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I. INTRODUCTION



INTRODUCTION

EURASIA FOUNDATION

OVERVIEW

In fiscal year 2008 Eurasia Foundation (EF) launched foundations in the Caucasus and Ukraine, thereby completing the establishment of the Eurasia Foundation Network and the transformation of our field offices into a unique, region-wide network; we **raised more than \$15 million from non-US government sources**; and, on top of \$11 million in core funds, we won more than **\$5 million in competitive awards** from the US government for our programs, which are flourishing.

We have created a unique network in the Eurasia region comprising local foundations that are governed by committed boards, managed by capable presidents, and operated by able staff. Our partners, two of them in existence for less than a year, have already emerged as leaders in fields – such as independent media assistance, election monitoring and voter education, and the development of local philanthropy – that are essential to the growth of prosperity and stability in the region. As the materials in this End of Year Report demonstrate, Eurasia Foundation Network programs in the past year have benefited tens of thousands of citizens throughout the region and have led to the creation of thousands of jobs and hundreds of businesses.

After 15 years of operations, Eurasia Foundation (EF) programs are more diverse, and more needed, than ever before. For example, in countries that are more economically advanced, we are leaders in supporting the expansion of corporate philanthropy and helping to protect the rights of labor migrants drawn to local economic opportunities. Across the region we support increased citizen participation in local government and equitable allocation of economic and social development resources. We support local print media capable of insightful coverage of local events. We also support a broad range of initiatives that stimulate the growth of small and medium businesses, whether in the field of innovation, tourism or agribusiness.

Because of this track record, **we have been able to leverage our core support for our partner foundations to attract millions of dollars in non-US government sources for our programs.** To name just a few examples, New Eurasia Foundation (FNE) in Russia was awarded a \$2.8 million from a Russian energy company, East Europe Foundation (EEF) in Ukraine secured more than \$260,000 from the British government, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) received more than \$400,000 from the European Union, and Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) in the Caucasus obtained a \$3 million grant for its core activities. Our partners coordinate closely with the DC office and with each other in the quest to finance our programs, and are exploring cross-border initiatives that could become hallmarks of the Eurasia Foundation Network in the future.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout the countries where we operate, Eurasia Foundation Network partners are leading the charge to assist local corporations with their understanding of social investment, and with the design, implementation, and monitoring of their corporate social investment programs. This focus on **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** by the network coincides with our objective to expand the pool of donors in these countries from international governments and foundations to **local sources of support**.

In Ukraine, the East Europe Foundation's **weekly CSR Electronic Bulletin now has more than 4,000 subscribers**, and its website (csrukraine.org.ua) is the number one CSR site in Ukraine. EEF continues to organize a series of seminars on CSR for regional media. Later in the year, EEF also plans to work with the Ukraine Philanthropists Forum and other NGOs to promote international standards and best practices among domestic foundations and philanthropic corporations.

The Eurasia Foundation Network maintains a **strictly non-partisan, civically oriented approach to its election-related programming**. The specific interventions of network members are responsive to the political context and the capacity of their civil society partners, emphatically non-partisan, and are carefully coordinated with other international actors.

In Georgia, in the run up to the Presidential election in January of 2008 and Parliamentary election in May of 2008, EPF designed and implemented a responsive elections program that sought to **educate voters, improve election-related legislation and monitor elections in minority-populated regions**. The program's voter education component focused on training regional TV broadcasters to produce news programs and talk shows devoted to election issues. **Over 23 talk shows were broadcast by the participating TV stations, reaching an estimated 300,000 viewers**.

In Kazakhstan, EFCA's **Labor Migration** program continues to assist predominantly Uzbek labor migrants in gaining legitimate job placement and promoting a legal environment that better addresses the needs of labor migrants in Kazakhstani society. So far **EFCA's network of migration centers has provided consultations to thousands of migrants** and has distributed tens of thousands of brochures.

The Bishkek-based **Central Asia News Service (CANS)** is attracting **3,000 readers a day**. EF receives funding from the US State Department for CANS, and EFCA is the local implementer. CANS is a wire service running more than 100 news items a day, and is intended to **propagate international standards of neutral, fact-based journalism**.

In an important initial step to **expand US-Tajikistan business relations**, **AmCham-Tajikistan** held its first board meeting, marking the founding of this organization. EFCA, using its USAID core funding, is housing and paying the executive director to provide the organization some breathing space in its start-up phase. Founding members include Tethys, the Hyatt, Orienbank, Somon Capital, Winrock, and of course, EFCA.

In Russia, FNE has taken part in the establishment of an association of NGOs which facilitates and supports the development of **housing construction cooperatives and homeowners associations**. The associations actively cooperate with the Public Board under the Russian Federation Ministry of Regional Development in designing measures required to reform the Russian housing and utility sector. The foundation initiated the **creation of the local self-governance and housing policy commission** of the RF Public Chamber. Together with the commission, FNE conducted important public discussions on topics such as illegal appropriation of property and public monitoring of the housing reform process.

The inaugural class of the **Bill Maynes Fund for Future Leaders of Eurasia** was successfully selected and our first fellows, Anna Koshman of the Alliance of Independent Regional Publishers (AIRP) based in Moscow and Ecaterine Siradze-Delaunay of the International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED) based in Tbilisi, completed their five-week fellowships in the United States. The goal of the fellowships is to support the achievements and further strengthen the professional capabilities of emerging leaders in the countries where we work.

The program for each Bill Maynes fellow was customized to fit specific interests, such as exposure to the US media industry and the US community of democracy promotion and election monitoring. Anna Koshman was hosted by the Newspaper Association of America, and Ecaterine worked with FairVote and the Fairfax County Office of Elections. Additionally, the program included meetings with DC-based organizations, members of the US government, and public speaking events. Some of the highlights of the program included attending a television appearance on *Foreign Exchange with Daljit Dhalimal*, Election Day at the polls of Fairfax County, and meetings with several US government representatives.

More information on the specific programs of EF's partner foundations can be found in the section "Programming Activities" beginning on page 17, and more details on the sources and uses of non-US government funds raised to date can be found in Appendix D beginning on page 183.

II. DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

EURASIA FOUNDATION

During the last fiscal year, the Eurasia Foundation Network has raised and leveraged **over \$15 million** from non-US government sources. The goal for FY08 was \$10 million.

The following table represents the total fundraising from non-US government donors, organized by region of impact of donations:

Region	FY08 Fundraising*
South Caucasus (EPF)	\$6,270,252
Central Asia (EFCA)	\$1,220,348
Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova (EEF)	\$3,560,887
Russia (FNE)	\$3,925,073
Kyiv School of Economics	\$243,982
Other	\$121,006
TOTALS	\$15,341,548

**The fundraising totals for each region include both direct and leveraged awards.*

Trends

- **Local foundations continue to post impressive fundraising numbers.** Partner foundations raised over \$10 million. The local foundations have deepened their relations with many key donors, including the European Union and local corporations.
- **EF-DC expanded its fundraising from individual donors.** EF-DC raised \$2.6 million from US-based private sources of funding in FY08. Of the \$2.6 million, \$2 million is renewal funding from Carnegie Corporation for the Caucasus Research and Resource Centers program and about \$100,000 is for the Bill Maynes Fund. The comparable figure for FY07 is \$134,000.
- **Traditional sources of funding for EF-DC are expected to decrease next year.** Several factors will make it a challenge for EF to meet its fundraising goal next year. First, the local foundations have inherited all donors willing to give directly to them. Second, the US economic downturn will adversely affect international giving. Third, US government funding for the entire region is expected to decrease, making it harder to leverage new donations. In light of this, EF Board of Directors formed a Development Committee and will embark on a new foundation plan to seek additional sources of funding to support our mission.

Highlights by Region

Caucasus

The **UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office** donated \$335,000 for a cross-border program addressing media bias in Armenia and Azerbaijan.

A \$200,000 grant from the **Norwegian Embassy in Baku** was awarded to EPF Azerbaijan to manage their small grants program. EPF Azerbaijan also secured \$140,000 from **StatoilHydro** to operate the second phase of the Transparency in Municipal Service Delivery program, which will run for two years.

EPF Georgia won nearly \$3 million in institutional support from the **government of Sweden**.

The Caucasus Research Resource Consortium (CRRC) won EPF's first award from the **European Commission for the "Caucasus Barometer"**, a nationwide survey modeled after the EuroBarometer. The award is approximately \$124,000. The CRRC also secured \$2 **million from the Carnegie Corporation** of New York to support the program for the next two years.

Central Asia

The European Union awarded nearly 100,000 Euros to support conflict prevention in the Kyrgyz-Tajik border areas and 134,000 Euros to strengthen NGOs representing disabled people.

In Kazakhstan the **Kazakhstani Erzhan Tatishev Foundation** (Bank TuranAlem) gave nearly \$100,000 to support scholarships for orphans and the development of crafts. This award marks EFCA's first major donation from a local corporation.

The **TACIS program** of the European Union provided more than \$110,000 to promote democratic processes in Kyrgyzstan.

Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine

The **British Government** provided EEF Ukraine with more than \$260,000 to improve employment opportunities for youth with disabilities.

Ukraine also received over \$230,000 from the **Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe** (OSCE) to continue two projects: Local Economic Development (LEAD) and Local Economic Partnerships (LEAP).

In an effort to support Free and Fair Parliamentary Elections in Moldova, the **Swedish International Development Agency** (SIDA) gave \$455,000 for election in 2009. In addition, Moldova secured \$226,677 from the **Government of the Netherlands** to develop viable print media in Moldova.

The **European Commission** gave a \$230,000 for rural business development in Belarus.

Russia

The **Siberian Coal and Energy Company** (SUEK) has pledged \$2.8 million to conduct social development programs in cities where the company works throughout Russia.

Other Non-USG Fundraising

Bill Maynes Future Leaders of Eurasia Fund

In FY08, EF received over \$100,000 from nearly 40 donors for the Bill Maynes Fund.

EF-DC added new US-based private donors this year, including the **Paul Klebnikov Fund, Western Union Foundation** and the **Holthues Trust**.

US Government Awards

In addition to the non-US government fundraising listed above, the EF Network has raised nearly **\$5.5 million** in targeted project funds from the US government.

This total includes the following awards:

- \$1,560,000 to EF from USAID for an expansion of the Russia Independent Print Media Program in Russia.
- \$1,320,666 to EFCA from USAID through a sub-contract to TSG to promote trade in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.
- \$800,000 to EF from the US Department of State's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) for an Independent Community Media program in Russia.
- \$870,000 to EF from DRL for the NGO Capacity Building Grant Program in Eastern Qinghai Province, China.
- \$600,000 to EF from DRL for an expansion of the Iran Regional Third Sector Initiative.
- \$228,161 to EFCA from USAID for an Islamic Education program in Kyrgyzstan.

III. PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES



PROGRAMMING ACTIVITIES

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BELARUS, MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

BELARUS

EF implemented two major programs in Belarus: “Empowering Civil Society Organizations and Community Development through Public-Private Partnerships” and “Business and Economic Education”. There are multiple projects within these two programs which are implemented through two channels: EF's local subsidiary, the New Eurasia Establishment (NEE), and EF’s Kyiv Regional Office.

EF’s most successful project under Empowering Civil Society is the “Development of Legal Advocacy in Belarus through Student Legal Clinics and other NGOs”. This project is implemented directly by NEE. As a result of the capacity building and other resources developed by NEE, **legal clinics throughout the country are now providing free legal services (including legal aid and awareness) to the most vulnerable group of citizens**, including pensioners, women and new mothers, students, the very poor, and prisoners and their families. In addition, there is a new cadre of future lawyers and a community of competent law students who are eager to defend legal and constitutional rights of citizens and are promoting social responsibility within the legal community.

NEE is also implementing a project entitled “Involvement and Participation of Belarusian NGOs in the Processes of Development and Implementation of Agenda-21”. This project has developed the capacities of local Belarusian NGOs **to increase public involvement in decision making processes and in addressing various environmental issues and the development of environmental agendas**. The project has also piloted various models of public participation, and cooperation between communities, local scientists and local authorities has increased dramatically.



The Kyiv Regional Office is implementing the “Institutional Support and Distance-Learning Development at European Humanities University International”. The European Humanities University operates in exile in Vilnius, Lithuania. As a result of this project, the **number of courses offered within eight university programs for correspondence degree programs in humanities have been extended and diversified, and the quality of education has**

increased significantly. In addition, students have shown great interest in applying and registering for these new courses.

The Kiev office is also implementing the project “Developing Capacity in the Management of International Cooperation in Belarus”. Through this project, managers and executives from Belarusian companies have **gained skills and knowledge to more competently cooperate with their Western counterparts and are seeking avenues to engage in various business development opportunities.** Also, Belarusian students at the MBA program at Riga Business School have continued to **enhance their knowledge and skills in the areas of Corporate Finance, and Business Law** and will transfer their credits back to their home schools. The program brings Belarusian students out of isolation allowing them to learn and interact with their peers in the region.

NEE has put on three major conferences under its Business and Economic Education program. One international conference, entitled “Societal Economic



Development: Innovations, Digitalization, System Approach”, **resulted in partnerships between Belarusian and European schools being expanded and strengthened.** These schools are

also now engaged in new topics, particularly regarding the values of free market economy. The international conference, “Business Education in Belarus: Meeting the Challenges” enhanced the professional capacities of business education lectures and participating business education institutions, and resulted in a set of recommendations for respective governmental bodies related to formal recognition of distance learning and case-study methods and techniques. The conference also helped to **establish and strengthen professional ties and partnerships between Belarusian and foreign business schools.**

MOLDOVA

EF Moldova currently has four active program areas: Preventing Corruption for Better Governance, Citizen Monitoring and Input into Implementation of Key Government Reform Policies on European Integration and Economic Development, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Media Management for Emerging Independent Outlets, and Free and Fair Elections in Moldova.

Through a project designed **to strengthen the “Anti-Corruption Alliance”, EF Moldova has increased the alliance’s visibility in society as an active and effective actor in preventing and combating corruption.** In addition, members of the ACA decided to formally register the alliance, increasing its capacity to effect change.



EF is also supporting national and local anticorruption initiatives through grants to NGO's. This project has produced several positive outcomes. For example, **the Ore regional council approved regulation that prevents corruption in schools and lyceums from the region**; more than 30 high ranking public employees announced publicly their income/property statements, and a series of loopholes were identified in legislation about declaration of incomes by public employees; a series of internal regulations were approved in two Moldovan universities designed to increase transparency and prevent corruption; and a university course on anticorruption was approved and is to be introduced in the curriculum.

In addition, a project focused on strengthening media outlets as independent watchdogs in monitoring government anticorruption strategies and programs **has resulted in legal amendments on public financing of media outlets being discussed and provided to parliament.**

EF Moldova's project focused on European Interactive Centers in Moldova's regions **has resulted in target groups and the general public from Southern and Northern Moldova being more aware of EU matters and Moldova's European integration issues.** Under this program, EF Moldova is also implementing a project that will provide support to National Participation Council (NPC).

In 2008, EF established itself as the leading advocate for Corporate Social Responsibility by coordinating an international conference in Chisinau and launching a regular CSR bulletin. In the past year, EF has attracted co-funding from nearly a dozen companies for CSR-related activities and is negotiating direct funding from three leading corporations for media, private enterprise and NGO capacity-building activities. As a result of this program, **Moldovan corporations and the general public are more informed about CSR activities, and corporations are beginning to play an important role in solving community and social issues** through various philanthropic efforts.

UKRAINE

At the beginning of 2008, East Europe Foundation (EEF) launched a campaign to promote Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Ukraine. Its **weekly CSR bulletin is now the top CSR news source in Ukraine, with more than 4000 subscribers, and its website, www.csrukraine.org.ua, is the number one CSR site in the country**, with more than 1000 independent visits per month.

This year, EEF **attracted more than \$600,000 in corporate funding from more than 20 corporations**, including Telenor, BBH Carlsberg, ArcelorMittal, Rusal, SCM, DTEK and Philip Morris. EEF is supporting projects to introduce international CSR standards to Ukraine and improve legislation to stimulate more private philanthropy.



