promote public participation in solving the municipality's problems.

### Belarus

**Riga Business School of RTU** \$315,869.00  
Belarus (Minsk) 02/15/10 - 03/17/11  
This project provides the Belarusian business community and foreign investors in Belarus with managers who have the knowledge and skills necessary to operate effectively in the international business environment. It establishes a full Western-style Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at the School of Business and Management of Technologies at Belarusian State University. The project will develop a center of excellence in management education with international accreditation and recognition. An academically-oriented professional English Language Center (ELC) will deliver English as a Foreign Language (EFL) courses with a focus on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) for the MBA students. The project will prepare Belarus faculty to undertake instructional duties at the ELC, maintaining the academic and procedural standards established by the partner institutions. It will also develop appropriate institutional support for Western academic programs, including financial management, quality assurance and information services systems.

## Georgia

**Center for Civil Integration and Inter-Ethnic Relations (CCIIR)** \$44,035.90  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 12/02/09 - 05/31/10

To support non-Georgian schools in providing high-quality education and improved access for ethnic minority youth. The project team will develop principles of intercultural education to be incorporated into Georgia's education plans and evaluation systems. The grantee will organize a workshop with major stakeholders to ensure that textbooks fit the needs of many cultures. The national educational curricula and evaluation system will be appropriate to the needs of minority language communities. The project team will also develop a bilingual and intercultural teaching method manual for secondary school teachers. They will also train 80 secondary teachers from 40 pilot public schools of Georgia on intercultural and bilingual methodology.

**ALPE Foundation** \$27,545  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 12/07/09 - 06/15/10

The project team will conduct a study of barriers to higher education for the ethnic minorities of the country. They will then organize a roundtable to develop recommendations for the state simplified entry exams. Next the team will conduct an outreach campaign with booklets, flyers and other media channels to communicate the project's key messages. Finally, the project will organize study tours to universities for ethnic minority youth, with the goal to increase the number of those students applying to the universities.

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**Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)** \$35,149.16  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 12/02/09 - 05/31/10

GFSIS will implement an integrated project composed of capacity-building activities, policy development and public debate as well as train the trainer (TOT) components for representatives of the ethnic minority community of Samtskhe-Javakheti. The project team will organize skills and awareness training to enhance the participation of the ethnic minority community representatives in public policy decision-making. 28 representatives of civil society, media and local government leaders of the ethnic minority population of Samtskhe-Javakheti will have improved public policy and advocacy skills. The project will support establishment of informal networks of regional civil society groups with Tbilisi-based civil society organizations.

**Media Development Foundation** \$24,183.27  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10  
In line with the UNA/USAID funded Tolerance and National Integration, this project will improve media sensitivity. Print media's representations of ethnic, religious and cultural minorities as a threat often fuel religious and ethnic confrontations in Georgian society. The project is designed to identify potentially offensive media stereotyping towards ethnic, religious and cultural minorities. The grantee will train media representatives in ethics and media standards in order to prevent potentially offensive content with the participation of ethnic and religious minorities. The project will take place in three phases: (1) media monitoring; (2) development of recommendations to prevent such practice in the future; (3) awareness of the media representatives.

## **Moldova**

**East Europe Foundation Moldova** \$139,570  
Moldova 6/01/10 - 06/30/11  
To create a new Moldovan foundation, the East Europe Foundation (EEF). EEF will implement a diverse portfolio of local, national and international programs to build on the work of the Eurasia Foundation in Moldova over the past 15 years. EEF will position itself as one of Moldova's leading civil society organizations, pursuing development programs at the local level while empowering citizens to participate in nation-wide policy debates. This new foundation will be driven by local needs, financed by public and private donors and governed by a board comprised of local leaders and international figures with deep knowledge and commitment to the region.

**Association for Cooperation and Democratic Communication "Dialog"** \$9,499  
Moldova (Cahul District) 06/01/10 - 02/15/11  
To secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from southern Moldova. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in 2006 in Cahul town. Targeting students, women, teachers, local government officials and business groups, the center will continue to provide a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. The public will be more informed and engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and co-funded by USAID.

**AO Eco-Razeni** \$12,582  
Moldova (s. Razeni) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. The project will increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth and the community organization from Ialoveni raion which supports them, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led actions and volunteerism. The project is based on Youth Bank methodology. The Small Grant Program supported 14 community projects; by which the local youth renovated small parks and playgrounds, set up a Wi-Fi network in a school, held a young artists exhibition, held sports competitions (volleyball, football and basketball), screened films and organized a small film festival targeting environmental problems in the community. The Deputy Head of the Raion joined the Youth Bank meetings and pledged funds for support of Youth Bank activities. This project is supported by SIDA and USAID.

- Asociatia Obsteasca "DEMOS"** \$13,044  
Moldova (Edinet) 06/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. The project will increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth and the community organization from Edinet raion, which supports them, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led actions and volunteerism. The project is based on Youth Bank methodology, which is an innovative grant making initiative run by young people for young people. This project is supported by SIDA and USAID.
- Regional Centre for NGOs Assistance and Information CONTACT - Balti** \$19,521  
Moldova (Balti District) 03/15/10 - 02/15/11  
To secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the northern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center. The center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. This project is funded by SIDA and co-funded by USAID.
- Fundatia Comunitara Dezvoltare Durabila Cahul** \$12,492  
Moldova (Cahul) 06/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. The project will increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth as well as the Cahul raion community organization, which supports them, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led actions and volunteerism. Youth Bank Cahul organized a Charity Ball. The revenue from sold tickets went to fund a campaign to support cancer patients. Several of the youth community projects renovated areas in parks and near school playgrounds. The Youth Bank installed a small bus station to serve several thousand University and College students. Alexandru Manciu (a nationally known pop star) performed a concert for the local youth. All of the projects were implemented with solid co-participation from local governments and businesses. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.
- Fundatia Comunitara Ungheni** \$12,272  
Moldova (Ungheni) 06/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. The project will increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth as well as the Ungheni raion community organization, which supports them, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led actions and volunteerism. The project is based on Youth Bank methodology, which is an innovative grant making initiative run by young people for young people. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.
- Asociatia pentru Promovarea Clinicilor Juridice din Moldova (APCJM)** \$19,992  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To prevent and combat corruption in Moldova through free legal aid and accessible anti-corruption education in higher education institutions. Under the supervision of professional attorneys, law students from Balti, Comrat and Tiraspol will provide free legal assistance to victims of corruption.

Trained students from law faculties will also provide training to students from 15 professional schools on legal ways of preventing and fighting corruption. The grantee will also develop an anticorruption curriculum for professional schools with a view to curbing corruption in these higher education institutions. The project is funded by SIDA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark DANIDA and USAID through the Eurasia Foundation.

**PP "Ziarul de Garda" SRL**

\$10,319

Moldova (Chisinau)

06/01/10 - 05/31/11

To combat corruption in Moldova by enabling the media to develop professional journalistic investigations as an important precondition for developing an intolerance amongst the citizens towards corruption. The grantee will run an anti-corruption telephone line enabling citizens to report cases of corruption, which will subsequently serve as the goal of professional and complex investigative stories. The project will also help develop the capacities of young journalists to conduct investigative journalism and determine the law enforcement agencies to react in an effective manner to reported cases. The project is financially supported by SIDA, DANIDA, and USAID.

**Centrul de Analiza si Prevenire a Coruptiei**

\$12,892

Moldova (Chisinau)

06/01/10 - 12/31/10

To prevent corruption in Moldova by supporting the Anticorruption Alliance (ACA), which consists of more than 30 member organizations. The grantee will maintain the internal and external communication among ACA members, strengthen their capacity to prevent and fight corruption as well as advocate for a better anticorruption framework in Moldova. The project is funded by SIDA, DANIDA and USAID.

**Institutul pentru Dezvoltare si Initiative Sociale "Viitorul"**

\$14,915

Moldova (Chisinau)

06/01/10 - 05/31/11

To prevent corruption within the Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova through civil society oversight and capacity building activities that raise awareness. The grantee will establish an inclusive Civic Council by the Moldovan Customs Department. This entity will examine current problems, propose pertinent solutions, and contribute to increasing the level of the institution's transparency and integrity. In order to help the Customs Department adopt necessary reforms, the grantee will train more than 20 customs officers on international practices of fighting corruption. The project will encourage citizens to denounce cases of corruption committed by customs officers through a special, free of charge, telephone line. The grantee will also raise awareness about corruption and its negative effects through the dissemination of posters and publishing interviews. The project is funded by SIDA, DANIDA and USAID.

**Centrul de Resurse pentru Drepturile Omului (CReDO)**

\$14,543

Moldova (Chisinau)

06/01/10 - 05/31/11

To prevent corruption within the health sector through monitoring and advocacy activities. The grantee will monitor the implementation of reforms in the health sector, focusing specifically on the quality of services, transparency in decision-making, and fairness in the procurement process. Periodic reports with recommendations will be widely disseminated among relevant stakeholders and discussed within three roundtables. The grantee will also measure the progress achieved by the health sector in curbing corruption by conducting exit-polls in six health institutions. The project is funded by SIDA, DANIDA and USAID.

**C.R.A.I.O.N. CONTACT-Balti** \$12,590  
Moldova (Balti) 06/01/10 - 02/15/11  
To secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the northern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, business groups and other interested groups, the center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.

**Association for Cooperation and Democratic Communication "Dialog"** \$9,499  
Moldova (Cahul District) 03/15/10 - 02/15/11  
East Europe Foundation Moldova announces a project to secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the southern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in 2006 in the town of Cahul. Targeting students, teachers, local government officials and business groups, the center will continue to provide a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. The public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.

**Regional Centre for NGOs Assistance and Information CONTACT - Balti** \$19,521  
Moldova (Balti District) 03/15/10 - 02/15/11  
Eurasia Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the northern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center. The center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.

### **Russian Federation**

**Ulyanovsk Local Youth Movement "Association of Learning Youth"** \$14,735.25  
Russia (Ulyanovsk Oblast) 05/12/10 – 03/01/10  
The grantee will identify the preferences of local schools for community involvement and possibilities for the creation of a social network of community schools. A special meeting of the Coordination Board for the Development of Community Education will be held during the project implementation phase. The council will discuss the "Motivational Network" report and council members will participate in the "Investment in Youth" forum. The Ulyanovsk public youth movement "Student Youth Association" will examine the preferences of various groups and participants of the Russian community schools movement to help determine motivational factors that are important for the members of the community schools movement and to create incentives for new members to join the movement.

## Ukraine

### **Association Lviv Tourist Board**

\$15,360.64

Ukraine (Lviv Oblast)

07/01/09 - 03/31/10

The grantee will develop a course on tourism for people with special needs, which will be taught to Lviv-based travel agents during a 3-day seminar, then incorporated into general courses for tour guides. In order to consolidate best practices methods for accommodating people with disabilities in the tourism industry, the grantee will organize an international conference for said topic. The grantee will also design a route that is accessible for those with physical disabilities and prepare the documentation needed to formally lobby for funds for this initiative from the local budget.

### **Bukovinska Partnership Agency, Chernivtsy City Public Union**

\$18,113.44

Ukraine (Chernivtsy Oblast)

10/01/09 - 01/31/10

EEF will promote the introduction of information technologies in local government activities in Chernivtsy Oblast. The grantee will study the e-readiness of the Oblast communities and provide recommendations on possible improvements in public services. The grantee will also organize training sessions for public servants in each of the 11 districts of Chernivtsy Oblast on the benefits of e-governance and the use of information technologies in their professional activities. The project, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development, will help increase transparency and improve local-level public services.

### **Center for Public Expertise**

\$30,863.49

Ukraine (Kyiv City)

03/01/10 - 10/31/10

EEF will promote energy efficiency at the local level. Project experts will create a database of energy-saving initiatives implemented by Ukrainian municipalities, as well as evaluate and prepare descriptions of the most efficient and replicable among them. The results of the research, with detailed economic and technical information and practical recommendations, will be published in a manual and widely disseminated via public events and media. The project is co-funded by the Embassy of Switzerland in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development and is being implemented in partnership with the Ministry for Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine.

### **Charitable Organization Malteser Assistance Service**

\$9,276.78

Ukraine (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast)

10/12/09 - 05/12/10

EEF is proud to present a project advocating for the rights of people with special needs to access the public buildings and recreational sights of Ivano-Frankivsk. The grantee will conduct an audit of selected public buildings in the city and assess their level of wheel-chair accessibility, hold a seminar on accessibility for local authorities, and publish a manual entitled "Accessible Ivano-Frankivsk." This will provide advice on adjusting the city infrastructure to meet the needs of the target audience. Additionally, a broad promotional campaign "Equal Rights--Equal Opportunities" will be organized as a showcase of people with special needs. The project is part of the program "World without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs."

### **Euro Region Karpaty - Ukraine Association**

\$29,812.96

Ukraine (Lviv Oblast)

12/08/09 - 10/08/10

EEF has worked on energy-related challenges in five pilot districts in the mountainous regions of Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zakarpatska Oblasts. The grantee will work with local governments and communities to assess the possibility of using alternative energy, including solar and wind power. The grantee will then draft the Lviv Oblast Regional strategy to increase energy efficiency in

mountainous districts. Additionally, they will recommend new energy efficiency projects, including the installation of energy-saving equipment. One such project will be implemented in one of the pilot areas with co-funding from the local budget to serve as an example to neighboring communities. The grantee will also launch a broad information campaign and train 45 municipal employees on energy saving opportunities. Co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine, the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development, this project will increase awareness and use of renewable energy technologies.

**European Integration and Regional Development Agency (EIRDA) \$24,984.05**

Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 11/16/09 - 07/16/10

East Europe Foundation will raise energy efficiency awareness in Lviv Oblast. The grantee, the European Integration and Regional Development Agency, in partnership with local TV station Mist, will produce a series of TV programs and interactive live discussions to be aired on Channel 5 and Channel 12. EIRDA will also prepare newspaper publications and organize five seminars for representatives of local governments and municipal establishments. This broad information campaign will stress the importance of energy conservation, highlight existing technology and provide real examples of effective energy-saving measures. The project, co-funded by the Lviv Oblast State Administration and the U.S. Agency for International Development, will help citizens use energy more wisely.

**Historic - Archaeological Charitable Foundation "Millennium Heritage" \$16,590.37**

Ukraine (Crimean Autonomous Republic) 09/07/09 - 09/06/10

To promote archeological tourism in Crimea, the grantee will establish a center to develop archeological tourism in the region, compiling an electronic database of archeological sites and developing a website dedicated to archeological tourism in Crimea. The grantee will analyze research results and develop suggestions on tourist routes and excursions for travel agencies. They will also publish guide books on monuments and routes, advise travel agencies on how to broaden their services and train 40 tour guides in leading archeological excursions. The grantee will then mobilize students, travel agents, tourists and local residents to clean and improve the areas around monuments. The project is designed to draw wide coverage from the local media and bring the region's archeological heritage to the forefront of the local tourism industry.

**Ivano-Frankivsk Territorial Organization of the Ukrainian Blind Association \$12,484.40**

Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast) 10/12/09 - 02/26/10

East Europe Foundation is providing access to information for people with visual impairments in Ivano-Frankivsk. The grantee will equip an audio literature library with audio books and MP3 players. It will also create a reading room providing people with visual impairments Internet access, and publicize the reading room with an information campaign. The project is supported by Norwegian Telecommunications company Telenor Group in Ukraine as part of the program "World without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs."

