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INTRODUCTION



Overview

In the first half of FY11, Eurasia Foundation (EF) continued to consolidate investments in its programs and the institutional development of its partners throughout the Eurasia region. With the addition last year of our affiliate in Moldova, the main architecture of the Eurasia Foundation Network is complete and we have achieved what no one else has even attempted – the establishment of an enduring channel for engagement with the nations of Eurasia, an alliance of six autonomous foundations serving as a reliable partner to organizations throughout Eurasia committed to building prosperous, stable and inclusive societies in the region.

But in establishing the Eurasia Foundation Network, we have not completed our mission. On the contrary, in the first half of the current fiscal year we have applied the unique asset represented by the network to grow the Foundation's program portfolio and deepen the impact of our programs. Today, Eurasia Foundation operates more than a dozen programs - ranging from judicial reform and youth journalism in Central Asia to youth engagement in Moldova and independent media in Russia. – while our EF Network partners operate dozens more. These programs harness the energy and aspirations of ordinary citizens seeking to improve the schools, businesses and government in the communities where they live and work. Eurasia Foundation also operates programs – such as our China initiative and the Bill Maynes Fellowship – that strengthen our collective technical expertise and deepen the network's overall impact.

The first half of this fiscal year has also witnessed an unprecedented level of fundraising for Eurasia Foundation programs and those of our network partners. Midway through FY11 Eurasia Foundation had received commitments of approximately \$1 million in non-core funds and our network partners had posted awards of approximately \$21 million. If this pace continues, FY11 will be a record year for our network. As we have said many times before, none of these awards would be possible without the core investment by the US government that enables the Foundation and its partners to leverage that investment several times over with financial support from other donors.

Program Highlights

Youth Leadership Development

Youth Participation (East Europe Foundation – Moldova)

The 2009 election of a new, reform-minded parliament proved that young adults are an important political base for bringing change to Moldova. Understanding the importance of youth development and its positive effect on developing countries, Eurasia Foundation launched a 24-month program entitled Youth Participation in Moldova. The goal of the program is to increase young adult participation in Moldova's democratic decision making. The Youth Participation in Moldova program is strengthening democratic institutions by enhancing the role of youth in civil society and increasing citizen participation.

Local Economic Development

Territorial Development (New Eurasia Foundation – Russian Federation)

Contributing to the development of Russia's territories outside of Moscow is one of the priority areas for the New Eurasia Foundation. This program entails a significant number of projects and activities designed to consolidate and mobilize local communities. Such activities, for example, include the organization of professional orientations and competitions dedicated to the coal mining profession in the Republic of Khakasia; organization of competitions for the best youth professional project in Muhorshibir region (Buryatia) and in Leninsk-Kuznetskyi (Kemerovskaya oblast); and social investment fairs in the cities of Borodino, Chegdomyn and Kiselyovsk.

Strengthening Public Policy and Administration

Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use (East Europe Foundation - Ukraine)

The East Europe Foundation's (EEF) energy efficiency program is aimed at developing awareness about energy efficiency and the potential for CO2 reduction among local governments and businesses; cultivate skills for identifying and evaluating energy saving and CO2 reduction opportunities as well as implementing energy saving strategies, including the use of alternative energy; and raising awareness about available investment schemes to invest in energy saving and CO2 reduction. To reach these goals, EEF has awarded grants to 11 Ukrainian NGOs to test and install the following energy saving technologies: biogas technologies, energy saving lighting equipment, solar energy technology, heating control equipment, bio-diesel producing machines and heating solid-fuel boilers. Furthermore, the project has raised the awareness of schoolchildren, their parents, teachers, educators and NGO representatives on energy efficiency issues.

Independent Media

Professional Youth Journalism (Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia)

In 2010, Eurasia Foundation launched a 30-month Professional Youth Journalism (PYJ) program with funding from the US State Department. The overall goal of the program is to enhance the quality and freedom of media in Central Asia by teaching a core group of more than 150 journalism students how to report on events in a fair and unbiased manner, according to Western best journalism practices. This program is the first of its kind to target youth for professional journalism training in Central Asia. Students of the training program are now regularly posting articles in Russian, Kyrgyz, Uzbek, Kazakh and Tajik, which are reviewed for objectivity and clarity by local and international experts.

Cross-Border Programs

Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement (Eurasia Partnership Foundation – The Caucasus)

In 2006, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) launched the Armenia-Turkey Cross-Border Dialogue and Cooperation Program. Over the first quarter of FY11, a number of planned and ad hoc activities were implemented in every strand of the project, which included, but were not limited to, the following: the project launch with the participation of Armenian and Turkish partners, and other stakeholders; a follow-up Armenian-Turkish workshop in Istanbul; the announcement of a request for proposals to support innovative Armenian-Turkish pilot projects; the start-up of the comprehensive business survey in Armenia and Turkey; the elaboration of the media research methodology and of the project's Facebook page strategy; the accomplishment of three town hall meetings on Armenia-Turkey relations in Armenia, and other events.

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 the financial commitments made to the EF Network Foundations for the first half of FY11. Together the Network has raised and leveraged more than **\$22 million** so far this fiscal year. More than **\$9 million** was raised through competitive proposals for US government funding. Of the committed funds, 97% will flow through EF Network accounts; 3% are leveraged funds.¹

EF Network Funds Raised and Leveraged H1 FY11

Foundation	USG	Non-USG	Leveraged	Total
Eurasia Partnership Foundation	\$3,775,515	\$6,186,654	\$38,630	\$10,000,799
Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia	\$25,643	\$1,081,800	\$0	\$1,107,443
East Europe Foundation Ukraine	\$0	\$62,684	\$88,347	\$151,031
East Europe Foundation Moldova	\$0	\$527,880	\$3,459	\$531,339
New Eurasia Foundation	\$5,172,000	\$4,106,021	\$14,000	\$9,292,021
Eurasia Foundation DC	\$243,750	\$265,030	\$455,080	\$963,860
TOTAL	\$9,216,908	\$12,230,069	\$599,516	\$22,046,493

Highlights by Region

Eurasia Partnership Foundation

EPF was awarded more than \$5.4 million in core funds from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). \$3.3 million was allocated to the Georgia office for another three years of core support and \$1 million of core support was allocated to both the Azerbaijan and Armenia offices.

Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia

In Kazakhstan, EFCA was awarded \$250,000 from Tengizchevroil to carry out the second phase of

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

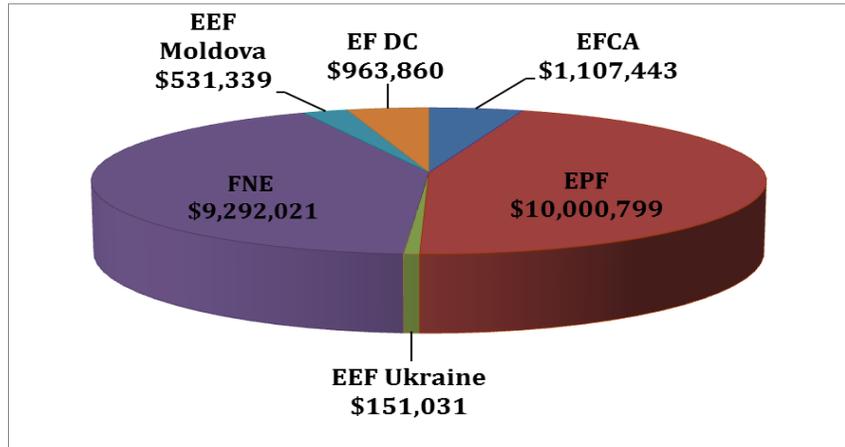
its Community Engagement program in Atyrau.

East Europe Foundation of Ukraine

EEF Ukraine raised nearly \$60,000 from Philip Morris International to carry out a technical education program in the Khrakiv region.

East Europe Foundation of Moldova

EEF Moldova was awarded more than \$430,000 from SIDA to support its Free and Fair Elections program.



New Eurasia Foundation

FNE was awarded \$5.2 million for the next 4-year phase of the Russian Independent Print Media Program. FNE also received nearly \$1 million from the U.S. Russia Foundation for Economic Advancement and Rule of Law to implement the Enhancing Research and Entrepreneurial Capacity of Russian Research Universities program.

Eurasia Foundation DC

EF was awarded more than \$240,000 from the State Department to extend its Community Media program in Russia. EF held a successful fundraising event at the Embassy of Finland to support the **Bill Maynes Fund for Future Leaders**. More than \$100,000 was raised at the event bringing total funds raised since inception of the program to more than \$250,000.

Progress Towards Sustainability Plan Targets (June 2010-May 2011)

EF’s sustainability plan was created with input from USAID and the State Department in June 2010.



With two months remaining in the USAID mandated fundraising reporting period of June 2010 through May 2011, EF has raised more than \$6.5 million, or 81% of our target.

EF awaits decisions on 2 major proposals: A \$6.6 million proposal to the Finland Ministry for Foreign Affairs to implement the

Equal Before the Law: Access to Justice in Central Asia program; and a \$3 million proposal to the USAID Russia mission to implement the U.S.-Russia Civil Society Partnership Program.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



EURASIA FOUNDATION Program Activities

Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

Belarus

During the reporting period, EF/NEE Belarus implemented a number of projects in two interconnected programs: Empowering Civil Society Organizations and Community Development; and Business and Economic Development.

Using Euroregions to Integrate Belarus with Europe. The goal of this project is to integrate Belarus with European structures based on the Euroregions model. Over the course of 2009-2010, EF, through its local partner, the New Eurasia Establishment (NEE), implemented the project in the five Euroregions in which Belarus participates (Nioman, Belavezhskaja Pushcha, Bug, Aziorny Krai and Dniepr). The project supported eight innovative initiatives, which included activities focused on cross-border civic cooperation. The cross-border projects were chosen from 19 project proposals developed as a result of cross-border cooperation between communities in Belarus and Western Europe. In addition, a web-resource featuring activities of all five participating Euroregions in Belarus was developed and launched. In preparation for the individual projects, 88 participants representing local authorities, NGOs, businesses and civic initiatives took part in a conference on Euroregional cooperation. A brochure entitled “Facilitating Cross-Border Cooperation through the Model of Euroregions” was published and widely disseminated in order to publicize successes and encourage further cooperation, and a database of organizations and cross-border initiatives was created.



NEE Business Training

Belarusian Regional Business Training and Education.

Within the framework of this project, 14 Entrepreneurship Support Centers (ESC) provided business trainings and consultations to entrepreneurs in the regions of Belarus. The centers have provided training to more than 600 entrepreneurs and individual consultations to more than 2,600 entrepreneurs and small businesses managers in the regions. More than 750 entrepreneurs have learned how to apply for loans, and more than 50% of the entrepreneurs trained have significantly improved their businesses by reducing costs, increasing revenues and/or obtaining access to credit. In addition, more than 540 entrepreneurs have participated in

project networking activities. The roundtables conducted within the project provided an opportunity to establish dialogue between small and medium entrepreneurs as well as local and national authorities. Practical ideas and recommendations for critical issues such as technical regulations, certification and state registration were developed during training sessions and roundtables. Subsequently, 17 substantive recommendations were presented to governmental bodies.

East Europe Foundation- Moldova (EEF-Moldova)

Economic Development. Under the Youth Banks project, four youth banks were started and four small grants competitions were conducted, supporting 53 small, youth-led community projects. In addition to EEF-Moldova resources, the Youth Banks raised funds for these grants competitions totaling \$10,380, which is an impressive amount taking into account the fact that these funds were collected from local sources.

Good Governance. EEF-Moldova continues to provide support to the National Participation Council (NPC). Four NPC working groups were created: (1) justice and human rights; (2) economic development; (3) foreign, security and defense policy; and (4) social, education and youth policies. NPC members receive information on a regular basis through an e-mail distribution list managed by EEF-Moldova. NPC members participate in 15 consultative structures created by state institutions, mainly Ministries and other central authorities. Within the anti-corruption component, 226 cases of alleged corruption in healthcare institutions were monitored and provided with necessary consultation, and support for judiciary action was provided; 520 vocational school students received information on anti-corruption practices.



Media Monitoring Training

Youth Participation in Moldova. This project is designed to increase young adult participation in community-based, democratic decision making. EEF-Moldova is addressing these issues by: building the capacity of youth NGOs and youth administrators to design, implement and evaluate youth engagement programs; supporting youth engagement initiatives and providing platforms for youth voices to be heard in local and national government; and training a new generation of civic and political leaders throughout the country. Major activities during last quarter included: working with the Ministry of Youth and Sports to select youth administrators to

be involved in the Capacity Development Program (CDP); organizing the first training with selected NGOs and youth administrators within the CDP; conducting a baseline study; launching the “Leaders for Change” school by EEF-Moldova’s partner; and holding the first four sessions of the “Leaders for Change” school in Chisinau.

East Europe Foundation- Ukraine (EEF-Ukraine)

Ukraine National Initiatives to Enhance Reforms (UNITER)

The Ukrainian National Initiative to Enhance Reforms (UNITER) project seeks to help Ukrainian NGOs draw attention to key issues facing Ukraine, advocate for policy change and promote democratic reform. The NGO, Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU)-Cherkasy branch, introduced an innovative, web-based mechanism for monitoring the performance of local representatives by their respective constituencies. The Odessa Public Institute of Social Technologies provided capacity-building training to communal housing residents, resulting in the establishment of neighborhood associations to advocate for the rights of residents. The NGO, Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU)-Odessa branch, launched an advocacy campaign to develop regulations on public hearings in Odessa. The city mayor issued a directive to approve a plan for a regulatory document to be publicly discussed. The draft document was printed in the city’s official

newspaper and on its official website. The Feodosiya Rehabilitation Center project resulted in increased awareness among citizens about issues faced by people living with disabilities, and in the grantee's participation in the town's Equal Access Committee. Another NGO, "Community Voice" (Trostyanets), was able to license and launch a local city cable TV channel in addition to developing an internet media platform as part of their grant. The Izmail Entrepreneurship Support Fund's resource center, developed as part of their project, assisted local NGOs in their preparation of eight applications to various donors, with seven proposals that together received \$15,352 in funding for local projects.



Accessibility for the Disabled

Equal Access for People with Disabilities. The main goal of this project was the creation of favorable conditions for tourism and recreation for people with special needs in the Ivano-Frankivsk oblast. As part of the project, the Regional Tourists' Information Center (Ivano-Frankivsk oblast) 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 as to how to improve the existing situation there. Based on an assessment the grantee

chose three museums from Bolehiv, Rohatyn and Halych, and made them accessible for wheelchairs 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 of tourism infrastructure and published the results of its survey there as well. A broad promotional campaign in support of equal access to tourism infrastructure resulted in 65 articles appearing online and two news spots on local TV.

Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA)

Kazakhstan

Community Engagement. EFCA has successfully completed the first year of the TCO community engagement project in Atyrau, Kazakhstan. As a result of the activities undertaken during the first year, local NGOs developed the basic capacity required to find solutions to community problems. The program reached an additional 586 beneficiaries, bringing the total number of beneficiaries reached in 2009-2010, over the program's three components, to 3,430. With the six newly-registered NGOs in Zhylyoi, there are now a total of eight NGOs in the district capable of providing community services. Over the course of the project, EFCA established institutions to help the community become engaged in solving its own social problems.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Kazakhstan. During the first year of this project, a website to promote CSR in Kazakhstan, www.csrkz.org, was designed and launched. With its forum for communication between stakeholders, library of articles, calendar of upcoming events and monthly newsletter, the website provides key CSR stakeholders in Kazakhstan, including local and international corporations, government officials, members of the media, and non-profit organizations, with access to CSR resources. EFCA received a pledge of support to share CSR-

related information on the site from the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Kazakhstan. In addition, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection has asked EFCA to evaluate the criteria for Paryz Competition, Kazakhstan's national CSR competition. This request provides EFCA with a unique opportunity to bring CSR stakeholders together to not only develop criteria for Kazakhstan's main CSR competition, but also to discuss CSR-related issues in the country.

Kyrgyzstan

YouthBank. The lack of opportunities for young people to spend their leisure time productively was one of the main reasons identified for conflict in Kyrgyz communities bordering Uzbekistan. Many young people also become involved in crime and alcohol abuse. Both the creation of the YouthBank (YB) as a structured organization, and the implementation of YB projects addressing these problems, helped to reduce tensions. The close relationships and increased respect between young people (particularly YB members) and local government has also been a great success. This was facilitated by the inclusion of local authority staff members in YouthBanks, and in one case the reverse – a YB member who was appointed to the local authority as a youth representative.



Orphans learn beekeeping

Income for Vulnerable People. Within a project funded by the Royal Netherlands Embassy, USAID and AsiaUniversalBank (AUB) Foundation, EFCA shortlisted 15 NGOs from Issyk-Kul, Osh, and Chui oblasts and trained them in developing income generating plans and grant management expertise. EFCA awarded 12 grants totaling EUR 28,042 to implement income generating projects, including, but not limited to, chicken farming, furniture making, flower cultivation, felt production, potato farming, bull calf breeding, wool blanket production, fresh juice and jam production, and dairy processing. To date, this project has brought in KGS 2,536,980 (USD 56,320) for the beneficiaries, and has

created employment for 49 people from vulnerable groups. Another 648 vulnerable people received information about their rights and the benefits to which they are entitled.

Tajikistan

Citizen Participation. Residents in the pilot regions of EFCA's Citizen Participation program have become more active and more intensively involved in their communities. EFCA's work with the media in this project has resulted in a significantly increased volume of news from the pilot districts in the local press. A working group formed by residents has increased investment in the jamoats (municipalities). For example, in response to a letter from the Chairman of Istiklol jamoat to foreign embassies in Dushanbe, requesting assistance to repair irrigation systems in the Istiklol agricultural fields, the Japanese Embassy agreed to allocate more than \$105,000 to the project. A letter from the head of Komsomol jamoat to potential investors about the possibility of building a cement plant there led to Interest, an Iranian company, planning to invest more than \$500 million in building the factory, which will provide local residents with work. In September 2010, more than 300 people in Chashmasor jamoat, Faizabad district, came to a spontaneous meeting in order to prevent the authorities from demolishing a local person's house in order to build a road.