EEF continues to run its Local Economic Development (LEaD) and Local Economic Partnerships (LEaP) projects. Despite requiring substantial co-funding from local governments, EEF received more than 300 grant applications this year. The largest component of this initiative was Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use, which attracted more than \$300,000 in direct funding from the Finnish, Norwegian and Dutch governments, the OSCE, Telenor and DTEK, as well as co-funding of \$60,000 from local Ukrainian sources. **This energy efficiency initiative established 20 local partnerships to promote solar, wind, biogas power, and other alternative energy sources.** The individual projects **helped local communities save up to 60% in energy costs** at kindergartens, schools, museums, community centers, libraries and social assistance centers.

Since April, EEF Ukraine has also launched several other projects. EEF is headlong into the start-up phases of projects such as: Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use; Cultivating Progressive Public Services; Sustainable Solutions for Disabled People; Community Centers for Elderly Citizens; Opportunities for Underprivileged Youth; Citizen Engagement in Administrative-Territorial Reform; Regional CSR Seminars for Media; Promoting International CSR Standards; and Cultivating Responsible Philanthropy.

Kyiv School of Economics / Economics Education and Research Consortium

The Kyiv School of Economics has had another very successful year with thirty-nine students awarded their masters certificates in June 2008, bringing the **total number of EERC/KSE graduates to 408.**



In addition to one of the best economics education in the region, the majority of students at KSE have the opportunity to gain **real life hands on experience through KSEs assistance in finding internships.** In the last academic year, 60% of the students received internships at prestigious **national and international companies and governmental organizations** including the World Bank, Citibank, the Bleyzer Foundation, National bank of Ukraine, GFK Ukraine and the National Committee for Electricity Regulation among many others.

Faculty members contributed numerous editorials over the past year. **In the 2007-2008 academic year 16 articles were either published or accepted for books. An additional 12 articles were submitted for review.** These publications included high quality international peer-reviewed academic journals such as **Southern Economic Journal, the Journal of Economic Theory and the Journal of Economic Perspectives.** This is quite an accomplishment for a full time faculty of nine.

KSE has launched a program with the **Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education of Charles University (CERGE-EI)**, a Western-style doctoral program in

Prague, Czech Republic. KSE has coordinated its course content with this program, giving KSE graduates the opportunity **to start as second year students in CERGE-EI's doctoral program.**

Beginning in the 2009 academic year, students complete their masters degree at KSE will have **their credentials recognized by the University of Houston who will issue them with an official MA degree from their institution.** It is a significant accomplishment that a major economics department in a large US university has the confidence to recognize the curriculum of KSE in this manner.

CENTRAL ASIA - EURASIA FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ASIA (EFCA)

KAZAKHSTAN

The city council of Petropavlovsk adopted recommendations from the Petropavlovsk Regional Association of Housing Cooperatives, an EFCA Open Budget grantee, for improving the city's municipal housing program. **As a result of EFCA's grantee's work, low-income families started receiving social housing assistance if the expenses for their housing services exceed 15% (previously it was 20%) their overall monthly income.** This resulted in **600 more low-income families gaining social housing assistance** in the amount of 8,000 KzT (~\$70) in the 2008 fiscal year (an increase from 5,200 families in 2007 to 5,800 families in 2008).

The number of families is anticipated to increase further this year as a result of the grantee's recommendations. Furthermore, for the first time in Petropavlovsk, **the local maslikhat allocated funds from the municipal budget for training the directors and accountants of Housing Cooperatives on transparent accounting systems** and techniques for conducting applied budget analysis to evaluate the effectiveness of their budgets. It is expected that **this will enable house owners to be actively involved in housing cooperative budgeting process at all stages including planning and approval.**



NGO Meyerim, in partnership with the Mangystau Department of Health, launched a campaign to **examine the quality of health services provided to labor migrants** in the region. It was found that labor migrants often refuse testing for tuberculosis. Project staff explained to labor migrants that it is necessary for them to get tested and that they will receive free treatment as Kazakhstani citizens would. On August 15, 2008 the project staff, with support from the Oblast Health Department, conducted a round table which gathered healthcare, police, and local akimat representatives to explain that labor migrants have the same human rights as locals and that they should be treated fairly.

Among significant outcomes, **six orphans enrolled in Almaty universities** for the 2008-9 academic year (despite scholarships available for orphans, few are able to enter university because of difficulties with social adaptation); this number will grow to 30 over the next five years. This is part of scholarships funded by the **Yerzhan Tatishev Foundation**, in which EFCA oversees the selection and social adaptation of the scholarship recipients.

Also in Kazakhstan, **ecotourism sites** this summer have been operating with direct support from EFCA. Under this ExxonMobil funded initiative, EFCA helped set up a network of guest houses in eight villages based in two environmentally-significant

regions near Astana: Borovoye, a lake region, and Korgalzhino, the intersection of two major bird migration routes famous for its pink flamingos. EFCA is now implementing the exit strategy, in which tour operators work and NGOs work directly with the guest houses, to put the project on a commercial, sustainable basis.

KYRGYZSTAN

The Bishkek-based **Central Asia News Service** (www.ca-news.org) is **attracting 3,000 readers a day**. EF receives funding from the U.S. State Department for CANS, and EFCA is the local implementer. CANS is a wire service running more than 100 news items a day, and is intended to **propagate U.S.-standards of neutral, fact-based journalism**.



In February of 2008, the Foundation began the program, **Integration of Islamic Education** into Civil Society in Kyrgyzstan. The two-year project seeks to **reinforce international religious freedom standards while promoting the integration of Islamic education institutions and their students into wider civil society**. The project works with the Islamic education system to include secular courses, and improve education standards. It seeks to establish links between Islamic institutions and civil society, business, and government. The project aims to equip graduates of Islamic Education institutions with the skills to have a positive impact on the wider community, thereby challenging existing stereotypes of Islam and bridging the gap between the Islamic world and wider civil society in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The EFCA Osh Office started two pilot projects to improve the conditions for vulnerable groups in the **Ferghana Valley**. The projects are focused **on enhancing the capacity of institutions that are working with vulnerable groups**. As a result of the project, local institutions should be able **to meet their own operational needs through fundraising and community participation**. The results of the project will serve a basis for the program to support vulnerable groups, and allow the EFCA staff to explore new directions and mechanisms to help beneficiaries.

In March 2007, within the framework of the Small Grants Program on Youth development, EFCA Osh Office began supporting various Public Initiatives Assisting



Development of Youth in Ferghana Valley. The projects are focused on the South of the Kyrgyz Republic and the Sughd province of Tajikistan. The projects aimed at the **mobilization and development of entrepreneurship skills and raising social-economic activity of the youth, as well as at applying non-violent conflict resolution measures and promoting healthy life styles**.

On July 2, 2008 the EFCA Osh Office conducted Roundtable titled “Unite our efforts against school racket”. Deputies of Jogorku Kenesh (Parliament) of KR, representatives of Ministry of Education and Science of KR, Ministry of Internal Affairs of KR, Department of the Youth Affairs of KR, inspections of minors’ affairs, NGOs and international organizations of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan participated in this event. The event allowed to identify the areas of involvement of the key stakeholders of the project at local and national levels and to develop the measures to resolve the problem of school racket, which will be used in future EFCA project.

TAJIKISTAN

In order to improve the environment for the development of business in Tajikistan, EFCA is implementing the **Small Enterprises Legal Facilitation (SELF)** program. The program seeks to increase business confidence in the legal system by building the capacity of lawyers in Dushanbe to **protect the rights of small businesses and improving relevant legislation**. The Center provides on average five free legal consultations to small businesses per day. As a result of the efforts of the project, 7 strategic litigation actions have been initiated based on consultations with over 560 business owners. Additionally, 3 seminars were conducted with business representatives, mass media representatives and lawyers about the potential and importance of strategic litigation in enabling businesses to protect their rights.

The Support to Tajik and Afghan Artisan program seeks **to alleviate poverty among female artisans in Tajikistan and Afghanistan**. EFCA has been implementing a series of activities to enable them to realize the full economic potential of their work. Specifically, it seeks **to improve their business skills, the quality of their goods and to improve their access to national and international markets**. Completed tasks include:

- Needs assessment with female artisans on Tajik-Afghan border to identify participants for training for trainers (ToT).
- EFCA published and distributed 100 training manuals with information on design, production techniques, and crafts’ historical and cultural backgrounds as well as distributed information materials on the economic potential of craft production.
- EFCA created a database of craftsmen in the five districts of Tajikistan bordering with Afghanistan.
- As a result of joint events, an informal and formal artisan support network has been formed. This enabled the twenty project participants to support each other, other artisans in their community and those nearby.



In Dushanbe, **AmCham-Tajikistan** held its first board meeting, marking the founding of this organization. AmCham Tajikistan will be a useful vehicle through which

new companies will be able to cooperate with established investors as well as the government to ensure the development of private business in Tajikistan. EFCA, using its USAID core funding, is housing and paying the executive director, to provide the organization some breathing space in its start-up phase. Founding members include Tethys, the Hyatt, Orienbank, Somon Capital, Winrock, and of course EFCA. In the future AmCham – Tajikistan will join the USA Chamber of Commerce, the largest worldwide network, which represents over 3 million businesses of all levels, sectors and regions. It includes hundreds of associations, thousands of local commerce chambers and more than a hundred American Chambers of Commerce (AmCham) of 91 countries.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION - NEW EURASIA FOUNDATION (FNE)

FNE is currently implementing 20 ongoing projects in 22 regions and territories of the Russian Federation.

FNE conducted important public discussions topics such as **illegal appropriation of property in the housing and utility management sphere and public monitoring of the housing reform implementation process** in the regions. FNE cooperates with the government under the RF Federal Rates Service to promote responsible consumption of resources and to deploy new utility service pricing mechanisms.



The foundation's cooperation with the regions resulted in **the deployment of new approaches to financing the renovation of multifamily apartment buildings**. The Republic of Khakassia was able to raise 150 million roubles (\$6 million) worth of federal funds from the federal budget.

In the area of **education** FNE is contributing to the creation of conditions for modernizing Russian educational system by:

- Providing effective means and methods of interaction with students and youth in public processes. The community school model supported by FNE meets the need of Russian schools in developing public participation programs.
- Modernizing university operations. The most **advanced university administration techniques are being disseminated to Russian regional universities** through published materials and the FNE website.
- Developing and applying successful models of **collaboration between universities and local communities**. This approach seeks **to build a highly skilled and mobile cadre of public servants for municipal governments**.
- FNE aims to **cover gaps in the Russian educational system by providing scholars with professional training in fields of knowledge that are unavailable or under-represented at institutions of higher learning**. For several years FNE has been involved in implementation of the international Network Scholarship Programs (NSP) funded by OSI, which are complementary to other FNE efforts in the area of higher education. **Over 30 Russian students, scholars and professionals have completed**



rigorous, academic programs in the humanities and social sciences with a focus on policy analysis and systemic reform.

To assist the government in implementing **housing and utility reforms** FNE carries out a broad spectrum of activities at the federal, regional, and municipal levels. These reforms are designed to create new housing institutions, deploy complex approaches to implementing new federal initiatives. FNE also aims to assist in financing, and implementing demonstration projects to test innovation technologies for their subsequent application in the Russian regions.



The foundation has taken part in the establishment of an association of NGOs which facilitates and supports the **development of housing construction cooperatives and homeowners associations**. The associations actively cooperate with the Public Board under the RF Ministry of Regional Development in designing measures required to reform the Russian housing and utility sector. The foundation initiated creation of the local self-governance and housing policy commission of the RF Public Chamber.

As far as small business support is concerned, FNE works **to improve competitiveness of Russian small and medium-sized businesses** in domestic and foreign markets and to develop small business support infrastructure in the Russian regions. The most important achievements in this area include:

- Establishment of a **small business support fund** in the city of Borodino on the basis of an innovative model. The newly established fund not only **issues micro-loans, but it also acts as a venture investor thus ensuring its own financial sustainability**. This model has turned out to be of much interest not only to the Savings Bank of Russia, the largest Russian bank, but also to “Opора Rossiі”, the Russian national association of small and medium-sized businesses. Both organizations intend to disseminate the model.
- Deployment of the **ISO 9000** quality management system in the Murmansk region will **enable local entrepreneurs to make their businesses more open and transparent for potential investors**.
- Development of small hospitality businesses in economically depressed territories of the Republic of Karelia in compliance with European hospitality industry standards. About 20 entrepreneurs have undergone hospitality training and improved efficiency of their hotel and guesthouse operations by promoting ecological tourism and attracting travelers from other Russian regions, as well as Finland and Norway.

In the area of infrastructure development FNE has won a tender organized by the government of the Khabarovsk region for the right **to develop regional innovation**

support infrastructure and is actively cooperating with regional organizations. Now that a series of consultations, seminars, and training sessions has been completed:

- A professional expert community is being formed in the Khabarovsk region **to identify, select, evaluate, and prepare innovation projects for investment.** Local innovation entrepreneurs now have access to qualified consulting services and receive support in advancement of their innovation projects into the real economy sector.

Innovation support infrastructure organizations, including the Far-Eastern Agency for Strategic Research, a FNE project partner, have become more market oriented rather than solely research oriented. As a result, an ever growing number of innovation projects have been designed to raise investment capital.

SOUTH CAUCASUS - EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION (EPF)

ARMENIA

EPF, jointly with members of a **Corporate Social Responsibility** working group (the British Council, United Nations Global Compact and American Chamber of Commerce), conducted a **seminar entitled *Corporate Social Responsibility: a New Role for Businesses*. More than 40 business executives and marketing managers from 45 leading Armenian companies participated in the event.** Led by two experts from the United Kingdom, Mallen Baker of Business in the Community (BITC) and Birgit Errath from the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF), the seminar explored CSR issues, presented best practices from UK and described why and how Armenian companies stand to gain from investing in their communities.

Local businessmen (from sectors such as banking, telecommunications, commercial aviation and hospitality) also report, in written feedback collected after the events mentioned above, that they learned about different mechanisms of CSR implementation all over the world through these events.

Representatives of Armenian businesses established contacts with each other, including in some cases exchanging materials about their philanthropic activities. More informal exchange of experience also took place as part of the workshops when participating companies shared real-life examples of CSR initiatives.

EPF, in cooperation with *Zinvoli Mair* NGO, conducted a two-day International conference devoted to the issue of **Labor Migration from Armenia to Russia**. The conference was attended by 96 participants, representing state and non-governmental organizations from Armenia and Russia, as well as international and local organizations dealing with migration issues. Representatives of four Russian entities, plus FNE, attended the conference and exchanged contacts with the Armenian participants present. The conference was also well attended by the academic and research community, received wide media coverage. A report from the conference (including recommendations for making cooperative work between Armenia and Russia on migration effective) is available upon request.



Each of the **Migration and Return Resource Centers (MRRC)** that was established earlier this fiscal year continues to reach out to migrants, potential migrants, returned migrants, and their families to raise awareness on migration issues. In Martuni, **the resource center commissioned three documentary films on the migrant experience, all of which show regularly on local TV**; in Goris and Sisian, the MRRCs distributed leaflets describing procedures for legal registration and the consequences of illegal migration. Following the conference in April, all MRRCs reported being contacted by researchers, media, and other stakeholders for information. Information about the conference and EPF's program was published in the Russian-language newspaper

directed at Armenians living in Krasnodar. Following that media coverage in Russia, *Zinovy Mair* received inquiries from migrants and their families on issues related to migrants' compulsory service in the Armenian military.

AZERBAIJAN

In supporting Education Reform in Azerbaijan, an effective electronic means of sharing updated information on community-school initiatives and budget activity has been successfully developed by EPF in Azerbaijan. Since the web portal was launched in February 2008, **more than 44,000 school data entries have been received from at least 20 schools illuminating data regarding administrative and budgetary reform practices, with 31,000 in this reporting period alone.** EPF's experts carried on the work on a policy evaluation paper illuminating obstacles in implementation of new funding mechanism for the schools – including recommendations on how to these obstacles may be overcome. The policy paper will be submitted to the Ministry of Education.



Ten new businesses joined the EPF **Corporate Social Investment Network** during this reporting period; leading Insurance provider “Garant” approached and contracted EPF to assist in the design of a CSI program; and two companies in the CSI network established and assigned dedicated CSR Portfolios to either new or existing staff members.