**Lypova Dolyna Cossack Regiment \$13,711.54**

Ukraine (Sumy Oblast) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10

EEF announces a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social and medical services for senior citizens in Lypova Dolyna, Sumy Oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at Lypova Dolyna territorial center for the elderly and people with disabilities, organize activity clubs, offer training on computer skills and provide medical consultations to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Poltava and Sumy

Oblasts, this project is co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Nadia Drohobych Voluntary Society for Children with Disabilities** \$3,731.49  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 12/22/09 - 06/22/10  
EEF will provide services for employment opportunities for young people with special needs. The grantee will create a resource center for youth with special needs. This center will provide services for increasing the educational potential and employment skills for these youth. The organization will create a database of educational institutions and places of employment, conduct computer courses and specialized training, provide legal and psychological assistance, and organize a study tour of other organizations. Additionally, a job fair, roundtable and press conference will be organized. The project is a part of the program "Everyone Has the Right to Work."

**Nedryhayliv Raion Civic Organization for Invalids** \$10,888.10  
Ukraine (Sumy Oblast) 12/08/09 - 10/06/10  
To improve the quality of life and social integration for senior citizens in Nedryhayliv, Sumy Oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at Nedryhayliv territorial center, organize a variety of activity clubs, offer training on basic computer skills, and provide access to sports activities. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Poltava and Sumy Oblasts, this project is co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Perspectyva Stryishchyny Regional Development Agency** \$21,335.80  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 12/08/09 - 08/08/10  
EEF is proud to announce a grant to stimulate solutions to energy-related challenges in Morshyn town and Stryi District of Lviv Oblast. The grantee will coordinate local governments, experts and community activists in promoting renewable energy sources. To demonstrate the benefits of renewable energy, they will implement three pilot projects using solar and wind power, as well as a system to measure energy efficiency in municipal buildings in Morshyn town. Targeting local governments, community activists, and schoolchildren, the grantee will provide trainings and run an energy conservation informational campaign for local TV and print media. The project, co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine, the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development, will result in increased awareness and demand for more efficient energy use, and serve as a model for other regions.

**Pyriatyn Raion Organization of Veterans** \$12,519.09  
Ukraine (Poltava Oblast) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10  
East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens in Pyriatyn, Poltava Oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at Pyriatyn territorial center for elderly and people with disabilities, organize activity clubs, offer training on computer skills, and provide legal counseling and linen washing services to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for People in Need program in Poltava and Sumy Oblasts, this project is co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Regional Tourists' Information Center** \$10,975.78  
Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast) 10/12/09 - 05/31/10  
EEF supported a project to create favorable conditions for recreation and tourism for people with special needs in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast. The grantee will assess the existing services for people with special needs. The grantee will then choose five sites in the Oblast and make them accessible using construction such as ramps and call buttons. A broad informational campaign to promote

opportunities for recreation will be conducted. The project is supported by Norwegian Telecommunications company Telenor Group in Ukraine as part of the program "World without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs."



**APPENDIX D: GRANTS USING NON-USG FUNDS  
OCTOBER 1, 2009 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**



## Appendix D

### Grants Made by Partner Foundations using non-US Government Funds

October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010

#### Armenia

**Narine Tadevosyan** \$274.56

Armenia (Gavar) 10/15/09 - 02/15/10

To improve Gavar State University's Economic Faculty students' knowledge about Armenian dairy markets as well as to increase their understanding of the business and the marketing strategies of big businesses in the Gegharkunik region. The program is designed to conduct a study tour of Tamara LLC and Ashtarak Kat LLC. The study tour will give students an opportunity to observe the Armenian dairy market first-hand and compare the students' theoretical business knowledge with the actual strategy of the production companies. As a result of the study trips, analytical reports will be developed by the students, including recommendations for the marketing strategies of Tamara LLC and Ashtarak Kat LLC.

**Artur Ghazaryan** \$3,062.06

Armenia (Tavush Province) 10/15/09 - 07/31/10

To provide youth from rural communities with opportunities to develop practical skills and to lead local development processes, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) established the Youth Bank Program in Armenia in 2007. The Youth Bank project uses an innovative approach to developing youth leaders, building their decision-making and critical thinking skills by putting them in charge of making small grants to other young people to develop their communities. With direct support from Jinishian Memorial Foundation and USAID, the youth-led community projects coordinated by the six youth bank members will make tangible improvements in remote, often neglected areas, through direct action by combining volunteerism and grant-making. By taking part in these activities and participating in organized workshops and seminars, the youth bank committee members will develop an understanding of transparency and good governance and will acquire practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Lala Avetisyan** \$3,111.96

Armenia (Syunk Province) 10/15/09 - 06/30/10

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participating in organized workshops and seminars, the youth bank committee members will develop an understanding of transparency and good governance and will acquire practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Naira Arakelyan**

\$3,526.07

Armenia (Armavir Province)

10/15/09 - 06/30/10

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**Atom Mkhitarian**

\$3,077.58

Armenia (Yerevan City)

11/18/09 - 06/30/10

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**Naira Muradyan**

\$3,133.69

Armenia (Ararat Province)

10/16/09 - 06/30/10

To provide youth from rural communities with opportunities to develop practical skills and to lead local development processes, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) established the Youth Bank Program in Armenia in 2007. The Youth Bank project uses an innovative approach to developing youth leaders, building their decision-making and critical thinking skills by putting them in charge of making small grants to other young people to develop their communities. With direct support from Jinishian Memorial Foundation, the youth-led community projects coordinated by the four youth bank members will make tangible improvements in remote, often neglected areas, through direct action by combining volunteerism and grant-making. By taking part in these activities and participating in organized workshops and seminars, the youth bank committee members will develop an understanding of transparency and good governance and will acquire practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Anna Martirosyan**

\$3,718.13

Armenia (Syunk Province)

10/15/09 - 07/31/10

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**Yeva Haroyan**

\$3,124.08

Armenia (Gegharkunik Province)

12/23/09 - 07/20/10

To provide youth from rural communities with opportunities to develop practical skills and to lead local development processes, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) established the Youth Bank Program in Armenia in 2007. The Youth Bank project uses an innovative approach to developing youth leaders, building their decision-making and critical thinking skills by putting them in charge of making small grants to other young people to develop their communities. With direct support from Jinishian Memorial Foundation, the youth-led community projects coordinated by the youth bank members will make tangible improvements in remote, often neglected areas, through direct action by combining volunteerism and grant-making. By taking part in these activities and participating in organized workshops and seminars, the youth bank committee members will develop an understanding of transparency and good governance and will acquire practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

**Media Support "INTERNEWS" NGO**

\$9,651.70

Armenia (Yerevan)

07/01/10 - 02/28/11

To contribute to accurate and objective media reporting on the relationship between Armenians and Azerbaijanis by increasing general public and stakeholder awareness of existing bias in e-media coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations. Internews-Armenia and Internews-Azerbaijan will produce a documentary film to expose mutual bias, prejudice and clichés that Armenian and Azerbaijani internet journalists and bloggers adhere to. The film is one of the major components of the “Unbiased e-Media Coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations” project jointly implemented by EPF/Armenia and EPF/Azerbaijan under funding from the UK FCO. EPF and the two partners will widely disseminate the film in DVD format among stakeholders in both countries, ensure film's broadcast on local TV channels, as well as make the film available on their respective websites.

**Yerevan Press Club**

\$20,786.66

Armenia (Yerevan)

07/01/10 - 02/28/11

To contribute to accurate and objective reporting on the relationship between Armenians and Azerbaijanis by increasing stakeholder awareness of existing bias in traditional and e-media coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations. The Yerevan Press Club (Armenia) and Yeni Nesil (Azerbaijan) will conduct a baseline assessment of the bias in Internet-based media in Azerbaijan and Armenia, and will produce a media bias glossary. The media assessment and the glossary are two major

components of the “Unbiased e-Media Coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations” project jointly implemented by EPF/Armenia and EPF/Azerbaijan under funding from the UK FCO. EPF and the two partners will widely disseminate the hard and electronic copies of the assessment report and glossary among stakeholders in both countries in hard copy, and will make them publicly available on their respective websites.

## **Azerbaijan**

### **Social-Economic Innovation Center "Uluchay" \$45,283**

Azerbaijan (Aghstafa, Goranboy, Shamkir, Tovuz) 04/02/10 - 11/30/10

To create economic and entrepreneurial opportunities for youth in rural areas along the BTC pipeline. To achieve the goal, Uluchay will develop and conduct business and entrepreneurship training for 20-25 recruited participants in each region (Shamkir, Samukh, Tovuz, Agstafa and Goranboy). The Youth Entrepreneurship Training Program will include a number of training topics related to business and leadership. In addition, the grantee will provide successful young entrepreneurs with funding to set up their businesses. The grantee organization will also mentor the young entrepreneurs throughout the establishment and operation of their businesses by providing advisory and technical support. The project will be implemented within a larger operational program of EPF, funded by BP and partners.

### **Internews Azerbaijan \$9,379.18**

Azerbaijan (Baku) 06/01/10 - 09/07/10

To increase stakeholder awareness of existing bias in media coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations by producing a short documentary film on the subject. Key staff from Internews (Armenia and Azerbaijan) will produce a documentary film to contribute to accurate and unbiased reporting of the bilateral relationship between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, especially in online media.

### **Yeni Nesil - Union of Journalists of Azerbaijan \$17,315.42**

Azerbaijan (Baku) 06/01/10 - 02/28/11

To increase stakeholder awareness of the existing bias in media coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations by performing an assessment of bias in the electronic media of Azerbaijan and Armenia. Key staff of the Yerevan Press Club (Armenia) and Yeni Nesil (Azerbaijan) cooperated in developing the assessment's methodology during the first phase of the project in June 2008 – January 2010. The assessment is part of the bi-lateral Armenia-Azerbaijan program titled “Unbiased Media Coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations.” In addition to the assessment, participants will develop a media glossary to be used by journalists from each country when preparing articles and news related to the bilateral relationship between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. The media glossary will help journalists to appropriately employ neutral language in their work.

## **Georgia**

### **Association Flora and Fauna \$76,102**

Georgia (Ajaria) 03/25/10 - 05/31/11

To preserve the Black Sea eco-system by solving the problem of the expansion of *Rapana venosa*, a predatory mollusk, and its catastrophic impact on biodiversity. An information dissemination campaign will deliver special lectures, seminars, roundtable discussions, the dissemination of

brochures and the introduction of safe methods of catching *Rapana venosa*. The organization will conduct special training on diving for selected fish and assist in purchasing special diving equipment for the divers. Selected brigades equipped with aqualungs have committed to catching *Rapana venosa*, which will help preserve local biodiversity and improve the socio-economic conditions through the sale of *Rapana venosa*. The divers will retrieve lost and abandoned nets in the sea during their dives for the *Rapana venosa*. The grantee will publish a special booklet of recipes for cooking with *Rapana venosa* and how to use its shell for preparing souvenirs. All the materials and information prepared will be uploaded on the organization's web-page: [www.florafaua.org](http://www.florafaua.org).

**Association "Zekari"**

\$21,371

Georgia (Racha-Lechkhumi)

04/01/10 - 01/31/11

To reduce the negative impact of erosion and prevent landslides in the mountainous region of Racha. The organization "Zekari" is undertaking a ten month project to introduce environmentally safe and effective mechanisms to prevent and improve erosive slopes and conduct a public awareness campaign among local stakeholders. The grantee will prepare, publish and distribute a special brochure on the specifics of erosive slope recovery. In order to test the proposed mechanism, a pre-selected erosive slope will be recovered. The grantee will conduct meetings and seminars with residents of nine communities that are affected by landslides. The project will be carried out in cooperation with the local municipality.

**Rural Advisory Service**

\$46,278

Georgia (Samtskhe-Javakheti)

06/01/10 - 09/30/10

To improve the management of local pastures in selected municipalities in the region of Samtskhe-Javakheti. The Rural Advisory Service will implement a 13-month project to increase public awareness about preventing ecological risks through the effective use of pastures. The grantee will conduct special workshops and provide relevant information in the form of booklets and leaflets to the local population through partner CBOs. About 300 farmers from the area will be informed about cost-effective and environmentally safe technologies for pasture management. The grantee will develop three demonstration plots, where the effective and environmentally safe usage of pastures will be modeled. Seeding will be demonstrated using the "overseeding" technique, which is environmentally safe and limits soil damage. The grantee will purchase special equipment for overseeding and, at the conclusion of the project, provide this service for a fee to local farmers. Another three land plots will be selected, where insects and flora that naturally restore pastures will be raised in a protected environment. The grantee will prepare a special brochure on the results of these activities at the end of the project.

**N(N)LE Adjara Sustainable Development Association 'ASDA'**

\$30,709

Georgia (Ajaria)

03/25/10 - 06/30/10

To support further sustainable development of Protected Territories, Ajara Sustainable Development Association (ASDA) is undertaking a three-month project in the Ajara region to improve infrastructure and provide knowledge to local residents on possible income-generation activities connected to eco-tourism. The project envisages the installment of solar-power electricity and water-heating systems and increasing public awareness of the benefits of using environmentally safe alternative energy sources. Local residents will learn about tourism services as a means of boosting economic sustainability through the cooperation and involvement of another winner of the Eco-Awards Program 2010 Georgian Tourism Association (GTA) that is committed to providing the relevant training free of charge.

**Aspindza Youth Bank** \$2,538  
Georgia (Kakheti) 12/28/09 - 10/30/10  
Through a needs assessment, the Aspindza Youth Bank identified the following major problems for youth in Aspindza: Ecology - environmental pollution; lack of involvement in sports; lack of entertainment opportunities; and lack of access to contemporary literature in school libraries. Aspindza Youth Bank announced a micro grants competition for youth (aged 16-21) in Aspindza Municipality to tackle the above mentioned problems.

**Gori Youth Bank** \$2,229  
Georgia (Kartli) 11/03/09 - 10/30/10  
Gori Youth Bank initiative group has announced micro grants competition for the youth (aged 16-21) of Gori Municipality 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 Gori Municipality. Prior to that, the Gori Youth Bank has conducted a community needs assessment to understand the real needs of local communities. As a result of community needs assessment Gori Youth Bank has identified the following priorities: 1) Environmental pollution; 2) Lack of healthy lifestyle behavior among youth; 3) Low quality of youth education. Based on the results of the community needs assessment, Gori Youth Bank has solicited 19 applications with proposals to tackle the above-mentioned problems. In order to promote positive youth development young people should promote healthy lifestyles, decrease pollution and improve educational conditions, by putting their ideas to work.

**Violence Protection and Civil Education Regional Center** \$8,807  
Georgia (Kakheti) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To prepare investigative journalism TV stories covering the state program “Support the Countryside” and help support infrastructure development in various municipalities. The grantee will focus on four municipalities in the region of Kakheti: Gurjaani, Kvareli, Lagodekhi and Sighnaghi. Through freedom of information requests and further onsite investigation, the grantee will prepare investigative journalism stories for broadcast on Gurjaani TV. The project will result in greater efficiency of the state program through increased public access to information about the municipalities' activities and improved public oversight.

**Daily Newspaper Rezonance** \$7,118  
Georgia (Tbilisi City) 04/01/10 - 10/31/10  
To investigate the forest industry in Georgia, focusing on the mechanisms, scale and nature of illegal logging. The grantee will also analyze the current and potential negative impact of illegal logging in Georgia on a country-wide scale. The results of the comprehensive and in-depth investigation will be disseminated to the Georgian population as a series of printed newspaper publications and electronically on Rezonansi's website.