Baking lessons

Civil Society Poverty Reduction. Through this project, multiple projects to support vulnerable populations were completed. 153 vulnerable individuals were trained in at least one skill useful for generating income, and the beneficiaries received TJS 93,147.7 (EUR 15,930) as a result of their participation in the project's income generation activities. Of the 153 participants, 23 vulnerable individuals found employment. More generally, vulnerable groups launched 118 new activities, including, but not limited to, sewing workshops, a dairy processing center and a shoe repair workshop.

Reducing Youth Radicalization in Tajikistan. The project to reduce the radicalization of young people in Tajikistan has raised serious discussion in the community about the threat of radicalization in the country. After EFCA's presentation of the project, held for representatives of the Committee on Youth Sports and Tourism of Tajikistan, government agencies have begun serious work in this direction. In particular, Tajik authorities have established a National Sports Council, which will attract young people to participate in sport. The Youth Committee of Tajikistan, for the first time in recent years, announced the allocation of state grants to organizations working within the field of youth. After increased attention to the project theme, International Alert and OSCE have launched similar projects in this field. In early April 2011, EFCA will present the results of a study on radicalization among youth, which has revealed new information about the ways to involve youth in anti-radicalization efforts.

Turkmenistan

EFCA is implementing a business education program based on the development of indigenous crafts in Turkmenistan with the support of Chevron Corporation. **The Business Development Project** assessed the educational needs of Turkmen entrepreneurs, developed new business courses, and modernized the curriculum based on existing market needs at the School of Economics and Business in Turkmenistan. The new curriculum is based on the recommendations of international and local experts and is aligned with Turkmenistan's educational legislation. The new business courses are currently being translated into Turkmen for submission to the Turkmen Academy of Science for approval. It is expected that the School of Economics and Business will be able to launch new business courses in September of 2011, following government approval.

The Crafts Development Project assessed the needs of Turkmen artisans. A series of business trainings and master classes were conducted for 109 artisans based on the findings of the needs assessment. Chapak Organization, the grantee, opened a crafts information center and launched an artisan website to provide informational support to artisans in Turkmenistan.

Uzbekistan

While EFCA does not have staff or programs in Uzbekistan at this time, it continues to explore all opportunities to extend its programs to this country. The results of the research conducted under the Access to Justice program were shared at a February 15th conference with Uzbek participants representing legal support NGOs. The new program extension request to the Finnish Government proposes a number of activities in Uzbekistan to be run out of Almaty that include participation in

the Law School Network through faculty and student exchanges, policy work on juvenile justice, small grants and roundtables.

South Caucasus – Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF)

Armenia

EU-Armenia Relations. EPF has developed and published two manuals that describe the history and structure of the European Union and Armenia-EU relations: the “European Union and Armenia” and “Hello Europe” manual. The latter specifically targets young readers. In February 2011, the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia officially authorized the application of the “Hello Europe” manual for experimental use in high schools.



Youth Bank Armenia

Youth Bank in Armenia. The YB has enhanced the participating youth’s competitiveness on the labor market. More and more YB alumni have been employed in highly competitive positions in NGOs, the private sector, the international development sector, and the government. During this reporting period, 10 Youth Bank participants secured employment.

Azerbaijan

Youth Economic Development Program in Azerbaijan. The Youth Economic Development Program in Azerbaijan focused on creating economic and entrepreneurial opportunities for young community members in rural areas of Azerbaijan. Young people acquired leadership and entrepreneurial skills while gaining hands-on experience in starting their own businesses and implementing small economic projects. In total, participants started 19 small economic development projects in the program's five target regions. A recent program evaluation established that these businesses increased the income of the entrepreneurs, created employment for nine people, and had a positive impact on clients. Previously, many community members had to travel to neighboring communities to access the Internet or make photocopies. Now that these services are provided locally, community members using these services save both time and money.

Georgia

Food Safety and Standards Legislation in Georgia in line with EU Integration. EPF succeeded in its efforts to promote positive reforms that would ensure better food safety in Georgia. The state sanitary and phytosanitary control system was abolished after the Rose Revolution as part of the new government’s general approach toward economic deregulation. This raised serious concerns among both experts and the general public. It also created a serious obstacle to Georgia’s closer integration with the EU, including the development of trade relationships with European neighbors. During the past years, EPF worked to engage the Georgian public and promote positive reforms in this area. EPF and its grantee, Dairy Association Georgia, organized roundtables and

seminars bringing together the experts, civil society, government, and business representatives to engage in a dialogue that would lead to a tangible agreement. To help guide the process, an EPF-supported expert group developed policy recommendations, which were very positively received by the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia.

Corporate Social Investment Program in Georgia. EPF's Corporate Social Investment program made significant progress in one of its main program objectives. Specifically, on February 9, 2011, four Georgian institutions of higher education, Caucasus University (CU), Free University, Georgian American University (GAU), and International Black Sea University (IBSU), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to cooperate in developing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a field of academic study in their respective universities. Currently, these universities are working toward identification of their needs in order to improve faculty capacity to deliver quality education programs in corporate social investment through their business schools. Once there is final agreement among the universities, EPF will announce a competition to identify an international expert to provide the needed technical assistance in curriculum development.



Women studying crafts

Civic Engagement and Integration of Vulnerable Groups in Georgia. EPF's grant-making continued to enhance civic engagement and integration of vulnerable groups (including ethnic minorities, persons affected by war, etc.) in various regions of Georgia. It supported regional CSOs in fostering participatory civic monitoring and advocacy by galvanizing grassroots community groups and ensuring close cooperation with the local media. As a result of EPF's efforts, the Foundation for Development of Human Resources equipped 160 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Shida Kartli region with the skills and competence to become self-employed or seek

employment. Six beneficiaries received loans from the microfinance organization Crystal and started small businesses. Eight beneficiaries were able to start small businesses using their own savings. Finally, 16 IDPs found jobs in Tserovani, Gori, and Tbilisi.

Cross-Border Programs

Unbiased Media Coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations. EPF's cross-border program, Unbiased Media Coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations lead to the creation of a network of 50 journalists and bloggers who implemented joint projects. The program partners and participants produced a film on Internet-based propaganda wars, and supported a number of joint Armenian-Azerbaijani pilot projects, including the documentary film "Passenger" that was viewed 5,271 times on Vimeo.

Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement. At a meeting with a group of Armenian businessmen in Yerevan in November 2010, a renowned Turkish businessmen and philanthropist, Osman Kavala, expressed readiness to push the Turkish intelligentsia to come up with a message to the Turkish government stating the need to continue the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement independently of the electoral processes in Turkey.

New Eurasia Foundation (FNE)

Russian Federation

The New Eurasia Foundation continues implementation of the program **Enhancing University Research and Entrepreneurial Capacity of Russian Research Universities (EURECA)**. During the reporting period two U.S.-Russian university partnerships [N.I. Lobachevsky State University of Nizhni Novgorod (NNSU-RF) -- Maryland and Purdue Universities (USA) and Saint Petersburg State University of Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics (ITMO-RF) -- University of California, Los Angeles, CA (USA)] were established and four projects were launched to increase their internal capacity in technology transfer and IP commercialization as well as to develop their innovative infrastructure to meet the needs of modern technology development and join the global innovation market.

In the **Community Schools** project, testing of the newly designed programs and courses began. The project participants from among representatives of pedagogical education institutions designed training and methodological materials that can be used to train, retrain, and improve professional qualifications of community school teachers and administrators. These materials have been evaluated by the public and representatives of the professional pedagogical community.



*Community Universities
Program Members*

In the **Community Universities** project, the participating universities designed their plans and programs of collaboration with local communities and launched their implementation. To ensure effective preparation of these plans and programs, FNE organized a monthly mailing describing the universities' achievements and difficulties. Thus, the participating universities have been aware of each other's progress and consulted each other whenever necessary. This period's most important achievements include significantly expanded collaboration between the participating universities and their respective local communities, more active involvement of the universities' faculty and staff in such collaboration, and improved attention to the social functions of institutions of higher learning paid by the universities' governing bodies. In addition, the participating universities launched a number of new local community development projects that emerged in the course of the preparation of the "university-community" collaboration programs.

In the **Barometer of Migration in Russian Federation** project, FNE executed a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Contemporary Development (INSOR), which set into motion the development of a conceptual report, "Russian Migration Policy". In order to put together a draft concept of a comprehensive migration policy, FNE held panel discussions with project experts, including industry experts. The experts discussed the priorities of the concept migration policy, assigned themes for a framework analysis, established issue-specific working groups, designed and discussed possible scenarios for the development of the concept migration policy, and distributed responsibilities associated with its further development. A draft entitled "Russian Migration Policy" was ultimately designed and submitted to INSOR for inclusion in the 2012 presidential election platform.

The Social Development Centers (Centers for Social Cohesion), which were established within the framework of the **Stabilizing Northern Caucasus: Development of Institutional Conflict-prevention Mechanisms** project in the five pilot territories of Northern Caucasus successfully continue networking with one another, exchanging information, and implementing joint activities. They are trying to facilitate constructive collaboration among NGOs and community groups representing different regions of the North Caucasus to create a conducive environment for support and exchange.

The project **Social Adaptation of Orphanage and Boarding School Graduates in Moscow** is well underway. A number of training sessions for the students of four orphanages and a training seminar for pedagogues employed by orphanages and boarding schools were held in February. During these trainings a technology named “Urban Communication” was used. The training sessions brought together students from different orphanages thereby compelling them to interact with strangers, form teams, and learn how to reach agreements. The pedagogues were provided with a comprehensive package of methodological materials and working tools.

Another training seminar called **Children’s Problems and Rights** was held in February for the directors and principals of Moscow orphanages and boarding schools (more than 40 project stakeholders attended). During this seminar a number of special trainings and discussions were carried out with the participation of qualified experts. At the conclusion of the seminar the participants received a “home assignment” to elaborate projects to prepare their students who are soon to become graduates for independent adult living.

The project **Social Integration of Young Disabled People of Krasnodar Krai through Professional Training and Employment Assistance** was launched in December 2010. The launch event was conducted as a roundtable meeting that brought together 48 individuals. The meeting participants discussed the problems of professional training and subsequent employment of young people with disabilities in the Krasnodar region. Participants made constructive proposals on forming partnerships and initiating productive cooperation between the governmental authorities and non-governmental organizations catering to the needs of people with disabilities. Representatives of the business community also expressed their readiness to support young people with disabilities in their desire to work, while mass media representatives raised the issue of special training required by journalists writing about complex social issues.

EVALUATION



Highlights in Evaluating EF Network Programs

In FY10, the EF Network foundations completed 8 formal evaluations, including 1 baseline assessment, and 7 summative evaluations. A complete list of evaluations completed in the first half of FY11 and those planned for the second half of FY11 is included in this narrative. Two illustrative evaluations from the EF Network are highlighted below.

Summative Evaluation of the Central Asian News Service (CANS)

In 2007, EF launched the Central Asian News Service program, which established a network of 50 correspondents covering four Central Asian countries observing professional standards, and a news service that runs more than 100 news items daily in Russian and English. The program provided training for journalists on the standards of international journalism, Internet security, working with editors and the preparation of analytical articles. The goal of the program was to establish a sustainable, region-wide indigenous news service. Through CANS, EF and EFCA provide daily news about Central Asia to audiences from across the region.

From October through December 2010, EFCA undertook a summative evaluation of the Central Asian News Service project. The evaluation was conducted by a local consulting agency, M Vector, in close cooperation EFCA's evaluation officer. The report's key findings included:

- The CANS website surpasses ferghana.ru and centrasia.ru with the quantity of its publications, about 105 daily articles in Russian and 60 articles in English.
- The CANS website is in second place in terms of unique visitors, 4,711 on average per day from Central Asian countries compared to the other two leading sites, Centrasia.ru (10,876), and Ferghana.ru (3,836). There is a balanced distribution of readership within Central Asia, with Kyrgyz citizens leading the readership two years ago and an increase in readers from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan in the past year.

Based on the findings, the report proposed a set of recommendations for the design of future online based media sources in Central Asian countries.

- Interactive dialogue on the website between the journalists and readers would generate active online civic participation, and foster free media.
- Multimedia content needs to be strengthened, particularly the section with photo reportage, and video interviews.
- The level of financial stability and self-sustainability requires strengthening, possibly with an increase in contextual advertisement. This, however, would need to be addressed on a country by country basis, as each Central Asian republic has its own laws regarding Internet advertising.

Stabilizing Northern Caucasus: Development of Institutional Conflict-Prevention Mechanisms

FNE conducted an assessment of *Stabilizing Northern Caucasus: Development of Institutional Conflict-Prevention Mechanisms* project, financed by the British Embassy Moscow (FCO). The project goal was to build the capacity of and support civil society's collective contribution to conflict prevention initiatives at the local and national level by establishing the Centers for Social Cohesion in five pilot territories of the Northern Caucasus. This assessment analyzed the progress of the project and the extent of achievement of its envisioned results, the impact produced by the project upon the professional growth of the NGO employees responsible for direct implementation of the pilot projects in the pilot territories, including the NGO employees that underwent training under the project, and examined the possibilities for dissemination of the project results in other territories of Northern Caucasus.

The evaluation's main findings included:

- The Social Development Centers (Centers for Social Cohesion) continue successfully exchanging best practices, implementing joint activities, and networking.
- The Social Development Centers are seen as facilitators in partnerships between NGOs and community groups, building NGO capacity, and in the promotion of best practices.
- The creation of the website www.conflict.net established a platform for discussion among community groups, generated expert consultations and continues to support networking among the project participants.
- Project stakeholders have been engaged in a series of public awareness and education campaigns to attract more NGOs motivated to adopt sound practices in an open dialogue with local and regional authorities on issues facing their communities.
- Project cooperation established a long-term partnership with the public authority responsible for formulating policy concerning key areas of the Stavropol region as well as the Inspection of the Federal Migration Service of the Stavropol region. The Fund currently stands as an expert in defining policy for the executive branch of the volatile Stavropol region.

Key recommendations include:

- Creating a system of regular monitoring, mapping zones of instability, analysis and forecasting of the situation in every contentious region, development and testing of the index of the conflict-potential region. Classification of the nature of the conflict sources - ethnic, sectarian, social, etc. The development of integrated methods for their resolution. Establishment of systematic work for conflict prevention.
- Creation of a sustainable platform for a dialogue between the federal and regional authorities and civil society (including the use of contacts and New Eurasia Foundation's fruitful cooperation with federal authorities).
- Professional development of regional journalists in order to ensure impartial coverage of ethnic conflicts in the media.

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 90 grants in the first half of FY11. The data for the shared indicators for these closed grants are the following:

Changes on the individual level

Number of direct individual beneficiaries	6,625
Number of trainees	2,645

Changes on the organizational level

Number of organizational beneficiaries	159
Number of new partnerships formed by grantees	79
Resources leveraged (in-kind) from counterparts	\$90,998

Changes on the societal level

Media products disseminated	6,052
Grantee innovations replicated by others	19
New jobs created	40
New businesses formed	0

Evaluation Plans for FY11

The EF Network Foundations plan to undertake 12 evaluations during the second half of FY11. They include one baseline evaluation, three mid-term process evaluation and eight impact or summative evaluations.

Completed and Upcoming Evaluations

I. Evaluations Completed, First Half of FY11

Needs and Baseline Assessments

- Internal baseline evaluation for Public Private Partnerships: Supporting Local Investments and National Competitiveness Program, Ukraine, March, 2011
- Needs assessment of Reducing Youth Radicalization Program in Tajikistan, March 2011
- Open Budget Initiative Program in Kazakhstan, December 2010
- Reducing Poverty Caused by Institutionalization of Orphaned Children Program in Kazakhstan, March 2011

Summative Evaluations

- Final evaluation for Capacity of Local Authorities and Non-State Actors to Mitigate Conflict Program, Kyrgyzstan, January 2011
- Summative evaluation for Towards European Integration Program, Georgia, December 2010
- Summative evaluation for Youth Bank Program, Georgia, December 2010
- Summative evaluation of Engage and Monitor for Change Program, Georgia, December 2010
- Final evaluation, Youth Economic Development Program, Azerbaijan, March 2011

- Summative evaluation of the Unbiased e-Media Coverage Program in Armenia and Azerbaijan, March 2011
- Final external evaluation for the Civil Society Poverty Reduction Program in Kyrgyzstan, March 2011
- Summative evaluation of the Civil Society Poverty Reduction Program in Tajikistan, October 2010

II. Upcoming Evaluations, Second Half of FY11

Baseline and Needs Assessments

- Baseline evaluation for ARMedia (Media 3.0) Program, Armenia, June 2011
- Baseline evaluation for Income Generating Activities for Families of Disabled Children Program in Tajikistan, June 2011

Mid-Term Process Evaluations

- Mid-term evaluation for the Professional Youth Journalism in Central Asia Program, August 2011
- Mid-term evaluation for the Open-Door Grant-Making Program in Georgia, December 2011
- Mid-term evaluation of the Enhancing University Research and Entrepreneurial Capacity (EURECA) Program in Russia, September 2011
- Process Evaluation for the Youth Bank Project in Moldova, May 2011

Summative Evaluations

- Summative evaluation for the Youth Bank Project – conflict prevention and mitigation in Southern Kyrgyzstan, August-September 2011
- Summative evaluation for the Cross-Border Youth Cooperation Program in Kyrgyzstan, August-September 2011
- Final evaluation for the Improving the Lives of People with Disabilities Program in Kyrgyzstan, July 2011
- Final evaluation for the Poverty Reduction Program in Kyrgyzstan, July 2011
- Summative evaluation for the Youth Banks Program in Armenia, June 2011
- Summative evaluation for the Social Investment Program, Georgia, August 2011
- Summative evaluation of the Strengthening the Role of Media as a Watchdog Institution Program in Georgia, September 2011
- Internal summative evaluation for the Community Centers for Elderly Citizens Program, Ukraine, July 2011
- Life-Skills Education Initiative for Young Girls Program in Atyrau, June 2011
- Final evaluation of Improving Citizens' Participation with Local Self-Government program in Tajikistan, August 2011
- Open Budget Initiative Program in Kazakhstan, May 2011
- IT and Interactive Methods of Training Project in Kazakhstan, November 2011
- Community Development Program in Jlyloi for TCO in Kazakhstan, November 2011

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: EXPENDITURE CHART BY COUNTRY

October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011



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Appendix A

Analysis of Expenditures by Country

Core Spending in USD

From October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011

Spending by Country	Russia	\$165,329
	Ukraine	\$96,666
	Moldova	\$23,077
	Belarus	\$808,707
	Uzbekistan	\$888
	Turkmenistan	\$1,904
	Tajikistan	\$9,004
	Kazakhstan	\$96,022
	Kyrgyzstan	\$164,217
	Georgia	\$20,715
	Armenia	\$13,104
	Azerbaijan	\$63,846
	Regional	\$381,441
Total	\$1,844,918	

**APPENDIX B: GRANTS CLOSED
OCTOBER 1, 2010 – MARCH 31, 2011**



Appendix B

Outcome Statements of Grants Closed

Alphabetical by Country

October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

Armenia

Artur Ghazaryan

\$3,062

Dilijan, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 7/31/2010

The Dilijan Youth bank announced a grant competition for local youth-led initiative groups and ultimately selected five projects for funding to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the project "Lessons on Batique," the Dilijan YB members, in cooperation with the local Arts School, were able to equip a small room for working through batique technique, which was then added to the local Arts' School official curriculum. Through the project "Specifics of Sustainable Development in Education," the initiative group implemented two trainings on non-formal educational tools and methods for 199 school children and 25 teachers from five communities of the Noyemberyan sub-region. Through the "Classes on Handcrafting" project, 16 young females aged 15-35 participated in trainings on different types of handcrafts, including needlework, knitting, and beadwork. Through the projects "Garbage Removal" and "Renovation of the House of Culture Garden," the initiative groups addressed environmental issues, renovating parks, streets and local public places and placing garbage cans in Voskevan and Gandzasar communities.