In the run-up to the **Presidential elections**, EPF Azerbaijan, provided information on political party platforms, policies, and news to the general public in a non-biased, non-partisan environment. **A memorandum of understanding was signed with Radio Liberty to broadcast weekly radio shows and debates related to the Presidential elections.** The debates included 1 hour discussions among candidate representatives.

Twenty municipalities have been selected for the Municipal Management and Budget Transparency Program. The program **will strengthen the institutional capacity of these municipalities to provide quality services and standards of practice with the assistance of the Municipal Performance Measurement system (MPMS).** MPMS was developed by EPF, experts on local government and local and partners. The MPMS is a set of over 100 indicators designed to track and measure a municipality's ability to provide services to its population. The indicators are based on extensive research into international best practices in the monitoring of local governments and upon existing legislation in Azerbaijan

GEORGIA

The **Tbilisi Tourism School** continues to demonstrate success. EPF's assistance, which in addition to curricula development, involved support in the establishment of partnerships with the private sector, led to several private companies agreeing to provide

summer internships to students. **18 students have been recruited by Marriott, 25 students by GMT Group, and 50 students by various restaurants and hotels in the resort town Batumi.** Students receive credit toward their degrees for internships.



Through the **Georgia Tourism Employment Initiative, SME trainings were carried out in the following towns: Mtskheta, Akhalstikhe, Signaghi, and Telavi where almost 250 people received training through this program.** EPF staff conducted site visits to Akhaltskikhe and Signaghi to observe the trainings and get feedback from participants. At the request of one of the grantee training organizations of this program, EPF also organized a one-week Training of Trainers in rural tourism involving a Swiss expert from the International Rural Tourism Training Network, held in Tbilisi.

EPF is using EF and Swedish government funds to implement a CSR program. Recently, EPF convened a conference in Tbilisi: “Corporate Social Investments: A New Model of Partnerhips” which attracted 70 participants from the business community,



government, non-profits and donor organizations. Participants **cited increased awareness of different approaches to legal regulation and interest in private giving.** Following the conference, EPF hired one of the presenters, a Ukrainian expert, to develop recommendations regarding the draft law on endowments. Through EPF’s efforts, **a new law on endowments has been introduced to the Georgian Parliament for review.**

The Georgian NGO Civic Education Youth Center implemented a project on Civic Monitoring for Agricultural Development. The **monitoring of the privatization of state-owned agricultural lands revealed several loopholes in the new legislation** and Presidential decree # 525 regulating the privatization of agricultural lands. This evidence, in combination with information collected through meetings with communities, showed that the loopholes in the privatization legislation created problems for many renters of privatized land. Communities of Kvareli and Signakhi were informed and educated about these shortcomings, and the grantee is preparing recommendations to correct the loopholes, which will be submitted to the Parliament.

IV. EVALUATION AND RESULTS



EURASIA FOUNDATION

EVALUATION AND RESULTS

HIGHLIGHTS IN EVALUATING EF NETWORK PROGRAMS

In FY08, the EF Network affiliates have undertaken formal evaluations at the significant milestones in the life cycle of their major programs. These evaluations included 3 baseline and needs assessments, 7 impact and summative evaluations and 5 research papers. EF spent over \$220,000, or 1.5% of its total spending, on evaluation during the reporting period.

For a complete list of evaluations completed in FY08, please refer to page 41. Two illustrative evaluations from the Eurasia Partnership Foundation and the East Europe Foundation are highlighted below.

Summative Evaluation of the Anti-Corruption NGO Watchdog Program in Georgia

In July 2008, a team of independent evaluators completed a summative evaluation of Eurasia Partnership Foundation's Anti-corruption NGO Watchdog Program, which began in 2002 and was structured in two phases, the second beginning in 2005. The overarching goal of the program was to **reduce corruption and increase government transparency by strengthening the public's role in government decision-making** in six regions of Georgia.

The evaluation focused on the second phase of the program, in which 7 NGO watchdog organizations **monitored government performance within their communities and brought instances of misuse of public funds or general abuses of power to the attention of the public**. In addition, 2 media organizations trained investigative journalists and 1 television company broadcast a talk show with an anti-corruption theme.

The findings of the report included the following:

- On the whole, the evaluation found that the projects supported by EPF were relevant to the specific context in which they operated. The evaluators found that of the 7 monitoring projects the program supported, 4 resulted in a significant reduction in corruption, increased transparency and improved government systems.
- One of the outstanding projects was implemented by the Intellect Union of Young Scientists in Batumi. Through Intellect Union's monitoring reports, the Batumi municipality's tendering process was shown to be flawed. Following the release of the report and subsequent lawsuits, the municipality was required to complete the rehabilitation of streets, street lights and roofs that it had improperly tendered. Intellect Union's reports also noted wide variance in fees the city was charging for parking in municipal lots. After this practice was highlighted, the city outsourced the administration of its parking lots to a private firm and a limit on parking fees was established.
- The approach of explicitly linking an NGO watchdog with a media organization was an effective design. For example, Intellect Union worked closely with an independent newspaper to publicize their findings and generate public pressure on the municipality.

- The 3 projects that were directly implemented by media organizations or outlets either had a low impact or it was difficult to attribute anti-corruption successes to the grantee's activities.
- The program succeeded in informing and educating a large number of citizens at the local level regarding public budgets and expenditures and other corruption-related issues. Many of these people were engaged in monitoring the budgets and expenditures.
- The corruption phenomenon, as well as the grantees' approaches to preventing or solving the problems that arise from it, were found to be similar across Georgia's regions.
- The program's grantees considered the program to be a positive and useful initiative that brought added value in the fight against corruption while supporting the organizational development of NGOs. In several cases, the program brought about a real transformation in the grantee organizations, giving them confidence and building their credibility in the local community.
- A weakness of the program was the lack of communications between the grantees. In addition, the evaluators found that the grantees' projects were not sustainable. However, it should be noted that sustainability was not a key program objective. The grantees' capacity to ensure the continuity of monitoring activities is limited, and their fundraising efforts have been insignificant. Therefore, they will need further financial and technical support to continue implementing these activities.

The report also proposed the following recommendations:

- ***Encourage civil society and its main actors to act in a coherent and constant manner.*** This type of approach should be based on the creation of a framework, which encourages the exchange of experience, joint action and results sharing, as well as shaping what could be a permanent anti-corruption task force. This would enable the grantees and other civil society organizations to easily benefit from the long-term support of donor organizations and strengthen their organizational capacity. In addition, it would be less likely that NGO coalitions/partnerships would be suspected of being politically biased or "donor-addicted."
- ***Build specific capacities of grantees.*** The corporate capacities of potential grantees should be reinforced in the areas of needs assessment and project identification (including compliance with community requirements) and local resource mobilization. In addition, EPF should work with grantees to establish clear and measurable objectives for each of their projects and strong monitoring and evaluation plans based on verifiable indicators.
- ***Encourage public authorities, other local and national actors and civil society organizations to engage in dialogue with each other.*** Support grantees' efforts to develop a more efficient and constructive way to address public authorities and other local and national actors. Communication and coordination between similar projects (or similar organizations) should also be improved.

The findings, conclusions and recommendations of the evaluation will feed into EPF's decision-making as the foundation considers the future strategy of its civic monitoring program.

Outcome Evaluation of the Sustainable Solutions Program in Ukraine

Between February 2006 and March 2007, Eurasia Foundation implemented the Sustainable Solutions program to increase employment and business opportunities for disabled people in Ukraine's Kharkiv oblast. One year after the completion of the program, East Europe Foundation (EEF) conducted an internal evaluation in order to obtain detailed information about the program's outcomes

and its prospects of sustainability. Among the partner foundations, EEF is unique in that the foundation has an evaluation officer on staff, so the assessment was planned and conducted by EEF's Senior Evaluation Officer in consultation and cooperation with five Kharkiv NGOs that partnered with EF on the Sustainable Solutions program.

Overall, the evaluation concluded that EEF achieved significant results in helping disabled people to integrate into society and improve their quality of life by enlarging their social networks, supporting their self-esteem and providing them with new knowledge and skills. The specific findings of the report included the following:

- The level of employment among the surveyed program participants increased by 48%. The evaluation noted that the motivation and initiative of the participants played a crucial role in this achievement.
- 78% of the surveyed beneficiaries indicated that their social networks had expanded. Many beneficiaries met people who experience similar difficulties, shared solutions and survival strategies and learned about organizations servicing people with special needs. This growth in social networks had a positive impact on the level of social integration and helped participants to solve many issues they were unable to address before the program.
- 66% of the polled program participants indicated that they gained new knowledge and skills. While the participants noted that not all of these skills had a direct impact on their employment opportunities, this knowledge was useful in their everyday lives.
- 64% of surveyed program beneficiaries reported an increase in their self-esteem, which is one of the important pre-conditions for effective social integration.
- The program also had a positive impact on the implementing NGOs by improving their facilities, such as computers and knowledge management systems, and increasing their visibility among prospective clients. In addition, the grantee organizations reported strengthened communication with other NGOs, the city administration and state employment centers.

The report also proposed the following recommendations in order to increase the effectiveness of similar programs in the future:

- A detailed situational analysis and needs assessment should precede project implementation. The grantees offered services and professional training based only on their intuitive knowledge of the job market and their own understanding of the preferences and needs of the beneficiaries. Since they did not have the time or the resources to undertake a formal survey, or at least a rapid assessment, not all of their services were in demand.
- More time should be allocated to advertising for the program's services in order to attract a large number of motivated participants.
- It is essential to include networking and socialization activities as an integral part of any program aimed at improving the quality of life of disabled people.
- Due to changes in Ukrainian legislation, the state employment centers have started playing a more active role in the job placement of people with special needs. Therefore, it is important to focus on improving the existing services of state employment centers. In addition, NGOs can offer consulting services for these centers and provide program beneficiaries with support after job placement to increase job retention.

The findings and recommendations of this outcome evaluation will help EEF further develop its Social Services program area. Based on this information, EEF hopes to replicate this program in other regions of Ukraine.

Evaluation Statistics for FY08

EF and its network partners closed 280 grants in FY08. The findings from the standard indicators for these grants reveal the following:

Changes occurred on an individual level

1. Number of direct individual beneficiaries	35,734
2. Number of trainees	20,622

Changes occurred on an organizational level

3. Number of organizational beneficiaries	1,313
4. Number of new partnerships formed by grantees	1,423
5. Resources leveraged (in-kind) from counterparts	\$1,501,419

Changes occurred on a societal level

6. Media products disseminated	2,399
7. Grantee innovations replicated by others	246
8. New jobs created	1,403
9. New businesses formed	234

Evaluation Plans for FY09

In total, the EF Network affiliates plan to undertake 13 evaluations during the first half of FY09. They include 6 needs and baseline assessments, 2 mid-term process evaluations and 5 impact or summative evaluations. These assessments will include a mid-term process evaluation for the Caucasus Research Resource Centers program and summative evaluation of Development of Organizational Capacities and Resource Centers for Community Development programs in Armenia.

In FY09, the Evaluation Department in the Washington, DC, office will be comprised of the Senior Program and Evaluation Officer and a Program Development Coordinator, a shared staff position. As in FY08, the EF-DC office does not plan to conduct large cluster evaluations in FY09. Rather, the Evaluation Department plans to allocate its resources for assessing the organizational development of the partner foundations through the Capacity Mapping Initiative.

Evaluation Report

Baseline/Needs Assessments

- Baseline Assessment for the Central Asian News Service program, November 2007
- Needs Assessment on the State of Civic Monitoring in Georgia, October 2007
- Needs Assessment on the Citizen Perceptions of Islamic Institutions in Kyrgyzstan, June 2008

Program and Project Impact Evaluations

- Impact Evaluation on EFCA's Youth Program in the Ferghana Valley, December 2007
- Impact Evaluation of the Small Grants Program in the Russian Northwest, November 2007
- Results Evaluation of the New Management Technologies – New Development Quality project in Russia, December 2007
- Impact Evaluation of projects funded under the Print Media Distribution Program in Armenia, December 2007
- Impact Evaluation of the Community Schools Program in Russia, March 2008
- Summative Evaluation of the NGO Citizen Watchdogs Program in Georgia, July 2008.
- Outcome Evaluation of Sustainable Solutions Project in Ukraine, September 2008

Research Papers

- Policy Research Paper on Waste Management in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, November 2007
- Policy Research Paper on Vocational Education in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, March 2008
- Sociological survey on the issues of HIV/AIDS, drug abuse and unsafe sex among senior school students in public schools throughout Georgia, November 2007
- Systemic Analysis of the Georgian Media, December 2007
- National Public Opinion Study in Moldova on the Progress of European Integration and the European Neighborhood Policy Action Plan, 2008

V. CAPACITY MAPPING INITIATIVE



Capacity Mapping Initiative

EURASIA FOUNDATION

Overview

Since 2001, Eurasia Foundation (EF) has worked to assure the sustainability of its operations throughout the former Soviet Union by transferring **ownership of strategy, finances and programs to local staff in an effort to establish self-sustaining institutions based on the EF model of success**. To this end, four partner foundations were launched: the New Eurasia Foundation (FNE), serving Russia, in 2004; Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) in 2006; and in 2007 the East Europe Foundation (EEF), serving Ukraine, and the Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) in the South Caucasus.

In order to help these new institutions grow into powerful change agents, **EF and its partners developed the Capacity Mapping Initiative (CMI)**. CMI is a **means of tracking the growth of an institution by measuring its progress** in six key areas that EF and its partners believe are critical for organizational success:

- Board Governance
- Fundraising
- Program Management
- Financial Management
- Communications
- Human Resources and Staff Development

CMI employs a **diagnostic approach to evaluate the current capacity of a particular foundation in each of these areas to determine a path for growth and to measure achievement along the way**. By providing verifiable measures of operational capacity within each of the key areas, this tool provides detailed insight into where the organization's systems are producing results and where the organization should invest more resources.

Ten competency stages within each key area form the basis of a capacity building map for an organization. After identifying where a particular foundation currently stands, the maps help to indicate the critical milestones that the foundation should pass on its path to organizational growth.

Working with its partner foundations, EF determines each partner's current capacity levels through a series of in-depth interviews and review of selected documents (board books, policy manuals, strategic plans, program reports, budgets, outreach materials, etc.). The resulting report then forms the basis for the partner's institutional development plan for the next 12 months.

Results

Since EF launched this initiative in 2007, two partner foundations (FNE and EFCA) have gone through two annual mappings and CMI has already measured tangible results:

- **EFCA advanced from stage 1 to stage 3 in Program Management.**
EFCA has made significant progress in designing sophisticated programs and aligning staff responsibilities with program goals.
- **FNE moved from stage 1 to stage 2 in Financial Management**
due to better utilization of their new accounting system, organization of financial files and an increased flow of information from the finance department to the program department.
- **EFCA jumped from a stage 1 to a stage 3 in Board Governance**
as their executive committee is now meeting on a quarterly basis.
- **FNE moved from a stage 3 to a stage 4 in Board Governance**
due to the introduction of an orientation handbook and a process for orienting new board members.

Eurasia Foundation is a leader in organizational development in the Eurasia region. With its Capacity Mapping Initiative, EF has pioneered an innovative and effective way to measure the maturation of its partner foundations and help ensure that they thrive.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

**EXPENDITURE CHART BY COUNTRY
OCTOBER 1, 2007 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

USAID Core 3 Analysis of Expenditures

By Country

From October 1, 2007 through September 31, 2008

	Russia	Ukraine	Moldova	Belarus	Uzbekistan	Turkmenistan	Tajikistan	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan	Georgia	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Total FY08
Total Spending By Country	\$1,486,051	\$2,151,169	\$444,187	\$1,282,738	\$458,249	\$11	\$643,806	\$643,582	\$883,111	\$2,406,146	\$2,557,863	\$1,711,882	\$14,668,796

*Russian spending appears low due to the fact that current year funding was obligated in September 2007

** Central Asian spending appears low due to the fact that the initial six month of funding for the fiscal year was obligated in September 2007

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

APPENDIX B

**OUTCOME STATEMENTS OF GRANTS CLOSED
OCTOBER 1, 2007 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

Armenia

"Armauthor" Author Rights Defence Non-Governmental Organization

Y07-0028

\$10,756

Yerevan, Armenia

10/1/2007 - 8/15/2008

To increase understanding of intellectual property rights, copyrights and related rights in Armenia. The grantee produced three television programs on the subject, which will be broadcast on three national TV stations, and an educational TV commercial on piracy, which will be periodically aired by national TV stations. The project will also organize three round table discussions, supported Microsoft Armenia, on copyright issues and new technologies, as well as seven seminars on intellectual property rights in outlying regions. Finally, the project will support a nine-month certificate program and publication of a university textbook on intellectual property rights for a group of 30 professionals. As a result of the project, the public will better understand how to protect intellectual property rights, copyrights and related rights, which will promote the development of business, science, literature and the arts in Armenia.