**Human Rights Protection and Social Equity Research Center** \$8,326  
Georgia (Samegrelo) 04/01/10 - 10/31/10  
To prepare investigative newspaper stories and inform the public about the activities of governmental bodies in the region of Samegrelo. The grantee will ensure that stories written as part of the project are widely disseminated. By investigating violations, the project will contribute to the increased accountability of governmental bodies and the prevention of corruption cases. A better informed population will be able to make informed choices and participate more actively in civic life.

**LTD Centre Imedi** \$7,970  
Georgia (Kakheti) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To investigate cases of human rights violations, corruption and abuse of public office in the Kakheti Region. The grantee will disseminate investigative reports online through Information Center Kakheti and in print through the newspaper Rezonansi and magazine Liberali to ensure that the results of the investigations reach as many readers as possible. By increasing public access to investigative reporting, the project will contribute to the increased accountability of governmental bodies and will mobilize the population to actively participate in civic life.

**Human Rights Center** \$9,500  
Georgia (Tbilisi City) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To investigate cases of forced disappearances in Georgia in recent years, raise awareness about the issue and facilitate the investigation of these cases by law enforcement agencies. The grantee will collect information on existing cases of disappearances both from official agencies and families of missing individuals. Based on the information gathered, the project will prepare both print and video materials to be uploaded on the following websites: [www.humanrights.ge](http://www.humanrights.ge), [www.presa.ge](http://www.presa.ge), [www.hridc.tv](http://www.hridc.tv), [www.myvideo.ge](http://www.myvideo.ge), [www.hub.witness.org](http://www.hub.witness.org), and [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). The television companies Kavkasia and Maestro will broadcast television programs reporting on the cases of forced disappearances. The public will learn more about forced disappearances in Georgia and law-enforcement bodies will be compelled to launch investigations of forced disappearances because of the increased attention to the issue.

**LTD P.S. Newspaper** \$10,287  
Georgia (Imereti) 04/01/10 - 07/31/10  
To increase the capacity of P.S. journalists in investigative journalism. They will undertake regular consultations with experienced investigative journalists and thereby increase the access the local population has to investigative reporting, contributing to increased accountability of local self-governmental bodies. The project provides for four investigations in the Imereti region on issues of local concern (state aid to the regions, school management, local social assistance programs and soft drink quality). The improved quality of investigative stories in P.S. will promote the newspaper's credibility among the general population and ultimately increase its readership and financial stability.

**LTD Liberali** \$7,215  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 04/01/10 - 09/30/10  
To investigate sensitive issues related to the central government's management of reforms in various spheres of social and economic life. The grantee will investigate such topics as the management of the Presidential Reserve Fund, implementation of the 100 New Hospitals for Georgia project, and the activities of the Georgian National Communications Commission. The magazine Liberali will publish these investigations and upload them to the website [www.liberali.ge](http://www.liberali.ge), as well as the website of investigative reporting [www.ijp.ge](http://www.ijp.ge). As a result of the project, the population will be better informed about the activities of the government and will be able to make better informed decisions.

**Institute of Democracy** \$9,000  
Georgia (Ajaria) 04/01/10 - 12/24/10  
To support investigative journalism in the Adjara Region through TV, radio and internet media. The grantee will develop and launch a new website, [www.adjaranews.ge](http://www.adjaranews.ge), which will serve as a regularly updated platform for the dissemination of investigative journalism pieces. The grantee will shoot four investigative TV stories, which will be broadcast by Channel 25 in Batumi and uploaded

to the website. In order to increase interest in investigative journalism in the region, the grantee will hold a competition for the best materials in investigative journalism produced in Adjara.

**Union Studio Monitor** \$12,540  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 09/01/10 - 12/31/10

To strengthen civil society's access to investigative journalism, thereby increasing public engagement in political dialogue and public oversight. Studio Monitor will produce 24 investigative journalism documentaries. These documentaries will be broadcast on Kavkasia and Maestro television stations, shown in public screenings and made available on the Internet. Studio Monitor will motivate regional journalists to engage in investigative journalism by conducting a competition for regional journalists to produce at least 24 stories. The information produced through the project will inform the Georgian population about the issues in more detail, allowing for informed engagement with stakeholders. The project is funded by the European Union, Open Society Georgia Foundation and EPF.

**Independent TV Company Mega TV** \$8,477  
Georgia (Imereti) 09/01/10 - 02/28/11

To contribute to the formation of a well-informed public that is able to make informed decisions and participate actively in performing civic monitoring in the region of Imereti. To achieve this goal, Mega TV will produce three investigative documentaries covering important issues affecting the population of Imereti, such as the social inclusion of IDPs, changes to health insurance schemes, and elevator renovation in Kutaisi. Mega TV will conduct these investigations inclusively, recruiting local volunteers to contribute and engaging the public through public discussions and information sessions. Mega TV will broadcast the investigative documentaries on the talk show "Forum," which will be followed by discussions with relevant stakeholders. The local population will have increased opportunities to engage in political dialogue and the monitoring of local self-government activities.

**Research and Intellectual Club "Dialogue of Generations" (RICDOG)** \$4,861  
Georgia (Imereti) 10/02/10 - 03/31/11

To create effective mechanisms for the inclusion and civic integration of Kutaisi-based vulnerable youth from the groups of high social risks and improve institutional capacity of the organization, Research-Intellectual Club "Dialogue of Generations". The project will contribute to the enhancement of self-mobilization and the development of social competencies of the target youth. It will increase their involvement in the socio-economic and political processes by engaging them in monitoring local youth programs. Research-Intellectual Club "Dialogue of Generations" will partner with experienced NGOs in Kutaisi that will support the development of technical, organizational, and professional capacities of the newly established NGO.

**Civil Society for Human Rights and Freedom** \$5,000  
Georgia (Ajaria) 10/01/10 - 03/31/11

To improve the responsiveness of Batumi City Hall and the local community to the needs of persons with disabilities residing in Batumi area. The project will increase public awareness and understanding of the need to improve access for the blind and those in wheelchairs to local government offices and other community establishments. The project will wage an advocacy campaign to equip Batumi streets, as well as community spaces and public offices with wheelchair accessible ramps and other fixtures designed to facilitate free movement of the disabled residing in the area. While advocating for better access for persons with disabilities, the grantee will also improve its own advocacy capacity, enhance its public image and build connections with the local

community.

**Bolnisi Youth Bank**

\$2,169

Georgia (Kartli)

05/21/10 - 08/25/10

To increase the capacity and provide the opportunity to local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities in Georgia prior to the slated local elections in spring 2010. Youth Bank participants will provide opportunities to local youth initiative groups to get local populations involved with political and election related issues through small grants managed by the Youth Bank participants. The Bolnisi Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth led initiative groups with the goals of increasing the participation of first-time voters in learning about their electoral rights and responsibilities, informing them of the skills and knowledge needed to monitor elections, protecting their voting rights, and becoming “agents of change in their communities.” The Bolnisi Youth Bank supported projects that included holding a debate and photo exhibition, developing and distributing election related leaflets, and training youth about election related issues.

**Akhaltzikhe Youth Bank**

\$1,550

Georgia (Samtskhe-Javakheti)

05/21/10 – 02/15/11

To increase the capacity and provide the opportunity to local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities in Georgia prior to the slated local elections in spring 2010. Through the project, Youth Bank participants will provide opportunities to local youth initiative groups to get local populations involved with political and election related issues through small grants, managed by the Youth Bank participants. The Akhaltsikhe Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth led initiative groups with the goals of increasing the participation of first-time voters in learning about their electoral rights and responsibilities, informing them of the skills and knowledge needed to monitor elections, protecting their voting rights, and become “agents of change in their communities.” The Youth Bank supported projects including checking voter lists against actual households, public events to motivate first-time voters, cleaning polling stations, and educating university students on election related issues.

**Gori Youth Bank**

\$1,300

Georgia (Shida Kartli)

05/25/10 - 08/25/10

To increase the capacity and provide the opportunity to local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities in Georgia prior to the local elections in spring 2010. Through the project, Youth Bank participants will provide opportunities to local youth initiative groups to get local populations involved with political and election related issues through small grants, managed by the Youth Bank participants. The Gori Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth led initiative groups with the goals of increasing the participation of first-time voters in learning about their electoral rights and responsibilities, informing them of the skills and knowledge needed to monitor elections, protecting their voting rights, and becoming “agents of change in their communities.” The Youth Bank supported two projects: training 100 youth on election related issues, training trainers and conducting a mock election at Gori University.

**Zugdidi Youth Bank**

\$1,957

Georgia (Samegrelo)

05/21/10 – 12/10/10

To increase the capacity and provide the opportunity for local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities in Georgia prior to the local elections in spring 2010. Through the project, Youth Bank participants will provide opportunities to youth initiative

groups to encourage local communities to participate in political and election related issues through small grants, managed by the Youth Bank participants. The Zugdidi Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth led initiative groups with the goals of increasing the participation of first-time voters in learning about their electoral rights and responsibilities, informing them of the skills and knowledge needed to monitor elections, protecting their voting rights, and becoming “agents of change in their communities.” Three proposals were selected for funding. These projects involve conducting debates to inform voters about their electoral rights and responsibilities, holding a soccer tournament to encourage young people to vote, and calling young people to vote through a roving minivan.

**Ozurgeti Youth Bank**

\$2,363

Georgia (Tbilisi)

05/21/10 – 12/01/10

To increase the capacity and provide the opportunity for local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities in Georgia prior to the local elections in spring 2010. Through the project, Youth Bank participants will provide opportunities to youth initiative groups to get local communities involved with political and election related issues through small grants, managed by the Youth Bank participants. The Ozurgeti Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth led initiative groups with the goals of increasing the participation of first-time voters in learning about their electoral rights and responsibilities, informing them of the skills and knowledge needed to monitor elections, protecting their voting rights, and becoming “agents of change in their communities.” Three proposals were selected for funding. These projects involve conducting debates to inform voters about their electoral rights and responsibilities, holding a soccer tournament to encourage young people to vote and calling young people to vote through a roving minivan.

**Batumi Youth Bank**

\$1,441

Georgia (Ajaria)

05/25/10 – 02/25/11

To increase the capacity and provide the opportunity to local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities in Georgia prior to the slated local elections in spring 2010. Through the project, Youth Bank participants will provide opportunities to local youth initiative groups to encourage local populations to participate in political and election related issues through small grants, managed by the Youth Bank participants. The Batumi Youth Bank selected three projects for funding including one conducting mock elections and another to develop PR materials to motivate young people to vote.

**Aspindza Youth Bank**

\$1,751

Georgia (Samtskhe-Javakheti)

05/25/10 - 08/25/10

To increase the capacity and provide the opportunity to local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities in Georgia prior to the local elections in spring 2010. Through the project, Youth Bank participants will provide opportunities to local youth initiative groups to encourage local populations to participate in political and election related issues via small grants, managed by the Youth Bank participants. The Aspindza Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth led initiative groups with the goals of increasing the participation of first-time voters in learning about their electoral rights and responsibilities, informing them of the skills and knowledge needed to monitor elections, protecting their voting rights, and becoming “agents of change in their communities.” Three proposals were selected for funding. These projects include conducting mock elections and developing PR materials to motivate young people to vote.

**Library - Cultural Center for Disabled "Tanadgoma"** \$5,984  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 06/01/10 - 03/31/11  
To implement a 12-month project aimed at introducing income generating activities that are in line with the library's mission. The organization will train and employ six disabled people from socially vulnerable families. These people will learn how to use equipment to produce handicrafts, such as paper gift bags, souvenir cups and postcards. Paid services, including printing business cards, laminating, copying, and binding hand-outs and workshop materials, will be offered. Tanadgoma will emphasize marketing and public relations to attract and retain customers for their goods and services, beginning with a trade exhibition to present their products to the public. The income generated will be used to pay remuneration to the employed persons and sustain the organization's activities.

**Healthy Environment Ltd Established by NGO Child and Environment** \$5,781  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 07/02/10 - 06/30/11  
To improve the socio-economic level of street children. The project entails establishing a car wash as a social enterprise that will employ six at-risk youth and three adult family members of at-risk youth. Healthy Environment Ltd will emphasize marketing and public relations to attract and retain customers, ranging from placing a small billboard near the car wash, through distributing flyers, to offering discounts and other promotional activities. The income generated by the car wash will be used to provide remuneration to car wash employees and sustain the enterprise's activities. Once the operation is profitable, Healthy Environment Ltd will contribute to sustaining and expanding the activities of the NGO Child and Environment.

**Association Woman and Development** \$6,005  
Georgia (Shida Kartli) 07/01/10 - 06/30/11  
To contribute to the social integration of internally displaced women by establishing a social enterprise bakery, which will employ eight women as bakers and distributors. Initially, the grantee will provide job training to the employees. Baked goods will be made using a technique that does not require the use of oil and fat, thus improving the quality of the product. Woman and Development has outlined a comprehensive marketing plan, which includes establishing contacts with corporate customers. The income generated by the bakery will be used to pay remuneration to employees and sustain and expand its activities.

**Newspaper "Akhali Gazeti"** \$8,773  
Georgia (Imereti) 09/01/10 - 02/28/11  
To strengthen the media's role as a watchdog institution in the region of Imereti. Akhali Gazeti will produce six investigative reports on issues of relevance to the population of Imereti. The producers of these investigations will be supported by experienced investigative journalists, who will help design the investigations to produce high-quality, unbiased stories. Akhali Gazeti will collaborate with civil society actors who are relevant to the subjects of the reports, including NGOs, local experts, and stakeholders. The investigative reports will be published in the newspaper Akhali Gazeti, and will be uploaded to [www.akhali-gazeti.ge](http://www.akhali-gazeti.ge) and [www.akhali-gazeti.blogspot.com](http://www.akhali-gazeti.blogspot.com), as well as distributed in the PDF version of the newspaper sent to subscribers all over Georgia.

**Newspaper "Kakhetis Khma"** \$7,143  
Georgia (Kakheti) 09/01/10 - 02/28/11  
To provide the population of Kakheti region with high quality investigative journalism. The newspaper Kakhetis Khma will enlist experienced investigative journalists to mentor its journalists in

designing and implementing investigations. The project will result in seven investigative journalism articles on topics such as the Kakhetian energy distribution system, the implementation of river bank reinforcement projects, results of the usage of low quality pesticides on the Kakhetian vineyards and others. The journalists will improve their investigative journalism skills through regular mentoring by experienced investigative journalists and will be able to provide high quality, relevant information to the population of Kakheti about issues of local importance.

**LTD Telecompany "Tanamgzavri"**

\$5,625

Georgia (Kakheti)

09/01/10 - 01/31/11

To investigate the implementation of the state program "Support to the Countryside" in the Telavi Municipality. In 2010 668,884 GEL were allocated to Telavi Municipality villages as part of this program. Tanamgzavri's investigation will focus on the level of involvement of the local population in the decision-making process, the quality of projects already being undertaken and the availability of public information regarding the implementation of the state program. The grantee will produce 28 documentaries to publicize the results of the investigation through TV Tanamgzavri.