Atom Mkhitaryan

\$3,078

Yerevan, Armenia

11/18/2009 - 6/30/2010

Yerevan Youth Bank (YB) announced a grant competition for local youth-led initiative groups and ultimately selected five projects for funding to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the project "Healthy Children for a Healthy Society," Yerevan YB members in cooperation with the "Armenian PR Association" were able to organize a one-day campaign for 20 children. Under the supervision of psychologists and teachers, the children drew pictures, which experts analyzed to produce recommendations for improving interaction with the children. Through the "Green Light" project, two-day trainings were organized in Yerevan with the participation of 30 youth with higher and bachelor degree education on topics including "How to write a CV" and "How to write a Motivation Letter." Through the "New Faces" project, a bilingual public youth website was developed providing information and links for possible scholarship opportunities and exchange projects. Through the project "The Miracles of Fairy Tales," a Yezid fairy tale was staged, highlighting ethnic minority integration issues. Through the "Clean Yerevan, Clean Hrazdan River" project, a one-day campaign was organized to clean the surroundings of Hrazdan river. Through the "Yereqnuk" project, the youth bank supported the purchase of colorful threads for the children with special needs at Yerevan School N2. The hand-made carpets made by the children will be sold to support the sustainability of the project.

International Center for Human Development (ICHD) NGO

\$75,687

Yerevan, Armenia

9/28/2009 - 6/25/2010

In order to contribute to informed political dialogue between Armenia and Turkey, the grantee, the International Center for Human Development (ICHD) conducted 14 Town Hall Meetings (THM) throughout Armenia, 10 in regions and four in Yerevan. More than 1,400 citizens in attendance had a chance to express their opinion on five scenarios of potential developments between Armenia and Turkey. The grantee has summarized and analyzed feedback gathered at the THMs and distributed it among key Armenian political figures engaged in the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement process. The project was aimed at informing decision-makers about the attitudes and perceptions of Armenian citizens regarding the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement process, as well as increasing public understanding of the dialogue that was taking place between the two countries.

Investigative Journalists Non-Governmental Organization

\$45,153

Yerevan, Armenia

1/1/2009 - 9/30/2010

In order to increase citizen involvement in and transparency of decision-making at the community level, the grantee worked to improve community council governance in more than 60 communities of the Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Gegharkunik, Tavush and Syunik regions of Armenia. The grantee recruited and trained a group of eight journalists from target regions, produced two TV talk shows to highlight the issue, and conducted three roundtable discussions with local residents, civil society organizations and representatives of local government. The grantee produced around 200 articles on various corruption-related issues in the communities, and made them available on www.hetq.am and in hard-copy weekly newspaper "Hetq". The grantee also produced 10 topical inserts for Azg daily, five of which featured material from the targeted regions. The project resulted in the creation of 21 municipal web pages, most of which publish municipality decisions, budgets and community council agenda.

Lala Avetisyan

\$3,112

Sisian, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 6/30/2010

The Sisian Youth bank announced a grant competition for local youth-led initiative groups and ultimately selected four projects for funding to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the project "Eco-club," Sisian YB members were able to organize a three-day excursion to the Sisian forest reserve with the participation of 28 young students. Through the "Beehive" project, the initiative group purchased six beehives and a beehive farm was established. Through the "Youth for the Protection of Schools and Nature" project, 22 rabbits were purchased and provided to the initiative group, 16 of which were awarded to the school eco-club. Through the project "Children's Playground," a playground was reconstructed for 130 school children under 16 in a yard of the Sisian local School N1 for children with special needs. Through the "Chairs" project, four benches and litter boxes were established in the local "Karen Demirchyan" park.

Luiza Petrosyan

\$3,345

Gyumri, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 7/31/2010

The Gyumri Youth bank announced a grant competition for local youth-led initiative groups and ultimately selected four projects for funding to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the project "Open Forum for the Shirak Youth", the Gyumri YB members were able to organize regular meetings, discussions with participation of well-known experts, NGO leaders, singers; civil society representatives overall 270 people took part in the forum. Through "Problems in the Focus of the Camera," the initiative group organized and implemented four photo exhibition-

discussions. As a result of organized exhibitions, more than 200 participants had a chance to form an individual approach toward the surrounding issues and discuss the opportunities for changing their environment. Through "Los Originales," the initiative group organized four party-club style evenings for 312 local youth and interested parties. Through the project "Let's Reconstruct our Village," the initiative group reconstructed not only the fountain of Amasia village, but also its surrounding area to ensure the green scenery of the park. Fundraising reached AMD 100,000. Through the project "Books for the Orphanage," the Gyumri YB members purchased about 150 illustrative and deductive books and working colorful albums, which they gave to 70 orphans from the Gyumri local orphanage.

Naira Arakelyan

\$3,526

Armavir, Armenia

10/15/2009 - 6/30/2010

The Armavir Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth-led initiative groups and ultimately selected five projects for funding to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the project "Know Your Rights," eight students were selected from six participating schools to complete human rights training. Through "Renovation of the Sports Ground," the group supported the reconstruction of the athletic fields next to "Armavir 1st Secondary School". More than 2000 students benefited from the new fields. The school principal, 8 teachers and 15 school children were involved in the project implementation. Through the "Assistance to Socially Vulnerable Children" project, 50 socially vulnerable children from St. Ghazar School received stationery and sports goods, and visited the Marz historical monument. Through the project "Exhibition-sales / Armavir State College," the initiative groups purchased painting materials for 45 Arts College students. Through the "Renovation of the Aygevan Village Park," the initiative group purchased trash cans for the park. Through "Renovation of the cClassroom of Norapat Secondary School," 10 school staff members and 18 students were involved in classroom reconstruction. The school management allocated AMD 45,000 to the project for the renovations. Project beneficiaries include 500 school children and the teaching staff, consisting of 40 individuals.

Naira Muradyan

\$3,134

Ararat, Armenia

10/16/2009 - 6/30/2010

The Ararat Youth Bank announced a grant competition for local youth-led initiative groups and ultimately selected five projects for funding to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the project "Computer Literacy," 30 school children from Yeraskh community were selected to participate in trainings on computer literacy. Through the project "Let's be Aware," the number of local youth-led "Veratsnund" newspaper leaflets was increased from 10-15 to 99. Through the "Film Festival" project, a series of film watching sessions on human right issues, national values, traditions and conflicts were organized in 11 selected communities of the Ararat region, with participation from 242 young people. Through the project "Trainings," the initiative group organized trainings on basic computer literacy, foreign languages and needlework for 30 young people aged 15-25, from the local Araqsavan community. Through the project "Treasures of our Homeland," the youth bank organized a pilgrimage for 32 young people from Surenavan village to Lori.

Yerevan Press Club

\$11,744

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 8/16/2010

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies, the grantee made an effort to improve mutual coverage of issues pertinent to the whole range of Armenian-Turkish relationships. In particular, the grantee produced a compact survey titled

"Armenian-Turkish Civil Initiatives: Press Coverage" to provide media professionals with background information on the major trends in the Armenian-Turkish relationships that was used at the training for an Armenian-Turkish group of eight selected journalists in Istanbul in January 2008. These journalists then had a chance to make exchange visits to the other country to accomplish their series of investigative reports. The grantee-published brochure entitled 'Armenian-Turkish Team Reporting Project' comprised all articles produced by the participating journalists. The analytical material, investigative reports, and feedback from major stakeholders were discussed at a two-day conference in Yerevan in July 2009.

Yeva Haroyan

\$3,124

Martuni, Armenia

12/23/2009 - 7/20/2010

The Martuni Youth bank announced a grant competition for local youth-led initiative groups and ultimately selected five projects for funding to address youth involvement in local decision-making. Through the project "Bee-farming Household," 12 participants, including Martuni YB members in cooperation with the initiative group, established beehive colony breeding and sales. The amount generated from the sales was spent on the purchase of two bee colonies, hives and frames. Through the project "A Mini Theatre," 130 project team members acquired clothing and other scenic items for the children's theatrical circle at Sevan Youth Club NGO. The circle mostly includes children from vulnerable families. Through the project, about 110 meters of fabric was provided to the circle for theatrical clothes. Through "Frames for the Pupils of the Arts School," 230 project team members purchased 60 frames with glass covers, enabling them to organize an exhibition of students' works. Through "Equipment for the Musical School," the school was furnished with 15 pieces of music literature, 37 CDs with classical music and a mini center with a DVD player and loudspeakers. The total number of project participants was 220.

Azerbaijan

Agshin Asgarov Getting Involved Competition

\$169

Astara, Azerbaijan

8/11/2009 - 12/15/2009

The project was designed to encourage young people to participate in the democratic process and generate awareness about the value of civic engagement. Two initiative groups from Azerbaijan and Georgia have jointly collaborated on this project in order to educate young leaders from Azerbaijan and Georgia about transparent decision-making and active citizenship in their societies. The project aims at advocating for greater transparency and accountability of local government institutions and increasing young peoples' involvement in the decision-making process. Through interactive discussions and youth meetings, the project tried to increase citizen involvement among secondary school children. The school children who participated in the meetings were informed about civic rights generally; local and international organizations working in Azerbaijan; and human rights.

Jeyhun Heydarov Getting Involved Competition

\$265

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/11/2009 - 11/10/2009

Unemployment is one of the biggest challenges for youth in Azerbaijan. As undergraduates, young people do not acquire work experience through internships and upon graduation find it difficult to acquire jobs. The proposed project enabled students to meet tomorrow's challenges today and learn how to find jobs in Azerbaijan through a series of meetings of young people with businessmen. The aims of these meetings were to inform the businessmen about existing problems of youth unemployment, to inform young people about possible ways of solving the problem, and to foster future cooperation between young people and businessmen to create a common platform.

Murad Mammadov Getting Involved Competition

\$334

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/11/2009 - 11/10/2009

Smoking is a widespread habit among youth in Azerbaijan. In fact, many young people, including school children, engage in this destructive habit. The high rate of young smokers has a negative impact on community health and has disastrous consequences on the health of youth. The project was focused at promoting a healthy lifestyle among school children and encouraging them to give up smoking, which is a tangible investment in the community's health. Through the project, the implementer organized simulation games, interactive discussions with experts in three secondary schools in and near Baku, and disseminated booklets and leaflets among youth.

Nurlan Bilalov

\$2,300

Baku, Baku

4/29/2009 - 6/10/2009

Eurasia Partnership Foundation launched the Azerbaijan Youth Fund program in December 2005 as an innovative micro-grant program to provide much needed funding in support of initiatives for young people. The Sahil Youth Fund, which was established in 2008, recently funded the implementation of four projects. The "Youth Cinema Club" project established a youth cinema club in School No. 319 of the Sahil Settlement. The club meets weekly and screens documentaries and domestic and international movies. Through the "Training for Youth on NGO Management, Volunteerism and Community Development" project, the initiative group trained youth from Sahil on volunteerism, leadership, and NGO management. The main idea of the "Ecological Youth Campaign" project was to engage youth from Sahil in environmental protection. Over a three day period, more than 30 young people from Sahil planted approximately 120 trees in the garden and surroundings of School No. 319. A fourth initiative group is currently creating a web portal called the "Youth Internet Portal" (www.gencsahil.com), which will provide information with a discussion forum to discuss problems in Sahil.

Qurban Ahmedov

\$560

Bilasuvar, Azerbaijan

5/19/2009 - 5/31/2009

Eurasia Partnership Foundation launched the Azerbaijan Youth Fund program in December 2005 as an innovative micro-grant program to provide much needed funding in support of the initiatives of young people. The Bilasuvar Youth Fund, which was established in 2008, recently funded the implementation of two projects. The "Visit to Historical Monuments" project focused on introducing youth to Azerbaijan historical monuments. The initiative group organized an excursion for 26 young people to Gobustan, one of the most antiquated locations in Azerbaijan, and to the Palace of Shirvan Shakhs. The "Intellectual Competition among the Youth of Bilasuvar" project was designed to increase the interest of Bilasuvar youth in education. The initiative group organized an intellectual competition for 63 boys and girls. The winners received special monetary prizes.

Tural Abdullayev

\$738

Yevlakh, Azerbaijan

5/20/2009 - 5/31/2009

Eurasia Partnership Foundation launched the Azerbaijan Youth Fund program in December 2005 as an innovative micro-grant program to provide much needed funding in support of young people's initiatives. The Mingachevir Youth Fund, established in 2008, recently funded the implementation of two projects: "Healthy Life" and "Against Drug Abuse." "Healthy Life" focused on raising young people's awareness in the field of ecological problems. The Youth Fund members conducted educational courses on ecological problems for 16 to 19 year olds and organized a painting competition on the topic. The finalists were honored with special prizes. "Against Drug Abuse"

focused on raising young people's awareness about the harmful effects of drug use. The initiative group conducted trainings for 16 to 18 year olds about the perils of drugs and distributed 50 copies of booklets on the topic.

Azerbaijan National Committee of Helsinki Citizen's Assembly

\$10,600

Baku, Azerbaijan

12/30/2008 - 5/31/2009

The grantee organized a pre-simulation workshop for young leaders (45 participants from Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia) at Bilgi University, Turkey on parliamentary democracy and democratic process to address the lack of knowledge of democratic values and practices. The project was planned to be instrumental in establishing cross-border partnerships and networks among emerging young leaders of the South Caucasus, as well as to turn the project participants into active proponents of parliamentary democracy as a unique mechanism for reconciling conflicting interests and expectations of different groups/communities by means of communication and compromise.

Youth for Development NGO

\$23,816

Baku, Azerbaijan

2/1/2008 - 9/29/2008

Inclusive and transparent decision-making on public policy issues in the South Caucasus is a rarity. Youth for Development NGO and its partners in Armenia and Georgia sought to contribute to improved public policy-making in the South Caucasus by means of the Town Hall Meeting (THM) system. The partners developed multi-language support for the computer-based elements of the system, and the partner from Armenia trained their Azerbaijani and Georgian counterparts on related facilitation and system implementation skills. Upon completion of the skills and system transfer, the partners successfully implemented a pilot demonstration of the THM system in Georgia on the issue of high school violence in Georgia, resulting in a highly praised analytical paper featuring alternative policy recommendations. The partners also elaborated a trilateral concept paper to address the issues of the Kura-Araks river basin through regional THMs. As a direct result of the knowledge transfer facilitated by this project, the Armenian and Azerbaijani partners won GBP 200,000 in funding from the UK's Global Conflict Prevention Pool to conduct a series of Town Hall Meetings in Armenia and Azerbaijan about the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.

Georgia

Akhaltsikhe Youth Bank

\$1,397

Akhaltsikhe, Georgia

5/21/2010 - 2/15/2011

The project contributed to the accomplishment of the main goal of the Youth Bank project: to increase the capacity and provide the opportunity to local youth to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities. Prior to the 2010 local elections, the Akhaltsikhe Youth Bank provided small grants to three local youth-led initiative groups to increase the awareness of first-time voters about their electoral rights and responsibilities. Local youth-led initiatives produced flyers on various aspects of elections, cleaned up surroundings of three polling stations in Akhaltsikhe to make the place appealing for the voters, and trained Akhaltsikhe University students on how to advocate for voting rights at the polling stations. Akhaltsikhe Youth Bank was able to raise the local community's interest in election related issues and provided opportunities for local youth to engage in community development.