"New Generation" Children, Teenagers and Youth NGO

Y06-0010

\$8,870

Gyumri, Armenia

9/1/2006 - 6/30/2007

In order to promote civic activism of young people in Shirak region New Generation NGO implemented a project that envisioned the creation of a youth Debate Club (DC) comprised of 30 young people. Within the project a series of capacity building trainings/seminars were conducted to raise the awareness of club members in leadership, strategic planning, fundraising, coalition building and human rights issues. A series of live debates, discussions and meetings were conducted with participation of LG and NGO representatives.

As a result of the project the Debate Club members conducted an assessment of needs of the youth in Shirak region, based on the identified needs developed a three-year strategy of youth development in the region. The strategy presented to Gyumri municipality and Youth NGOs for funding and further consideration. In addition to this, three project proposals (OSI, EF, Youth Center) were developed by DC members and were presented to donor organizations for funding. DC members have established links with local and regional authorities and will continue cooperation aimed at solving youth-related issues in the region.

"Protection of Consumers Rights" Non-Governmental Organization

Y04-5101

\$39,102

Yerevan, Armenia

10/1/2005 - 10/31/2006

Public utility provision used to be one of the most corrupt sectors among public services. Despite numerous local and international efforts, the sphere still lacked transparency and efficiency in Armenia. The goal of this project was to increase awareness among consumers on the issue of public utility services and to provide legal support for protecting consumer rights. In order to achieve this goal the grantee organization has established a hot-line service and provided legal support to more than 3000 consumers during the course of the project. A survey was conducted to reveal the public awareness on utility service provision and to identify targets for the awareness campaign. As a result of the analysis an information guideline for consumers has been developed along with a series of brochures on electricity, gas, water and telephone services. Relevant posters were also published and disseminated in municipalities and public service provision units. Major achievements of the project included 1) established partnership and co-funding on the initiative from Bearing Points and PA Consulting organizations, 2) achieving further sustainability of the project impact through advocacy program implemented with support of Counterpart International, 3) more than 510 consumers complaint

processed with courts and other official bodies, 4) a unique experience of establishing a consumer right protection MP group in the RA Parliament exercised.

Apujanian ev Vordiner LLC

Y08-2010

\$6,258

Spitak, Armenia

7/18/2007 - 5/18/2008

Because of poor quality and distribution, circulation of independent regional newspapers in Armenia remains low. As a result, many regional papers struggle financially and Armenians living in outlying regions primarily rely on (state-run) television for news and information. To increase its financial sustainability through increased advertising revenue and expanded readership, Lusardzak independent weekly newspaper developed a comprehensive marketing strategy together with an independent expert, created a website for the paper, and hired and trained three couriers to expand deliveries. The paper purchased and installed new design software and hired and trained new employees, dramatically improving the paper's design quality. To better connect with potential readers in the region, the paper established partnerships with eleven community-based organizations, NGOs, other local newspapers, donors and businesses to exchange materials and articles, collaborate on subscription services, and organize round-tables and workshops to share experience. As a result of the project, the paper doubled its circulation from 500 to 1000 copies weekly and increased ad revenue by 50%, which has enabled it to become financially sustainable.

Armenian International Policy Research Group

Y06-0002

\$75,383

Yerevan, Armenia

3/1/2006 - 1/31/2008

Since early 1990's Turkey has refused to establish diplomatic relations with Armenia and kept the land border between Turkey and Armenia locked. Recent EU accession talks with Turkey, as well as the inclusion of Armenia in the framework of European Neighborhood Policy, have put additional pressure on the two countries to resolve their political differences and improve relations with each other. In light of the possible positive developments around the issue, the Armenian International Policy Research Group tried to enhance understanding of the economic consequences that would follow the re-opening of the Armenia-Turkish border, as well as to contribute to the ongoing analytical debate among the expert community and the policy-makers on the issue. In particular, the grantee arranged for and produced two research papers titled "Sector-Specific and Distributional Consequences to Follow the Opening of the Armenia-Turkey Border," and "Stakeholders Engagement in the Process of Border Opening." The project research results were made public through a two-day international conference entitled "The Economic and Social Consequences of Opening the Armenia-Turkey Border" that was followed by a series of round-table discussions in Georgia, Turkey and Armenia. The project received considerable coverage in Turkish and Armenian print and electronic media. The project is expected to improve the awareness of Armenian and Turkish stakeholder community of both the political and economic costs and benefits that might follow the possible re-opening of the land border between the two countries, which will instigate positive developments around the issue.

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Gegharkunik Region of RA

Y08-1002

\$12,907

Gavar, Armenia

5/22/2007 - 5/22/2008

Despite efforts by a number of international donor organizations to strengthen Armenia's non-government sector by developing critical capacities of NGOs, little improvement has been recorded in relation to the sustainability of Armenian NGOs. According to a World Learning survey and a CIVICUS Armenian Civil Society Sector study, Armenian non profit organizations usually experience a decline in operational effectiveness as soon as donor support ends. The same groups report that

slightly less than one-third of the 4,500 Civil Society organizations registered with Armenia's Ministry of Justice are active at all. In response to this need, Eurasia Partnership Foundation established the Development of Organizational Capacities (DOC) Program to develop the capacities of NGOs at the organizational and community levels in order to improve their performance. The Gegharkunik Chamber of Commerce and Industry was one of the first beneficiaries of the DOC program's collaborative assessment and consulting process. The grantee conducted a needs assessment and developed new services based on the emerging needs of its beneficiaries and members. As part of the program, the grantee involved new volunteers and staff members; developed an organizational PR plan; studied European models of chambers of commerce and industry and adopted some international best practices on internet marketing and staff motivation mechanisms; developed an intranet for staff and a new website; and created incentives for member businesses such as organizing the first award ceremony for the best businesses in Gegharkunik region. As a result of the program, the grantee has significantly improved and expanded its service offerings, raised its profile locally and nationally, and has served as a model for chambers of commerce in other regions of Armenia.

Civil initiatives center Vahagni XXI non governmental organization

Y08-7031

\$21,088

Alaverdi, Armenia

10/1/2006 - 3/31/2008

Many community-based organizations (CBOs) in Armenia lack the skills and experience needed to mobilize people and resources to make a significant contribution to the development of their communities. In order to help CBOs solve local problems more effectively in the Lori region, the grantee expanded its own capacities, services and staff in order to function as a Community Resource Center in Alaverdi. The Center helped local CBOs to better publicize their activities and organized a number of need-based trainings for young teachers, students and employees of CBOs on computer literacy and program management. Through a newsletter and events such as public discussions, the Center cooperated with CBOs to improve and make more transparent the flow of information between CBOs, municipalities, the donor community, and the public. As a result of this improved communication, the Alaverdi Municipality made their annual work plan and budget available for public discussion, with assistance from the Center. The grantee has become a good resource for local businesses as well, consulting them on financial management, tax reporting, business legislation and other issues. The Center continues to provide a number of services to local CBOs and other community groups in the region. As a result of the project, the grantee has become a multi-functional resource center serving surrounding communities, with a wide scope of expertise and clientele.

Development Centre of Armavir Social-Economic NGO

Y08-3009

\$7,063

Armavir, Armenia

10/1/2007 - 4/30/2008

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

choose to migrate, and steps they can take to protect themselves. Returned migrants in the region are also better aware of local employment opportunities in Armenia.

Freedom of Information Center NGO

Y07-0023

\$12,682

Yerevan, Armenia

9/1/2007 - 2/29/2008

Armenia adopted a Law on Freedom of Information (FOI) on April 23, 2003. Implementing the law, however, has posed significant challenges: State agencies, not understanding their legal obligations, refuse to provide information; and many journalists do not understand how to exercise their right to obtain information. To address this issue, the grantee published a report in Armenian (1000 copies) and English (500 copies) on journalists' experience exercising their rights under the FOI law since 2003; state agencies' openness to the media; and the obstacles journalists face in obtaining information. The report, which contained qualitative and quantitative data from interviews with 100 journalists from Yerevan, ten regions and outside Armenia, as well as recommendations on improving journalists' knowledge and use of FOI law, was disseminated to media outlets, state agencies and other stakeholders. The project has made a positive contribution to anti-corruption policy reform; recommendations developed as part of the project have been incorporated in to the Armenian government's anti-corruption strategy for 2008 - 2012, and the project director serves as a civil society expert on a multi-sector anti-corruption working group.

Huysi Kamar Gyullibulagh Non-Governmental Organization

Y06-3020

\$11,513

Village Gyullibulagh, Amasia, Armenia

9/1/2006 - 9/30/2007

To support the development of communities in the Amasia subregion of the Shirak Region, "Huysi Kamar" NGO established a resource center for community development in partnership with the local public library. The resource center provides a number of services to local community based organizations to improve their capacities, such as: organization of training for target community organizations, the provision of consulting and technical assistance to local CBOs and businesses as well as access to communication and information resources to local CBOs and population of Amasia.

As result of this project, one of the isolated regions - Amasia, received a community support center equipped with internet, computers, library of information and technical resources. The capacities of the community based organizations of Amasia and their ability to implement effective community development initiatives were improved due to the services provided by the resource center. All of the structures working in Amasia, such as schools, municipality, local cadastre, hospital, local businesses and others became the users of the services of the resource center. In addition to this, the local library became a well equipped resource center for the people of Amasia and nearby villages.

JMC Student Non-Governmental NGO

Y07-0015

\$4,343

Yerevan, Armenia

10/1/2007 - 11/30/2007

The aim of the project was to increase the employment potential of the French University in Armenia (FUA) graduates and their job placement within Armenia's businesses. In order to achieve this goal the project "Business Crossroads" was implemented through organizing an Exhibition of Careers and establishment of database of potential employers among Armenian private enterprises and employees from FUA students and graduates. The project aimed at reducing the structural unemployment among Armenian students and graduates of Universities as well as improve the internship opportunities for current students of FUA.

As the result of the project the students of FUA improved awareness of job and internship

opportunities as well as were developed students capacities for finding employment opportunities. Thanks to this project the interested parts had an opportunity to meet the employers and to candidate for the job-offer. One of the achievements of the project is the fact that every organization participating Business Crossroad took the chance to renew or enrich its staff.

Kaghni Social Ecological Non Governmental Organization

Y08-3032

\$13,567

Berd, Armenia

9/1/2006 - 3/31/2008

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

Kumayri-Banvor Ltd.

Y08-2009

\$8,328

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

LORI TV LLC

Y08-5002

\$2,759

Vanadzor, Armenia

10/1/2007 - 7/31/2008

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period. To increase public awareness about their rights and responsibilities in the fight against corruption in Lori Region, the grantee produced and aired a series of television programs: fourteen talk-shows with "vox-populi" on the street interviews with citizens from 67 communities on corruption-related topics (e.g. elections, judicial system, education, healthcare, culture, social-related corruption and local government). The TV programs attracted a great deal of attention among the local population, as indicated by the number of calls and feedback received. As result of the project, the public in Lori region has become better informed about corruption-related issues and means available to them for proactively fighting corruption.

Maternity Center of Armenia Charitable Public Organization

Y08-1001

\$18,175

Yerevan, Armenia

5/22/2007 - 5/22/2008

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

Nvatshum Youth Non Governmental Organization

Y06-3015

\$20,322

Ijevan, Armenia

10/1/2006 - 3/31/2008

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

Private Entrepreneur Epraksya Mekhakyanyan

Y08-2013

\$9,335

Gyumri, Armenia

7/18/2007 - 7/18/2008

Because of poor quality and distribution, circulation of independent regional newspapers in Armenia remains low. As a result, many regional papers struggle financially and Armenians living in outlying regions primarily rely on (state-run) television for news and information. To strengthen its financial viability, Shrijapat weekly newspaper conducted public opinion research to identify priority areas for improving content as well as opportunities for attracting retail sales and advertising; enlarged and trained its staff; acquired new technical equipment which enabled them to improve design and layout; and attracted new readers by creating a new website. As a result of the project, the paper increased its circulation from 3000 to 4000 copies and improved its financial viability through advertisements and increased circulation, including in new areas. The design of the newspaper also improved as a result of the project and the editors took steps to improve its content, adding a column dedicated to community-related issues as well as a new advertising and announcements section, all of which has contributed to its financial sustainability. The grantee plans to continue with its new growth strategy, aiming to increase the circulation of the newspaper up to 4300 copies in the near future.

Syunats Ashkhar LLC

Y08-1001

\$5,697

Kapan, Armenia

7/18/2007 - 7/18/2008

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Syunik Agriculture Support Regional Center CJSC

Y07-2017

\$7,275

Goris, Armenia

7/18/2007 - 7/18/2008

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TSAYG Ltd

Y08-5011

\$6,498

Gyumri, Armenia

10/1/2007 - 6/30/2008

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UNION OF ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES Public Organization

Y08-1001

\$3,652

Yerevan, Armenia

12/1/2007 - 9/30/2008

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Unison NGO for Support of People with Special Needs

Y08-1003

\$8,907

Yerevan, Armenia

7/18/2007 - 7/18/2008

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communications materials. As a result of DOC consultations, the grantee has significantly improved its service offerings and established a new branch in Meghri (Sunik marz).

Urban Sustainable Development Foundation

Y07-4015

\$25,572

Yerevan, Armenia

9/1/2007 - 2/29/2008

Recent EU accession talks with Turkey, as well as recent inclusion of Armenia in the framework of European Neighborhood Policy, have put additional pressure on the two countries to resolve their differences and improve relations with one another. Working with its partner in Turkey, "Urban Sustainable Development Foundation" sought to provide a short-term intellectually rigorous cross-border platform for youth activists and expert communities from Armenia and Turkey to discuss issues of mutual concern. In particular, the project partners conducted Vox Populi in Armenia and Turkey to reflect on the wider public opinion in the two countries with respect to the European integration processes and the prospects of improving the Armenia-Turkey dialogue and cooperation. This was followed by a round table discussion in Istanbul between the targeted groups of 5 Armenian and 5 Turkish youth, and a TV talk show in Armenia hosting 2 political scientists from each of Armenia and Turkey . As a whole, the project examined the validity of the assumption that at some point the European aspirations of both Turkey and Armenia are able to diminish the historical and political differences between these two countries. In addition, the project explored the willingness and capacity of the younger generation to play any significant role in that process. The project was successful in establishing a basis for continued bi-lateral relations between the involved youth and expert communities of the two countries.

Apujanian ev Vordiner LLC

Y08-2010

\$5,605

Spitak, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 5/31/2008

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Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Gegharkunik Region of RA

Y08-1002

\$5,086

Gavar, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 5/30/2008

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Development of Organizational Capacities (DOC) Program to develop the capacities of NGOs at the organizational and community levels in order to improve their performance. The Gegharkunik Chamber of Commerce and Industry was one of the first beneficiaries of the DOC program's collaborative assessment and consulting process. The grantee conducted a needs assessment and developed new services based on the emerging needs of its beneficiaries and members. As part of the program, the grantee involved new volunteers and staff members; developed an organizational PR plan; studied European models of chambers of commerce and industry and adopted some international best practices on internet marketing and staff motivation mechanisms; developed an intranet for staff and a new website; and created incentives for member businesses such as organizing the first award ceremony for the best businesses in Gegharkunik region. As a result of the program, the grantee has significantly improved and expanded its service offerings, raised its profile locally and nationally, and has served as a model for chambers of commerce in other regions of Armenia.