**Zugdidi Youth Bank**

\$2,242

Georgia (Samegrelo)

02/01/10 - 12/01/10

To create opportunities for the participation of young people in decision making and the mobilization of resources around the important challenges faced by the youth of Ozurgeti and Lanchkhuti. Through the community needs assessment, Ozurgeti Youth Bank has targeted environmental pollution, unhealthy lifestyle behaviors among youth, the low quality of youth education, and the lack of youth entertainment opportunities as priorities to solve. The Ozurgeti Youth Bank has solicited applications with proposals to tackle the aforementioned problems. In order to promote positive youth development, young people should promote healthy lifestyles and decrease pollution through their own new initiatives. Supporting quality education for youth will enhance the capacity of youth to contribute to civil society.

**Tserovani Youth Bank**

\$2,704.36

Georgia (Mtskheta-Mtianeti)

02/24/10 - 03/24/10

To enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of their communities. The Youth Bank provides leadership opportunities and develops young grant makers' capacity to create opportunities for youth initiative groups to engage in community enrichment activities. The project will enable Youth Bank members to take responsibility for making decisions concerning grants and to be accountable for their monetary expenditures. In September and October 2009, the Youth Bank conducted a needs assessment survey and identified general apathy among youth, a lack of sports and entertainment opportunities and a need for environmental protection as the most pressing problems for the youth population. Six applications were selected and awarded grants by the Youth Bank.

**Guram Tikanadze Center of Svanetian Youth**

\$12,165

Georgia (Mestia region)

04/01/10 - 12/15/10

To promote civic education and community mobilization in resolving important local problems in Latali, Svaneti. The project targets eight villages of the Latali community. The grantee will train 25 selected civic leaders from the target communities in problem analysis and prioritization, participatory decision-making and advocacy. In cooperation with the ASA Scientific Information Association of Youth in the Imereti Region, the grantee will promote participatory solutions to local community problems, such as the local water supply, sewage system, and garbage removal. The

project will create a sustainable civic resource in the underserved region of Svaneti, which lacks experience in participatory decision-making and civic engagement in problem analysis.

**Peaceful and Business Caucasus**

\$24,840

Georgia (Imereti)

02/01/10 - 07/31/10

To redress the negative impact of the August 2008 conflict on relations among Georgians, Abkhazians, and Ossetians and build confidence among these peoples by facilitating trade across the borders and establishing professional and personal contacts. The project will assist 100 Georgians, 100 Abkhazians, and 100 Ossetians from the breakaway regions to travel to bazaars in Georgia to trade goods. In meetings with Georgian civil society organizations and businesspeople, participants will get an opportunity to discuss issues of mutual relevance and joint projects. The project also assists interested participants apply for Georgian passports. The project will create a basis for the restoration of relations and trust among Georgians, Abkhazs and Ossetians through mutually beneficial activities.

**International Association of Ossetian Women of Georgia "Alaneli"**

\$17,466

Georgia (Tbilisi)

06/01/10 - 11/30/10

To contribute to the civic integration of Georgia's Ossetian minority, especially women in the Georgian regions of Dusheti, Lagodekhi and Akhmeta. The grantee will train female Ossetian leaders in human rights, interethnic tolerance, advocacy, civic participation and the development of their leadership skills. The participants will become a sustainable civic resource in these regions, and will in turn inspire and empower other community members to engage in civic activities and advocate for their interests and rights. Increasing the civic activism of Ossetian women can contribute to halting the migration of Ossetians, promoting gender equality and establishing a good practice of integration that can be replicated in the other regions populated by Ossetian minorities.

**Georgian Civil Development Association**

\$4,341

Georgia (Kakheti)

06/01/10 - 10/10/10

To develop the civic monitoring and advocacy skills of representatives of civil society organizations, media outlets, political groups and proactive citizens in Kakheti. Certified trainers from the Lagodekhi-based Association for Civil Development of Georgia and Hereti Radio will train 54 participants in participatory monitoring and advocacy, using the materials and knowledge acquired in training provided by Partners for Democratic Change. The training will focus specifically on civic monitoring, participatory budgeting, advocacy and lobbying. The trainers will provide consultations to support participants' civic monitoring activities for one year after the training. The training will enable civic groups in Kakheti to conduct professional civic monitoring and improve cooperation between experienced and newer CSOs as well as media outlets and political groups. This grant is a follow-up to the "Training of Trainers" (ToT) conducted in 2009 by Partners for Democratic Change (contracted by EPF), which established a cadre of competent trainers in civic monitoring and advocacy in the regions of Georgia.

**Public Union "The Young Scientists' Club of Ozurgeti"**

\$4,069

Georgia (Guria)

06/10/10 - 09/09/10

To increase the capacity of 36 representatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and media outlets in Ozurgeti, Lanchkhuti and Chokhatauri in participatory monitoring and advocacy. Three trainers from the Ozurgeti Young Scientists Club, Lanchkhuti Information Center, and Youth Center Progress in Chokhatauri will conduct nine training sessions for the selected participants based on the Training of Trainers (ToT) module delivered by Partners for Democratic Change in 2009. Training

participants will prepare issue-based monitoring plans and develop them under the guidance of the trainers. The grant is awarded as a follow-up activity to the ToT to improve the capacity of regional CSOs to engage in participatory monitoring and advocacy. Additionally, the project will improve cooperation between CSOs of varying levels of experience and with media outlets. The trainers will also be able to apply their skills and knowledge in practice and establish themselves as local sources of expertise in Guria.

**Association "Sachino" for the Struggle against Corruption  
and for the Protection of Consumers' Rights**

\$4,979

Georgia (Imereti)

06/10/10 - 09/09/10

To enhance the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Kutaisi and the region of Imereti to engage in participatory monitoring. Sachino will conduct training sessions for 35 CSO representatives in participatory civic monitoring and advocacy. The training module will be based on the one that was delivered during the training of trainers (ToT) conducted in 2009 by the Partners for Democratic Change. Training participants will prepare issue-based monitoring plans under the guidance of the trainers. The training will enhance the CSOs' capacity to conduct professional civic monitoring and improve cooperation between experienced and newly established CSOs with media outlets. In addition, the trainers will have the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge in practice and establish themselves as local experts in Imereti.

**Association of Condominiums**

\$4,275

Georgia (Imereti)

06/01/10 - 08/31/10

To enhance the capacity to conduct participatory monitoring and contribute to the institutional development of the homeowners associations, civil society organizations (CSO), and media outlets operating in Batumi and the Ajara region. The Association of Condominiums will train 50 participants, including members of condominium associations, CSO activists and journalists, in participatory monitoring and advocacy. The training module will be based on information acquired through the Eurasia Partnership Foundation, which supported training of trainers (ToT) and was conducted in 2009 by Partners for Democratic Change. Training participants will prepare issue-based monitoring plans and develop them under the guidance of the trainers. The training will improve the capacity of civic groups in Ajara to conduct civic monitoring and strengthen cooperation among CSOs of varying levels of experience with the media. In addition, the trained trainers will have the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the ToT, allowing them to establish themselves as qualified trainers in civic monitoring and advocacy in Ajara.

**Union Southern Gates**

\$10,160

Georgia (Samtskhe-Javakheti)

09/01/10 - 02/28/11

The goal of the project is to provide the population of Samtskhe-Javakheti with high quality investigative journalism in both Georgian and Armenian. The newspaper Southern Gates will enlist experienced investigative journalists to mentor its journalists in designing and implementing investigations. The project will result in eight investigative journalism articles on topics such as potable water problems, forestry, major highway construction, repatriation of Meskhetian Turks, etc. The journalists will improve their investigative journalism skills and provide high quality, relevant information to the population of Samtskhe-Javakheti about issues of local importance.

**Economic Policy Research Center (EPRC)**

\$19,895

Georgia (Tbilisi)

09/15/10 - 04/15/11

To increase engagement of community groups and the local media in the monitoring and evaluation of the efficiency and relevance of the state program for rural assistance in Kakheti, Ajaria, Kvemo Kartli, Imereti and Samtskhe-Javakheti. The joint activities by the experienced watchdog CSO, local communities, and the media outlets will increase citizens' awareness by engaging them in making the rural assistance program focus on the actual needs of the rural residents and increase accountability of local authorities. The training and public awareness of the local population and community leaders in the target villages and fulfillment of recommendations to the government will catalyze the participatory processes in the regions covered by the project.

**Georgian Insurance Institute**

\$19,836

Georgia (Tbilisi)

10/03/10 - 03/31/11

The grantee aims to create an effective mechanism to monitor the current insurance scheme in Georgia and engage citizens in waging an advocacy campaign to protect their rights vis-à-vis insurance companies and hospitals. The project will create a lasting consultancy network for the insured and work with the media to ensure that they consistently inform the public about insurance policies and practices in Georgia. The project will provide the public much needed and timely information about various forms of insurance, engage all major stakeholders in a constructive dialogue about these issues, enhance the Georgian citizens' capacity to advocate for their rights thereby contributing to the improvement of insurance policies in Georgia. The applicant CSO will strengthen its advocacy and monitoring capacity, which will contribute to strengthening the Georgian civil society sector.

**Latali Youth Bank**

\$1,743

Georgia (Tbilisi)

05/07/10 - 11/05/10

To enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of the Latali community and solve problems faced by the local youth. The Latali Youth Bank funded three youth led initiatives that were selected as a result of the YB grants competition. Of the three youth led initiatives funded by Latali YB, one project purchased 56 books to establish a community youth center library and increase access of Latali's youth to contemporary scholarly literature. Another project trained 30 youngsters on the traditional art of Svanetian needlework and organized an exhibition of 20 pieces of needlework to preserve traditional art for future generations. Lastly, Latali YB succeeded in organizing soccer, basketball and wrestling to encourage a healthy lifestyle for Latali youth.

**Akhaltzikhe Youth Bank**

\$2,986.73

Georgia (Samtskhe-Javakheti)

01/18/10 - 03/11/10

The goal of the Akhaltzikhe Youth Bank is to enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of their communities. The project will enable Youth Bank members to take responsibility for making decisions over grants and be accountable for how money is spent. Through a needs assessment, the Akhaltzikhe Youth Bank identified two major problems faced by youth in Akhaltzikhe: (1) lack of youth involvement in sports and (2) limited access to contemporary scientific and literary texts. The Akhaltzikhe Youth Bank announced a micro grants competition for youth (aged 16-21) in the Akhaltzikhe Municipality to tackle the above mentioned problems. The Youth Bank subsequently received 14 applications and selected six projects for funding.

**Dedoplistskaro Youth Bank** \$2,905  
Georgia (Kakheti) 10/05/09 - 04/16/10  
Through a needs assessment, the Dedoplistsqaro Youth Bank identified the following major problems for youth in Dedoplistsqaro: pollution, the lack of sports activities, and the lack of entertainment opportunities. The Dedoplistsqaro Youth Bank announced a micro grants competition for youth (aged 16-21) in Dedoplistskaro Municipality to tackle the above-mentioned problems. Dedoplistsqaro Youth Bank accepted proposals that addressed the different problems through innovative solutions. The Youth Bank received 15 applications and funded five.

**Guram Tikanadze Center of Svanetian Youth** \$12,165  
Georgia (Mestia region) 04/01/10 - 09/30/10  
The grantee will train 25 selected civic leaders from the target communities in problem analysis and prioritization, participatory decision-making and advocacy. In cooperation with the ASA Scientific-Information Association of Youth in the Imereti Region, the grantee will promote participatory solutions to local community problems, such as the local water supply, sewage system and garbage removal. The project creates a sustainable civic resource in the underserved region of Svaneti, which lacks experience in participatory decision making and civic engagement in problem analysis.

**Georgian Tourism Association (GTA)** \$60,131  
Georgia (Tbilisi) 04/01/10 - 12/18/10  
GTA will work with three Protected Areas (PAs) to develop sustainable products and services for both international and domestic visitors. Solar-powered electricity and water heating systems will be installed in five guest houses within the Tusheti PA. General knowledge about local producers and other potential tourism partners, concerning tourism as a means of boosting economic sustainability, will be increased in Tusheti PA and Borjomi-Kharagauli PA. At the same time, GTA will cooperate closely with another winner of Eco-Awards 2010, Ajara Sustainable Development Association (ASDA) to replicate the project. They will implement a similar project within the Mtskheta National Park and Kintrishi Protected Area. HSBC Bank, with its financial contribution of \$15,000, will also support the project by helping project implementers to install informational displays, mark paths and/or participate in the Young Rangers.

**Institute of Democracy** \$9,000  
Georgia (Ajara) 04/01/10 - 11/30/10  
The goal of the project is to support investigative journalism in the Adjara Region by disseminating TV, radio, and Internet media. The grantee will develop and launch a new website, [www.adjaranews.ge](http://www.adjaranews.ge), which will serve as a regularly updated platform for dissemination of investigative journalism materials. The grantee will shoot four investigative TV stories, which will be broadcast by Channel 25 in Batumi and uploaded on the website. In the mountainous areas of Keda, Shuakhevi, and Khulo, where there is no reception for Channel 25, the grantee will organize public showings. In order to increase interest in investigative journalism in the region, the grantee will hold a competition for the best materials in investigative journalism produced in Adjara. Investigative journalism materials, distributed widely and used during meetings among governmental, non-governmental, and media organizations, will serve as topics for discussion and encourage the further investigation of cases of corruption, violations, and deficiencies in Ajara.

**Marneuli Youth Bank** \$2,278.49  
 Georgia (Kartli) 02/24/10 - 12/10/10  
 The goal of the Marneuli Youth Bank is to enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of their communities. The project will enable Youth Bank members to take responsibility for making decisions concerning grants and to be accountable for their monetary expenditures. Through a needs assessment, the Marneuli Youth Bank identified the following major problems faced by youth in Marneuli and Rustavi: (1) poor quality secondary school education; (2) ecological problems; (3) the lack of youth sports activities and (4) the lack of cultural events led by youth. The Marneuli Youth Bank announced a micro grants competition for youth (aged 16-21) to propose projects that would tackle these problems. The Youth Bank received 15 applications and selected five applications for funding.

**NLE Adjara Sustainable Development Association (ASDA)** \$31,084  
 Georgia (Ajara) 03/25/10 - 06/30/10  
 Ajara Sustainable Development Association (ASDA) is undertaking a three-month project in Ajara, namely within the Mtirala National Park and Kintrishi Protected Area, to improve infrastructure and knowledge to local residents on possible income-generation activities connected to eco-tourism. Local knowledge about approaches to offering tourism services as a means of boosting economic sustainability will improved through the cooperation and involvement of another winner of the Eco-Awards Program 2010, the Georgian Tourism Association (GTA). GTA is committed to providing the relevant training free of charge. The project will also contribute to improved cooperation among projects supported within Eco-Awards Program, as well as between residents and administrations of the Mtirala National Park and Tusheti PA.

**Ozurgeti Youth Bank** \$2,849  
 Georgia (Guria) 10/20/09 - 11/01/10  
 Ozurgeti/Guria Youth Bank group announced a micro grants competition for the youth (aged 16-21) to increase for young people to participate in decision-making about important local challenges. As a result of a community needs assessment, Ozurgeti Youth Bank has identified the following priorities: 1) Environmental pollution; 2) unhealthy lifestyle behaviors among youth; 3) poor quality youth education; and 4) the lack of youth entertainment opportunities. Ozurgeti Youth Bank solicited applications with proposals to tackle the above mentioned problems. Young people with their fresh ideas can contribute to the promotion of healthy life styles and decreasing pollution.