ALPE Foundation

\$27,545

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/7/2009 - 6/15/2010

Knowledge of Georgian language, an official language of the country, remains one of the most important barriers in achieving proper social, economic, and political integration of ethnic minorities. Mastery of the official language is a precondition to access higher education institutions, as Georgian is tested during the National Entrance Examination. In order to support integration of ethnic minorities, the Ministry of Education and Science elaborated several versions of 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. Alpe Foundation organized a public roundtable to discuss the most acceptable amendment package, with the intent to improve access to higher education for ethnic minority secondary school students. The project team also conducted a study of barriers to higher education for domestic ethnic minority youth.

Aspindza Youth Bank

\$2,309

Aspindza, Georgia

12/28/2009 - 2/3/2011

To enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of Aspindza community and solve problems faced by the local youth (e.g. environmental pollution, lack of involvement in sports, scarcity of entertainment opportunities, and lack of access to contemporary literature in school libraries), Aspindza Youth Bank funded four youth-led initiatives that were selected as a result of the YB grants competition. Of the four youth led initiatives funded by Aspindza YB, one project purchased 20 contemporary youth scientific-education books for the local school library, another project organized a football tournament for the local youth, and a third project established a recreational mini park for the local residents. Aspindza YB also funded a project through which the youth-led initiative group equipped Atskvita public school with needed sports supplies.

Association "Green Alternative" – GA

\$13,584

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 1/10/2009

During the project, the grantee conducted four trainings in the underserved regions of Oni (two), Ambrolauri and Lentekhi to educate both representatives of the communities and the local authorities on the basics of forest sector decentralization. In total, 129 community leaders and local officials participated (39 female/90 male). During the project, the grantee conducted 26 studies that included monitoring the state of forests to be transferred, the readiness of local authorities for this and monitoring government policy in this field. The findings were posted on www.greenalt.org, www.forestgeo.net and www.aarhus.dsl.ge, which were visited by almost 500 individuals. The grantee prepared two publications: the Manual on Decentralization of the Forestry Sector and Monitoring of the Georgian Forest Sector 2007-2008. At a seminar in December 2008, the grantee included the Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources and other stakeholders in a discussion about forest management and local governance. Recommendations made during the discussion were given to the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources and the Parliamentary Committee for Environmental Protection and Natural Resources. The Ministry of Economic Development abolished the previous controversial decree on granting special licenses for long-term use of forests for logging, which had given an unfair advantage to companies and deprived citizens of access to wood.

Association "Mkurnali"

\$15,936

Tbilisi, Georgia

9/10/2009 - 10/27/2010

The grantee provided free legal aid to eight street children, part of a new vulnerable group in Georgia, who came into contact with the criminal justice system and needed assistance with

representation. To support its beneficiaries, the project team also analyzed the current Georgian legislation on juvenile justice and contributed to the preparation of the Report on Monitoring the Implementation of Criminal Justice Reform, which was developed under the auspices of the Criminal Justice Reform Inter-Agency Coordinating Council. The Report describes gaps in the current legislation relevant to juvenile justice and provides recommendations to better protect the interests of street children. Other sustainable project interventions include vocational training for 25 street children to expand the limited employment choices currently available to them and to make them more self-reliant.

Bolnisi Youth Bank

\$2,397

Bolnisi, Georgia

10/2/2009 - 4/2/2010

To enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of their communities, Bolnisi Youth Bank created opportunities for youth initiative groups to engage in community development activities. Specifically, the Youth Bank funded five youth-led micro projects to address problems faced by local youth, including environmental pollution, outdated books in the local library, a lack of entertainment opportunities, and a lack of opportunities for learning and practicing art. With YB funding, young people planted 367 trees in the village of Kveshi. Another YB funded project team mobilized local communities to preserve the cultural and historical heritage of Bolnisi by organizing local community members to clean up one of the local historical monuments. Yet another youth-led initiative group used their grants to improve the younger generation's access to contemporary literature and purchase contemporary scholarly and literary text books. One more initiative group organized trainings for young people of different nationalities in the art of tapestry. Lastly, the fifth youth-led initiative group organized a volunteer community action to clean up the village of Kianeti and install large garbage bins in the streets of the village.

Centre for Training and Consultancy

\$26,572

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/1/2008 - 5/17/2010

To address the weak capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Georgia, Eurasia Partnership Foundation funded the Center for Training and Consultancy (CTC) to improve the understanding of the concept and specific application of civic monitoring of grassroots CSOs in the regions of Georgia. CTC trained 47 representatives of CSOs, mass media, state agencies, and academic circles in Telavi and Rustavi in identifying and designing solutions to the most relevant problems in their communities. Participants developed policy papers on these issues in collaboration with the elected authorities of Telavi and Rustavi. Two participants submitted advocacy project proposals to donors and others initiated watchdog activities locally. The project has successfully modeled a two-tiered approach to developing local civic monitoring resources in the regions in preparing cogent policy papers and successfully advocating for those policies in state entities.

Daily Newspaper Rezonance

\$7,118

Tbilisi, Georgia

4/1/2010 - 10/31/2010

The goal of the project was to investigate what goes on in Georgia's forest industry, focusing on the mechanisms, scale, and nature of illegal logging, and publish relevant articles about this matter. As part of this research and analysis, the grantee was also able to provide the information about the real and potential harmful results of illegal logging. The project team investigated the issue of illegal logging on a country-wide scale and disseminated nine newspaper stories developed as a result of investigations, which ran as a series both in printed form and on the newspaper's website. The stories succeeded in providing the Georgian population and civil society organizations (CSOs) with an in-depth investigation and analysis of the situation of illegal logging and deforestation.

Dedoplistskaro Youth Bank

\$2,261

Dedoplistskaro, Georgia

8/2/2010 - 12/1/2010

Dedoplistskaro Youth Bank provided opportunities to five local youth-led initiative groups to increase the capacity and raise awareness of local youth and provide them opportunities to engage as active citizens in the democratic development of their communities. Through one of the small grants (School and Elections) awarded by the YB, the youth organized a summer camp for 64 socially vulnerable youth, offering them various activities, including trainings on elections related issues. Another two small grants projects organized three-day trainings on elections related issues for 22 young people residing in the villages of Zemo Machkhaani, Gamarjveba, and Ozaani, and 21 young people residing in Kedebis Zona. The Active Citizens project also funded by Dedoplistskaro YB organized intellectual games, enabling 64 young people to demonstrate their knowledge on election related issues and civil society. Lastly, with the support from Dedoplistskaro YB, the youth implemented a project entitled Civic Education, which organized a three-day training on election related issues for 21 students of Dedoplistskaro Public Schools.

Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)

\$33,032

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/2/2009 - 5/31/2010

To contribute to the creation of favorable conditions for effective minority group participation in the political, social, economic and cultural life of the country, GFSIS implemented an integrated project composed of capacity building activities, policy development, and public debate and Training of Trainers (TOT) components for representatives of ethnic minority communities in Samtskhe-Javakheti. The project team organized skills oriented and 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 in the ethnic minority population of Samtskhe-Javakhet. The project will support the establishment of informal networks among regional civil society groups and Tbilisi-based civil society organizations.

Georgian Tourism Association GTA

\$44,090

Tbilisi, Georgia

3/23/2009 - 1/15/2010

To facilitate market-oriented and participatory sustainable tourism for Protected Areas (PAs) of Georgia in Lagodekhi, Algeti and Kintrishi, the Georgian Tourism Association (GTA) conducted three participatory stakeholder workshops (in Lagodekhi, Algeti and Kintrishi PAs) to increase the knowledge of local stakeholders about practical tourism needs and realistic approaches to offer tourism products and services. A database for guesthouses in and around the PAs was created and includes 45 accommodation facilities. GTA uploaded information about guesthouses on the national portal of the international booking system for sustainable tourism whl.com (www.travel-tbilisi.com). In addition, three promotional video clips were made about the selected PAs. Children's camps on the territories of PAs were organized in cooperation with local schools. In order to develop the attractiveness and educational potential of the selected PAs, GTA equipped an eco-educational path in Algeti National Park with a picnic area, toilet, garbage collection facility, and information boards. Five horse riding saddles were purchased with the aim to increase the quality of horse riding tours introduced in Algeti National Park. More than 50 stakeholders from the private and public sectors attended the final presentation of the project.

Gori Youth Bank \$1,300
Gori, Georgia 5/25/2010 - 8/25/2010
Youth Bank members were able to take responsibility for making decisions over grants and were held accountable to EPF for how the money was spent by their grantees. Four youth led initiative groups in Gori were given an opportunity to participate in society as active citizens by considering ways to tackle social problems. The "Green Life" youth led initiative planted 500 trees in the name of those who were killed during August Russia-Georgia war. The "Youth for Youth" youth initiative group rehabilitated the sports area of Gori Public School No 2 to support youth engagement in athletic activities. The "Start with Small" project team established a small flower and tree garden in the yard of Gori Public School No 5. The "Books and Future Generation" initiative group bought 14 contemporary youth scientific literature for the Gori Public School No 4 library.

Guria Youth Resource Center \$22,475
Ozurgeti, Georgia 9/20/2009 - 6/30/2010
The project succeeded in increasing civic awareness of community members in Ozurgeti and the surrounding large villages (Natanebi, Nasakirali, Laituri, and Shroma) and fostered their engagement in decision-making. The grantee applied innovative methods of participatory learning appraisal to gauge the communities' awareness of their rights and their understanding of the local government, as well as the level of citizens' engagement in decision-making (300 people participated in the survey and focus groups). About 150 community members, mostly young people, improved their knowledge and skills in monitoring and advocacy, through trainings in participatory monitoring of the local budget. As a result of these trainings, the grantee was able to identify 20 youth leaders, who consistently engage their community members in civic monitoring and advocacy. The grantee also developed a theatrical sketch, enacting how citizens' engagement can resolve some of the local issues, previously identified through community surveys. This performance was organized twice and shown to 600 attendees. As part of the project, Ozurgeti youth leaders monitored municipal programs, including the Department of Animal Welfare.

LTD P.S. Newspaper \$10,184
Kutaisi, Georgia 4/1/2010 - 7/31/2010
There is little investigative reporting in print media in Georgia, regional media in particular. The project aimed to increase the capacity of journalists working at "P.S." in investigative reporting, to provide the local population with high quality investigative reporting, and to involve the local population in the project implementation through creation of a hot-line, where any citizen will be able to call and provide information on any violation or problem encountered. The newspaper produced five newspaper inserts, of which 2000 were published and distributed. The newspaper also conducted four workshops for P.S. journalists in investigative reporting. An estimated 250 citizens called the hot-line during the project implementation. Overall, the newspaper published 29 investigative stories and was able to detect serious deficiencies in the process of implementation of the state countryside support program.

M Publishing \$27,688
Tbilisi, Georgia 5/1/2009 - 6/15/2010
The grantee successfully developed an online version of the highly popular magazine "Hot Chocolate" and contributed to the development of the online media-market in Georgia. During the project, the grantee e-published (on its website) 15 sensitive and largely culturally taboo topics, which led to wide public discussions and significantly contributed to the shaping of public attitudes toward various sensitive issues related to national culture, archaic viewpoints, and modernization of

society. Furthermore, the grantee also posted video podcasts of interviews and reports from cultural events, exclusively from contributors of the magazine. Along with improving Georgian online media, the project led to the creation of a very popular online discussion space, which will contribute to the promotion of a culture of tolerance, pluralism of opinions, civic awareness, and freedom of expression in Georgia.

Marneuli Youth Bank

\$2,278

Marneuli, Georgia

2/24/2010 - 12/10/2010

The project aimed to increase capacity and give opportunities to local youth to engage as active citizens in the development of their communities. Three youth-led initiative groups of Kvemo Kartli region were given an opportunity to participate in their communities as active citizens by considering ways to tackle some of the most salient social problems. One of these youth-led initiative groups organized a tournament on Taekwondo under the title "Sports against Drugs" to motivate their peers to get involved in sports and practice healthy lifestyles. In a similar vein, another group formed three soccer teams in Marneuli, Gardabani, and Rustavi and organized a soccer tournament. To motivate their peers to seek and receive better education, another group organized educational games for eight public schools of Marneuli municipality, targeting the villages of Algeti, Tazakandi, Sabirkande, and Khadjiknde. To ignite youth interest in arts and culture, other youth-led initiatives organized excursions to Tbilisi art museums and supported exhibitions of drawings and photos developed by the local youth after taking lessons in these areas.

Media Development Foundation

\$24,183

Tbilisi, Georgia

12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010

The Media Development Foundation aimed to confront offensive language directed at ethnic, religious and cultural minorities in Georgian press outlets through a 3-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 and help prevent potentially offensive content from being published in the future.

Medical Workers Initiative

\$21,214

Kutaisi, Georgia

3/10/2009 - 5/19/2010

The grantee managed to increase the capacity and engagement of 310 International Displaced Persons in Kutaisi IDP collection centers to monitor medical services they receive from the state and through state-funded insurance as well as secure access to full-scale, quality medical services. To increase the profile and impact of monitoring activities, the grantee cooperated with CSO Argusi and the local media, including newspaper, radio, and television outlets. The grantee developed 16 reports and four different types of informational brochures, which were disseminated among the target groups to inform them about their rights, as well as advocacy and monitoring methods. The project also operated a hotline, through which the grantee rendered more than 100 consultations to concerned citizens. The Coordination Consultative Center for the Protection of Patients' Rights, which was created during the project cycle, continues to operate to this day and supports advocacy efforts of local IDP patients and their families.

Ozurgeti Youth Bank \$2,849
Ozurgeti, Georgia 10/20/2009 - 11/1/2010

To enable young people to participate as active citizens in the development of Guria region communities and solve problems faced by the local youth, Ozurgeti Youth Bank funded five youth-led initiatives, selected through the YB grants competition. One of the five youth-led initiatives funded by Ozurgeti YB involved renovating the football stadium in village Nagobilevi and organizing a football tournament to popularize active and healthy lifestyles among their peers (project: A Road to Healthy Life). The project entitled "English Language Library" involved the purchase of 45 English language books for the Meria Village Public School, thus improving Meria youth access to English language literature. The team implementing a project called "Intellectual Games Tournament" organized a similar tournament among the students attending five public schools located in Ozurgeti municipality, which promoted learning and fostering the culture of intellectualism among the youth. One of the YB funded projects organized a conference on climate change, where 70 students from three Lanchkhuti public schools discussed global warming and organized a protest rally in front of the local tarmac factory, calling on the factory administration to install filters on the factory pipes.

Peaceful and Business Caucasus \$24,840
Kutaisi, Georgia 2/1/2010 - 7/31/2010

The project implemented by the Association Peaceful and Business Caucasus was a preliminary attempt to utilize the potential of public diplomacy in combination with healthy business aspirations of Abkhaz and Ossetian citizens. The grantee contributed to stalling the alienation process between Georgians, Abkhazians, and Ossetians involved in the project. 100 Abkhazians and 100 Ossetians from the breakaway territories and 200 Georgians participated and forged ties among each other. The grantee was able to successfully implement shop-tours to Lilo and Gonio wholesale markets (both located in Georgian controlled territories). The project provided the Abkhaz and Ossetian beneficiaries with the opportunity to meet with prominent Georgian public figures and experts and discuss various issues of mutual interest. According to participant feedback, these meetings further contributed to confidence-building. One of the positive outcomes of this project was a high-profile reception for Abkhaz and Ossetian beneficiaries by the Catholicos Patriarch of the Georgian Orthodox Church, who awarded the guests a small amount of cash for their future activities.

Public Union "The Young Scientists' Club of Ozurgeti" \$4,069
Ozurgeti, Georgia 6/10/2010 - 9/9/2010

One of the best ways to ensure that regional grassroots civil society organizations (CSOs) are able to utilize modern civic monitoring and advocacy methods is to support the development of a cadre of qualified local trainers that transfers knowledge to other members of their community. To achieve these goals, EPF first implemented a complex Training of Trainers (TOI) program and then designed a follow up grant competition to support these trainers in providing advocacy and civic monitoring trainings to other interested members of their own communities. A trainer from Ozurgeti Young Scientists Clubs delivered advocacy and civic monitoring trainings to 36 civic activists and journalists from Ozurgeti, Lanchkhuti, and Chokhatauri. The training participants prepared issue-based monitoring plans under the guidance of the trainer. The project increased the number of civic monitoring practitioners in Guria, who conduct civic monitoring and advocacy and serve as a valuable resource for their communities. One of the trainees applied the prepared monitoring plan for the monitoring of local municipal services.

Taso Foundation

\$29,664

Tbilisi, Georgia

5/10/2009 - 7/15/2010

Rapid integration and empowerment of IDPs, especially women, became one of the priorities after the August 2008 war with Russia. The project was a part of TASO Foundation's larger program that aimed to support rural IDP women to engage in social and economic activities in Shida Kartli region. By creating a Women's Resource Center in the frontline village of Karaleti, the grantee fostered increased civic awareness and improved capacity of both the IDPs and local villagers by providing hands on trainings on various topics. Fifteen IDP women learned how to use a computer, and 35 received consultations on specific issues of their interest and were linked to relevant CSOs. As many as 139 beneficiaries from Karaleti and eight adjacent villages participated in educational programs provided by the Women's Resource Center. Six project participants received training in conflict settlement and three of them were trained as trainers in community empowerment. Five hundred brochures and 300 posters served as valuable informational sources for the beneficiaries in Karaleti and other villages. The Women's Resource Center was equipped with a library, internet, and telephone lines. The Center, which is managed by a 10-person initiative group, has provided for long-term sustainability of the project, continuing to provide consultations and assistance to the local IDP community groups.

Tserovani Youth Bank

\$2,704

Tserovani, Georgia

2/24/2010 - 3/24/2010

The project contributed to the accomplishment of the main goal of the Youth Bank project to increase capacity and give opportunities to local youth to engage as active citizens in the development of their communities. Youth Bank members were able to take responsibility for making decisions over grants and were held accountable to EPF for how the money was spent by their grantees. Five youth led initiative groups in Tserovani were given an opportunity to participate in society as active citizens by considering ways to tackle social problems. One initiative group taught a group of 10 IDP youth how to make art out of natural materials (such as leaves and flowers). Another group organized excursions to the nearby territories to help them cope with stress and to collect natural material for handcrafts. A third group started the first youth community library in the community of Tserovani, purchasing 35 books and setting up a library book registry. The initiative established another small library in a different part of Tserovani to make sure that youth have access to books in two distinct locations.