Freedom of Information Center NGO

Y08-0023

\$4,573

Yerevan, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 4/30/2008

Armenia adopted a Law on Freedom of Information (FOI) on April 23, 2003. Implementing the law, however, has posed significant challenges: State agencies, not understanding their legal obligations, refuse to provide information; and many journalists do not understand how to exercise their right to obtain information. To address this issue, the grantee published a report in Armenian (1000 copies) and English (500 copies) on journalists' experience exercising their rights under the FOI law since 2003; state agencies' openness to the media; and the obstacles journalists face in obtaining information. The report, which contained qualitative and quantitative data from interviews with 100 journalists from Yerevan, ten regions and outside Armenia, as well as recommendations on improving journalists' knowledge and use of FOI law, was disseminated to media outlets, state agencies and other stakeholders. The project has made a positive contribution to anti-corruption policy reform; recommendations developed as part of the project have been incorporated in to the Armenian government's anti-corruption strategy for 2008 - 2012, and the project director serves as a civil society expert on a multi-sector anti-corruption working group.

Private Entrepreneur Epraksya Mekhakyam

Y08-2013

\$5,687

Gyumri, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 7/31/2008

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Syunik Agriculture Support Regional Center CJSC

Y08-2017

\$6,045

Goris, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 7/31/2008

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TSAYG Ltd

Y08-5011

\$13,486

Gyumri, Armenia

2/1/2008 - 8/15/2008

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CRRC (Caucasus Research Resource Center)

Anahit Gulyan

C06-7108

\$3,420

Yerevan, Armenia

8/1/2006 - 3/30/2007

Anahit Gulyan conducted actuarial and statistical analyses to support the introduction of mandatory medical insurance in the Republic of Armenia. She studied the experience of several European countries and analyzed local statistics on the incidence and seasonality of various common diseases, as well as their treatment costs in Armenia in order to predict what financing scenarios could be applied to have a basic medical insurance system in the country. She proposed two scenarios to cover the health expenses of the whole population in the country by placing the burden either solely on employers, who would provide health insurance to their employees and their families; or the employers, who would pay for their employees, while the rest of the population would be covered by the state budget. For the first scenario, employers are supposed to pay 1.5% of their gross salaries for medical insurance, which covers the seven most common diseases, such as burns, fractures and heart disease. For the second scenario, employers will pay 0.5% of their salaries for their employees' insurance and the state budget has to pay twice the rate employers pay to cover the rest of the population. According to the researcher, both approaches may yield positive results, however, the final choice is to be made by the state authorities in consultation with all stakeholders, including the health insurance agencies, employers and the public at large.

The researcher presented the findings of this research at the opening of the Actuarial Center at Yerevan State University (June, 2007), as well as during a public presentation at CRRC-Armenia (September, 2007), which was attended by about 20 participants, including representatives of local and international NGOs, policy makers, insurance companies, academics and researchers interested in medical insurance in Armenia. Mr. Hovhannes Margaryants, adviser to the Minister of Healthcare of Armenia, and Mr. Saro Tsaturyan, General Director of Diagnostica Medical Center were also among participants of the presentation who highly valued Gulyan's research and its implications. The fellow published a brochure and elaborated recommendations for Armenian policy makers to promote discussions on the proposed insurance policy in various settings, involving healthcare professionals, international organizations, media, and the public at large. She particularly recommended regularly collecting statistics regarding the incidence of various diseases and their treatment costs, which would help with making more precise estimations/calculations for health insurance plans. The research results were disseminated to the policy practitioners involved in medical insurance in Armenia, as well as to individual researchers, institutions and organizations involved in medical insurance studies.

Armine Mkhitarian

C06-7104

\$3,500

Yerevan, Armenia

8/1/2006 - 4/30/2007

Within the CRRC 2006 Fellowship program Armine Mkhitarian studied the gender imbalance among leaders of Armenian local government institutions (LGIs). By analyzing data on LGIs from the Armenian National Statistical Service, Central Elections Committee and from several NGOs, conducting dozens of in-depth interviews among elected and non-elected candidates for LGIs and carrying out focus groups among men and women in several Armenian communities, Mkhitarian exposed the large gender discrepancy in LGI participation. For instance, in 2005, only 6% of LGI leaders were women. Additionally, Mkhitarian, researched the success factors for men and women being elected to LGIs. Her study showed that female leaders dominate in the rural LGIs, and that female leaders are more common in the education and healthcare sectors. This was due, Mkhitarian explained, to the fact that Armenian society in general does not expect or accept women as politicians or leaders of large communities or organizations. Therefore, women are most successful in obtaining office in rural LGIs and in public organizations (schools, hospitals), where, in addition to less pressure from male candidates, there is less competition as there are fewer resources to own and share, according to the researcher.

Mkhitarian also found significant differences in the ways women govern in Armenia as compared with men. Whereas male leaders are frequently pressed by higher authorities to get involved in certain actions, female leaders have higher chances to ignore those pressures. According to the researcher, people have better expectations from female leaders to improve their socioeconomic conditions, as those leaders are less corrupt than men, they know people's needs better and local communities trust them more. Mkhitarian presented her main findings during a public presentation at CRRC-Armenia in May, 2007. Nineteen participants, including representatives of the Association of Women with University Education, S. Sandukht Women Association, New Generation and Haytur NGOs, Orinats Yerkir (Rule of Law) political party, and researchers attended the presentation. She provided a full analytical report on the research project and developed policy recommendations which were disseminated to LGIs involved in her study, as well as to several NGOs and political parties. Mkhitarian also presented the research results during a round table organized with policy makers and representatives of the Armenian Republican party, Dashnaktsutyun (Armenian Revolutionary Federation) and Jarangutyun (Heritage) political parties.

Gyulnara Hovhannisyan

C06-7112

\$3,500

Yerevan, Armenia

10/17/2006 - 7/17/2007

Gyulnara Hovhannisyan analyzed the effects of employment, demographic and labor market changes on the pension system of the Republic of Armenia (RA) with a special emphasis on gender equality within it. Hovhannisyan also studied the gender issues in the current RA legislation concerning the pension system and described the potential outcomes of introducing the new pension system, which was recently proposed by the Armenian government. She showed that recent demographic changes (reduced fertility and natural growth of population, increased mortality, emigration and aging of population) have resulted in many more female than male pensioners (59% vs. 41% in 2006 for the age group of 60 years and older). However, according to the research, women's average pensions are 12% lower than that of men (as of the beginning of 2007), which is associated with gender differences in the labor market.

The researcher presented the findings of this study during a round table organized in July, 2007 at the Institute of Labor and Social Studies of Armenia, and during a public presentation at CRRC-Armenia (October 26, 2007). The latter was attended by 22 participants, including representatives from Armenian Social Investments Fund, Ministry of Finance and Economy of the RA, the Central Bank of Armenia (CBA), and other policy makers, academics and researchers, as well as representatives from international organizations interested in the topic. The fellow published a 74-page book based on the findings of this research, which was disseminated to the participants of the presentation at CRRC-Armenia. To alleviate gender disparities in the pension system she elaborated policy recommendations that were disseminated to the Pension Reform Working Group members of Armenian Government, the Ministry of Labor and Social Issues of Armenia, and USAID Armenia Social Protection Systems Strengthening Project. Hovhannisyan also submitted an abstract entitled "Gender Issues of the Pension System of the Republic of Armenia" for the multidisciplinary International Conference on Research and Teaching to be held in Spring 2008 at the University of Louisiana.

SCCP (South Caucasus Cooperation Program)

"Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development" Foundation

C07-7019

\$12,007

Yerevan, Armenia

11/19/2007 - 5/22/2008

South Caucasus countries share many common challenges in the field of food standards and safety. The absence of effective national food standards and safety policy-making and the lack of public awareness have degraded national food standards and safety systems, which can pose short- and long-term adverse effects on health of the population in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Working with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, "Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development" Foundation sought to contribute to the establishment of effective and efficient food standards and safety systems in the three countries of the South Caucasus through the development of high quality comparative policy options for relevant government agencies in the context of the EU's European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). The partners undertook comprehensive research and analysis of legal and practical aspects of food standards and safety in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. This included a unified research methodology and comparative analysis across all three countries of the South Caucasus. Each partner periodically convened a working group consisting of local stakeholders in their respective country to help shape the contents of the policy report. The partners delivered one integrated regional public policy report that featured an overview of food standards and safety problems in the three countries of the South Caucasus, country-by-country policy analysis, EU and ENP-related mechanisms for addressing food standards and safety, and policy advice to be brought to the attention of national governments. Part of the research focused on legal and practical options for diminishing corruption in the food standards and safety system. The project was successful in proving that local NGOs/policy

research institutions could effectively and efficiently provide with much-needed expertise in developing fundamental policy roadmaps to meet national ENP commitments.

"Protection of Consumers Rights" Non-Governmental Organization

C04-7003

\$40,165

Yerevan, Armenia

10/1/2006 - 12/21/2007

Ineffective national consumer protection laws and import regulations, as well as inadequate technical knowledge, a lack of testing equipment and corrupt practices of state officials, make the South Caucasus consumer markets vulnerable to dangerous food products. Working with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, "Protection of Consumers Rights" NGO sought to protect the rights of consumers in the South Caucasus countries by further strengthening a region-wide monitoring network, increasing public awareness and improving regulatory frameworks, e.g. on the withdrawal, storage, and disposal of dangerous food products. The project partners each conducted regular food market monitoring and laboratory testing of 27 samples of imported and locally produced food products available in the markets of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Monitoring reports were regularly exchanged between the partners to prevent expired or dangerous products from being re-sold in the neighboring countries. In Armenia, an extensive public awareness campaign was conducted using 9 analytical articles published in local newspapers, 2 PSAs broadcast by local TV stations, and 2,000 informative leaflets titled "Consumers' Guide" distributed among consumers. In addition, the project partners elaborated policy recommendations and drafted regulations to improve the consumer protection legislation in each country: in Armenia this included revision of the Article 41 of the draft law "On Introducing Revisions to the Law of the Republic of Armenia on the Protection of Consumers' Rights." The project helped to foster lasting professional links between the consumer rights protection advocates from the three countries of the region, filled the information vacuum regarding food product safety and quality, as well as developed appropriate pieces of national legislation, which will support many of the future consumer protection efforts in these countries.

"Radio VAN" LTD

C06-7021

\$34,720

Yerevan, Armenia

9/1/2006 - 11/8/2007

The media plays a particularly crucial role in regions like the South Caucasus that have a strong potential for political or ethnic conflict. The availability of unbiased and diverse information across borders is critical to building confidence among the three nations. Together with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, "Radio VAN" LTD sought to facilitate greater mutual understanding among the listening public in the South Caucasus countries through the development of a commercially sustainable cross-border entertainment and news program. The project further strengthened cooperation among the three independent radio stations through the production of a series of 34 cross-border radio reality shows entitled "Thoughts Aloud." The show provided an opportunity for listeners in the South Caucasus to learn about the everyday lives of people working in different professions and included coverage of current news and events in each of the countries. To ensure the sustainability of the project, the partners made an effort to establish commercial relationships with local and international advertisers. As a result of the project, listeners in each country developed a better understanding of ordinary citizens' lives in the neighboring countries and to build confidence in the South Caucasus.

Armenian Branch of "Art-Caucasus"

C05-7028

\$22,470

Yerevan, Armenia

8/8/2005 - 2/16/2006

The countries of the South Caucasus possess enormous artistic talent, but a lack of professional skills among art dealers and gallery owners and weak business connections hamper the formation of a

regional art market. Working with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, Armenian Branch of "Art-Caucasus" sought to promote the region's visual art market. The partners held a combination art exhibition/international conference entitled Art Caucasus 2005 and shot a documentary film "Art Caucasus 2005" to popularize the event in each country. In addition, the partners created a database of the contemporary visual art, produced a catalogue, and established the first regional magazine "Art Caucasus Digest." EF's grantees managed to develop a sustainable means to promote the region's fine art, in that they secured co-funding for Art Caucasus 2005 and were able to organize Art Caucasus 2006 without any financial support from EF.

Armenian Democratic Forum

C04-7001

\$36,270

Yerevan, Armenia

9/1/2005 - 7/20/2007

While Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia have each agreed to develop a system of alternative punishment as a part of their accession to the Council of Europe, currently no such system exists in the South Caucasus. Working with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, Armenian Democratic Forum sought to reform penal legislation in South Caucasus and bring it into accordance with international standards by creating a framework for an alternative punishment system. Through sociological survey and focus groups, the three partners researched and diagnosed the level of readiness of South Caucasus' societies and governments to accept the introduction of alternative punishment system. The three partners researched and analyzed various international alternative punishment systems and standards and developed recommendations for introducing appropriate systems in their respective countries. In the course of the project, the partners conducted an information campaign to increase awareness of alternative punishment issues among the public and government bodies, which in Armenia included a cycle of 3 round-table discussions, 3 radio shows and 1 TV show, a web-site, and a presentation of the project results to major national stakeholders. The project was yet another milestone in laying a foundation for the introduction of alternative punishment systems in the South Caucasus.

Association of Seed Producers "Satsil"

C03-7049

\$33,986

Vanadzor, Armenia

4/13/2004 - 7/14/2006

Improving agricultural production is vital to the economic growth in all three countries of the South Caucasus. Potato and potato seed cultivation is a major crop in the region's agricultural production. The Association of Seed Producers "Satsil", together with its partner organizations in Georgia and Azerbaijan, trained farmers on agricultural business development and more efficient potato production methods with expertise from Mashav Center for International Cooperation in Israel. Training activities focused on developing business plans, farmers' unions, seed cultivation, and drip irrigation techniques. Six participants (two from each country) were later selected to attend a series of advanced trainings for agribusiness professionals in Israel. Most of the participating farmers increased their potato yields by at least two fold by the end of the project.

Branch Office of the German Adult Education Association in Armenia

C07-7014

\$13,622

Yerevan, Armenia

9/1/2007 - 2/11/2008

The countries of the South Caucasus share many common challenges in the field of vocational education. The absence of effective policymaking and public misperceptions has led to a decline in the region's national vocational education systems, which already adversely affects economic development and employment levels in all three countries. Working with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, "Branch Office of the German Adult Education Association in Armenia sought to develop high quality, comparative policy analysis and recommendations for relevant government ministries on vocational

education in the context of the EU's European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). Using a unified research methodology, the three partners conducted a comprehensive, comparative research and analysis of legal and practical contexts of vocational education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Each grantee periodically convened a working group consisting of local stakeholders in their respective country to help shape the contents of the policy report. The partners delivered one integrated regional public policy report that featured an overview of vocational education problems in the three countries of the South Caucasus, country-by-country policy analysis, EU and ENP-related mechanisms for addressing vocational education, and policy advice to be brought to the attention of national governments. The project was successful in proving that local NGOs/policy research institutions could effectively and efficiently provide with much-needed expertise in developing fundamental policy roadmaps to meet national ENP commitments.

Sustainable Water Environment NGO

C07-7004

\$13,615

Yerevan, Armenia

5/1/2007 - 11/30/2007

South Caucasus countries share many common challenges in the field of waste management. The absence of effective environmental policy-making, the proliferation of energy- and waste-intensive practices, and the lack of public awareness have degraded national waste-management systems. Working with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, "Sustainable Water Environment" NGO sought to develop high quality, comparative policy options for relevant government officials on waste management in the context of the EU's European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). The partners undertook comprehensive research and analysis of legal and practical aspects of waste management in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. This included a unified research methodology and comparative analysis across all three countries of the South Caucasus. Each grantee periodically convened a working group consisting of local stakeholders in their respective country to help shape the contents of the policy report. The grantees delivered one integrated regional public policy report that featured an overview of environmental problems related to solid waste management in the three countries of the South Caucasus, country-by-country policy analysis, EU and ENP-related mechanisms for addressing waste management, and policy advice to be brought to the attention of national governments. The project proved that local NGOs/policy research institutions could effectively and efficiently provide with much-needed expertise in developing fundamental policy roadmaps to meet national ENP commitments.