**Tserovani Youth Bank** \$1,503.12  
 Georgia (Mtskheta-Mtianeti) 02/24/10 – 03/24/10  
 The project will enable Youth Bank members to take responsibility for making decisions concerning grants and to be accountable for their monetary expenditures. In September-October 2009, the Youth Bank conducted a needs assessment and identified general apathy among youth, a lack of sports and entertainment opportunities, and a need for environmental protection as the most pressing problems for the youth population. In total, 12 applications were received from other youth initiative groups in Tserovani and the Youth Bank members selected six applications according to the Youth Bank methodology.

**Violence Protection and Civil Education Regional Center** \$8,807  
Georgia (Kakheti) 04/01/10 - 10/31/10  
The grantee will prepare investigative journalism TV stories covering the state program Support the Countryside, which gives financial support to municipalities for infrastructure development. The grantee will focus on four municipalities in Kakheti: Gurjaani, Kvareli, Lagodekhi and Signaghi. Through freedom of information requests and further onsite investigation, the grantee will prepare investigative journalism stories for broadcast on Gurjaani TV. The project will result in a greater efficiency of the state program through increased public access to information about the municipalities' activities and improved public oversight.

## **Kazakhstan**

**Regional Orphanage of East Kazakhstan Oblast (Shulbinsk)** \$17,591  
Kazakhstan (East Kazakhstan Oblast) 12/01/09 - 08/31/10  
To open the Education Career Center at the Shulbinsk orphanage with the aim of increasing the enrollment of orphanage graduates in higher education institutions. The grant recipient will conduct government exam preparation, professional courses and educational database maintenance. The Education Career Center will organize a guest lecture series and provide consultations for orphans at a resource center.

**Eurasian National University named after L. N. Gumilev** \$91,933.33  
Kazakhstan (Astana) 02/01/10 - 01/31/11  
To introduce the Master of Science in Environmental Management Education (MSEME) program to the Eurasian National University (ENU). After purchasing and installing two pieces of equipment, the MSEME lab will be accredited according to the Kazakhstani state standards, thereby establishing a scientific research center. The university developed and approved a one-year MSEME program curriculum and five students were recruited and succeeded in passing their first year of education at the ENU. The scientific research center will be equipped to serve as a research center for students as well as those doing commercial research. Local and international companies, NGOs or government bodies will recruit Ten graduates of the MSEME program. This project is funded by AES and USAID/CAR.

**Public Foundation Our Heritage** \$23,851  
Kazakhstan (Almaty City, Karaganda Oblast, South Kazakhstan Oblast) 12/01/09 - 06/30/10  
To increase the presence of Kazakhstani craft wares at local and regional markets. Three workshops will be held in Almaty, Karaganda and Shymkent on designing and marketing crafts. Additionally, a seminar for art dealers will be conducted. These art dealers will be trained in marketing, merchandising and managing pieces of art work. The art dealers will be responsible for brokering deals with the participants at the art market. Eighty craftsmen will improve their knowledge in selling their goods with the participation of the art dealers. This program is funded by the Chevron Corporation

**East-Kazakhstan Oblast Association of Museum Workers** \$9,297.05  
Kazakhstan (East Kazakhstan Oblast) 03/09/10 - 07/09/10  
To create and strengthen existing channels that promote local crafts in East Kazakhstan Oblast. The association will provide training for artisans to market their crafts. They will hold a craft fair and hold a contest in Ust-Kamenogorsk called "Young Craftsman of East Kazakhstan Oblast." Through this experience, 20 artisans will learn how to market their products and 40 will be given the

opportunity to participate in a craft fair. The program is funded by the Chevron Corporation.

**PF Daryn** \$4,962.21  
Kazakhstan (Atyrau Oblast) 3/17/10 - 9/17/10  
To assist youth from low-income families in developing their musical talents. The grant recipient will select talented children from low-income families from 20 regional schools for music circles. The grant recipient will place the students in three musical groups and hold a folk song competition. The students will perform three concerts at LLP Tengizchevroil and in the villages of Shokpartogai and Turgizba. The program is funded by LLP Tengizchevroil

**Afghanistan war veterans society of Zhylyoi district** \$3,720.51  
Kazakhstan (Atyrau Oblast) 03/17/10 - 09/17/10  
To reestablish the activities of the patriotic club "Erlik" by holding cultural, educational, recreational and sports events for youth. The organization will have roundtable discussions with veterans, teachers, regional administrators and representatives on defense issues. These meetings will help identify needs and opportunities to apply professional and amateur skills in society. The work of the project and the club will be published in the local paper. The veterans will be actively involved in community life and will apply their skills in educating youth and teenagers. This project is funded by LLP Tengizchevroil.

**PU Zhurek Zhyluy** \$5,753.77  
Kazakhstan (Atyrau Oblast) 04/01/10 - 10/01/10  
To improve the physical and psychological health of children with disabilities. The grant recipient will train two specialists in the proper techniques to massage children with disabilities. They will supply an office that will serve as a place for children to receive massages, as well as a place where parents and children can meet with psychologists to discuss the necessity and opportunities for these children to integrate in to society. Additionally, they will conduct a training seminar for parents on the rehabilitation possibilities for their children. This program is funded by LLP Tengizchevroil.

**Public Union "Sharapatty Shanyrak"** \$6,675.17  
Kazakhstan (Atyrau Oblast) 03/16/10 - 09/16/10  
To provide NGOs in Zhylyoi with the necessary infrastructure to improve their work. The grant recipient will conduct a needs assessment of NGOs and organize a resource center to support NGOs in Zhylyoi District. The resource center will be unveiled at a press conference. A roundtable will be held to discuss the role of the resource center with regional NGOs and local authorities. The grant recipient will conduct six seminars for the public to promote the ideas of NGOs and mobilize local residents in addressing social problems in the region. The resource center will help identify problems in the nonprofit sector and plans to solve these problems. This project is funded by LLP Tengizchevroil.

**PF "Enbekshikazakh district community foundation"** \$6,572.07  
Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast) 03/16/10 - 09/16/10  
To strengthen the organizational and professional capacities of NGOs working for youth and form sustainable long-term relationships with these organizations. There will be mutual cooperation between the Community Foundation and NGOs directed towards supporting youth initiatives. The youth initiatives will be supported by identifying the needs of local youth, holding an educational training seminar on identifying social problems and developing abilities to resolve them, holding a workshop on practical skills for writing and implementing social projects and holding a roundtable

discussion on project results with the participation of interested parties. The project will help consult a youth NGO on project implementation, thereby improving the quality of its activities and work. The project is funded by LLP Tengizchevroil.

**PU "Ecocenter" Karaganda Oblast Ecological Center**

\$7,212.35

Kazakhstan (Karaganda Oblast)

03/16/10 - 09/16/10

To build the partnerships and the institutional potential of environmental NGOs in the district of Zhylyoi. The grant recipient will conduct two institutional development workshops on methods for working with target audiences, community needs assessments, and strategic planning. A partnership with local NGOs will be developed through mentoring and consulting. The grantee will develop two Kazakh-language manuals on training topics. All the NGOs in the region will prepare 1-3 year development strategies based on a needs assessment. Eight new NGOs developed strategic plans and conducted a needs assessment. This project is funded by LLP Tengizchevroil PF Daryn.

**Kyrgyzstan**

**Public Union "Agrolid"**

\$3,000

Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast)

01/01/10 - 09/30/10

To improve the economic situation of farmers. The grant recipient will purchase and distribute three tons of potato seed for three settlements, comprised of 37 low-income families. The union will conduct two workshops on the production of seed potato in three settlements for the farmers' groups. There will be an agreement with the local government on the use of land for planting potatoes. Three tons of potatoes will be harvested for each group. One ton will be set aside as a reserve for the next year, one ton will be sold, and one ton will be returned to the grantee for future years. The project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Netherlands.

**Public Foundation "Youth Disabled Movement"**

\$2,980

Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek City)

11/30/09 - 08/31/10

To improve the material well-being of disabled youth. The grant recipient will acquire and install furniture-making equipment, fine-tune a system for ordering and organizing the delivery of furniture and provide jobs for 3-5 disabled persons trained in furniture making at the Center for Social Services "Akak." Color catalogs and informational booklets about the products produced by the workshop will be published in Russian and Kyrgyz. The grant recipient will also assist in the advancement of legal and institutional measures to improve the employability of people with disabilities. This will be done through mini advocacy campaigns and meetings with state and business representatives. The project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Netherlands.

**Public Union "Kelechek Mekenii"**

\$3,000

Kyrgyzstan (Osh Oblast)

11/30/09 - 08/31/10

To reduce poverty among socially vulnerable groups in the Otuz-Adyr settlement. Twenty low-income workers will be identified to benefit from this grant. The workers will be trained in chicken farming. A facility will be equipped with the proper equipment for processing chickens. Chicks will be purchased and distributed to the 20 beneficiaries. The project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

- Public Union Chui Regional Centre of Development and Education** \$3,000  
 Kyrgyzstan (Chui Oblast) 11/30/09 - 08/31/10  
 To create jobs for members of a ten-member self-help group in Chuy District. A group of ten people will be trained in the basics of flower production and entrepreneurship. Each group member will be given 50 tulip bulbs and 10 rose seedlings. The group will create three banners for advertising the flowers and create and organize a market stall to sell the flowers from. The project will be funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kazakhstan.
- Public Foundation "Beipil"** \$5,554  
 Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast) 11/30/09 - 12/10/10  
 To enhance the well-being of disabled people in the Tonsk District. Five beneficiaries will be trained in felt making. They will be trained to start the process with raw materials and create the finished product. They will learn how to analyze the market, find potential partners, and find ways to market and sell the final product. This project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- Public Union of Disabled in Issyk Kul District "Ravenstvo"** \$3,000  
 Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast) 11/30/09 - 08/31/10  
 To assist in job placement for disabled people. The grant recipient will train five disabled people to run a newly equipped dairy that complies with sanitary standards. An arrangement with 12 kiosks for selling dairy products will be established in 3 cities. A provision of dairy products will be set aside to donate to 10 disabled children. The project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kazakhstan.
- Public Union "Kelechek Sary Kol"** \$3,000  
 Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast) 01/01/10 - 09/30/10  
 To facilitate the social and economic integration of disabled people in society. A workshop for making felt products will be prepared through the acquisition of wool-processing equipment. Ten disabled people will be trained to produce felt products in the workshop. They will be trained in the sale and delivery of felt products. The project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- Public Union "Society of Disabled Children"** \$860.71  
 Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast) 01/01/10 - 09/30/10  
 To provide workspaces for the parents of disabled children who are members of the Society of Disabled Children. The grant recipient will prepare and put on a workshop for parents of disabled children to learn to make woolen blankets. A wool processing machine and three sewing machines will be installed. One person will be trained on how to work with a wool processing machine and three people will learn how to sew. The project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- Public Union "Public Union of Unemployment Women"** \$2,455  
 Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast) 01/01/10 - 11/30/10  
 To teach 15 members of the "Issyk-Kul" self-help group how to process fruit to prepare them for future employment. The grant recipient will acquire and install equipment for processing fruit into a facility that complies with sanitary and hygienic standards. The group will be trained in preparing and bottling juice A system for processing one's own products and those of others in the community will be set up. The project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the

Kingdom of the Netherlands in Kazakhstan

**Public Union "Children are the Source of Life"**

\$3,000

Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast)

12/29/09 - 09/30/10

To enhance the quality of life for 17 disabled children from the Baldar Omur Bulagy rehabilitation center in Tyup. The grant recipient will acquire ten bull calves that will be fattened and raised to maturity. The bulls will be sold off and the profits will be used to assist in living costs for the disabled children. Some of the money from the grant will go into the purchasing of provisions for the bulls such as hay, feed supplements and medicine. Two parents of the disabled children will be charged with the task of raising the bulls, thereby providing jobs for locals. The project is funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

**American Charity Foundation of Scientific Technology and Language Institute**

\$5,093

Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast)

02/15/10 - 11/30/10

To improve the health and well-being of children with disabilities living in the rural communities of Issyk-Kul Oblast, the organization will train individuals serving disabled children. Local doctors were trained in working with children with disabilities and their parents. NGO staff was trained to be able to help children attain developmentally appropriate skills such as sitting, walking and developing motor skills. The families and NGOs were trained and will be supported in developing individual education plans for children. 130 children will have better access to medical, social and educational services. This program was funded by USAID and individual contributions.

**Education Network Association Ednet**

\$59,192

Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek)

09/02/09 - 07/15/11

This project has three goals. It will expand the opportunities of young people to receive quality higher education, help credit organizations identify responsible student loan creditors, and allow employers to hire better-qualified graduates. The main actions for meeting the goals include: a) research the quality of education in the educational institutions; b) develop a methodology for evaluating educational institutions as a tool for credit organizations who are evaluating student loan applications; c) organize a round table for discussing cooperation among employers, students and career centers; d) train students in career search strategies; e) organize a job fair; and f) develop a manual for students on how to successfully find a job. This program was funded by USAID.

**PU "Private orphanage Merrim Bulagy"**

\$2,900

Kyrgyzstan (Ak-Bulun Village)

05/21/10 - 11/21/10

To create a source for sustainable income for the Merrim Bulagy orphanage, the grantee will create a jam-producing plant. The sustainable production of the fruit jam will be organized by trained students and staff. They will instruct youth in safe canning practices. The new product will be marketed in the region to ensure sustainable sales. The students will acquire knowledge and practice in jam production, five of the graduating students will be employed, and the orphanage will have a sustainable source of income. This program was funded by the Almaty Office of the Embassy of the Netherlands.

## Moldova

### **Agentia de presa independenta "DECA-press"**

\$3,500

Moldova (Balti District)

03/15/10 - 03/15/11

To expand access to objective information of public interest by creating and maintaining the "HotNews.md" online multimedia publication. The grantee will ensure quality information provisions to online media consumers by writing and producing objective, up-to-date and fair journalistic products, and by organizing online discussions and debates with the participation of various stakeholders. The project is financially supported by SIDA, USAID and by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland.

### **Asociatia pentru Democratie Participativa ADEPT**

\$5,819.18

Moldova (Chisinau)

03/15/10 - 02/15/11

To increase decision-making transparency of Moldovan Public Authorities through civil society oversight. The grantee will monitor public authorities' performance from the decision making transparency perspective and inform the general public about the extent to which public authorities comply with transparency commitments. The grantee will also provide timely expertise to decisions that are of great importance to the general public, in this way providing an example of direct participation in the decision-making process. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.

### **Centrul de Analiza si Prevenire a Coruptiei**

\$2,999.00

Moldova (Chisinau)

3/12/10 - 4/12/10

To assist the Moldovan Parliamentary Commission in the Investigation of post April 5 events in Moldova. At the request of the Commission, the grantee will collect and analyze information on the behavior of law enforcement agencies and a number of civilians apprehended by police from a variety of sources, including emergency hospitals, courts, police commissariats, defense lawyers and students. The project will help the Moldovan Government to take an informed position on the post April 5 events, to restore justice, and to uphold the principles of accountability, transparency and the rule of law. The project is funded by SIDA and USAID.

### **AO ACCD Dialog**

\$2,587

Moldova (Cahul District)

03/15/10 - 02/15/11

To secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the southern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in 2006 in Cahul town. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, business groups and other interested groups, the center will continue to provide a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and co-funded by USAID.