Union "Svaneti Tourism Center"

\$20,679

Svaneti, Georgia

5/15/2009 - 2/28/2010

To attract tourists to selected villages of Upper Svaneti region by facilitating sustainable and safe tourism development, Svaneti Tourism Center implemented a nine-month project. With the aim to develop tourism infrastructure and services, the grantee conducted seminars and trainings for local guesthouse owners, and trained tour guides and rescuers. Namely, 17 local guesthouse owners participated in the special seminar, 11 guides and eight rescuers were prepared. In addition, a special guide-book for rescuers was prepared and published in Georgian. Information about guesthouse owners, guides and rescuers trained during the project was disseminated among tour operators, so that they could take advantage of a well-trained cadre of professionals. After the completion of the project, Svaneti Tourism Center continued to work on updating information and photos about available guest-houses on their web-page. Once the work is completed, information about guesthouses will be also placed on the Georgian Tourism Association's (GTA) web-page.

Union Studio Monitor

\$36,252

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/1/2008 - 7/31/2009

Studio Monitor has a long record of independent journalistic watchdog activities, demonstrated through nine documentaries based on journalistic investigations of abuses of power by central and local authorities and human rights violations in various spheres. Films have covered the topics of: private property seizures; business takeovers; abuse of power by financial police and law enforcement bodies; spending of the presidential reserve fund, government fund, and the Tbilisi mayor's reserve fund; abuse of administrative resources for pre-election activities; and IDP issues. A documentary film about 15,000 social workers hired by Tbilisi City Hall, who were accused of campaigning on behalf of the ruling United National Movement party before the parliamentary elections, had wide resonance and its transcript was reprinted by the popular magazine *Liberali*, provoking much public discussion. The project was a contribution to the development of the media's watchdog role and the strengthening of the capacity of independent journalistic studios.

Wild Plant Conservation Association (WPCA)

\$29,477

Tbilisi, Georgia

3/25/2009 - 9/30/2010

As part of the Eco Awards Program 2009, the Wild Plant Conservation Association (WPCA) implemented an 18-month-long project to develop ways to protect two economically important plant species - *Cyclamen vernalis* Sweet and *Galanthus woronowii* Losinsk. WPCA worked to conserve the two species ex-situ (off site) by creating natural collections and a seed bank. Within the project, the WPCA staff evaluated the status of the target plant populations in east Georgia. In collaboration with representatives of Kew Royal Botanic Garden (UK), a special method of vegetative reproduction of selected species was elaborated and tested. This was especially important in the case of Georgian *Cyclamen vernalis* Sweet, which does not reproduce naturally through vegetation. Part of the seeds collected during the field visits were sown in laboratories, greenhouses, and in natural conditions outside. The seeds were sent and placed in Caucasian Regional Seeds Bank located at Tbilisi Botanic Garden. This reserve will be used for further research and testing, as well as for reproduction. Furthermore, duplicates were placed in the Millennium Seeds Bank at the Kew Royal Botanic Garden, UK. In addition, 50 samples of herbaria that were collected during the field visits (labeled, with relevant GPS info) were sent to the Georgian National Herbarium.

Young Pedagogues Union

\$23,205

Ozurgeti, Georgia

9/20/2009 - 10/5/2010

One of the means of creating a vibrant civic sector in Georgia is to support local civil society organizations (CSOs) in monitoring the reforms and advocating for the interests of their constituencies. As part of achieving this goal, EPF supported the Young Pedagogues' Union (YPU) to monitor the implementation of the Law of Georgia on General Education in 15 secondary schools of Ozurgeti, Lanchkhuti, and Chokhatauri municipalities. As a result of monitoring activities, the grantee was able to glean a precise picture of how the various provisions of the Law are actually implemented and elaborated recommendations to deal with some of the implementation issues revealed during the monitoring. In particular, the project organized four trainings on monitoring and advocacy, attended by 60 individuals. Participants later established several internal and external monitoring groups to conduct public oversight of the targeted schools and gave the opportunity to local communities (about 100 people) and experts to take part in this process. The monitoring groups conducted 45 acts of monitoring in the target schools and informed the relevant local and central authorities about the detected shortcomings (such as school discipline, school management, education curriculum), and provided them with recommendations about tackling the problems.

Zugdidi Youth Bank

\$2,242

Zugdidi, Georgia

2/1/2010 - 12/1/2010

The project contributed to the accomplishment of the Youth Bank project's main goal - to increase capacity and give opportunities to local youth to engage as active citizens in the development of their communities. The youth-led initiative groups of the region were given an opportunity to participate in their communities as active citizens, by considering ways to tackle social problems. One of the youth-led initiative groups formed a theatre group and staged a public performance in Zugdidi, enabling the local youth to display their talent. Another group organized a competition in national dancing, singing, and poetry reading among some of the public schools to preserve cultural traditions and motivate young people to become more active. The third youth-led initiative succeeded in staging a performance about violence, smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, and gambling addiction among their peers, to attract the community's attention to the problems of youth. The fourth group organized intellectual games to motivate their peers to participate in intellectual games, deepening their knowledge in various fields of study. In addition to promoting civic activism in the target area, this grant cycle contributed to capacity building of the Youth Bank members in project monitoring, as well as program and financial reporting.

Kazakhstan**East-Kazakhstan Oblast Association of Museum Workers**

\$9,297

Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan

3/9/2010 - 7/9/2010

The purpose of this project was to develop distribution channels for crafts in Eastern- Kazakhstan oblast markets by improving artisans' marketing skills. Seventeen artisans were trained to market their crafts. A crafts fair and a "Young Craftsman of East Kazakhstan Oblast" contest were held in Ust-Kamenogorsk for 61 artisans. Nine artisans participated in the II Inter-regional Fair of Traditional Kazakh Decorative and Applied Arts, dedicated to the 65th anniversary of Victory in World War II, in Semey. Craftsmen gained an access to new distribution channels (fairs in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Semey). Master classes for fair visitors were introduced as a new marketing approach to attract customers. Crafts fair and three two-day trainings on craft making (Kazakh traditional weaving, felt-making, weaving with reed mace) were held jointly with Eastern-Kazakhstan oblast's Akimat within the framework of the Republican conference "Gender Policy in Kazakhstan: Authority and Society". Finally, UNDP committed Funding for the program came from Chevron Corporation in the framework of the Kazakhstan Artisan Business Development Program, and UNDP committed funding to support crafts trainings.

Public Foundation Our Heritage

\$21,220

Almaty, Kazakhstan

12/1/2009 - 6/30/2010

Costs for distributing crafts in Almaty and Astana are high. There is no systematic approach to the design and pre-sale preparation of crafts, which makes Kazakhstan artisans less competitive than other Central Asian craftsmen. The project goal was to increase the share of Kazakhstan's crafts on the local and regional market. 67 artisans in Central, Southern, Eastern Kazakhstan and Almaty oblast were trained to market their crafts. For the trained artisans, art-managers conducted a fair-training in Almaty. By project end, artisans from Central, Southern, Eastern Kazakhstan and Almaty oblast improved their art marketing knowledge and skills. A manual and reference materials for art-managers was developed. A group of 10 art-managers was created and four points for craft production and distribution were created. Finally, artisans changed their marketing approaches and increased their sales by 30 percent on average. Funding came from Chevron Corporation and Kcell Company within the framework of the Kazakhstan Artisan Business Development Program.

Russian Federation

Local Level Collaboration Center/Krasnoyarsk Regional Community Organization \$14,600
Krasnoyarsk, Russia 5/12/2010 - 11/15/2010

The project facilitated the development of the Coordination Board for the Development of Community Education thanks to the special meeting "Monitoring and Evaluating the Development of Community Schools: Methods and Indicators". The meeting participants took an active part in the roundtable events 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 a document describing a system of criteria used to assess the development of community schools as such 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. Finally, the project helped design a number of training programs, incorporating self-evaluation into the regular community school practices, and assigning scopes of responsibility. All project-related information is available on the Internet-portal of the Russian community schools movement.

NGO Civil Strategy \$11,896
Karachaevo-Cherkessia, Russia 01/11/2009-06/30/2010

For this project a series of activities were designed to improve the operating effectiveness of the secondary schools and boarding schools of the Republic of Karachaevo-Cherkessia in prevention and resolution of interethnic conflicts and to promote tolerance among secondary school students.

Public Organization "Youth Problems Institute" \$13,264
Nalchik, Russia 12/01/2009-06/30/2010

In the project, a series of training seminars were designed to develop productive interethnic communication skills in young people residing in the Baksansky, Prokhladnensky, and Chereksky districts of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria. As a result of the training, experimental interethnic collaboration forums were established in three selected settlements. Additionally, bodies of executive power, local self-government bodies, youth parliaments, public associations and organizations of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria have been involved in conflict-prevention activities.

Southern Regional Resource Center \$12,412
Krasnodar, Russia 12/1/2009 - 12/31/2010

For this project, a permanent institute of social moderators in the sphere of interethnic relations in Krasnodar region and the Republic of Adygea was established.

Ulyanovsk Local Youth Movement "Association of Learning Youth" \$14,735
Ulyanovsk, Russia 5/12/2010 - 9/15/2010

The project helped identify the motivational preferences of various groups of participants in the Russian community schools movement and opportunities for the creation of a motivational field of the community schools network. The project activities included a special conference of the Coordination Board for the Development of Community Education. Conference participants were presented with the report "Motivational Field of the Community Schools Network" that was prepared specifically to be discussed at this meeting. As part of the education component, the conference participants were trained in handling obstacles impeding the implementation of innovations at learning institutions.

Ukraine

"Nadia" Drohobych Voluntary Society for Protection of Children with Disabilities \$3,731

Drohobych, Ukraine

12/22/2009 - 7/7/2010

The grantee created a resource center that provides services to 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. The grantee organized 12 training sessions for 58 people, to include information on how to conduct a job search, employee rights for people living with disabilities, and adaptation and integration. It further provided more than 43 consultations on legal and psychological issues for young people living with special needs and their parents. A total of 20 computer classes were provided for youth living with disabilities, and the grantee also held an informational campaign, including a booklet, articles, and TV broadcasts. In addition, the grantee engaged the public and authorities at the raion level by organizing a roundtable, a job fair and a press conference. The grantee found employment for 11 young people and motivated seven young people to pursue further professional education. The project is a part of the program "Everyone Has the Right to Work".

"Perspectyva Stryishchyny" Regional Development Agency

\$11,550

Stryi, Ukraine

12/8/2009 - 10/6/2010

The grantee helped to unite the efforts of local governments, experts and community activists to promote renewable energy sources through the creation of an open and informal network. These groups regularly discussed challenges and opportunities related to energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in Morshyn and in the surrounding Stryi district. As part of the project, an Energy Manager position was established at Morshyn City Council, and the person selected for this position participated in a two-week training seminar on energy management and auditing. Three pilot projects were developed aimed at introducing solar and wind power, and a system for measuring energy efficiency in municipal buildings, including the installation of a solar panel for water heating at the Sonechko kindergarten. The grantee provided training seminars and ran an energy conservation informational campaign, which resulted in numerous newspaper and internet articles and TV spots. A seminar on energy efficiency measures that can be used by households was conducted for 88 students and teachers, and a final conference was held. The project, co-funded by Telenor Group in Ukraine, the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine and USAID, helped to increase awareness and demand for more efficient energy use.

"Voice of Community" Trostyanets District Public Organization

\$13,987

Trostyanets, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 6/15/2010

The grantee equipped a TV studio in Trostyanets and launched an internet media portal at www.trostanets.tv to function as an online TV station, informing residents about local news, the activities of local government, and initiating community debates on various issues. The TV studio produced 182 online broadcasts, including 26 interviews with local policy makers and four debates that were viewed more than 30,000 times altogether. A total of 21 students and interns participated in two training sessions on public media principles and on producing TV news stories. Nine interns were trained in interviewing public officials, and the town mayor even provided feedback to participants during a media workshop. In all, 168 representatives of local governments, NGOs and journalists participated in various project events. In addition, the grantee launched and licensed a print media bulletin called "You Have to Know!" and published seven issues of it with a circulation of 500 each. The grantee monitored election programs of various political parties and deputy

factions in the Trostyanets town and district councils and produced print and online reports on its research, including 18 articles. In addition to the online TV station, the grantee managed to register, license and launch a local cable TV channel.

Agency for Economic Development, Voznesensk City

\$13,235

Voznesensk, Ukraine

8/1/2009 - 7/31/2010

The project was designed to engage citizens in energy efficiency policymaking in the city and provide residents with the capacity, resources and incentives to improve energy efficiency. Project experts explored energy and resource saving-related problems in heating, lighting and waste management, plus developed recommendations on possible improvements. The grantee succeeded in raising more than \$7,000 for the competition from the city council and International Renaissance Foundation. Sixty individual consultations were provided to potential applicants. The competition produced eight projects that were implemented, each envisaging modernization of lighting either of territories surrounding multi-dwelling apartment buildings or common spaces thereof. Residents contributed more than \$1,000 to the project budgets, which, in the first two months, resulted in energy savings ranging from 44.6%-50.3%. The estimated average yearly savings on the pilot sites totaled 75%. Publications included 35 media reports on these initiatives and a booklet on energy efficient technology. Additionally, an interactive presentation on energy saving was developed for administrators and 227 students. Recommendations have been incorporated into the city's sustainable energy development program, approved by the city council on August 26, 2010.

Association Lviv Tourist Board

\$14,916

Lviv, Ukraine

7/1/2009 - 3/31/2010

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 city tours 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 to improve tourism opportunities for people with special needs at an international conference organized by the grantee, featured more than 30 times in local mass media.

Bukovinska Partnership Agency, Chernivtsy City Public Union

\$9,243

Chernivtsi, Ukraine

9/22/2008 - 1/23/2009

Following a natural disaster in Chernivtsi oblast, the grantee set up a fund to assist small communities and individual households, and designed procedures for administration of the disaster recovery fund. Two independent commissions were composed in Vyzhnytsia and Hlyboka districts, with local coordinators appointed for each. Each commission held five meetings and the local coordinators, and traveled to flood sites more than 50 times to assess damage and monitor progress of the supported applications. During the months of October and November, the commissions reviewed nearly 300 residential and community applications, eventually supporting 22 community and 93 individual household applications. Among the community applications, the projects mainly focused on the reconstruction of pedestrian bridges and pontoon bridges, public wells and water pipes, as well as other public infrastructure (a stadium, a children's playground, a village square, and

a community museum). Two press conferences were conducted, resulting in 15 articles published in the local media, three articles placed online, and 14 TV and radio segments.

Charitable Organization "Malteser Assistance Service"

\$6,812

Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

10/12/2009 - 5/12/2010

The grantee conducted a project aimed at lobbying for equal rights and drawing attention to existing problems of accessibility for people with special needs in Ivano-Frankivsk oblast. As part of the project the grantee assessed 15 existing city buildings, among them hotels, movie theaters, the local university and city hall. The results of the assessment were posted on the separate "Accessibility" section on the grantee's website, while the site itself 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 socially oriented advertising was held among local school children. 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 supported by Telenor Group in Ukraine.

European Integration and Regional Development Agency

\$24,984

Lviv, Ukraine

11/16/2009 - 7/18/2010

To raise awareness for energy saving methods and costs in Lviv oblast, the grantee - in partnership with a local TV station called "Mist" - produced a series of seven TV programs and a live, interactive discussion that aired on the local Channel 5 that were placed on YouTube and also posted on specialized internet sites. In addition, four of these programs were aired on Channel 5, a national channel. Five seminars were organized for 161 representatives of the regional government and nearby municipalities. The grantee also prepared five newspaper publications and published a manual called "Your Warm Home", which was distributed through banks and credit unions providing loans for energy-saving work, as well as among the participants of the seminars and those who applied for consulting support. This far-reaching information campaign stressed the importance of energy conservation, highlighted existing technology and provided real examples of effective energy-saving measures. The project, co-funded by the Lviv Oblast State Administration and USAID, helped citizens to focus on wiser energy use.

Foundation for Mykolaiv City Development

\$12,976

Mykolaiv, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 8/31/2010

The grantee mobilized 31 members of the Mykolayiv-based 'Pochyn' NGO coalition to research existing practices in the informational openness of the city government and assist the city in developing transparent procedures for the provision of administrative services to citizens. The grantee brought seven local policy makers for a study tour to a Kyiv-based think-tank and visited two cities (Boryspil and Vinnytsia) to learn best practices. A newly formed working group developed a full list of 310 administrative services provided in Mykolaiv by the city government. By the end of the project, 237 procedures were designed to streamline their provisions. In all, 71 city government, NGO and media representatives participated in various public events organized by the grantee: press clubs, two open meetings of the city working group and a final project conference. Interest in the project resulted in 38 online and print media articles and seven TV news reports. The grantee initiated the development of four local regulatory acts. The grantee also lobbied for a city program that earmarks funding for the modernization of the city's official website. It requires all municipal

services procedures to be placed online in the 3rd quarter of 2010, with USD 2,500 allocated from city budget to do so. In addition, the grantee initiated the establishment of an expert advisory committee under the Mykolaiv City Council, which will exist as a formal advisory body and will consist of nine expert commissions that will consult with city authorities on public policy issues.