Azerbaijan

Leader Women Social Union NSGP

B08-0018

\$10,000

Baku, Azerbaijan

4/10/2008 - 8/11/2008

On October 15, 2008, Azerbaijan will conduct elections to select its next president for a five-year term. As observed in previous executive, parliamentary, and municipal elections, there are certain demographic groups among the populous which have traditionally participated at rates lower than the national average and are considered marginalized. Refugees and internally displaced persons, women from minority groups, young and first time voters, and disabled people are among those groups reports identified. According to experts, a specific lack of knowledge regarding voting rights and procedures is often cited as an inhibitor to electoral participation among these groups. To address one of these marginalized populations, implementing organization aimed to increase voter knowledge among ethnic women residing in Khizi, Lerik and Balakan regions of Azerbaijan. To achieve its goal, targeted election-oriented seminars and training sessions were conducted in the selected regions focusing on increasing knowledge of election rights and election procedures.

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

National confederation of entrepreneurs (employers) organizations of Azerbaijan Republic

B08-0002

\$2,862

Baku, Azerbaijan

2/1/2008 - 5/3/2008

Since 1999, Azerbaijan has been implementing a decentralized municipal governance scheme which aims to increase local control in addressing social and economic problems at the grass-roots level. To assist municipalities develop mechanisms for acquiring the necessary financial resources to accomplish this objective, implementing organization conducted municipal enterprise development trainings for 135 community leaders - including 75 local government representatives - from Bilasuvar, Qusar, and Lerik regions. In addition to trainings, implementing organization produced and distributed the manual First Steps to Business providing helpful tips for establishing municipal enterprises. Information was also made available online through the web-site of the implementing organization. As an immediate result of the project, three municipal enterprises were conceived, established,

"Law house" Public Union

B06-0073

\$24,643

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/28/2006 - 9/27/2007

A central element in promoting economic development in Azerbaijan is the establishment of a climate conducive to investment - especially foreign direct investment. This key component of development requires, among other activities, the establishment of a strengthened legal framework and environment of financial security promoting an improved investment climate. The project ultimately aimed to enable this process. Project implementer researched and reviewed investment legislation of Azerbaijan, compared it with appropriate legal frameworks of countries in the EU, USA, and CIS, and published their findings and recommendations online (www.lawhouse.com) and on a CD distributed to appropriate parties. Implementing organization worked in consultation with deputies and representatives of parliamentary institutions to develop new investment codes to allow more comprehensive monitoring of activity. What is more, two seminar discussions were conducted during the project: "Main directions of the concept of a new investment legislation of Azerbaijan" and "Protection of Investment in Azerbaijan." As the result of the project, investment legislation of Azerbaijan Republic was systematized and a unified database was created enabling more efficient use of information in formulating future policy. Furthermore, grantee organization initiated the drafting of a Unified Investment Code which will provide the framework and impetus for future improvement of the investment climate in the Azerbaijan Republic.

"Youth for Culture of Peace" Public Union NSGP

B07-0064

\$12,467

Baku, Azerbaijan

7/2/2007 - 3/1/2008

In Azerbaijan, young girls, especially those recently discharged from the care of state institutions, often become victims of trafficking, drug use and HIV/AIDS. They lack the real-life tools and knowledge to make informed life choices and have no formal mechanisms to reach out for assistance and information following their institutional emancipation. To increase awareness regarding the risks of trafficking, drugs, and HIV/AIDS among young women aged 16 to 18 nearing discharge from state educational institutions, project implementer organized informational seminars at four government boarding schools in Baku and Sumgait, established a hotline for providing at-risk youth with related consultations, and developed several types of informational booklets to be disseminated among the project beneficiaries. What is more, project implementer conducted a survey among the target group to identify their further interests in education and professional development. In conclusion, project implementer held a round table discussion to develop a package of recommendations for social programs targeting young people graduating from government boarding schools. This eight-month project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

Agro-Meslehet NSGP

B07-0059

\$9,983

Baku, Azerbaijan

7/2/2007 - 1/1/2008

Food safety issues and environmental concerns have increased public interest in seeking natural alternatives to chemical fertilizers. In addition, the high expense and limited supply of chemical fertilizers has created demand among local farmers to explore the potential benefit of alternative natural, organic fertilizers. Project implementers aimed to reduce farmer dependency on expensive chemical fertilizers in six southern rural areas of Azerbaijan through a three-day training and advocacy seminar. The seminars introduced the uses of natural fertilizers and organic farming techniques to approximately 40 local farmers. What is more, project implementer published a brochure entitled "Organic Farming: A Guide to Community Rules," developed guidelines illuminating organic farming techniques and published informational booklets on organic farming. As a result of the project, local farmers gained knowledge of chemical fertilizer alternatives not previously considered. The project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan Campaign to Ban Landmines NSGP

B07-0063

\$13,595

Baku, Azerbaijan

7/2/2007 - 2/1/2008

Project aimed to increase public awareness regarding the danger of cluster munitions along the southern border of Azerbaijan. Implementing organization organized a one-day international seminar on cluster bombs conducted by two international experts from the International Campaign to Ban Landmines and attended by representatives of related ministries of the government, NGOs, international organizations, and mass media. Following the workshop, project implementer conducted monitoring exercises on the possible existence of cluster bombs along the southern border in Fizuli, Ter-Ter, and Tovuz. What is more, a 2007 report on landmine monitoring was published in Azerbaijan and English languages and disseminated to relevant entities.

Centre for Economic and Social Development NSGP

B07-0061

\$12,039

Baku, Azerbaijan

7/2/2007 - 3/1/2008

According to assessments by economic experts, Azerbaijan is on the threshold of receiving an enormous boost in revenues from recent domestic and international oil investments. In order to

ensure effective and transparent management of these funds for the purpose of national economic and social development, mechanisms promoting citizen participation need to be developed. To provide a platform for initial dialog on the subject, project implementer produced and broadcast a series of 24 call-in radio programs on the popular Radio Azadlig (Freedom). With participation from citizens, civil society leaders, and government policy makers, recommendations on how to best include the priorities of the general public for allocating oil revenues were developed.

This eight-month project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

Education on Human Rights NSGP

B07-0060

\$16,693

Baku, Azerbaijan

7/2/2007 - 3/25/2008

Since gaining independence, Azerbaijan joined a series of international conventions regarding human rights requiring regular submission of reports outlining the status of human rights in the country and illuminating steps taken to remedy problematic areas. Though the government of Azerbaijan generally submits the required human rights status reports on behalf of the republic in a timely manner, few if any alternative reports have been produced by monitoring non-governmental organizations. NGOs producing alternative reports is a common international practice and effective method of balancing government opinion with differing points of view and evidence. To bridge this reporting disparity, project implementer conducted a series of NGO capacity-building courses including methodologies of professional data collection for human rights activists. A four-day training on how to improve the professional qualifications of NGOs in data collection and international reporting standards was also organized. The project was funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

Foundation for Development of Entrepreneurship and Market Economy

B06-0091

\$32,548

Baku, Azerbaijan

9/28/2006 - 7/27/2007

According to the assessment of economic experts and assuming that current crude oil prices stabilize, it is projected that as early as 2009 and 2010, Azerbaijan's cumulative annual oil-based revenues will reach \$35 and \$55 billion, respectively. From just the Azeri-Chirag-Guneshli contract alone, Azerbaijan will receive oil-based revenues reaching approximately \$200 billion by the end of 2024. For a country with an annual budget of a little more than \$4 billion, such sizeable injections of public revenues necessitate the development of modern, transparent, and participatory mechanisms to ensure effective use and management of this oil-revenue based wealth. In addressing public participation in policy formulation, project implementer utilized a sociological survey, multiple round-tables, and information exchanges to widen the public discussion of oil-revenue policy while developing a set of recommendations for government structures. As a result of the project, public participation in policy creation for managing oil resources was increased creating conditions for more responsive and robust management strategies.

League of Democratic Journalists of Azerbaijan NSGP

B07-0057

\$16,480

Baku, Azerbaijan

7/2/2007 - 1/1/2008

Print media journalists in Azerbaijan are increasingly prosecuted, fined and/or imprisoned for authoring statements critical of public figures. Such an antagonistic environment generates harmful pressure on investigative and independent reporting inhibiting the expression of free and independent speech. To combat this development, project implementers aimed to publicly promote the draft Law on Defamation recently submitted to the National Parliament of Azerbaijan and train regional journalists on ethical norms in journalism with emphasis on defamation. Specifically examined in the training was the extent to which printed media could use freedom of expression without causing personal injury. As a result of the project, sixty participating journalists increased their knowledge and

capacity to report news legally and responsibly, effectively protecting themselves from unfair prosecution.

National confederation of entrepreneurs (employers) organizations of Azerbaijan Republic

B08-0002

\$22,122

Baku, Azerbaijan

5/4/2007 - 5/3/2008

Since 1999, Azerbaijan has been implementing a decentralized municipal governance scheme which aims to increase local control in addressing social and economic problems at the grass-roots level. To assist municipalities develop mechanisms for acquiring the necessary financial resources to accomplish this objective, implementing organization conducted municipal enterprise development trainings for 135 community leaders - including 75 local government representatives - from Bilasuvar, Qusar, and Lerik regions. In addition to trainings, implementing organization produced and distributed the manual First Steps to Business providing helpful tips for establishing municipal enterprises. Information was also made available online through the web-site of the implementing organization. As an immediate result of the project, three municipal enterprises were conceived, established,

POTENTIAL - Union of Sumgait Specialists NSGP

B06-0097

\$6,500

Sumgait, Azerbaijan

8/4/2006 - 4/3/2007

Systems were put into place in 1999 for the creation of 2,677 municipalities in Azerbaijan, yet the mechanisms of public accounting and interaction between municipalities and their constituencies are still very poor. Municipal Block Committees which were established in order to strengthen public involvement in the functioning of local governance institutions, in general have very limited knowledge and authority in order to play an active role. To address these problems, the project organized a series of trainings for Municipal Block Committees and assisted them in arranging regular community information meetings with their constituencies. The project also organized media coverage of the issues related to municipal budgets and published monthly newspaper column. As a result, the targeted Municipal Block Committees increased their knowledge and skills required to mobilize their communities, the citizens became aware of the existence of Block Committees in their neighborhood and received information on the municipal budget and strategic plan of Sumgait municipality for FY 2007.

Reliable Future Youth Organization

B05-0231

\$14,918

Baku, Azerbaijan

9/23/2005 - 7/22/2006

Developing meaningful community participation in the educational processes and its institutions has been a challenging problem in Azerbaijan since independence and beyond. To address this concern, project implementer promoted collaboration between two secondary schools and local communities in Guba and Mingachevir regions. Through a broad, multi-faceted training program, implementing organization introduced the modern concept of Community Active Schools, which simultaneously improves the quality of education and addresses important community needs. Implementer further conducted two informational sessions on volunteerism for over seventy participants including parents, teachers and students. Additionally, project implementer held a series of round tables for community members on such issues as advancing quality of education, and community participation in educational development while promoting volunteerism. Five thousand informational bulletins, five-hundred Community Active School manuals, and two-thousand booklets were prepared, published and distributed among schoolchildren, parents, teachers and other community stakeholders. Utilizing the influence of local media, project implementer prepared two TV programs broadcasting them on local TV channels in Guba and Mingachevir. As a result of the project, the importance of further promoting collaboration between schools and the

community was revealed.

The Media Rights Institute

B06-0132

\$13,810

Baku, Azerbaijan

5/4/2007 - 2/13/2008

Print media journalists in Azerbaijan are increasingly prosecuted, fined and/or imprisoned for authoring statements critical of public figures. Such an antagonistic environment generates harmful pressure on investigative and independent reporting inhibiting the expression of free and independent speech. To combat this development, project implementers aimed to accomplish two objectives: to increase public awareness on the protection of journalist rights and responsibilities through independent monitoring and analysis of court decisions related to defamation, and to improve defamation related court cases based on international standards. To achieve these objectives, project implementer conducted a survey of relevant court decisions made over the past two years in Azerbaijan and compared them to international standards and criteria defined by the European Court on Human Rights. The subsequent monitoring results were presented in regular monthly and semi-annual reports. A final analysis of monitoring results and recommendations to improve the procedures for hearing and determining related cases were published at the conclusion of the project. As a result of this initiative, increased public awareness on the concept of defamation in Azerbaijan media was achieved and knowledge to implement international standards in defamation cases increased.

SCCP (South Caucasus Cooperation Program)

Independent Consumers Union (Azerbaijan)

C04-0003

\$38,264

Baku, Azerbaijan

10/1/2006 - 12/21/2007

Ineffective national consumer protection laws and import regulations, as well as inadequate technical knowledge, a lack of testing equipment and corrupt practices of state officials, make the South Caucasus consumer markets vulnerable to dangerous food products. Working with its partners from Georgia and Azerbaijan, "Protection of Consumers Rights" NGO sought to protect the rights of consumers in the South Caucasus countries by further strengthening a region-wide monitoring network, increasing public awareness and improving regulatory frameworks, e.g. on the withdrawal, storage, and disposal of dangerous food products. The project partners each conducted regular food market monitoring and laboratory testing of 27 samples of imported and locally produced food products available in the markets of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. Monitoring reports were regularly exchanged between the partners to prevent expired or dangerous products from being re-sold in the neighboring countries. In Armenia, the extensive public awareness campaign comprised 9 analytical articles published in local newspapers, 2 PSAs broadcast by local TV stations, and 2,000 informative leaflets titled "Consumers' Guide" distributed among consumers. In addition, the project partners elaborated policy recommendations and drafted regulations to improve the consumer protection legislation in each country: in Armenia this included revision of the Article 41 of the draft law "On Introducing Revisions to the Law of the Republic of Armenia on the Protection of Consumers' Rights." The project helped to foster lasting professional links between the consumer rights protection advocates from the three countries of the region, filled the information vacuum regarding food product safety and quality, as well as developed appropriate pieces of national legislation, which will support many of the future consumer protection efforts in these countries.

International Media Bridge (Radio "Space") Ltd.

C06-0021

\$38,840

Baku, Azerbaijan

9/1/2006 - 11/8/2007

The media plays a particularly crucial role in regions like South Caucasus that have a strong potential for political or ethnic conflict. Availability of unbiased and diverse cross-border information is critical to building confidence among the three nations. Working with its partners from Georgia and Armenia, International Media Bridge (Radio "Space") Ltd. sought to facilitate greater mutual understanding among the listening public in the South Caucasus countries through the development of a commercially sustainable cross-border entertainment and news program. The project further strengthened cooperation among the three independent radio stations through the production of a series of 34 cross-border radio reality shows entitled "Thoughts Aloud." The show provided an opportunity for listeners in the South Caucasus to learn about the everyday lives of people working in different professions and included coverage of current news and events in each of the countries. To ensure the sustainability of the project, the partners made an effort to establish commercial relationships with local and international advertisers. The project enabled listeners in each country to develop a better understanding of ordinary citizens' lives in the neighboring countries, which certainly promotes confidence building in the South Caucasus.

Internews Azerbaijan

C06-0020

\$33,253

Baku, Azerbaijan

10/1/2006 - 1/21/2008

To promote mutual understanding and tolerance among young journalists, producers and the viewing public from the South Caucasus countries, the project established a new region-wide mechanism to enable young journalists and producers to undertake joint creative work. Internews Georgia, along with its Armenian (Media Support "INTERNEWS" NGO) and Azeri (Internews Azerbaijan) partners selected 14 media professionals from each South Caucasus country to take part in the project. The 42 journalists and producers formed 21 two-country production teams. Under the guidance of the partner organizations, the participants elaborated a code of ethics, took master classes, and produced 21 documentaries promoting the ideals of common humanity and tolerance. The project culminated with a cross-border documentary film festival in which the best films were selected by an independent jury. The project further stimulated people-to-people diplomacy and public dialogue in the South Caucasus region.

Khazar University

C06-0018

\$31,583

Baku, Azerbaijan

9/1/2006 - 8/15/2007

As in many other countries of the former Soviet Union, unprofessional, often irresponsible reporting in the South Caucasus undermines fragile press freedoms and makes the media vulnerable to control and suppression from their respective governments. The media plays a particularly crucial role in regions like South Caucasus that have a strong potential for political or ethnic conflict. Working with its partners from Armenia and Azerbaijan, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs sought to support the development of professional and independent media in the South Caucasus by improving the quality of university-level journalism programs offered by the region's leading educational institutions. Through cooperation with the journalism departments at the Yerevan State University and Georgian Institute of Public Affairs the project partners expanded the Master's in Journalism program offered by the Caucasus School of Journalism and Media Management. In the course of joint faculty training and exchanges between the partner institutions, joint newspaper publications, and a regional conference of journalism faculty from the three countries, the project helped to foster lasting professional links between journalism faculty and future journalists working in the South Caucasus countries.