### **CONTACT Centrul National A.I.O.N. din Moldova**

\$5,962.05

Moldova (Chisinau)

03/15/10 - 01/15/11

To contribute to free and fair elections in Moldova by supporting the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, which consists of more than 70 member organizations. The grantee will maintain internal and external communication among Coalition members, strengthen their capacity to promote free and fair elections, and advocate for a better electoral framework in Moldova. The project is financially supported by the SIDA and USAID.

- C.R.A.I.O.N. CONTACT-Balti** \$6,931  
Moldova (Balti District) 03/15/10 - 02/15/11  
To secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the northern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in 2006 in Balti city. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, business groups and other interested groups, the center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.
- Fundatia Comunitara Ungheni** \$2,558  
Moldova (Ungheni District) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. The project will increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth and the community organization from Ungheni raion which support them, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led actions and volunteerism. The project is based on Youth Bank methodology, which is an innovative grant making initiative run by young people for young people. This project is supported by SIDA and USAID.
- Asociatia Obsteasca "DEMOS"** \$1,786  
Moldova (Edinet) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. The project will increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth and the community organization from Edinet raion which supports them, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led actions and volunteerism. The project is based on Youth Bank methodology, which is an innovative grant making initiative run by young people for young people. This project is supported by SIDA and USAID.
- AO Eco-Razeni** \$2,248  
Moldova (Chisinau District) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. Youth Bank Ialoveni organized several dance competitions with the participation of young people from throughout Moldova. A small movie theatre provided entertainment for kindergarten children with no access to cartoons. The local youth renovated small parks and playgrounds, set up a Wi-Fi network in the school, a school newspaper, the Young Artists' Exhibition, organized sports competitions (volleyball, football and basketball), created movies and organized a small film festival targeting environmental problems in the community. This project is supported by SIDA and USAID.
- Fundatia Comunitara Dezvoltare Durabila Cahul** \$2,338  
Moldova (Cahul District) 04/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth and the community organization from Cahul raion, which supports them, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led

actions and volunteerism. The project is based on Youth Bank methodology, which is an innovative grant making initiative run by young people for young people. This project is supported by SIDA and USAID.

**Asociatia pentru Promovarea Clinicilor Juridice din Moldova (APCJM)** \$19,992  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/01/10 - 12/31/10

To prevent and combat corruption in Moldova through free legal aid and accessible anti-corruption education in higher education institutions. Under the supervision of professional attorneys, law students from Balti, Comrat and Tiraspol will provide free legal assistance to victims of corruption. Trained students from law faculties will instruct students from 15 professional schools on legal ways of preventing and fighting corruption. The grantee will also develop an anticorruption curriculum for professional schools with the view to curbing corruption in these higher education institutions. The project is financially supported by the SIDA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark DANIDA, and USAID through the Eurasia Foundation.

**PP "Ziarul de Garda" SRL** \$10,319  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/01/10 - 05/31/11

To combat corruption in Moldova by enabling the media to develop professional journalistic investigations, as an important precondition for developing an intolerant and reactive attitude of citizens towards corruption. The grantee will run an anti-corruption telephone line enabling citizens to report cases of corruption, which will subsequently serve as the objective of professional and complex investigative stories. The project will also help develop the capacities of young journalists to conduct investigative journalism and alert the law enforcement agencies to react in an effective manner to reported cases. The project is financially supported by SIDA, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark DANIDA, and USAID through the Eurasia Foundation.

**Centrul de Analiza si Prevenire a Coruptiei** \$12,892  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/01/10 - 12/31/10

To prevent corruption in Moldova by supporting institutionally the Anticorruption Alliance (ACA), which consists of more than 30 member organizations. The grantee will maintain internal and external communication among ACA members, strengthen their capacity to prevent and fight corruption and advocate for a better anticorruption framework in Moldova. The project is financially supported by SIDA, DANIDA, and USAID through the Eurasia Foundation.

**Institutul pentru Dezvoltare si Initiative Sociale "Viitorul"** \$14,915  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/01/10 - 05/31/11

To prevent corruption within the Customs Department of the Republic of Moldova through civil society oversight, capacity building, and activities that raise awareness. The grantee will establish an inclusive Civic Council through the Moldovan Customs Department. This entity will examine current problems, propose pertinent solutions and contribute to increasing the level of the institution's transparency and integrity. In order to help the Customs Department adopt necessary reforms, the grantee will train more than 20 customs officers on international practices of fighting corruption. The project will encourage citizens to denounce cases of corruption committed by customs officers through a special, free of charge, telephone line. The grantee will also raise awareness about corruption and its negative effects through the dissemination of posters and by publishing interviews. The project is financially supported by the SIDA, DANIDA, and USAID through the Eurasia Foundation.

**Centrul de Resurse pentru Drepturile Omului (CReDO)** \$14,543  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/01/10 - 05/31/11  
To prevent corruption within the health sector through monitoring and advocacy activities. The grantee will monitor the implementation of reforms in the health sector including the quality of services, transparency in decision-making and fairness in the procurement process. Periodic reports with recommendations will be widely disseminated among relevant stakeholders and discussed within three round tables. The grantee will also measure the progress achieved by the health sector in curbing corruption by conducting exit-polls in six health institutions. The project is financially supported by the SIDA, DANIDA, and USAID through the Eurasia Foundation.

**Asociatia Presei Independente (API)** \$15,334  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/09/10 - 01/08/11  
To strengthen the quality of journalism in the Republic of Moldova by providing institutional support for the Independent Press Council of Moldova (IPC) and by promoting best practices in the area of media self-regulation. The grantee will work to strengthen the capacities of the Secretariat and the members of the Press Council from Moldova through skills training and experience exchange activities. A series of public events at the national and regional levels will be conducted in an effort to promote quality media and journalism best practices in the area of media self-regulation. The project is expected to contribute to higher quality journalism in the country and facilitate relations between media consumers and press representatives, thus raising the credibility of the Press Council as an industry self-regulating mechanism. The project is funded by SIDA, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

**Audit Bureau of Circulations and Internet - BATI** \$21,230  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/09/10 - 01/08/11  
To strengthen the independent mass-media in the Republic of Moldova by supporting the activity of the Audit and Internet Bureau of Circulation (BATI), which is tasked with insuring transparent circulation data. The grantee will develop auditing regulations, an auditing mechanism and identify the auditing firm that will conduct the first circulation audit. The project is expected to contribute to raising the capacities and skills of BATI members through training seminars and consultations. In addition, the grantee will carry out fundraising activities and raise awareness about BATI and its impact on media development. The project is expected to contribute to the enlargement of BATI membership, strengthen the image and reputation of this institution, increase the circulation transparency and strengthen the level of trust between the media and advertisers. The project is funded by the SIDA, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation

**Institutul Tineretului Guvernator din RM** \$15,694  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/09/10 - 11/08/10  
To energize a new generation of active citizens and empower active, emerging leaders to play a more important role in the social and political life of the country. The project is expected to increase interaction between Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs), help enhance the input of youth into the legislative process at the national and local levels, the wider political arena and make MYPs attractive to parties as young leaders with their own base of supporters. The project is funded by SIDA, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation, with additional funding from the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI).

**Asociatia Obsteasca "DEMOS"** \$13,044  
Moldova (Edinet) 06/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To encourage young people's participation and volunteerism in community development. The project will increase young people's participation in community social development by building the capacities and expertise of local youth and the community organization from Edinet raion, allowing them to participate in their community's social development through youth-led actions and volunteerism. The project is based on Youth Bank methodology which is an innovative grant making initiative run by young people for young people. This project is supported by SIDA and the USAID.

**Agentia de presa independenta "DECA-press"** \$26,218  
Moldova (Balti) 06/01/10 - 03/15/11  
To expand access to objective information of public interest by creating and maintaining the "HotNews.md" online multimedia publication. The grantee will ensure quality information provision to online media consumers by writing and producing objective, up-to-date and fair journalistic products and by organizing online discussions and debates with the participation of the various stakeholders. The project is funded by SIDA, USAID and is co-funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland.

**Asociatia pentru Democratie Participativa ADEPT** \$21,180  
Moldova (Chisinau) 06/01/10 - 02/15/11  
To increase decisional transparency of the Moldovan Public Authorities through civil society oversight. The grantee will monitor public authorities' performance from the decisional transparency perspective and inform the general public about the extent to which public authorities comply with decisional transparency commitments. The grantee will also provide timely expertise to decisions that are of great importance to the general public, in this way providing an example of direct participation in the decision-making process. The project is intended to teach public authorities to make decisions more transparent, increase the participation of citizens in the decision-making process and to encourage better media coverage of issues related to decisional transparency. The project is funded by SIDA and USAID.

**AO ACCD Dialog** \$6,912  
Moldova (Cahul) 06/01/10 - 02/15/11  
To secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the southern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in Cahul town in 2006. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, business groups and other interested groups. The center will continue to provide a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and USAID.

**C.R.A.I.O.N. CONTACT-Balti** \$12,590.00  
Moldova (Balti) 06/01/10 - 02/15/11  
To secure access to information on EU affairs, policies and practices for citizens from the northern part of the country. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in Balti city in 2006. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, business groups and other interested groups, the center

will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and co-funded by USAID.

**Centrul pentru Apararea Drepturilor Pacientilor si Invalizilor** \$4,962  
Moldova (Chisinau) 08/02/10 - 02/01/11

To increase citizen access to health protection through free legal aid and advocacy. The grantee will raise awareness about the rights of the patients, provide free legal assistance to patients who were the victims of corruption and identify the normative acts that are encouraging corruption within the health sector. During the project the organization will develop and widely disseminate periodic reports with comprehensive recommendations designed to enhance the observance of patients' rights and decrease the phenomenon of corruption in the health sector. The project is financially supported by the SIDA, DANIDA, and USAID through the Eurasia Foundation.

**AO "Speranta-Stolniceni"** \$2,563  
Moldova (Stolniceni, Hincesti) 09/15/10 - 10/29/10

To offer better recreation conditions for children by constructing a new playground in Stolniceni village. The grantee will organize a tender to select the company, which will be responsible for producing the necessary structures of the playground. The project envisages the mobilization of volunteers who will prepare necessary space within the community kindergarten and install a playground. The project is implemented within the "Partnership for Children" initiative launched by the Parliamentary Commission for Social Protection, Health and Family, Orange Moldova, UNICEF, UNFPA and East Europe Foundation. The project is funded by Aura-show, DesEnergo, Eximbank and Local Public Administration and is co-funded by SIDA, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

**Clubul Femeilor "GOLUBCA"** \$4,705  
Moldova (Basarabasca) 09/15/10 - 11/15/10

To create favorable conditions for exercise and recreation by establishing a sports ground by the "Fenix" Youth Resource Center for the youth of Basarabasca. The facility will be accessible not only for the visitors of the center, but also for all children and youth from the town. The project is implemented within the "Partnership for Children" initiative launched by the Parliamentary Commission for Social Protection, Health and Family, Orange Moldova, UNICEF, UNFPA and East Europe Foundation. The project is funded by Aura-show, DesEnergo, Eximbank and Local Public Administration and is co-funded by SIDA, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

**AO "Bastina"** \$4,401  
Moldova (Balanul Nou, Riscani) 09/15/10 - 10/29/10

To improve the living conditions of children from the village of Balanul Nou by setting up a playground in the community. The grantee, in cooperation with local volunteers, will prepare the space for the playground and will identify the vendor for producing the necessary equipment. As a result of the project activities, 139 children will benefit from a fully equipped playground located by the kindergarten. The project is financially supported by SIDA, DANIDA and is co-funded by the Local Public Administration from Balanul Nou village.

**AO "Fortuna"** \$2,886  
Moldova (Zgurita, Drochia) 09/15/10 - 10/29/10  
To strengthen the overall health and development of youth from the village of Zgurita by increasing their participation in sports and other social activities. The grantee will create a healthier and safer area for school children to play sports by renovating the basketball and volleyball courts, and will promote a new sports complex within the community. The project will advertise the benefits of taking part in athletics and will encourage the youth to volunteer their time during the construction period. In addition, an annual sports camp and a weekly after school sports club will be set up. The project is funded by the SIDA, DANIDA, DesEnergo company and is co-funded by the Local Public Administration from Zgurita village.

**Institutul pentru Drepturile Omului din Moldova (IDOM)** \$24,404  
Moldova (Chisinau) 8/23/10 - 12/03/10  
To promote free and fair elections in Moldova through civil society monitoring of the 2010 parliamentary elections. The grantee will monitor the voters' list, election campaigns and the election process itself. The project will reduce the likelihood of administrative violations and ensure that the election results are a true reflection of voter intent. The project is funded by SIDA and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

**CONTACT Centrul National A.I.O.N. din Moldova** \$40,541  
Moldova (Chisinau) 08/23/10 - 02/10/11  
To increase informed voter participation in the 2010 electoral process. 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 25 local NGOs in door-to-door campaigns in 25 territorial administrative units, which registered the lowest turnout during the previous electoral processes. The project targets local NGOs, youth, first-time voters and civically passive citizens. The project is funded by SIDA and NED.

**AO "Perspectiva"** \$7,597  
Moldova (Cahul) 08/23/10 - 12/23/10  
To increase informed voter participation in the 2010 electoral processes. The project will involve citizens from five rural communities in three southern raions in a complex information campaign regarding civic participation in the electoral processes. The project is funded by SIDA and National Endowment for Democracy.

**Asociatia pentru Democratie Participativa ADEPT** \$9,324  
Moldova (Chisinau) 08/23/10 - 10/23/10  
To contribute to a free and transparent electoral process during the September 5 Constitutional Referendum in Moldova. The project will develop and maintain a specialized website dedicated to consolidated, balanced information and analysis on the September 5 Constitutional Referendum. This project is funded by SIDA and NED.

**Asociatia Promo-LEX** \$9,260  
Moldova (Chisinau) 08/23/10 - 10/23/10  
To contribute to a free and transparent electoral process during the September 5 Constitutional Referendum in Moldova. The grantee will create and train a network of domestic long-term and short-term observers in order to conduct a full set of monitoring activities before, during and after

the Referendum Day. The project is funded by SIDA and NED.

**Association for Cooperation and Democratic Communication "Dialog"** \$9,499  
Moldova (Cahul District) 03/15/10 - 02/15/11  
The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in 2006 in Cahul. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, and business groups, the center will continue to provide a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and co-funded by USAID.

**Association for Participatory Democracy "ADEPT"** \$26,999  
Moldova (Chisinau) 03/15/10 - 02/15/11  
The grantee will monitor public authorities' performance from the transparency perspective and inform the general public about the extent to which public authorities comply with transparency commitments when making decisions. The grantee will also provide timely expertise about decisions that are of great importance for the general public. It is supported financially by SIDA and United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

**Center for Analysis and Prevention of Corruption** \$2,999  
Moldova 03/12/10 - 04/12/10  
At the request of the Commission, the grantee will collect and analyze information on the behavior of law enforcement agencies and the number of civilians apprehended by police. Supported financially by SIDA/ASDI and USAID, the project will help the Moldovan Government to take an informed decision about the post April 5 events, to restore justice, and to uphold the principles of accountability, transparency and the rule of law.

**DECA-Press Agency** \$29,718  
Moldova (Balti District) 03/15/10 - 03/15/11  
The grantee will ensure quality information provision to online media consumers by writing and producing objective, up-to-date and fair journalistic products and by organizing online discussions and debates with participation of various stakeholders. The project is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida/Asdi), USAID, and is co-funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland.