Ivano-Frankivsk Territorial Organization of Ukrainian Blind Association \$12,484

Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine 10/12/2009 - 2/26/2010

Access to information is a key factor for success in the 21st century, so people with disabilities in Ukraine have started voicing their concerns over their lack of access to knowledge and information - particularly with respect to visually impaired people. In order to address this issue, the grantee equipped an audio book library with 1,059 audio books and 53 MP3 players, and created a reading room for people with visual impairments. In the first month after the library opened, 50 people were provided with computer training free of charge, and the grantee managed to increase the number of readers by 50 percent. In order to draw attention to the newly created reading room, the grantee organized a promotional campaign and held an official opening ceremony for the library. 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 \$13,712

Lupova Dolyna, Ukraine 12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010

To facilitate the provision of vital services for 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 made 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 at the community center. As a result of the project, 80 people visited the center's nine hobby groups (including one screening movies, with others featuring singing, knitting, tourism, history, computers and more). In all, 53 medical services and 40 psychological counseling services were provided through the project. The local media highlighted the center's 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.

Nedryhayliv Rayon Civic Organization of Invalids \$10,888

Nedrygayliv, Ukraine 12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010

To facilitate the provision of vital services to the elderly and citizens with disabilities, the grantee founded a community center for the elderly and people with special needs at the local government office in Nedryhailiv, Sumy oblast. The grantee made repairs to the community center, purchased furniture and equipment for it, and identified hobby groups that would be popular among potential visitors to the center. As a result of the project, 158 people now visit the seven hobby groups established at the center (film screenings, knitting, chess and checkers club, a choir group, computer classes and others). 21 seniors also actively participate in sporting activities hosted at the center. The grantee also introduced internet service at the community center. Local media published two articles on center activities. As part of EEF's "Community Centers for People in Need" program, the project was co-funded by the Telenor Group in Ukraine.

New Horizons Association

\$9,113

Drohobych, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 7/15/2010

The grantee launched a project to assist the local government in designing an efficient process for public policy development that would improve the regulatory framework for the communication process between government and community stakeholders and increase participation of local civil society organizations. The grantee formed a working group in Drohobych consisting of 10 experts that drafted two regulatory acts on local initiatives in Drohobych and on informing citizens. Eighty three NGO representatives from the city and district participated in a seminar and two trainings that increased their understanding of how to influence public policy development. The grantee organized various public events, including a roundtable and two press conferences to inform the public of its activities, plus advocated for increased public participation during public hearings at Drohobych City Council. In addition, 10 inserts in the grantee's monthly newspaper, Novi Horyzonty, six 10-minute radio programs, two broadcasts on the local TV channel and eight articles in print and online informed the community in detail about the project. The grantee also published two brochures (1,000 each) containing the draft regulatory acts and distributed them to various local stakeholders.

Podolian Human Rights Center

\$10,900

Vinnytsia, Ukraine

7/15/2009 - 8/23/2010

The grantee, located in Vinnytsia oblast, surveyed drivers and passengers to research the level of both groups' satisfaction in transportation services. The survey results were presented to a focus group, while other related issues were discussed in detail by 11 focus group attendees. The working group was formed to develop recommendations for authorities acceptable to all groups. The recommendations were presented to the 67 participants during public events, including roundtables and public discussions, and their feedback was elicited. Eleven NGOs united their efforts in cooperating with the grantee to solve the problem. The grantee published an informational leaflet and a brochure (1,800 copies) informing passengers about the project goals and activities. Over 400 passengers signed a petition requesting the government find a solution to the problem. In addition, the grantee provided legal consultations to 85 passengers who suffered due to the drivers' unethical behavior or from the poor quality of transportation services. The grantee submitted recommendations and draft regulations to the oblast state administration, to Ukraine's Transportation and Communications Ministry and to the Labor and Social Policy Ministry.

Pravo Vyboru Kharkiv Center for Young Disabled Rehabilitation

\$28,149

Kharkiv, Ukraine

2/2/2009 - 6/30/2010

The grantee addressed the issue of segregation of children with disabilities by establishing the Tolerance School Integration Center in Kharkiv oblast. In order to open the center, they renovated the premises, installed special equipment, and recruited and trained staff. The center opened in March 2010 and now provides various physical and psychological rehabilitation/stimulation services for children living with disabilities, and organizes joint events and activities for children of all ages such as an arts festival, concerts, exhibitions and six lessons of tolerance that were organized in Kharkiv oblast schools during the grant period. Twenty-five volunteers now work in the center and greater acceptance of people living with disabilities has been promoted among the local population. The project, co-funded by Philip Morris Ukraine, has contributed to improved quality of life for children and youth with special needs in Kharkiv oblast.

Pustomyty Rayon Association of People with Disabilities \$13,946
Pustomyty, Lvivska Oblast, Ukraine 10/15/2008 - 3/31/2009
To address employment and education challenges for people with special needs, the grantee organized professional training for 40 people in four different work-related areas: sewing, floral design, hairdressing and computer literacy. A consultation center was established for people with disabilities seeking advice on employment-related issues, and for the duration of the project the center provided more than 100 consultations. Fifteen people who completed training on entrepreneurship also organized onsite together with the District Employment Center, and as a result of ongoing consultations with local businesses, six people with disabilities have found employment despite the economic crisis. This project was co-funded by Norwegian telecommunications company Telenor Group in Ukraine.

Pyriatyn Rayon Organization of Veterans \$12,519
Pyriatyn, Ukraine 12/1/2009 - 5/31/2010
Despite Ukraine's improved social standards and decreasing poverty, city social service departments still struggle to provide assistance to the elderly and citizens with disabilities because they lack the financial means to facilitate community activities essential to improving these citizens' quality of life. To facilitate the provision of these vital services to the elderly and create a favorable atmosphere for them, the grantee founded a community center at the municipal territorial centers for the elderly and people with special needs in Pyriatyn, Poltava oblast. 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 clients. The grantee also introduced a computer literacy group. As a result of the project, 216 people participate in the center's eight hobby groups (movie screenings, singing, knitting, a press club, a chess and checkers club, computer classes, a library, and a photo/video club) 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 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 \$10,976
Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine 10/12/2009 - 6/15/2010
In order to address the issue of poor access to information and infrastructure services for people with special needs in Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, the grantee initiated a project aimed at accessibility for recreation and tourism for people with special needs in the oblast. 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 for facility improvement. The grantee then chose three museums from 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 of tourism infrastructure and published the results of its survey there. A broad promotional campaign resulted in 65 articles appearing online and two news spots on local TV. 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".

Repky Region Economic and Social Development Support Centre \$6,749
Repky, Ukraine 6/1/2010 - 12/15/2010

The grantee addressed the problem of economic development in Repky district by coordinating local community, business and government efforts to formulate the Strategic Plan for Social and Economic Development of the Repky District. The grantee polled residents in various district communities, created a task force to develop the plan, and organized channels of communication between the task force and citizens to elicit their feedback to the plan. A total of 154 citizens participated in a workshop, a roundtable and in four public discussions of the plan. The outline of the development plan was covered in seven print and two online articles, and on the local government website. As a result of the project, the Repky District Council in October 2010 adopted the Strategic Plan for Social and Economic Development, which was published in a brochure in Ukrainian and English (300 copies) and on CD (100 copies), as well as placed on the official government website. The grantee became a member of the public council at the Repky District Council, thereby providing an additional forum in which to lobby for implementation of the plan.

Ternopil Association of Consumers \$10,296
Ternopil, Ukraine 3/2/2009 - 11/15/2009

Grantee staff and experts attended a two-day training seminar in Kyiv at which EEF's national partner, the Institute of Civil Society, and the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction informed them of the government plans to launch administrative-territorial reform, including possible approaches, and trained them in project methodology. The grantee signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ternopil Oblast State Administration regarding project implementation and formed an independent expert group that researched the history of the administrative-territorial structure of the region, the demographics and economic prospects of four districts in the oblast. More than 130 representatives of local governments, NGOs and the community discussed recommendations and provided feedback. Six local journalists were trained in aspects and the rationale of administrative-territorial reform, nine articles were printed in the local media, and a related TV program was broadcast locally. Two brochures were published on the history of the administrative-territorial structure in the region, with project recommendations for district and Ministry representatives. The grantee discussed the following issues with district administrators: inefficient public transport, medical and social care, and education to make local public policy planning more effective.

Trostianechchyna Union of Entrepreneurs \$9,974
Trostianets, Ukraine 3/2/2009 - 12/1/2009

Grantee staff and experts attended a two-day training seminar in Kyiv where EEF's national partner, the Institute of Civil Society, together with the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction, informed them of the government's intention to launch administrative-territorial reform and of possible approaches, and were trained in project methodology. Then the grantee signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sumy Oblast State Administration on project implementation and formed an independent expert group that has researched the history of the administrative-territorial structure of the oblast, the demographics and economic prospects of four districts of the oblast. Recommendations on approaches to reform in these districts were developed and discussed with the public. More than 200 representatives of local governments, NGOs and the community discussed the expert recommendations and provided their feedback. Ten articles were printed in local media, and two TV programs were broadcast on local TV. A special edition of the magazine Political Expert with the project recommendations was published and distributed to district and Ministry representatives. The grantee formed a local coalition of NGOs to support

administrative-territorial reform in the region. The grantee discussed the following issues with district administrators: inefficient public transport, medical and social care, and education to make local public policy planning more effective.

Young Disabled Persons Public Organization "Rehabilitation Center" \$10,729
Feodosia, Ukraine 7/15/2009 - 8/10/2010

The grantee implemented an advocacy campaign to represent the interests of more than 7,000 disabled persons in the city of Feodosia, Crimea, where the target group has faced physical challenges in communicating with local authorities, and medical and social institutions. The grantee launched an information campaign to discuss issues of accessibility for people living with disabilities, which included: ten bulletins and five leaflets, 15 print and online publications, five locally broadcasted TV programs, and a 20-minute film. A total of 20 local NGO representatives attended a five-day training program on practical management issues for non-profits to increase their organizational capacity. The grantee also organized public hearings, a roundtable and a final conference in which 171 NGO, government, media and other stakeholders participated. In addition, the grantee provided 122 individual consultations to local citizens. The Committee on Equal Access at Feodosia City Council was formed as a result and its members now periodically meet to solve local issues. In addition the grantee produced 1,000 brochures that analyzed the accessibility of city infrastructure and made recommendations to the city government. The city expanded accessibility to two town beaches in August 2010, while additional reconstruction work is planned to make the city hall building more accessible. In addition, the grantee initiated a follow-up project to be funded by UNITER that will expand current efforts and expertise to other districts of Crimea.

**APPENDIX C: GRANTS USING USG FUNDS
OCTOBER 1, 2010 – MARCH 31, 2011**



Appendix C

Grants made by the EF Network from US Government Funds

October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011

Belarus

Riga Business School of RTU

\$310,122.00

Belarus

2/01/11 - 3/31/12

To remedy a shortfall of managers with skills to operate effectively in an international business environment in the Belarusian business community, a western-style Master of Business Administration program in English will be introduced at the School of Business and Management Technologies (SBMT) at Belarusian State University. The project will develop an internationally accredited Center of Excellence in Management Education. Importantly, the project will enhance and institutionally strengthen the capacity of the school's English Language Center - an academically oriented professional center that provides students with English as a Foreign Language (EFL) instruction, including a focus on English for Academic Purposes (EAP) for those students hoping to apply to the MBA program at SBMT. To prepare the foundations for the MBA program, this project will prepare Belarusian MBA faculty to undertake instructional duties, and to maintain the academic and procedural standards established by partner institutions. The project will also develop appropriate institutional support infrastructure to deliver western-style academic programs, including financial management, quality assurance and information services systems.

School of Business and Management of Technologies

\$182,669.00

Belarus

2/01/11 - 3/31/12

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Kazakhstan

"International Center of Journalism "MediaNet" PF

\$67,000.00

Kazakhstan (Almaty City)

3/07/11 - 12/07/12

The grantee announces a project designed to prepare a core group of young journalists in Kazakhstan dedicated to Western reporting standards. The grantee will establish one media school in Kazakhstan, where 36 youth will be trained in Western standards of journalism. A website will be created in both Russian and Kazakh languages (<http://kloop.kz/>), where 180 new articles and other edited material will be published annually. In addition, six students will be offered the opportunity to pursue internships in mainstream media. Project goals include expanding NGO work in training young journalists in Western standards, and utilizing websites to help raise journalism standards in Kazakhstan by providing an outlet for up and coming journalists. The project is supported by the United States Department of State Bureau for Democracy Human Rights and Labor, through Eurasia Foundation in Washington DC.

Moldova

AO "ADR-Centru"

\$24,997.00

Moldova

3/01/11 - 6/30/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to improve the quality of life in the Zahoreni village by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with Zahoreni mayoralty, Orhei Rayonal Council, local businesses and NGOs, the grantee will renovate the Zahoreni Gymnasium by installing 25 new doors and 113 windows. The project will decrease the energy and heating costs supported by local public administration and will create better studying conditions for approximately 200 students. The project is financially supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark/DANIDA.

AO "Flacara-Gaz"

\$6,410.00

Moldova

3/01/11 - 5/31/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a new project designed to improve the quality of life in the Baraboi village by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through local economic partnerships. In partnership with Baraboi mayoralty and local business, the grantee will supervise the insulation of a kindergarten from Baraboi village, Donduseni district. The use of the new technology "Aktivtherm" will help improve the health of approximately 100 children as well as the overall quality of the early educational process in the community. In the long run, the project will create necessary preconditions for the greater participation of women in the social and economic life of the community. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

AO Central Informational Tighina

\$21,494.00

Moldova

3/01/11 - 8/31/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to present a project, which will contribute to the development of local waste management in Causeni town through joint actions of local economic partnerships. In partnership with Causeni mayoralty and the Municipal Sanitation Service, the grantee will produce and install 150 containers for mixed garbage and 20 containers for plastic waste. The project will lead to better environmental and health conditions in the town, making it more attractive for its inhabitants and visitors, and will contribute to the promotion of best practices

for dialogue between civil society, local business and public administration. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA and USAID through the Academy of Educational Development (AED).

AO "CRDD"

\$22,119.00

Moldova

3/01/11 - 5/31/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to present a project designed to improve the quality of life in the Ungheni town by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with the local public administration, local business, municipal utilities service and local residents, the grantee will improve the recreation and leisure infrastructure of four residential buildings in Ungheni town. The project will enhance the cooperation between business actors, local administration and civil society, creating the necessary preconditions for further development of community infrastructure. The project is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

AO "Always Together"

\$5,695.00

Moldova

3/01/11 - 5/31/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to improve the welfare of Bobeica village inhabitants by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with Bobeica mayorality, local business and community members, the grantee will build an equipped playground for approximately 630 children residing in the locality. In the long-term, an equipped and functioning local kindergarten will allow children inclusion in the early education system and will create opportunities for parental involvement in private sector activities. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

APP Oliscani

\$24,982.00

Moldova

3/01/11 - 6/30/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to present a project designed to improve the quality of education Oliscani village by contributing to the development of local infrastructure through the stimulation of local economic partnerships. In partnership with the local public administration, local businesses and community members, the grantee will improve and renovate the heating system of the Theoretic Lyceum from the village through the use of alternative energy sources (solar panels). The project is financially supported Sida and DANIDA.

AO "Maetonium"

\$2,287.00

Moldova

10/08/10 - 12/07/10

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 electoral processes. The grantee will carry out a series of electoral information activities directed towards educating voters in the villages of the Tatarauca Veche commune, in order to increase awareness of the importance of the upcoming elections and the need for active participatory citizenship. The initiative is supported by Sida and the National Endowment for Democracy.

AO Apa Codrilor

\$3,787.00

Moldova

10/25/10 - 12/24/10

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a voter education seminar for about 200 inhabitants of Vatici, Tabăra and Curchi villages. Over 2000 leaflets covering information on electoral rights and the importance of participating in the early parliamentary elections 2010 will be disseminated among vulnerable groups from targeted localities. With a group of 15 trained volunteers, the grantee will conduct a voter mobilization in the Vatici village and surrounding areas. The initiative is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

AO "ADR-Centru"

\$21,792.88

Moldova

10/25/10 - 12/24/10

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a civic education campaign targeting young voters of age 18 to 30 from the broader Orhei region through door-to-door activities, distribution of leaflets describing the voting procedures and contests for first time voters. In addition, the project will organize mobile teams of volunteers who will distribute motivational materials and explain to potential voters the importance of participation in elections. The project will give citizens access to impartial information on election issues and will encourage people to participate in the upcoming election process. The initiative is supported by Sida and DANIDA.

AO "Ochiul Infinitului"

\$3,997.39

Moldova

10/28/10 - 12/27/10

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will recruit and train a group of 25 volunteers on voter information and mobilization techniques. The project will produce innovative information materials, which will be distributed to voters' postal boxes and disseminated through a door-to-door campaign in Telenesti district. In addition, the project will foster the participation of people with disabilities in the electoral process. As a result of the project, eligible voters will be more likely to make deliberate and free choices during the elections. The initiative is supported by Sida and DANIDA.