Law and Order

C04-0001

\$43,021

Baku, Azerbaijan

9/1/2005 - 7/20/2007

While Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia have each agreed to develop a system of alternative punishment as a part of their accession to the Council of Europe, currently no such system exists in the South Caucasus. Working with its partners from Armenia and Georgia, Order and Law sought to reform penal legislation in South Caucasus and bring it into accordance with international standards by creating a framework for an alternative punishment system. Through sociological survey and focus groups, the three partners researched and diagnosed the level of readiness of South Caucasus' societies and governments to accept the introduction of alternative punishment system. The three partners researched and analyzed various international alternative punishment systems and standards and developed recommendations for introducing appropriate systems in their respective countries. In the course of the project, the partners conducted an information campaign to increase awareness of alternative punishment issues among the public and government bodies, which in Azerbaijan included series of round-table discussions, two radio shows on AzTV1 and one TV show on ITV and a presentation of the project results to major national stakeholders including mass media representatives. The project was yet another milestone in laying a foundation for the introduction of alternative punishment systems in the South Caucasus.

LOTOS Disability Awareness and Learning Center

C07-0015

\$1,525

Baku, Azerbaijan

8/13/2007 - 9/14/2007

Disabled persons in Azerbaijan and Georgia share many of the same challenges in their daily lives living and traveling. Impediments such as a lack of facilities and infrastructure enabling disabled access to public transportation and buildings obstruct general daily movement and overall quality of life. To promote a more favorable condition for disabled persons, LOTOS Disability Awareness and Learning Center and its partner in Georgia developed a collaborative project proposal focused on promoting the rights of handicapped persons, including emphasis encouraging handicap-friendly tourism, in Azerbaijan and Georgia. The partners successfully developed the proposal and successfully submitted it to EF in a timely manner.

Belarus

Belarus State University

K03-0308

\$21,535

Minsk, Belarus

1/1/2004 - 1/31/2007

Student legal clinic education in Belarus lacks capacity and resources, remaining underdeveloped and excluded from the official legal education curriculum. Belarusian State University's student legal clinic worked on increasing the capacities of all student legal clinics by creating a coordination center at the University and sharing best practices with their colleagues in the regions. Students of the BSU legal clinic learned about best practices in Russian legal clinics during a study tour to a clinic in St. Petersburg, and later shared what they learned with their peers in Minsk. Students from BSU traveled to Homiel, Polatsk and Baranavichy to introduce BSU clinic's policies and practices to local clinics. The grantee also created Belarus' first manual for legal clinic students, Teaching Practical Skills to Law Students, and designed a training module on street-law type public education. During the grant period, BSU students provided 530 written and in person consultations to people who could not afford paid legal counsel. Supported by USAID, the project contributed to the growth of student clinical education in the country, while also affording vulnerable groups legal support and protection of rights.

Belarusian Public Union "Rest in the village"

K05-0021

\$25,879

Minsk, Belarus

4/1/2005 - 2/28/2007

Rural tourism has only recently developed into a viable business sector in Belarus. Farmstead owners typically had little understanding of the importance of providing high quality services to their guests. In order to put a value on the quality of services, the NGO "Rest in Village" researched the experiences of similar businesses in other countries in order to design a Belarusian certification system for the rural farmsteads, which was endorsed by the National Committee for Certification and Standardization. Seven experts participated in an educational study tour in Latvia, and applied this experience to a series of trainings for 50 farmstead owners on the application of this new certification system. The expert group also certified 77 Belarusian farmsteads. The grantee published a directory booklet that describes 100 farmsteads using the new certification system to rank quality of services provided. Funded by USAID, this grant has trained and motivated the rural entrepreneur community and increased incentives for providing quality services in rural tourism.

Business Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers

K04-0133

\$40,512

Minsk, Belarus

7/15/2004 - 8/31/2006

Many obstacles face Belarusian existing and would-be entrepreneurs, among them, a repressive tax system, complex administrative regulations, re-registration requirements and frequent inspections by numerous government control agencies. To improve the environment for small businesses and entrepreneurs, EF awarded a grant to the Business (Belarus) Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers (BUEE) to offer consulting services to businesses, strengthen business associations and advocate for legislative changes. BUEE drafted two informational manuals for entrepreneurs, provided 3003 phone and face-to-face consultations, conducted training for 641 individuals from member organizations, and requested clarifications from authorities on business legislation. BUEE also provided input on draft legislation that was incorporated into several new laws passed by the government. BUEE also helped keep open the dialogue between small business and government by organizing meetings, round tables and other events with representatives of business and various ministries and other state bodies. During the grant period BUEE added 47 new members, and within the union created four industry-specific associations. BUEE will continue to both expand its services available to entrepreneurs in Belarus, and participate in the policymaking process to improve the country's business environment.

ISAR, Inc. Affiliate Office in Belarus

K07-0107

\$34,111

Minsk, Belarus

7/1/2007 - 6/20/2008

In Belarus, NGOs and civil society lack the capacity to actively participate in the decision-making processes addressing environmental issues on local and national levels. To encourage public involvement in the process of the development and implementation of Agenda 21, a United Nations environmental

plan of action, the grantee awarded four small grants to civil society organizations for public consultations on stabilizing the local environment, increasing the ecological responsibility of businesses, involving communities in the creation of local nature preserves and promoting energy-saving technologies at the local level. The project has piloted various models of people's participation and effective cooperation among local authorities, scientists and communities. The project focused on addressing concrete issues that had impact on the design of local development plans. The grantee supplemented its grants program with trainings, consultations and networking events, which strengthened Belarusian NGOs' ability to participate in the local decision-making processes.

Public Institution "Institute of International Education"

K06-0073

\$253,900

Vilnius, Lithuania

9/1/2006 - 10/31/2007

Few opportunities exist for Belarusians to access higher education in a free academic environment without political or other discrimination. University curricula and study abroad are strictly controlled by the state. To provide Belarusians an alternative educational opportunity, the European Humanities University in Vilnius, Lithuania offered a Distance Learning program for undergraduate and life-long learning students. EHU offered 119 online courses in eight bachelor programs to over 900 students, including those expelled from Belarusian state universities for political reasons. In the 2007-8 academic year, the university will continue to promote academic freedom for Belarus' citizens: through additional support from USAID and the Eurasia Foundation, EHU will offer new Distance Learning opportunities to students and improve its IT and management capacity.

Georgia

Internews Georgia

G08-0033

\$14,322

Tbilisi, Georgia

2/1/2008 - 2/20/2008

A low level of citizen participation in electoral processes and mistrust in the fairness of elections are compelling concerns for local democracy in Georgia. With a grant awarded through the competition in support of voters' education before the January 5, 2008 presidential elections and plebiscite, Internews-Georgia addressed these pressing issues by organizing live public debates on election issues in 23 regional television studios provided training for journalists and producers of these television companies. The training component was supported by the Institute for Sustainable Communities and the International Foundation for Election Systems. The project helped journalists and producers of 23 regional TV companies to acquire and/or enhance knowledge and skills to moderate television debates and deepen their understanding of election-related issues and key political issues and trends in Georgia. In addition, the grantee broadcast through the regional televisions 3 documentaries about election procedures, forms of governance and the difference between plebiscite and referendum. After the live television debates with participation of representatives of all key political parties and presidential hopefuls, the viewers (approximately 300,000 people) were better informed and prepared going into the election. Furthermore, 2 programs in Azeri and 2 in Armenian languages improved involvement of ethnic minority voters in the poll. Thus, the project contributed to the enhancement of voters' education, professional coverage of election related issues and capacity of regional televisions.

"Georgian Textile Group" association

G05-0106

\$36,279

Tbilisi, Georgia

4/1/2006 - 7/31/2007

The mountainous regions of Tusheti and Samtskhe Javakheti have a centuries-long tradition of textile craftsmanship. This asset has not helped the women in these regions to overcome poverty and isolation due to the number of factors, such as insufficient quality of products, the lack of links between artisans and product designers, and inability of separate artisans to market their products independently. The project addressed these needs by assisting female artisans in developing their products and marketing them locally and internationally. The project team and international experts trained around 300 women in mountainous regions of Georgia in traditional skills such as felt and carpet making, along with how to update traditional designs to make them more marketable as tourism souvenirs. With additional support from CHF International and American Friends of Georgia, the handicrafts were featured at local and international exhibitions, such as National Geographic All Roads Craft Art Market in Washington DC 2006 and 2007, Santa Fe Folk Art Market 2007, and the Craft Fair at Wellfleet Festival 2007 in Cape Cod. The total sales from these festivals and exhibitions amounted to USD 26 710 and were distributed among Samkhtse Javakheti and Tusheti artisans. By improving artisans' skills and helping them in the production and sales of textile handicrafts, the project helped women generate much-needed income and provided them with the skills to run their own home-based businesses.

Akhali Shvidi Dge Newspaper

G05-0117

\$35,457

Tbilisi, Georgia

1/16/2006 - 5/15/2007

Strengthening the practice of investigative journalism is an important tool for developing the role of media as a public watchdog and boosting civil society in Georgia. The grant to "Akhali 7 Dge," a weekly newspaper, addressed this issue by focusing on a series of investigative articles about the expenditures of the Tbilisi municipal budget. The grantee conducted 12 journalistic investigations, which revealed corrupt deals and illegal involvement of various interest groups in the budget process and execution. During the investigation, the grantee cooperated with the Media, experts in the specific

areas, prominent NGOs and political parties represented in Tbilisi City Council to prepare and submit well-grounded recommendations to both the Tbilisi and central government about the violations detected in the budget and suggestions for improvement. Reports about the project were published in 5 newspapers, 2 news agencies and broadcast by 3 radio stations and the television stations. The investigations resulted in several responses by the government and corrective actions, including closure of several environmentally harmful refuse dumps and repair of damaged elevators in the multi-story buildings. One of the achievements of the project was the establishment of a 10-strong group of trained investigative journalists and the creation of case studies in investigative journalism which now serve as a learning source for students of journalism departments at the universities. The brochure summarizing the project results and the case studies was widely distributed among the universities, NGOs, Media and state bodies.

American chamber of commerce in Georgia

G08-0034

\$33,495

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/1/2007 - 2/28/2008

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

Association Studio Re

G07-0025

\$25,196

Tbilisi, Georgia

5/1/2007 - 9/30/2007

Ethnic Azeris and Armenians in Georgia have little access to news and information in their own languages, which contributes to their isolation from broader society. This project was an innovative use of technology, the media, volunteers and local community resources to enhance outreach to minority communities through community radio. Two community radio stations were set up in the towns of Marneuli and Rustavi, which broadcast programs in Armenian and Azeri through loudspeakers set up in the town squares. The grantee focused on building capacity for local volunteers and journalists to run the stations. They held three seminars for journalists and NGO activists focusing on the coverage of ethnic minority issues, and held numerous trainings for the volunteers and staff at the stations in Marneuli and Ninotsminda. The trainings and seminars helped the project beneficiaries to acquire knowledge and skills in management of a radio station, relations between Media and NGOs, and preparation of radio programs that meet local community needs. Overall, it led to more balanced

reports about issues related to ethnic minorities in Georgia. The diversified programs of the community radios helped communities in Marneuli and Ninotsminda, including remote villagers who received recorded cassettes of the radio broadcasts, to stay better informed about developments in Georgia, and will enhance their integration into Georgian society.

The project which represents a continuation of the project "Creating a wave" co-funded by BBC World Service Trust, British government, European Commission and IREX Europe contributed to the enhancement of organizational sustainability of the grantee organization and established an additional mainstream source of information for ethnic minorities in Georgia.

Charitable Organization EveryChild, Georgia Branch

G06-0055

\$26,591

Tbilisi, Georgia

7/17/2006 - 7/31/2007

Georgia inherited a Soviet system of child welfare that emphasized long-term care of children in institutions. Georgia has hundreds of dilapidated orphanages that it can no longer maintain, housing an estimated 5,000 children, with living family members who placed them there due to poverty or family breakdown. The government of Georgia has since embarked upon an ambitious program of deinstitutionalization, emphasizing the reunion of children with their biological families where possible, and foster care. However, vulnerable families and children still require on-going support from the state to prevent abuse and neglect. The grantee, EveryChild, sought to develop models of community-based care in the cities of Rustavi and Tianeti, which can be replicated in other parts of Georgia. Two major projects were realized under this grant: the construction of a community child care center in Tianeti, and a small group home in Rustavi. In Tianeti, former orphanage residents who are now living with relatives or foster carers come to the center after school to receive help with homework, counseling and a meal provided by the World Food Programme. The center also functions as the office of a team of social workers, who evaluate the children's progress and make recommendations for new admissions. All the center activities are actively supported by a parent's council as well. In Rustavi, the organization plans to convert an orphanage into a similar community center. This project is still on-going, but the small group home housing eight children has been set up and all costs are now being borne by the Ministry of Education. Other important outcomes of the project were improved inter-sector collaboration and capacity building for all the relevant state agencies involved in child welfare issues. In Rustavi and Tianeti, social workers, police, school directors and local government officials were mobilized to form community councils on child welfare issues. Over 120 people received extensive training in spotting the signs of abuse and neglect and mandatory reporting requirements. The organization carried out 10 specialized trainings and workshops for staff and social work teams in both cities to introduce new referral and response mechanisms. Plans are underway to set up structures to manage emergency and short-term foster care. The project was financed by Eurasia Foundation, EveryChild, and UNICEF with significant in-kind and financial support from the Ministry of Education.

Civic Initiative Center (CIC)

G06-0096

\$34,458

Tbilisi, Georgia

1/15/2007 - 11/14/2007

The project, which was a further enhancement of the activities started within the USAID-funded Citizens' Advocacy Program, brought together 125 representatives of central regional CSOs for roundtable discussions about the need and relevance of CSO Ethics Code. The workshops and meetings in Tbilisi and 7 regions contributed to CSOs increased awareness of Ethics Code and allowed the grantee to prepare policy paper and recommendations for the participants. During the project 12 CSOs joined the Ethic Code. The new bilingual web portal www.cic.ge for civil society organizations was created based on the previous www.advocacy.ge with new layout and expanded content and services. The Web Portal serves as an electronic online gateway and combines various tools, resources

and services important for CSOs. The 2nd forum/fair of CSOs in Tbilisi allowed 70 prominent CSOs to share experience and present their activities, products and services to the wide public and increase awareness of CSOs of the Ethic Code by awarding five CSOs for the best achievements in fulfilling the Ethics Code principles. About 7000 citizens attended the fair. The quarterly CSO Almanac launched within the project giving opportunity to CSO, civic activists and think tanks to provide their input on achievements, problems and challenges to civic society and allowing the public to make insight into the Georgian civil sector. However, the number of CSOs which joined the Ethics Code was lower than expected, which underlines the need for more creative approach to motivate CSO to consider the Ethics Code as a tool for their organizational growth. The maintaining of the activities within the project needs additional fundraising by the organization.

Foundation: Multi-ethnic Resource Centre for Civic Education Development

G07-1018

\$19,534

Tbilisi, Georgia

6/1/2007 - 12/10/2007

The Multi-Ethnic Resource Center for Civic Education Development completed a project aimed at improving the socio-economic condition of ethnic Azeri and Armenian women from Samtskhe Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli regions by equipping them with skills necessary to start and develop small businesses within their communities. Nearly forty women were trained in the following topics in the framework of the project: Georgian legislation regulating business, principles of small business development, tax administration, consumer marketing, and many more. The training program was conducted by well known invited experts from different backgrounds. When the training program was over the six most successful project participants were selected for a month-long internship at several well-known businesses in Tbilisi. The internship program gave the opportunity for the women to raise their qualifications and experience in business management and most importantly establish contacts with business organizations countrywide which will help them start their own business locally. This grant was provided through the National Integration and Tolerance Building Program administered by United Nations Association of Georgia through funding from USAID.