**National Assistance and Information Center for NGOs "CONTACT"** \$22,740  
Moldova 03/15/10 - 01/15/11  
Eurasia Foundation's Representative Office is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to free and fair elections in Moldova by supporting the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, which consists of more than 70 member organizations. The grantee will maintain the internal and external communication among Coalition members, strengthen their capacity to promote free and fair elections, and advocate for a better electoral framework in Moldova. The project is financially supported by the SIDA/ASDI and USAID.

**Regional Centre for NGOs Assistance and Information CONTACT - Balti** \$19,521  
Moldova (Balti District) 03/15/10 - 02/15/11

The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in Balti city in 2006. Targeting students, youth, women, teachers, local government officials, and business groups, the center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. This project is funded by SIDA and co-funded by USAID.

## Russia

**Southern Regional Resource Center** \$12,412.36  
Russia (Krasnodar Krai) 12/01/09 - 12/31/10

To support the establishment of a permanent institute of social moderators in the sphere of interethnic relations in Krasnodar region and the Republic of Adygea.

## Tajikistan

**Public Organization Faizbakhsh** \$3,534  
Tajikistan (Republican Raions) 08/16/10 - 08/15/11

To improve the opportunities for citizens to participate in the local government of Faizbakhsh Raion. The grant recipient will create a center for civil initiatives and a resource center to support the inhabitants and local authorities of the local government in Faizabad district. The project will increase the level citizens participate in the decision-making process at the local level. It will also improve the level of interaction between the citizens of Faizabad district and the local authorities. The active participation of local people in planning budgets in the sub-districts of Faizabad will enhance the ability of the local population to monitor the use of funds by the local government. This will lead to the advancement of the democratic process in the Faizabad District and Tajikistan as a whole. This project is funded by the Finnish government.

**Public Organization Marifat** \$3,504  
Tajikistan (Khatlon Oblast) 08/16/10 - 08/15/11

To improve the opportunities for civic participation in the process of governing in Khuroson district. The grantee will create a Civil Support Initiative Centre and Resource Centre for the residents of Khuroson district with the support of the local government. The program will increase the level of citizens' participation in the decision-making processes at the local level. The residents will actively participate in budget planning for Khuroson district. As a result of this program, the democratic processes in Khuroson district and Tajikistan as a whole will accelerate. This project is funded by the Finnish government.

**Public Organization Youth XXI** \$3,108  
Tajikistan (Khatlon Oblast) 08/16/10 - 08/15/11

To improve the opportunities for civic participation in the process of governing in Nosiri Khisrav district. The grantee will create a Civil Support Initiative Centre and Resource Centre for the residents of Nosiri Khisrav district with the support of the local government. The program will increase the level of citizens' participation in the decision-making processes at the local level. The residents will actively participate in budget planning for Nosiri Khisrav district. As a result of this

program, the democratic processes in Nosiri Khisrav district and Tajikistan as a whole will accelerate. This project is funded by the Finnish government.

**Public Organization Parastor**

\$4,000

Tajikistan (Republican Raions)

05/01/10 - 08/31/10

To increase employment opportunities for graduates of boarding school number 1 through professional preparation and development. The grantee will select young women for participation in workshops and a two month course. The grantee will host a roundtable discussion with representatives of the local hukumat, the regional department of education, local businesses and local school administrations in order to recruit their help with the project. The grantee will consult the girls on starting an enterprise, purchase the equipment for a sewing shop, and open a sewing shop at the boarding school. The project participants will distribute information on their products to the customers. The project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Astana.

**Public Organization Chashma**

\$4,000

Tajikistan (Khatlon Oblast)

04/15/10 - 10/15/10

The project goal is to alleviate poverty through income generated from restored land, while simultaneously improving soil fertility and ensuring food security in the area. The grantee will conduct a training seminar on methods of restoring and improving soil fertility of abandoned land. A seminar will be held on poverty related problems that can be addressed using the resources and participation of local communities. The community will be charged with ploughing abandoned overgrown land, removing weeds, planting wheat and alfalfa, and harvesting the crops at the end of the season. At the conclusion of the project, a seminar will be held to evaluate the outcome of the project with a focus on the potential growth and application of its results in the future. The project will improve the standard of living for 25 families from the use of restored and weed-free land. The fertility of the soil will be restored and income will be generated from the harvest of the restored land. This project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

**Public Organization Nisojon**

\$3,998

Tajikistan (Khatlon Oblast)

05/20/10 - 11/20/10

To increase the standard of living through income generating activities for 15 large families in Tudakavsh village, jamoat Kulob, in Khatlon. The grantee will host a round table discussion with representatives of the local government, leaders and activists of Tudakavsh village, jamoat Kulob. They will create a permanent initiative group of 5 activists from Tudakavsh village. Two goats will be purchased and distributed to each family deemed to be vulnerable. The families will be provided with necessary feed and vaccinations for their goats. The families will be more independent and will be capable of selling meat and milk products to improve their standard of living. This project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

**Public Organization Mairam**

\$4,000

Tajikistan (Khatlon Oblast)

05/20/10 - 09/20/10

To reduce poverty through professional preparation and employment of people with disabilities in the "Mushfiki Maubon" community, in the city of Kulob. The grantee will give a presentation to the representatives of the local hukumat, public organizations, and the press about the proposed project. Groups of workers will be formed and called on to participate in workshops and two-month courses on shoe-making and sewing. The grantee will organize and conduct three one-day training seminars on "Management and Marketing," "Starting your own Business," and "Gender Problems." Two-month courses on cutting and sewing, and shoe repair for 16 people with disabilities will be

organized. At the conclusion of the training and workshops, the grantee will purchase equipment for a sewing shop and inventory for a shoe repair workshop. One small sewing shop with six positions for women and two shoe repair workshops with ten positions will be opened. The grantee will collaborate with business owners to receive customer orders and information will be distributed about the goods made by the project participants. The project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

**Association Disabled of Kurgan-tube**

\$3,998

Tajikistan (Khatlon Oblast)

05/20/10 - 11/20/10

To improve the standard of living of 20 disabled women and their families by facilitating their ability to work from home. The grantee will create an initiative group and will purchase and install sewing machines for the production of garments. They will hold cutting and sewing training courses for disabled women. The grantee will purchase raw materials for disabled women and the women will produce and sell garments in local markets and shops. The revenue from the sales will be distributed among the beneficiaries relative to their level of participation. The grantee will organize a roundtable discussion at the completion of the project. This project will generate annual revenue from the sales of the garments and will lead to an increase in the assortment of goods. This project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

**Women's Public Organization Zamzam**

\$3,727

Tajikistan (Khatlon Oblast)

06/01/10 - 11/30/10

To improve the standard of living and provide jobs for 24 women by generating revenue through the conversion, production and sale of milk products. The grantee will purchase equipment for milk conversion and the production of milk products. They will train the workers to use the equipment at the factory to convert and produce milk products while following the required sanitary standards. The workers will be trained to vaccinate and properly feed the milk-producing cows. This project is funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

**Turkmenistan**

**Economics and Business School under Turkmen State Polytechnic Institute**

\$14,934

Turkmenistan (Ashgabad City)

04/23/10 - 09/23/10

To reform curricula and training courses of the School of Economics and Business at the Turkmen Polytechnic Institute. 150 entrepreneurs participated in the research that assessed entrepreneurial educational needs in Turkmenistan. The school submitted the research report to the Ministry of Economics and Development. The participants designed and adapted ten new business programs according to the results of the research and international and local experts' recommendations. 20 faculty and staff learned how to deliver the new business curriculum. The school developed a plan to introduce business courses in September of 2011. This project is funded by the Chevron Corporation.

**Ukraine**

**Regional Tourists' Information Center**

\$10,975.78

Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast)

10/12/09 - 06/15/10

To create favorable conditions for recreation and tourism for people with special needs in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast. As part of the project, the grantee will assess the existing Oblast tourism infrastructure for people with special needs. Based on the assessment, the grantee will choose five

sites in the Oblast and make them handicap-accessible. A broad informational campaign to promote opportunities for recreation will be conducted. The project is funded by the Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor Group.

**Ivano-Frankivsk Territorial Organization of Ukrainian Blind Association** \$12,484.40  
Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast) 10/12/09 - 02/26/10

To provide access to information for people with visual impairments in Ivano-Frankivsk. The grantee will equip an audio literature library with audio books and MP3 players and create a reading room providing people with visual impairments access to the vast resources available to them on the Internet. In order to promote the opening of the new reading room, the grantee will organize an informational campaign. The project is funded by the Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor Group.

**"Perspectyva Stryishchyn" Regional Development Agency** \$11,550.10  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 12/08/09 - 10/06/10

To stimulate solutions to energy-related challenges in the towns of Morshyn and Stryi in Lviv Oblast. The grantee will facilitate efforts between local governments, experts and community activists to promote renewable energy sources. To demonstrate the application and benefits of renewable energy, three pilot projects will be implemented introducing solar and wind power, and a system to measure energy efficiency in municipal buildings in Morshyn. Targeting local governments, community activists, schoolchildren and the general population, the grantee will provide workshops and run an energy conservation informational campaign for local TV and print media. The project will result in increased awareness and demand for more efficient energy use, and serve as a model for other regions. The project is funded by the Telenor Group in Ukraine, the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine and USAID.

**"Euroregion Karpaty - Ukraine" Association of Local Self-Government Bodies** \$29,812.96  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 12/08/09 - 10/15/10

To stimulate solutions to energy-related challenges in five pilot districts in the mountainous regions of Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zakarpatska Oblasts. The grantee will work with local governments and communities to assess the possibility of using alternative energy, including solar and wind power. Based on the results, the grantee will draft a Lviv Oblast regional strategy to increase energy efficiency in mountainous districts, as well as recommend new energy efficiency projects, including the installation of energy-saving equipment. One such project will be implemented in one of the pilot districts with co-funding from the local budget to serve as an example to neighboring communities. The grantee will also launch a broad information campaign and train 45 municipal employees on energy saving opportunities. The project is funded by the Telenor Group, the Embassy of Finland and USAID.

**Lypovodolyna Cossack Regiment** \$13,711.54  
Ukraine (Sumy Oblast) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10

To improve the quality of life and access to social and medical services for senior citizens in Lypova Dolyna in Sumy Oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at Lypova Dolyna territorial center for the elderly and people with disabilities, organize activity clubs, offer training on computer skills and provide medical consultations to the senior community. Part of EEF's Community Centers for the People in Need program in Poltava and Sumy Oblasts, this project is co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Pyriatyn Raion Organization of Veterans** \$12,519.09  
Ukraine (Poltava Oblast) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10  
To improve the quality of life and access to social services for senior citizens in Pyriatyn, Poltava Oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at Pyriatyn regional center for the elderly and people with disabilities, organize activity clubs, offer training on computer skills, provide legal counseling and linen washing services to the senior community. The project is funded by EEF's Community Centers for the People in Need program in Poltava and Sumy Oblasts and the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Nedryhayliv Raion Civic Organization of Invalids** \$10,888.10  
Ukraine (Sumy Oblast) 12/01/09 - 05/31/10  
To improve the quality of life and social integration for senior citizens in Nedryhayliv in Sumy Oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at the Nedryhayliv regional center, organize a variety of activity clubs, offer training on basic computer skills, and provide access to sports activities. The project is funded by EEF's Community Centers for the People in Need program in Poltava and Sumy oblast and by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

**Center for Public Expertise** \$30,863.49  
Ukraine (Kyiv City) 03/01/10 - 12/31/10  
To promote energy efficiency at the local level. Project experts will create a database of energy saving initiatives implemented by Ukrainian municipalities, as well as evaluate and prepare descriptions of the most efficient and replicable among them. The results of the research, with detailed economic and technical information and practical recommendations, will be published in a manual and widely disseminated via public events and media. The project will provide local governments with reliable and competent advice on possible energy efficiency improvements. The project is funded by the Embassy of Switzerland in Ukraine and USAID and is being implemented in partnership with the Ministry for Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine.

**"Nadia" Drohobych Voluntary Society for Protection of Children with Disabilities** \$3,731.49  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 12/22/09 - 7/07/10  
To provide services for employment opportunities for young people with special needs. The grantee will create a resource center for youth with special needs. This center will provide services for increasing the educational potential and employment skills of young people with special needs. The organization will create a database of educational institutions and places of employment, conduct computer courses and specialized training for youth, provide consulting by a lawyer and psychologist, and organize a study tour to pass on participants' experience to other organizations. A job fair and roundtable will be held, and at the conclusion of the program a press conference will be organized where the project results will be presented. The project is a part of the program "Everyone Has the Right to Work."

**Creavita Kharkiv Disabled Persons Charitable Organization** \$11,393.19  
Ukraine (Kharkov Oblast) 05/17/10 - 03/16/11  
To create an effective partnership between the public, local business owners, and local authorities to introduce effective local policy instruments that will improve accessibility to various buildings in Kharkiv for people living with disabilities. The grantee will organize a wide informational campaign for media, plus roundtable discussions with specialists such as architects, heads of transport companies, heads of construction companies, and recreational facilities. Apart from the awareness-

raising campaign involving video and printed materials, the grantee will develop a policy document on accessibility in Kharkiv and lobby for its key points to be introduced as part of the city administration's social policies. A pilot project to outfit the opera house for use by people in wheelchairs will be organized with support from local business owners. This project is supported by the Ukrainian National Initiatives to Enhance Reforms (UNITER), which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**NGO "Face to Face"**

\$13,285.34

Ukraine (Odessa Oblast)

06/01/10 - 03/31/11

To increase the quality and transparency of services in the maintenance of residential apartment buildings and their surrounding territories in Odessa. The grantee will research the current system of maintenance through public monitoring, develop recommendations regarding improvement and lobby for its approval by the city council. The grantee will increase awareness among groups of residents living in apartment complexes through four seminars and training sessions, and will provide them with legal, informational, and methodological support through a public reception room that will be launched. A city-wide competition to determine the ability of apartment complex residents to maintain the quality of services they receive will attract media attention to the issue. The project should create conditions for the efficient and transparent implementation of building maintenance policies in Odessa. This project is supported by the Ukrainian National Initiatives to Enhance Reforms (UNITER), which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Ecological Club "Eremurus"**

\$17,056.16

Ukraine (Poltava Oblast)

05/17/10 - 12/16/10

To develop a sustainable mechanism for improving energy efficiency at municipal, educational and other related establishments. The project will help develop regulatory policy, engage the local community in the development and oversight of energy efficiency program execution, and implement a demonstration project. The project will introduce energy management components into the city administration, conduct energy audits at all seven city schools and install energy monitoring software in city educational establishments to allow for managed energy consumption. To ensure citizen participation in the city's energy efficiency planning, advisory committees will be created, an information campaign will be conducted, and a course in energy saving will be initiated at city schools. A city program utilizing citizen input for energy saving in the school sector will be developed and submitted to the city council for adoption. To ensure the sustainability of its results, the project will also develop a concept for and subsequently launch a revolving fund to finance city energy-saving initiatives. Spending on energy at the pilot establishments is expected to be reduced by 10-15%. This project is supported by (UNITER), which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Vinnitsa Regional Organization of People with Disabilities A-Vesta**

\$10,203.52

Ukraine (Vinnitsa Oblast)