AO "Clubul Politic al Femeilor - 50/50"

\$8,818.00

Moldova

10/28/10 - 12/27/10

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase female representation and participation in the early parliamentary elections in Moldova. The grantee will conduct a comprehensive advocacy and monitoring campaign designed to encourage political parties to respect gender equality principles in the electoral process. The organization will also promote the gender dimension among media and NGOs. After the elections, following a thorough analysis of the party lists, the grantee will provide the Gender Equality Award to the political institutions, which managed to mainstream gender in their platforms, strategies, and party lists. This project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

AO "Femeia Moderna" \$2,923.00
Moldova 10/28/10 - 12/27/10
East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase participation of women from the Orhei district in the early parliamentary elections 2010. The grantee will train a group of 150 women in the area of electoral rights and broadcasting thematic radio shows at the local level. Through a group of active volunteers, the grantee will disseminate voter mobilization materials among the most vulnerable women from Orhei district. The initiative is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

**Alianta Centrelor Comunitare de Acces
la Informatie si Instruire din Republica Moldova** \$33,222.99
Moldova 10/25/10 - 2/24/11
East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase youth participation in the social and political life of the country through the use of participatory democracy models. Through a network of 33 trained coordinators and over 300 volunteers, the grantee will organize political debates for youth in 33 communities throughout the country with the participation of all political parties. The grantee will develop and widely disseminate voter mobilization materials, stimulate the interest of youth in elections by conducting simulations of the elections and widely disseminating the results of this democratic exercise. The project is financially supported by Sida, the DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Institutul Tineretului Guvernator din Moldova \$6,019.64
Moldova 10/25/10 - 12/24/10
East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed participation of youth in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. Involving a network 101 members of the Youth parliament, the grantee will conduct peer-to-peer meetings with first-time voters in 10 towns of the country, explaining their electoral rights and the importance of informed participation in the electoral process. A photo contest on voter participation will be conducted nationwide, targeting students from high-schools and universities. The grantee will also strengthen the linkages between associated and non-associated youth by organizing an electoral fair on the National Assembly Square in Chisinau. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

AO "Soarta" \$9,804.00
Moldova 10/25/10 - 12/24/10
East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to foster an understanding of the importance of active citizen participation in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a broad civic education campaign among women in the Soroca and Floresti districts, by training a group of 50 women and 40 men to encourage participation in the political process at the local, regional and national levels. The program will lead to increased awareness among citizens as to the importance of active participation in the political process and an understanding of the qualities of free, fair and democratic elections. This project is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

Centrul Parteneriat Pentru Dezvoltare \$8,425.50
Moldova 10/25/10 - 12/24/10
East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to mainstream gender equality in the electoral and political process in the Republic of Moldova. The grantee will direct political parties, Media and NGOs to be more sensitive towards the principles of gender equality in

the electoral and political process by actively promoting a shared Public Commitment for Ensuring Gender Equality in the 2010 Early Parliamentary Elections. The grantee will also strengthen internal capacities of NGOs to mainstream gender equality in their voter electoral projects, monitor and assess the 2010 elections from a gender equality perspective and raise public awareness about the importance of gender balance in the party lists. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy, and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Institutul Pentru Dezvoltare si Initiative Sociale "Viitorul" \$27,430.24
Moldova 10/20/10 - 2/01/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to a free and transparent electoral process during the Parliamentary Elections in Moldova. The project will promote a conscious and informed vote in the parliamentary elections of 2010, especially among the youth in 10 selected regions and will conduct an in-depth monitoring of the financing of political parties' electoral campaigns in order to increase awareness about political parties' financing sources. The project is co-funded by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Consiliul National al Tineretului din Moldova \$37,633.00
Moldova 10/25/10 - 2/24/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase the informed participation of youth in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a nationwide youth voter mobilization campaign by (i) training 60 youth leaders from all over the country on electoral rights and voter mobilization strategies; (ii) developing and widely disseminating voter mobilization materials among youth from higher education institutions; (iii) organizing and broadcasting via TV and internet debates involving the leaders of the youth wings of the parties involved; (iv) designing motivational video ads and broadcasting them via the websites most visited. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Centrul Pentru Jurnalism Independent (CJI) \$18,000.00
Moldova 10/08/10 - 12/07/10

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to a more transparent and fair electoral process in Moldova. In partnership with other NGOs, the grantee will conduct a comprehensive monitoring of 26 mass-media institutions (16 print media and 10 radio and TV outlets) during the election campaign for the anticipated 2010 parliamentary elections. The grantee will inform the public about media behavior during the early parliamentary elections of 2010 through periodic reports in order to raise awareness among stakeholders about possible infringements and motivate mass-media to display more balanced and un-biased behavior. The initiative is supported by Sida, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

AO Parteneriate Pentru Fiecare Copil \$37,415.00
Moldova 11/24/10 - 11/23/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to provide young graduates of the Cahul Orphanage with increased chances for their effective integration into further education, the labor market and the community. The grantee will help the orphaned young people develop the necessary skills to live independently and provide further vocational education opportunities. In addition, the grantee will share project experience with Tiraspol city administration by hosting a group of seven practitioners from Transnistrian region in Cahul. The project will promote the good

practices achieved by this initiative at the national level by incorporating them into a draft public policy aimed at supporting orphaned youth and youths without parental care. This initiative will increase the level of confidence among young orphans and will contribute to their social inclusion in the community. The project is implemented with financial support offered by Sida and DANIDA.

AO "Alternative Sociale"

\$10,647.00

Moldova

11/24/10 - 9/23/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve the professional skills and the level of social inclusion of young orphans from Ungheni raion. The grantee will conduct a specialized training course consisting of five modules for 35 orphans. In addition, the project will offer opportunities for a group of orphans to study at professional schools in order to gain vocational skills. The grantee will also provide psychological support to selected young orphans and encourage their involvement in social activities. This initiative will lead to better social inclusion for young orphans and increase their possibilities of finding a job. The project is implemented with financial support offered by Sida and DANIDA.

AO Verbina

\$33,789.00

Moldova

10/22/10 - 10/21/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to improve the professional skills and the level of social inclusion of young orphans with disabilities from six boarding schools, including one in Transnistria. The grantee will conduct specialized training course consisting of three modules for social workers, local public authorities, residential institutions and relevant NGOs. In addition, the project will offer opportunities for a group of social workers and specialists from the Ministry of Education to share experiences with EU partners by undertaking a study visit to a German partner organization. The project will also organize vocational training courses for disabled young orphans and will provide necessary equipment for six boarding schools. The project is implemented with financial support offered by Sida, DANIDA and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Organizatia Pentru Reforma si Dezvoltarea Sistemului Educational din Moldova

\$4,995.00

Moldova

10/15/10 - 5/14/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aimed at educating orphans from boarding schools and those living in remote areas about human rights and their civic responsibilities. The grantee will organize a three-day training of trainers in each selected locality for up to 60 teachers working in 12 boarding and community schools. The training will focus on civic and human rights, with special emphasis on interactive teaching methods. In addition, children will participate in a one-day interactive training on peer-to-peer workshops in each locality. The participants also have the opportunity to identify their rights through two specially designed surveys, namely: "Taking the Human Rights Temperature of Your School" and "Is My Community Civically Educated?" The project will also produce two guidebooks for teachers: "Civic Education Lesson Plans" and "Civic Education Games," aimed at facilitating the educational process. The project is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA and is co-funded by the U.S. Embassy and Embassy of Norway.

Asociatia Pentru Democratie Participativa ADEPT

\$99,997.00

Moldova

11/01/10 - 7/31/12

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to support meaningful youth participation in the decision-making process. To achieve this goal, the grantee will conduct a

regional "Leaders for Change" leadership school. The school will be held in four regions and will involve 160 young leaders from different political party youth wings, NGOs and the media. The training sessions will be focused on leadership, party building, elections, consensual politics, conflict resolution and communication. In addition, the grantee will conduct weekly debates on current developments in Moldova and abroad and will organize a national conference with project participants. This project is financially supported by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor of the US Department of State (DRL) through Eurasia Foundation.

Centrul Pentru Jurnalism Independent (CJI)

\$24,155.00

Moldova

10/20/10 - 10/19/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of the public broadcaster Teleradio-Moldova (TRM) and its role as an unbiased moderator of the democratic dialogue between people and public authorities, politicians, NGOs, civil society and other actors. Based on a thorough needs assessment, the grantee will work to build the professional skills of Teleradio-Moldova employees through comprehensive in-house training and a consultancy program. Additionally, TRM management will participate in a comprehensive training-of-trainers program and a study visit abroad. The project also envisages technical improvements for existing TRM websites, which will increase the company's transparency and competitiveness. Further, the project will increase the quality of public broadcasting, offering citizens better information, which is essential for upcoming elections. The project is funded by Sida and DANIDA and is co-funded by the National Endowment for Democracy and the Embassy of Finland.

Centrul de Tineret "Pilgrim-Demo"

\$6,017.00

Moldova

12/03/10 - 1/20/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to promote free and fair elections in the autonomous territorial unit Gagauz -Yeri and the Republic of Moldova through the monitoring and evaluation of the gubernatorial election scheduled for December 12, 2010. The grantee will observe and evaluate the election day voting as well as the pre-electoral processes in terms of their conformity with international electoral standards as well as regional and national electoral laws. The initiative is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

Asociatia Pentru Promovarea Clinicilor Juridice din Moldova (APCJM)

\$13,824.00

Moldova

12/03/10 - 1/02/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to promote free and fair elections in the autonomous territorial unit Gagauz -Yeri and the Republic of Moldova through the monitoring and evaluation of the gubernatorial election scheduled for December 12, 2010. The grantee will conduct long-term and short-term monitoring of all polling stations opened in Gagauzia for both the first and second rounds of elections. The initiative is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

Asociatia "Tinerii Pentru Dreptul la Viata" (TDV)

\$10,000.00

Moldova

12/09/10 - 4/08/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to create and consolidate effective regional partnerships aimed at developing the capacities of Moldovan NGOs in managing and promoting volunteer activities within the framework of the European Year of Volunteering 2011. The project will develop the managerial and policy development capacities of six volunteer coordinators in Moldova through on-the-job training in Romanian NGOs and by offering a series of networking visits to Romanian organizations. The newly-acquired knowledge and skills

will be used for developing an effective volunteering program in Moldova. An additional 30 volunteers and NGO managers will participate in a workshop on best practices in organizing volunteer activities. A regional conference will launch the framework for future regional cooperation during the European Year of Volunteering 2011. The project is complementary to the project on "Consolidating the Capacities of Local Organizations in Creating and Developing a Volunteering Program" and will be implemented in partnership with "Alaturi de Voi"(Close to You) Foundation from Iasi, Romania and the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation. This project is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

Asociatia "Prietenii Copiilor"

\$9,999.00

Moldova

12/09/10 - 6/08/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project which will provide socio-educational entertainment activities for children in difficulty (i.e., those hospitalized and placed in residential institutions, etc.), thus enhancing their social integration and personal development. The project will train administrators and 20 volunteer animators on managing and carrying out a series of animation activities, based on the Play-Bus methodology (a multipurpose animator practice allowing for organization of activities both indoors, in hospitals and boarding schools, as well as outdoors at playgrounds and parks). The Play-Bus will visit 11 boarding schools in different areas of Moldova. Additionally, animation activities will be organized in two children's hospitals. The project will be implemented in partnership by "Children's Friends" (Moldova) and "Social Cooperative Tanaliberatutti TLT Cooperative TLT (Italy). The "Play-Bus1" was initiated in Moldova in 2008 and travelled for two years. The Italian partner will support Play-Bus service management and will share their 15-year of experience in the field. This project is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

AO "Centrul de Dezbateri Criuleni"

\$9,997.00

Moldova

12/08/10 - 4/07/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to develop a sustainable mechanism of youth participation in local governance in the Criuleni district of Moldova. The project will support the existing Local Youth Councils (LYCs) from Criuleni district, established in 2008. The grantee will focus on developing the organizational capacities and assuring sustainability of LYCs. Around 900 young people will be involved in LYC elections and 75 of them will be elected as young LYC councilors in Criuleni villages and towns. The grantee will train the young leaders in managing youth activities and will develop a guidebook. Additionally, 25 representatives of the Local Public Administration will be trained on how to involve youth in local governance. The project will be carried out in partnership with "A Smile" Association from Bacau, Romania, which will share their experience in the field of youth participation. This project is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

**Agentia pentru Sustinerea Invatamantului Juridic
si a Organelor de Drept "Ex Lege"**

\$30,957.00

Moldova

3/01/11 - 8/31/11

This project is designed to increase citizen trust in election results and ensure the legitimacy of the elected public authorities through the reduction of the number of judicial errors and deficiencies in the administration of electoral cases. The grantee will develop a study of previous courts decisions on electoral matters and will identify potential legal drawbacks caused by the inadequate application of legal provisions. The project will train a number of judges, election administration officials, civil society and political party representatives on adequate election legislation enforcement. The project is financially supported by Sida and DANIDA.

Transparency International - Moldova

\$21,351.00

Moldova

2/01/11 - 7/31/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project aimed at enhancing transparency and efficiency of public fund management by Moldovan central public authorities, the Ministry of Interior in particular. The grantee, Transparency International Moldova, will conduct a survey to evaluate the quality of audits and inspections performed by the Court of Accounts (CoA) in 15 public institutions from the client perspective. A series of recommendations aimed to enhance the activity of CoA will be developed and advocated for. As a case study, the grantee will monitor the implementation of CoA recommendations concerning public property management by the Ministry of Interior, which is undergoing a comprehensive reform process. The results of these activities will be presented by Transparency International - Moldova to the National Participation Council (NPC), the general public and media institutions. The project is supported by East Europe Foundation with finance support from Sida and DANIDA, implemented by Transparency International - Moldova.

Tajikistan

Public Organization "Dast Ba Dast"

\$59,176.00

Dushanbe City, Tajikistan

3/07/11 - 12/07/12

A media school in Tajikistan modeled after Youth Professional Journalism in California will prepare a core group of young journalists in Tajikistan dedicated to Western reporting standards. Project activities will include: the establishment of a media school in Tajikistan, training for 36 participants in Western standards of journalism, the establishment of one new Russian and Tajik website, the publication of 180 new articles or other edited material on each website annually, and the placement of six students in media internships. Through this project, the NGO plans to improve and expand work with young journalists according to Western standards. Newly trained young journalists will maintain high standards of journalism and make important contributions to their places of employment. Funding will come from the Bureau for Democracy Human Rights and Labor at the United States Department of State, through Eurasia Foundation in Washington DC.

Ukraine

Social and Economic Strategies and Partnership Association

\$14,960.56

Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine

11/01/10 - 10/31/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant to create a sustainable environment for social entrepreneurship development. The grantee will establish a support center to coordinate promotional, information, training and advocacy activities focused on social entrepreneurship development in Donetsk oblast. As part of the project, selected entrepreneurs will be trained in aspects of social entrepreneurship and provided with consultation support. The grantee will create a website on social entrepreneurship and collect information about existing social enterprises to produce an informational catalogue and organize roundtables, press events, awards, and an annual conference to promote social entrepreneurship in the region. The grantee will also cooperate with international networks of social enterprises to add their experience to the region. The grant is part of a joint project being implemented by EEF in partnership with the British Council in Ukraine, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Erste Bank.

Sokal Agency for Regional Development

\$15,106.69

Lviv Oblast, Ukraine

1/21/11 - 1/20/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant to create a sustainable environment for social entrepreneurship development. The grantee will establish a support center to coordinate promotional, information, training and advocacy activities focused on social entrepreneurship development in Lviv oblast. As part of the project, selected entrepreneurs will be trained in aspects of social entrepreneurship and provided with consultancy support. The grantee will organize a network of NGOs to promote social entrepreneurship in the region, create a database of existing social enterprises and social infrastructure, organize a roundtable and conference, and finally issue a bulletin and elaborate a strategy for social entrepreneurship development in the region, which will be submitted to the oblast council for approval. The grantee will also organize an information campaign to raise awareness on issues related to social entrepreneurship. The grant is a part of a joint project being implemented by East Europe Foundation in partnership with the British Council in Ukraine, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Erste Bank.

Donetsk Youth Center for Debates

\$5,033.68

Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 6/30/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to increase the level of environmental responsibility among children and youth in Donetsk oblast by introducing energy-efficiency training components into the educational process. The grantee will train 50 teachers from Donetsk oblast on how to provide practical energy-efficiency training, and offer them further methodological and consultancy support. Methodological materials for teachers and workbooks for children will be developed and disseminated. In all, 50 pilot schools will develop their own energy-saving initiatives, including energy consumption monitoring, activities to improve energy efficiency and other measures. Practical ways to save energy among households will also be implemented, while project experience will be disseminated at a final conference. The project, supported as part of the "Green School - Green Country" joint initiative between East Europe Foundation and the OSCE Project Coordinator, will help to promote environmentally friendly behavior among children and youth.

Flora Children Ecological Public Organization

\$6,216.08

Kirovograd Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 6/30/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to increase the level of environmental responsibility among children and youth in Kirovograd oblast by introducing environmental training components into the educational process. The grantee will train 100 teachers from different villages and towns, select at least five schools for integration of pilot environmental training, and provide them with methodological and consultancy support. To support the pilot project, multiple activities will be conducted, including game playing, interactive training, "flash mobs", garbage cleaning, and tree planting. It is expected that at least 1,000 children will participate in these events. An oblast-wide contest on the theme of school environmental activities will also be conducted, while project experience will be disseminated at a conference dedicated to the elaboration of an oblast strategy for pro-environment educational development. The project is supported as part of the "Green School - Green Country" joint initiative between East Europe Foundation and the OSCE Project Coordinator.

Center for Sustainable Development "Roza Vetrov"

\$5,279.86

Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 6/30/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to increase the level of environmental responsibility among children and youth in the City of Donetsk by introducing sustainable development training components into the educational process and creating a network of Sustainable Development Schools. The grantee will train 60 teachers from 15 Donetsk schools selected for pilot environmental training, and provide them with methodological and consulting support. These schools will conduct multiple pro-environment activities, including eco-audits, eco-footprint calculations, the creation of sustainable development plans for schools and thematic lessons. To support these activities, the grantee will produce and disseminate two manuals for teachers, plus a handbook for children. The project is expected to be widely covered in the local media, while a summary of the project and related results will be disseminated at a conference dedicated to the elaboration of an action plan to further develop the Sustainable Development Schools network. The project, supported as part of the "Green School - Green Country" joint initiative between East Europe Foundation and the OSCE Project Coordinator, will help to promote environmentally friendly behavior among children and youth.