05/17/10 - 02/17/11

To provide economic growth to depressed areas of Vinnytsya Oblast through the development of tourism-oriented entrepreneurship. The grantee will organize training seminars on basic entrepreneurial skills, crafts workshops with local and invited artists, and green tourism seminars and study tours. The grantee will partner with local authorities in establishing a small craft shop on the premises of the Busha state historical and cultural resort, which is very popular with tourists. Several media events will be organized for journalists to bring attention to the tourism opportunities in the area, and a website entitled "Busha invites you!" will also be launched. The grantee will publish a

textbook on entrepreneurship for distribution in remote areas to present project experiences as a model for other communities. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Repyk Region Economic and Social Development Support Centre** \$6,749.44  
Ukraine (Chernigov Oblast) 06/01/10 - 11/30/10

To ensure citizens' input into the process of outlining a development strategy for Ripky raion. The grantee will form a working group consisting of representatives of various sectors of local society. Research will be conducted in the communities of the raion to identify priority areas for development. A strategic plan will be discussed with the public and feedback mechanisms will be introduced by the grantee. The project is expected to result in the first-ever strategic plan for the raion incorporating citizens' feedback, with the plan to be published in Ukrainian and English and presented to investors. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Small Business Laboratory** \$15,847.43  
Ukraine (Kyiv Oblast) 05/17/10 - 02/17/11

To create an integrated information and communication system between the Slavutych City Administration and the local community, which also envisages an effective mechanism for civic authorities to provide online services to local citizens. The project will develop and launch a new official city web portal utilizing existing city informational and analytical resources. The project will evaluate the needs for online services and information through focus groups conducted with two main categories of users: the general public and entrepreneurs. Based on the results of this research and expert recommendations, the structure of the future web portal will be developed. To support the operation of such new resources, a local ordinance will be developed, then discussed with the public and submitted for review by the city council. To share the project experience, a seminar for other interested cities of the same size will be organized and a manual published that will introduce municipal e-governance programs. To inform citizens about the possibilities of new online resources, an intensive information campaign will be conducted. The project is expected to result in increased transparency and accountability of the city government. This project is supported by the UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Poltava Business Development Center** \$12,039.95  
Ukraine (Poltava Oblast) 05/17/10 - 02/17/11

To help improve the ecological situation in Lubny in Poltava Oblast, through more efficient waste management. The grantee will research the current situation of waste management in the city and will assist the local government in developing a civic waste management program. The grantee will conduct an informational campaign among residents to increase their awareness on ecological issues in the city and mobilize the community through eco-friendly actions and an art exhibition. The grantee will help improve the capacity of the local government and waste management companies through training seminars on how to apply for external funding to receive additional infrastructure-related and material resources to solve ecological issues in the community. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**NGO "Crimea Development Institute"** \$15,121.31  
Ukraine (Crimean Autonomous Republic) 05/17/10 - 01/17/11  
To enhance the role of citizens in the planning and implementation of local social and economic development policies in the remote North Side neighborhood of Sevastopol. A citizen action coalition will be created to lobby in favor of local residents. The grantee will research the needs of local citizens, organize expert groups and work with policymakers to increase the quality of administrative services provided to citizens. The grantee will draft a neighborhood development concept and subsequent regulatory documents. A website and informational newsletter will be launched to inform residents of the project and of the coalition's activities, which are expected to increase the quality of life of North Side residents. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Local Self-Government Development Support Association** \$11,986.32  
Ukraine (Lugansk Oblast) 05/17/10 - 05/17/11  
To combine the efforts of NGOs, businesses and local municipalities in Luhansk to introduce reforms directed at improving local legislation that regulates investment activities. The grantee will draft and lobby two regulatory documents regarding investment competition procedures in Luhansk and the procedures for selecting competition administrators to ensure the interests of all local stakeholders are taken into consideration. The grantee will research public demand in the areas of social needs, culture and production, and include these needs into the list of investment projects. The grantee will organize five training seminars for competition participants and publish a guide book for investors. The investment competition will be piloted in the community as a result of the project activities, which will result in the development of entrepreneurship and infrastructure in the city and contribute to the improvement of social services in Luhansk. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Center for Sustainable Development "Roza Vetrov"** \$18,422.35  
Ukraine (Donetsk Oblast) 05/17/10 - 04/17/11  
To improve the ecological situation in the City of Donetsk through improvements in waste management. The project is designed to pilot separate waste collection in one city district using a public-private partnership approach. The grantee will create a working group of representatives from local government, civil society, and business and then select the pilot district and start separate waste collection. The grantee will also conduct various seminars and individual meetings with different groups of stakeholders to promote the idea of waste management and explain the principles and benefits of separate waste collection. A telephone hotline will be established and an exhibition to highlight the problem of waste will be held. Project activities will be supported by an intensive information campaign using print materials, local newspapers, TV feeds and press conferences. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Public organization "ECO-Environment"** \$8,515.59  
Ukraine (Lviv Oblast) 05/17/10 - 04/17/11  
To improve the ecosystem and protect the environment in Zhydachiv, Lviv Oblast. The grantee will promote the creation of an ecological network around the city, analyze and document the prerequisites for the establishment of a nature reserve within this network, conduct public hearings on this issue and submit the application to the responsible authorities. To promote environmentally

friendly behavior among citizens, a walking route around Zhydachiv will be organized to include a physical demonstration and an experimental ground at the city ecological information and education center. An intensive information campaign will be organized to mobilize the community to participate in tree-planting events and to create five new green zones in and around the city. The project will help the local community remain more well-informed on ecological issues and empowered to take action to resolve local ecological problems. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Berdyansk City Committee of Movement  
"Educators For Peace and Understanding"**

\$10,235.82

Ukraine (Zaporozhye Oblast)

05/17/10 - 12/01/10

East Europe Foundation (EEF) is proud to announce an advocacy project aimed at developing mechanisms for social partnerships between NGOs, small and medium businesses and public organizations to solve local problems in Berdyansk, Zaporizhzhia Oblast. The grantee will run training programs for local NGOs and local business representatives that will cover such topics as social partnerships, proposal development and efficient presentations. The grantee will provide consultations to local NGOs to develop their proposals and present them during a community project fair. It is expected that at least three projects from local organizations presented during the fair will be supported and funded by socially responsible businesses in the community. The project will increase the professionalism of NGOs in Berdyansk and the awareness of local business owners as to the activities of the non-government sector, and introduce mechanisms to increase cooperation between the sectors. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Private Initiative Development Agency NGO**

\$12,331.34

Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast)

05/17/10 - 02/17/11

To increase the quality of administrative service provisions in Ivano-Frankivsk and the accessibility of such services to people living with disabilities. The grantee will research existing administrative services, obtain feedback from beneficiaries on the mechanisms by which they are provided and develop instructions as to how better to provide 60 such services (which are currently provided via an established municipal center for the provision of administrative services). The instructions will be placed both online and in an information kiosk installed in the center. Citizens will be informed about service provision procedures through an informational booklet and the media. The grantee will monitor the quality of service provisions and will assist local authorities in improving them. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Association of Economic Development of Ivano-Frankisk region**

\$10,091.13

Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast)

07/15/10 - 03/15/11

To engage citizens in the local policymaking process regarding waste management in order to mitigate the negative impact on the environment and public health. The grantee will analyze the existing legislative base, conduct focus groups and survey public opinion to study citizen attitudes regarding the issue, and develop recommendations to improve waste management and lobby for integration of such measures in the relevant decree by the head of Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast state administration. Prior to submission, the recommendations will be discussed at public hearings and other meetings. The project is expected to have wide coverage in the media and over the Internet, as well as result in new local policy that will regulate waste management at the Oblast level. This

project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with International Renaissance Foundation.

**Youth Center of the Regional Development, Bilozerka Region Branch** \$8,036.40  
Ukraine (Kherson Oblast) 07/15/10 - 04/15/11

To increase youth participation in the community decision-making process in Bilozersky raion, Kherson Oblast. The grantee will organize a community action school for youths from ten villages and run five training seminars on local project planning, partnership building, local fundraising, project management and leadership skills. School participants will work jointly on implementing projects in a selected community and must then utilize this knowledge when implementing initiatives in their own communities. The project aims to increase the capacity of the launched youth council attached to the head of the raion administration. The grantee will develop and lobby the Raion Program of Youth and Family Support for 2011-2016 by organizing roundtables and publishing newsletters. The youth network will be formed and a website will be launched to cover its initiatives. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Charitable Foundation Civil Initiatives Center** \$10,399.83  
Ukraine (Transcarpathian Oblast) 07/15/10 - 04/15/11

To promote sustainable community development in the town of Perechyn and the active involvement of citizens in the decision-making process of the town council. This will be done by means of public development, discussions and approval of a strategic plan for Perechyn through 2020. The grantee will create an initiative group consisting of 20 representatives of the local community, the town council and local businesses. The group will work to develop a strategic plan, organize meetings with local citizens, participate in study tours and learn from the experience of the neighboring towns of Rakhiv and Vinohradiv. They will collect information about the investment climate in Perechyn and reactivate the media center by issuing newsletters with project updates. The strategic plan is expected to be approved by the town council and the experience will be shared with other communities in Perechyn raion. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Harmony, Vinnytsia City Non-Profit Organization of Youth with Disabilities** \$10,818.14  
Ukraine (Vinnitsa Oblast) 07/15/10 - 04/15/11

To create an accessible environment for people with disabilities by enhancing the capacity of local accessibility committees in Vinnytsia Oblast. The grantee will analyze the accessibility level of social infrastructure and facilities in five raions of the Oblast and develop recommendations for improving them. It will organize six training seminars for various stakeholder groups, and develop and disseminate information materials, booklets and guides on the issue. The grantee will share project results during a press conference, organize a press tour for local journalists, launch a pilot initiative to make city transport infrastructure accessible and lobby for adoption of a city program on achieving a barrier-free environment by 2011. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Communities Development Association** \$9,377.15  
Ukraine (Kharkov Oblast) 07/15/10 - 04/15/11  
To develop an innovative mechanism for multi-channel funding for NGOs from both local government and corporate sources. The grantee will organize a training program for NGOs on corporate fundraising and provide them with consultations to increase their capacity to provide social services to disadvantaged groups, as well as diversify their funding sources. The grantee will develop and publish a brochure listing local NGO social projects and innovative mechanisms of multi-channel funding while also assisting such NGOs in fundraising from government and business sources. The project is expected to improve partnerships between the local authorities and business and civil society organizations. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Tamarisk - Center for Support of Public and Cultural Initiatives** \$11,497.57  
Ukraine (Dnepropetrovsk Oblast) 07/15/10 - 05/14/11  
To develop a mechanism of funding from the Dnipropetrovsk city budget via social project competitions for NGOs that provide social services. The grantee will learn from the existing experience of other Oblasts in Ukraine and join the efforts of local NGOs and the city administration to develop regulatory documents for such social project competitions. The grantee will organize roundtables, press conferences, study tours and seminars to seek public feedback on draft documents, inform the community about the process and ensure wide media coverage for project results. The grantee will lead the process of launching a coalition of NGOs that will lobby in favor of the regulations at city council meetings. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**"Ternopil Orphans' Union", Ternopil Municipal Public Youth Organization** \$10,076.17  
Ukraine (Ternopol Oblast) 08/16/10 - 02/15/11  
To improve the system of training and the standard of qualifications for foster parents. The grantee will work to develop training materials for existing state curriculum as regards increasing the parental abilities of foster parents. Together with the State Social Service for Family, Children and Youth they aim to improve the program, taking into account their practical experience, feedback of parents from previous training sessions and a needs assessment of the target group. The program will be piloted during a three-day training seminar for foster parents. The grantee will develop guidelines and booklets for parents, provide consultations for them, create a library for specialists and organize a roundtable. At the close of the project a press conference will be organized at which the project results will be presented. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Kherson Chamber of Commerce and Industry** \$11,844.00  
Ukraine (Kherson Oblast) 09/01/10 - 04/30/11  
To improve energy efficiency in the housing sector of the City of Kherson. The grantee will initiate the creation of a working group consisting of local experts, activists, local authority representatives and communal enterprises to analyze the situation and develop recommendations for city communal properties as regards improving their energy efficiency. The grantee will organize a series of training seminars for the representatives of 35 communal housing units and complement this with an information campaign for residents on how to decrease energy consumption. To demonstrate the benefits of energy-saving measures in practice, the grantee will create a demonstration site at one city communal property selected on a competitive basis. The project is expected to result in increased

community influence on the formulation of civic policy towards energy saving and in improved energy efficiency for the residential sector. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Public Organization "Development of Sevastopol"** \$4,809.32

Ukraine (Sevastopol City) 09/01/10 - 02/28/11

To promote separate solid waste collection in the City of Sevastopol. The project will unite the efforts of civil society, local government, waste recycling enterprises and experts who will assess the benefits and risks of separate waste collection, study the relevant experience of other Ukrainian cities, and develop appropriate recommendations for the city administration. The grantee will also conduct an information campaign among city residents to increase their awareness of ecological issues in the city and mobilize them through eco-friendly actions and an art exhibition. An ecology training course for schoolchildren will also be launched. This project is supported by UNITER, which is funded by USAID through PACT, Inc. in partnership with the International Renaissance Foundation.

**Dyvosvit Uzhgorod Organization for People with Vision Impairment** \$11,448.49

Ukraine (Transcarpathian Oblast) 10/15/09 - 03/31/10

The grantee will survey the target audience to establish the locations where equipment is needed most, install the sound and voice equipment, test it, and adapt it to the needs of the target group. An information campaign and a round table discussion will also be held for representatives of municipal services, businesses and organizations working with people with disabilities. The project is supported by the Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor Group in Ukraine as part of the program "World without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs."

**Ivano-Frankivsk Territorial Organization of Ukrainian Blind Association** \$12,484.40

Ukraine (Ivano-Frankovsk Oblast) 10/12/09 - 02/26/10

The grantee will equip a library with audio books and MP3 players and create a reading room providing people with visual impairments with Internet access. Also the grantee will organize an informational campaign promoting the reading room. The project is supported by the Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor Group in Ukraine as part of the program "World without Barriers: Equal Access for People with Special Needs."

**Cross-Border Initiatives**

**Taguhi Minasyan/Ruzanna Minasyan** \$172.97

Georgia/Armenia/Azerbaijan 10/15/09 - 04/15/10

To promote a better understanding between the youth of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. An illustrative slide show revealing the similarities, common needs, and interests of the neighboring people based on a questionnaire distributed throughout the three countries in the region will be prepared. The questionnaire will be distributed by email groups in each country. A blog will be established that will encourage people to make their comments about their changed or unchanged attitude, impressions and expectations based on the slideshow. The project aims at promoting communication, exchange and friendship as well as pointing out existing inaccurate perceptions of the national image of youth of the three countries.

**Vladimir Shatverov/Grigor Avetisyan**

\$311,570

Georgia/Armenia

10/06/09 - 12/31/09

To promote exchange and friendship between the youth of Georgia and Armenia to educate them to inherit and carry forward the long history of close cultural relations between the two countries. Through educational and cultural exchange activities the project will enable the youth participants to experience culture and promote understanding and friendship between the two nations and develop notions of peace, cooperative development, and common prosperity. A major component of the project is to learn about Georgian and Armenian history and culture through sightseeing activities and exchange visits that will be arranged by the "Getting Involved" program and their project teams in Georgia and Armenia.

**Regional**

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\$723,339

Georgia/Armenia/Azerbaijan

04/01/10 – 03/31/12

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