NGO "Crimea Development Institute"

\$13,789.21

Crimean Autonomous Republic, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 11/30/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on their locally elected representatives, and introduce tools to monitor and evaluate the representatives' work. The grantee will create an Internet portal and collect information on representatives from four local councils of Crimea. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work and enable citizens to comment on the work of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local council work and organize roundtables to coordinate the monitoring activities. In addition, the grantee will use e-technologies to promote public monitoring activities, while capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs. Finally, the grantee will develop recommendations on how to make the activities of elected representatives more transparent and present these to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of an East Europe Foundation project called "Your Local Representative" as funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Donetsk Oblast Organization of Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$15,025.12

Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 12/31/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives and introduce tools to monitor and evaluate the work of these representatives. The grantee will establish an Internet portal and collect information on representatives from four local councils of Donetsk oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, and citizens will be able to use it to comment on the work of their representatives. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize three roundtables to promote monitoring activities among various stakeholders. Capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs on how to use new media during the advocacy campaigns, and informational materials will be produced and made public via the web. The grantee will also develop recommendations on ways to make the work of local elected representatives more transparent and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of an East Europe Foundation project called "Your Local Representative" funded by United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Center for Social Prosperity 'Dobrochyn'

\$15,087.45

Chernigov Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 1/31/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives and introduce tools for monitoring and evaluating their representatives' work. The grantee will create an online portal and gather information on representatives of four local councils in Chernihiv oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, and in turn citizens will be able to use the site to comment on their representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to develop a plan for public evaluation and monitoring of local council work and organize roundtables to coordinate monitoring activities of network members. Capacity building training will also be organized for local NGOs. The grantee will chair press conferences and conduct an information campaign to promote innovative technologies in monitoring the local councils' work. Finally, an analytical report will be produced and disseminated to the public. The grant has been issued as part of an East Europe Foundation project entitled "Your Local Representative" and is funded by United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Zhytomyr Oblast Department of All-Ukrainian Public Center "Volunteer"

\$29,056.27

Ukraine

12/10/10 - 9/10/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to help orphans integrate into society by introducing initiatives that promote broad access to employment for vulnerable youth and enhance public employment services and foster public-private partnerships that will create job opportunities for them in the city of Berdychiv. The grantee will conduct a training program to strengthen the capacity of local NGOs and one for social workers, state employment center employees, social specialists and teachers working in local vocational technical schools and boarding schools to improve service delivery. An integrated team of 20 trainers will be created in Zhytomyr oblast to prepare orphans for independent life. In addition, at least 40 orphans will be trained through a series of eight seminars on life and employment skills. The grantee will publish and disseminate information for vulnerable youth. New services to prepare orphans for an independent life will be created by the Professional Agricultural Lyceum, namely a consulting center, an information booth and Forum Theatre scripts. The grantee will also build partnerships between NGOs working with vulnerable youth, local government agencies and local employers. The project is co-funded by the World Childhood Foundation.

**APPENDIX D: GRANTS USING NON-USG FUNDS
OCTOBER 1, 2010 – MARCH 31, 2011**



Appendix D

Grants Made by Partner Foundations using Non-US Government Funds

October 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011

Georgia

Civic Development Institute

\$18,678.00

Georgia

2/15/11 - 9/14/11

The grantee will conduct participatory civic monitoring of the Safe School Program, recently launched by the Georgian Ministry of Education and Science (MES), in order to raise public awareness and advocate for change. To do so, the grantee will utilize social networks and conduct presentations and roundtable discussions among the stakeholders. As a result of these activities, the grantee will develop recommendations and submit them to the MES and other relevant state agencies. The project will enhance the transparency of the Safe School Program, providing the public with information about its implementation, including the actual roles played by the Resource Officers with respect to the school administration, faculty, and students. It will also ensure that various community groups are engaged in civic monitoring to advocate for their interests.

Public Union "The Young Scientists' Club of Ozurgeti"

\$22,963.00

Georgia

2/15/11 - 3/15/12

To ensure that non-entrepreneurial legal entities established by Ozurgeti and Lanchkhuti self-governing units properly fulfill their obligations and provide quality services to the residents of these communities, the grantee will partner with other local CSOs and media outlets to conduct participatory civic monitoring activities. Ozurgeti Young Scientists' Club, Lanchkhuti Information Center, Guria TV, and newspaper Guriis Moambe will partner with local community groups to initiate candid public discussions about these entities and lead the efforts of participatory civic monitoring of their activities. To do so, the grantee will create mobile civic monitoring groups, which will include journalists and community members, trained in modern civic monitoring methods and capable of identifying problems and devising solutions to them.

Georgia Arts and Culture Center

\$28,717.00

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/15/11 - 10/14/12

The Georgian Arts and Culture Center (GACC) will implement an 8-month project aimed at improving the socio-economic situation in Dusheti region through supporting income generation activities among local cultural institutions and local craft-based NGOs. The grantee will provide three workshops/trainings to local NGOs and individual craftsmen in social entrepreneurship, as well as NGO development, management, fundraising, and business-plan-writing. Special attention will be paid to establishing a craft business, and developing its marketing and promotion strategies. In addition, GACC will provide technical assistance to a local NGO, Georgian Center for International Collaboration and Steady Development (GCICSD), to be established as a sustainable Social Enterprise. As a result of this project, GCICSD will serve as a reliable partner for other local

NGOs and individual craftsmen in marketing their products through GCICSD facilities. The grantee will also develop partnerships with local and international tour operators, in order to include specially mapped cultural tourist and crafts routes in their recreational products. The income generated from these activities will be used for employee salaries and will be reinvested to expand the organization's activities.

Ninotsminda Community Radio "Nor"

\$4,779.00

Samtskhe-Javakheti, Georgia

1/10/11 - 7/09/11

To support tolerance building and civic awareness in the multiethnic community of Ninotsmidna, the project team will organize three 3-day training seminars on tolerance, intercultural relations, and the basics of dialogue for young people. 45 youths will take part in the training, as a result of which they will help develop media outputs to reach the local population and open up a dialogue on the concepts of tolerance and intercultural relations as they are applied to gender, ethnicity, race, creed, disabilities, and sexual orientation. During the project, participating youths will help create a total of two newspaper articles, three radio programs, and one television program, and will discuss ways in which they could encourage members of their community to exercise tolerance in their everyday lives.

Peaceful and Business Caucasus

\$43,882.00

Imereti, Georgia

2/15/11 - 4/15/12

The grantee aims to build on an earlier project supported by Eurasia Partnership Foundation by implementing confidence building activities amongst Georgians, Abkhazians, and South Ossetians, in order to maintain and enhance peaceful economic coexistence between the ethnic groups. The grantee will conduct targeted trainings on business plan development and small business management to help participants produce joint micro-business projects to seek funding from microfinance organizations. Specifically, the project will work with 7 Abkhaz, 7 Ossetian, and 14 Georgian entrepreneurs to develop business plans for at least 12 joint ventures, which will then be submitted to various micro-finance institutions and donor organizations to secure funding. The functionality and the demand-driven nature of this assistance will likely lead to increased community interest and contribute to the peace building process currently under way in Georgia. The grantee will also establish a resource center on the Georgian-controlled territory near the administrative boundary line (Khurcha), as well as pilot community centers on the Abkhaz-controlled territories in Gali, Ochamchire, and Tkvarcheli.

Moldova

AO "Maetonium"

\$2,287.00

Moldova

10/08/10 - 12/07/10

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed voter participation in the 2010 elections. The grantee will carry out a series of electoral information activities directed towards educating the voters in the villages of the Tatarauca Veche commune, in order to increase awareness of the importance of the upcoming elections and the need for an active participatory citizenship. The initiative is supported by Sida and National Endowment for Democracy.

**Alianta Centrelor Comunitare de Acces
la Informatie si Instruire din Republica Moldova**

\$33,222.99

Moldova

10/25/10 - 2/24/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to increase youth participation in the social and political life of the country through the use of participatory democracy models. Through a network of 33 trained coordinators and over 300 volunteers, the grantee will organize political debates for youth in 33 communities throughout the country with the participation of all political parties. The grantee will develop and widely disseminate voter mobilization materials, stimulate the interest of youth in elections by conducting simulations of the elections and widely disseminating the results of this democratic exercise. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Centrul Parteneriat Pentru Dezvoltare

\$8,425.50

Moldova

10/25/10 - 12/24/10

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to mainstream gender equality in the electoral and political processes in the Republic of Moldova. The grantee will encourage political parties, media and NGOs to be more sensitive towards the principles of gender equality in the electoral and political process by actively promoting a shared Public Commitment for Ensuring Gender Equality in the 2010 early Parliamentary elections. The grantee will also strengthen the internal capacities of NGOs to mainstream gender equality in their voter electoral projects, monitor and assess the 2010 elections from a gender equality perspective and raise public awareness about the importance of gender balance in the party lists. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy, and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Institutul Pentru Dezvoltare si Initiative Sociale "Viitorul"

\$27,430.24

Moldova

10/20/10 - 2/01/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to contribute to a free and transparent electoral process during the Parliamentary elections in Moldova. The project will promote a conscious and informed vote in the Parliamentary elections of 2010, especially among the youth in 10 selected regions and will conduct an in-depth monitoring of the financing of political party electoral campaigns in order to increase awareness regarding financing sources for political parties. The project is co-funded by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy and the USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Consiliul National al Tineretului din Moldova

\$37,633.00

Moldova

10/25/10 - 2/24/11

East Europe Foundation Moldova is proud to announce a project designed to increase informed participation of youth in the 2010 early parliamentary elections. The grantee will conduct a nationwide youth voter mobilization campaign by training 60 youth leaders from all over the country on electoral rights and voter mobilization strategies. The grantee will develop and widely disseminate voter mobilization materials among youth from higher education institutions and organize and broadcast debates involving the leaders of the youth wings of the parties on TV and internet. The grantee will also design motivational video ads and broadcast them via the websites most visited by young people. The project is financially supported by Sida, DANIDA, the National Endowment for Democracy and USAID through Eurasia Foundation.

Ukraine

All - Ukrainian Charitable Organization

"Care for Elderly in Ukraine", Cherkasy Bran

\$6,690.72

Cherkassy Oblast, Ukraine

12/15/10 - 6/15/11

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 the Sosnivskiy district of Cherkasy. The grantee will establish a senior center in the district's social assistance center in order to organize activity clubs, host lectures and discussions and offer aromatherapy service to the local senior community. Additionally, an awareness-raising campaign will be organized by volunteers in hopes of engaging more senior citizens in the social and community life of the center. The effort is part of East Europe Foundation's Community Centers for People in Need project in Cherkasy, with co-funding from Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

Zolotonosha Municipal Charitable Foundation of Mercy and Health

\$10,046.34

Cherkassy Oblast, Ukraine

12/15/10 - 6/15/11

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 Zolotonosha, a small city in Cherkasy oblast. The grantee will establish a senior center at the local social assistance center in order to organize activity clubs, host discussions and offer additional services (such as laundry and bathing) for community seniors. Additionally, an awareness-raising campaign will be organized to engage the elderly more actively in the center's social and community life. The effort is part of East Europe Foundation's Community Centers for People in Need project in Cherkasy, with co-funding from Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

Nivroku Art Youth Union

\$14,846.73

Ternopol Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 1/31/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives, and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their representatives' work. The grantee will create an online portal and collect information on local representatives from five local councils in Ternopol oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, while citizens will be able to use the site to comment on their representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor the work of local councils and organize public events (roundtables and a public forum) to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. Capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs, while innovative Internet-based technologies will be used and three press conferences organized to inform the public about the project, its activities and project results. In addition, informational materials (a booklet and leaflet) will be produced and disseminated to the public. Finally, the grantee will develop recommendations on ways to make the work of elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of an East Europe Foundation project called "Your Local Representative", funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

NGO "Crimea Development Institute"

\$13,789.21

Crimean Autonomous Republic, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 11/30/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on their locally elected representatives, and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate the representatives' work. The grantee will create an Internet portal and collect information

on local representatives from four local Crimean councils. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work and enable citizens to comment on the work of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor the local councils' work and organize roundtables to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. In addition the grantee will use innovative e-technologies to promote public monitoring activities, while capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs. Finally, the grantee will develop recommendations on how to make the activities of elected representatives more transparent to their constituents and present these to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of an East Europe Foundation project called "Your Local Representative," funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

All-Ukrainian Public Organization "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" \$15,101.63
Odessa Oblast, Ukraine 2/01/11 - 12/31/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information about local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate the representatives' work. The grantee will create an Internet portal and collect information on local representatives from seven local councils in Odessa oblast. Local representatives will use the website to inform citizens about their work, and citizens will use the site to comment on representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor the work of local councils and organize public events (two seminars, a press conference and a roundtable) to coordinate monitoring activities of network members and inform the public about project activities. Capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs on new media, while informational materials (a flyer and a guide) will be produced and disseminated to the public. The grantee will also develop recommendations on ways to make the activities of elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies and present these ideas to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of an East Europe Foundation project called "Your Local Representative" project funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Center for Political Analysis and Electoral Consulting, Lutsk City NGO \$15,029.02
Volyn Oblast, Ukraine 2/01/11 - 1/31/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on their local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their work. The grantee will establish an Internet portal and collect information on the work of local representatives from four local councils in Volyn oblast. The online tool will allow local representatives to inform citizens about their work and allow citizens to comment on the activities of their representatives. The grantee will also form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize public events (roundtables and a public forum) to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. Capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs, and informational materials (a booklet, brochure and monthly e-newsletters) produced and disseminated to the public. Finally, the grantee will develop recommendations on how to make the work of locally elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the East Europe Foundation project "Your Local Representative," funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Foundation for Local Democracy

\$15,110.50

Kharkov Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 1/31/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their representatives' work. The grantee will establish an online portal and collect information on local representatives for four local councils in Kharkiv oblast. Local representatives will use the portal to inform citizens of their work, and citizens will use the site to comment on representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor the work of local councils and organize public events (a roundtable and a public forum) to coordinate the monitoring activities of network members. Capacity-building trainings will be organized for local NGOs and local mass media, while informational materials (a booklet, brochure and monthly e-newsletters) will be produced and disseminated to the public. In addition, a press conference will be organized to inform citizens about the project. Finally, the grantee will develop recommendations on ways to make their elected representatives work with greater transparency for their constituents and present it to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the East Europe Foundation project "Your Local Representative," funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Donetsk Oblast Organization of Committee of Voters of Ukraine

\$15,025.12

Donetsk Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 12/31/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate the work of these representatives. The grantee will establish an Internet portal and collect information on local representatives from four local councils in Donetsk oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, and citizens will be able to use it to comment on the work of their representatives. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize three roundtables to promote monitoring activities among various stakeholders. Capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs on how to use new media during the advocacy campaigns, and informational materials will be produced and made public via the web. The grantee will also develop recommendations on ways to make the work of local elected representatives more transparent to their constituencies and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of the East Europe Foundation project "Your Local Representative," funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

East-Ukrainian Center of Civil Initiatives

\$15,110.50

Lugansk Oblast, Ukraine

12/31/-14 - 10/31/1

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on their local representatives, and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their representatives' work. The grantee will create an Internet portal and collect information on locally elected representatives from four local councils in Luhansk oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, and citizens will be able to use the site to comment on their representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to monitor local councils' work and organize public events (roundtables and a public forum) to coordinate monitoring activities of network members. In addition, capacity-building training will be organized for local NGOs. The grantee will organize events to present the project to students of local colleges and universities. Finally, the grantee will develop recommendations on how to make the work of locally elected representatives more transparent to their constituents and present these recommendations to policymakers. The grant has been issued as part of East Europe Foundation

project "Your Local Representative," funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Center for Social Prosperity 'Dobrochyn'

\$15,087.45

Chernigov Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 1/31/12

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a grant that aims to improve citizens' access to information on local representatives and introduce innovative tools to monitor and evaluate their representatives' work. The grantee will create an online portal and gather information on local representatives from four local councils in Chernihiv oblast. Local representatives will be able to use the online tool to inform citizens about their work, and in turn citizens will be able to use the site to comment on their representatives' activities. The grantee will form a network of local NGOs to develop a plan for the public evaluation and monitoring of local councils' work and organize roundtables to coordinate monitoring activities of network members. Capacity-building training will also be organized for local NGOs. The grantee will chair press conferences and conduct an information campaign to promote innovative technologies in monitoring the local councils' work. Finally, an analytical report will be produced and disseminated to the public. The grant has been issued as part of the East Europe Foundation project entitled "Your Local Representative", and funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund and USAID.

Chornobay Rayon Organisation of Veterans of Ukraine

\$16,369.70

Cherkassy Oblast, Ukraine

2/01/11 - 7/31/11

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 Prydniprovskoe village, Chornobay district, Cherkassy oblast. The grantee will establish a senior's center at the local social assistance center in order to organize activity clubs, host discussions and offer additional services (massage, hairdressing and clothing repair) for community seniors. The effort is part of East Europe Foundation's Community Centers for People in Need project in Cherkassy, with co-funding from Japan Tobacco International (JTI).

Zhytomyr Oblast Department of All-Ukrainian Public Center "Volunteer"

\$29,056.27

Ukraine

12/10/10 - 9/10/11

East Europe Foundation is proud to announce a project designed to help orphans integrate into society by introducing initiatives that promote broad access to employment for vulnerable youth, enhance public employment services and foster public-private partnerships that will facilitate and create job opportunities for them in the city of Berdychiv. The grantee will conduct a training program to strengthen the capacity of local NGOs and one for social workers, state employment center employees, social specialists and teachers working in local vocational technical schools and boarding schools in order to help improve the services they provide to orphans. An integrated team of 20 trainers will be created in Zhytomyr oblast to prepare orphans for independent life. In addition, at least 40 orphans will be trained through a series of eight seminars on life and employment skills. The grantee will publish and disseminate information for vulnerable youth, covering their rights and privileges, advice on seeking employment, as well as public resources and services. New services to prepare orphans for an independent life will be created by the Professional Agricultural Lyceum, namely a consulting center, an information booth and Forum Theatre scripts. The grantee will also build partnerships between NGOs working with vulnerable youth, local government agencies and local employers. The project, co-funded by the World Childhood Foundation, aims to promote the effective integration of orphans into society by developing partnerships between local civic organizations, social service providers and potential employers.