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)

G06-0050

\$25,237

Tbilisi, Georgia

7/20/2006 - 6/15/2007

The goal of the project was to foster the integration of ethnic minorities into Georgian society by raising the level of knowledge about the problems facing ethnic Armenians in Georgia. The Policy Research Centre of the Georgian Institute for Public Affairs collected baseline data through fieldwork in two areas heavily populated by ethnic Armenians, the capital region of Tbilisi and Samtskhe-Javakheti. After analysing the data generated by their research, the Centre produced a final report on their findings in the areas of education, language acquisition and employment. The Centre also conducted two workshops aimed at involving other stakeholders and key players from various sectors government, NGOs, and donors. The grantee has conducted 126 in-depth interviews among members of the Armenian community in Akhaltsikhe and Ninotsminda districts. Simultaneously in-depth interviews were as well conducted in Tbilisi among Armenian community representatives addressing a similar set of topics in order to compare the obtained data between rural and urban areas. GIPA project team prepared and published final report on the affirmative action and held final presentation of the project.

Imereti youth union

G05-0060

\$14,407

Kutaisi, Georgia

4/1/2006 - 3/31/2007

Involving and encouraging youth in civic activity and making them leaders of the future and support to the youth initiatives represent a cornerstone of democracy in Georgia. The success of the project in

creating of debate clubs in Zestaponi, Samtredia and Kutaisi and mobilization of the youth to these clubs, was partial, because only 50 young people have been mobilized instead of the target 128 and only 3 debate clubs were established instead of target 8. The debate clubs were not operating in full capacity in because of insufficient management and several organizational and interpersonal problems, which partially were beyond the grantee's scope of responsibility. Despite 50 youth in three cities were trained in debate skills, conducted the local survey about the burning problems of the region, and drafted micro-projects for city development the rest of the activities envisaged by the project have not been fulfilled within the grant period. The grantee was recommended to improve management, build on the results achieved during the project and maintain sustainability of the organization and the already established debate clubs, given that Kutaisi State University and Imereti branch of state department for youth affairs expressed willingness to assist the debate clubs.

Junior Achievement Georgia

G08-0020

\$19,314

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/1/2007 - 7/31/2008

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

Juridical person of public law - direction of protected territories of Dusheti

G07-0053

\$2,994

Akhmeta, Georgia

7/17/2007 - 9/17/2007

Tusheti, one of poorest mountainous regions of Georgia faces dangers of depopulation and further economic decline. At the same time the region has a great potential for the development of tourism because of the natural attractions of Tusheti National Park and the well-preserved traditional lifestyle of the local population. The project aimed to promote tourism in this region by organizing a promotional tour involving over 30 representatives of donor, state, business, nongovernmental and media organizations. The participants traveled to Tusheti by helicopter and car, took part in a horse ride, were introduced to Tushetian traditions, and sampled traditional dishes. They also met with the Administration of Tusheti National Park and the local population to discuss the potential for investment in Omalo village and its surrounding areas. The project had the combined effect of raising awareness of the attractions of Tusheti and simultaneously directing the attention of governmental, donor, and business organizations to the problems of the region. As a result of the project three private companies, Bank Republic, Geocell, and Aversi made donations in the amount of \$8500 for the guesthouse renovation and revival of traditional crafts industry. The administration is carrying out negotiations with the central government to develop rehabilitation plans for the Omalo and Dartlo villages. The number of tourists increased by 25% compared to the previous year, most of the increase coming from local tourists.

Maxima Foundation

G05-0039

\$24,951

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/1/2005 - 9/30/2007

In December 2004 the Georgian Parliament adopted a new Tax Code. The new law caused confusion and fear among tax payers, especially owners of small businesses who could not afford professional tax advice. The project addressed this problem by creating a training center for small entrepreneurs specifically targeting the borrowers of microfinance institutions. The center trained approximately 300 entrepreneurs out of which 206 were microfinance borrowers. In conjunction with the training, special training materials were developed with the input from one of the authors of the tax code. At the later stage of the project the Training Center broadened its spectrum of courses offering short trainings in accounting, customs law, and management for fees. The project benefited SMEs, whose grasp of the Tax Code and other aspects of business management was improved.

Mega TV

G05-0097

\$30,088

Kutaisi, Georgia

10/1/2005 - 9/30/2007

Youth in Georgia have few outlets for communicating their needs and ideas to adults in the community. The grantee Mega-TV sought to address this issue through a series of televised talks shows, produced by youth themselves, to discuss the urgent needs of youth in Kutaisi with local NGOs, business and government officials. During the course of the grant, 24 televised talk shows were aired, where topics such as unemployment, health care and drug addiction were discussed. Another 50 analytical shows on youth issues were produced and broadcast. The live talk-shows and thematic programs allowed the local youth to present and actualize their needs and problems to the wide audience, including government. As a result of the project local NGOs and youth groups gained more publicity, which they lacked previously, improved their partnerships with media, local government, and the general public. The grantee involved student interns and volunteers in the production of these programs, which assisted these youth in developing marketable job skills. Several concrete outcomes resulted from this project. The local government in Kutaisi increased their budget for youth programs and activities as a result of the improved dialogue with youth and youth NGOs. The grantee itself developed and maintained cooperation with local youth NGOs, which increased its viewership among youth and led to an increase in advertising revenues. The grantee has since introduced a 1-month free course that will train 20 youth as reporters and cameramen. After the project the grantee is acknowledged by the local civic sector as an independent media outlet providing the audience with the well-balanced programs.

Odishi Ltd. Independent TV Company

G05-1052

\$21,800

Zugdidi, Georgia

6/1/2005 - 9/15/2007

In regions of Georgia issues of media independence and unbiased reporting are still a problem, allowing regional elites to continue corrupt practices with little fear of exposure. Under the Anti-Corruption NGO Watchdog program, the independent television company Odishi (Zugdidi) carried out an anti-corruption campaign by broadcasting a series of TV talk shows addressing corruption issues in various spheres, such as social security, humanitarian aid, electricity and natural gas supply, education, smuggling, and license issuing in the Samegrelo region. The project "Alternative" collaborate with a number of target groups, such as local citizens, internally displaced persons, national minorities living in the region, youth, teachers, and members of local trade unions. The project also involved broadcasting public service announcements aimed at raising citizen's awareness of their rights and responsibilities to report corruption. The grantee produced TV talk

shows from December 2005 up to September 2007 on variety of issues concerning corrupt practices and hosted different parties: citizens, individuals affected by corruption locally, local self-government and local NGO representatives. Some of the TV talk shows led to important changes within Samegrelo region. Following a show on corrupt practices and wrongdoing at Zugdidi College, the director carried out a number of reforms to make the college administration activities more transparent. After a TV talk show on illegal construction in Zugdidi was broadcast, the chief architect of Zugdidi was dismissed from his position due to corrupt activities and abuse of authority.

Society development institute SDI

G06-0074

\$34,160

Tbilisi, Georgia

10/15/2006 - 11/14/2007

The project contributed to the increased awareness of new approaches and methodologies in civic monitoring among civil society actors and other stakeholders. The grantee conducted in-depth research of both the achievements and obstacles faced by civic monitoring efforts through surveying leading civil society organizations. They collected valuable baseline information and developed a comprehensive guidebook "Civic Monitoring" in Georgian which was distributed among CSOs. Trainings of 48 representatives of CSOs and media were conducted in Tbilisi, Kutaisi, Zugdidi, and Gurjaani. At least five CSOs have reported using the training materials and guidebook to guide their activities in various monitoring projects. The project has created the unified and systematized database about most efficient and relevant methods of civic monitoring regarding legal, social and political environment in Georgia which makes the methodology user-friendly for CSOs, media and other civic groups which are implementing civic monitoring and/or plan to implement it. The guidebook will help prevent CSOs from making typical mistakes during civic monitoring and allow them to use their resource more effectively. In the long-term the project is a contribution to the enhancement of effectiveness of civic monitoring conducted by both experienced and entry-level civic organizations.

The Georgian Foundation for Prosthetic Orthopedic Rehabilitation (GEFPOR)

G06-0019

\$23,584

Tbilisi, Georgia

7/20/2006 - 6/30/2007

Social and civic integration of the various types of vulnerable youth is one of the pressing youth problems in Georgia. The project provided prosthesis and physical therapy and rehabilitation to 51 disabled children and conducted in the orthopedic centre on-site seminars for 42 children from mainstream schools giving them opportunity to observe training and physiotherapy treatment of their disabled coevals. Thereby the project helped the visiting children's groups to increase their awareness and understanding of the problems of disability as well as rights, needs and aspirations of disabled children. The project helped disabled children to overcome social isolation by medical treatment and public awareness raising activities, despite various subjective and objective barriers associated with social adaptation of disabled children. The grantee conducted a first-ever comprehensive survey of the needs and problems of disabled children and their satisfaction with the existing assistance and submitted to the authorities the survey results and recommendations how to address the problems of the children with disabilities. The project helped the grantee to strengthen its capacity and improve service for the children with disabilities.

The Student Economist's Association "Progress"

G06-0014

\$2,284

Kutaisi, Georgia

8/1/2006 - 5/31/2007

Unemployment among youth, especially in the regions of Georgia, represents a major challenge that hinders youth from being active in the civic and economic life of the country. The project funded by EF and the US Embassy Democracy Program addressed the issue by compiling and distributing a comprehensive user-friendly guide to job hunting, resume preparation and educational opportunities.

The guide was largely based on the results of a needs assessment conducted among youth. In addition, the grantee conducted 12 seminars on the job search process for 130 young people, including 12 disabled. The project participants also completed internships in local NGOs and private companies, which resulted in nine of them receiving offers of employment. To ensure sustainability, the grantee created a career and internship resource center for youth in Kutaisi which was widely publicized to potential employers. This center may serve as a useful model for other communities where there is a need for a clearinghouse of information on job, internship and educational and volunteer opportunities.

The Union "BTKK - Policy Research Group"

G06-0057

\$5,145

Tbilisi, Georgia

7/20/2006 - 6/15/2007

Political science is a new field of study and research in Georgia. Students, the academic community and policy-makers lack Georgian language analytical literature on key issues regarding international politics and Georgia's foreign policy. The project addressed this deficiency by assisting young scholars in publishing a series of Georgian language books on original topics important for Georgian politics. Three short books, *Buffer States*, *Russian Foreign Policy Thinking in the Post-Soviet Era*, and *Decision Making in Fragile States* were published and circulated among universities, public libraries, governmental agencies, and nongovernmental organizations. The book presentations were very well attended and covered in local media. The books were included in the reading lists of all major universities teaching political science, namely, Tbilisi State University, Ilia Chavchavadze State University, and Academy of Diplomacy. The project also opened the way for Georgian researchers to the international publishing industry. The author of the book *Buffer States* received an offer from a US-based publishing company, Nova Science Publishers, Inc. to translate and publish the book.

Union "Broadcasting Company "Hereti""

G05-0012

\$42,872

Lagodekhi, Georgia

4/15/2005 - 4/14/2007

Youth in regions of Georgia have few opportunities to get involved in their communities through volunteerism, and they are often lacking information about reforms and other initiatives that impact their lives due to weak regional media outlets. The grantee, Radio "Hereti" worked to address both of these issues through promoting civic awareness and boosting volunteerism by involving youth in participatory monitoring over educational reforms in Lagodekhi, Signaghi and Telavi cities of Kakheti region. The project trained 45 volunteers in radio journalism and gave opportunity to the youth to prepare their own reports about the education reform process. The grantee established a network of young activists at both the school and university levels (10 schools and all higher education institutions in each of the respective cities) working in coordination with professional journalists and developed over 60 broadcasts as a result. The project helped the radio station to increase its capacity to work with volunteers and expand its audience in the region, which resulted in an increased number of commercials and improved financial sustainability. The youth trained through the program gained practical skills in radio broadcasting and increased their level of civic activism.

CRRC (Caucasus Research Resource Center)

George Berulava

C06-4101

\$3,480

Tbilisi, Georgia

8/2/2006 - 10/3/2007

George Berulava studied the impact of formal and informal institutions on the transaction behavior of firms in Georgia. In particular, the fellow examined the effects of trust and transaction cost economics (TCE) variables - asset specificity and uncertainty - on the patterns of organizing distribution by manufacturers. The study was divided into two phases. In the first phase, the fellow studied the

variables that influence a manufacturer's decision to either perform its own distribution or outsource distribution. In the second phase, Mr. Berulava explored relational transactions between manufacturers and distributors. The study revealed four models of distribution organization among Georgian manufacturers: 1) in-house sales department, 2) in-house sales company 3) exclusive dealers and 4) independent distributors. With regard to this study, the first and second types are referred as "in-sourcing" and third and fourth as "outsourcing" of the distribution function. The researcher found out that 75% of manufacturer firms choose in-sourcing and 13% of them prefer outsourcing.

The results of the empirical study indicate that manufacturers' choice of engaging distributors was determined by asset specificity, uncertainty and trust. Trust in this study was considered as a product of certain informal and formal institutions, like kinship norms and the legal environment. Specifically, the fellow differentiates between network trust ("trust due to friendship or family relations, recommendations and information received from former or current employees, business associations and government agencies") and extended trust ("a product of the sound functioning of formal institutions that establish a business environment characterized by the rule of law"). According to the study results, network trust could be further subdivided into inner networks ("networks comprised only of friends and relatives") and outer networks ("networks, which incorporate independent distributors recommended by business associations and government agencies").

Taking into consideration the results of the study, the researcher suggests that government should focus on strengthening outer networks by promoting business associations and supporting the formation of relationships between manufacturers and distributors. Mr. Berulava believes that "this can reduce transaction costs, facilitate economic exchange and...create the necessary base for economic growth."

George Tsuladze

C06-4106

\$3,500

Tbilisi, Georgia

8/15/2006 - 9/30/2007

Giorgi Tsuladze studied the changes in life expectancy and its relationship to causes of death in Georgia based on statistical and demographic analysis. The objectives of the research were to 1) trace general trends in the evolution of life expectancy and compare these trends to the evolution of life expectancy trends based on Coale-Demeny's regional model life tables (a different method of calculating life expectancy); 2) evaluate the dynamics of life expectancy in Georgia; 3) compare Georgia with other countries in the world based on the Coale-Demeny model; 5) ascertain the role of sex in the change of life expectancy; 6) analyze how the different causes of death impact life expectancy.

Of the many findings included in the report, Tsuladze notes that with regards to infant mortality, in 2004, there was a significant decline in death caused by respiratory diseases, as well as certain infectious and parasitic diseases. However, there was a considerable increase in mortality as a result of certain conditions originating during the prenatal period. Tsuladze argues that if the rate of prenatal disease among infants had remained the same as in 1989, the infant mortality rate would have been 13 instead of 24 for every 1000 live births in 2004. The increase in prenatal disease is particularly prevalent among females. This finding opens up more questions that bear further investigation. In his research Tsuladze argues that reducing prenatal disease is the most important variable in reducing infant mortality.

By the end of the project, the fellow published a brochure, which he distributed to international health organizations, students and researchers interested in the topic. In addition, the fellow presented his research findings at Ilia Chavchavadze State University, at the Austrian Library, drawing a large audience of researchers and students.

SCCP (South Caucasus Cooperation Program)

The Center for Development of Equal opportunities in Tourism

C07-4015

\$1,370

Tbilisi, Georgia

8/13/2007 - 9/14/2007

Disabled persons in Azerbaijan and Georgia share many of the same challenges in their daily lives living and traveling. Impediments such as a lack of facilities and infrastructure enabling disabled access to public transportation and buildings obstruct general daily movement and overall quality of life. To promote a more favorable condition for disabled persons, Center for Equal Opportunities in Tourism and its partner in Azerbaijan developed a collaborative project proposal focused on promoting the rights of handicapped persons, including emphasis encouraging handicap-friendly tourism, in Azerbaijan and Georgia. The partners successfully developed the proposal and successfully submitted it to EF in a timely manner.

Business consulting group - research

C07-4004

\$12,430

Tbilisi, Georgia

5/1/2007 - 10/20/2007

Recently all three countries of the South Caucasus signed individual country actions plans under the mantle of the EU's European Neighbourhood Policy. The action plans commit all three countries to meet commitments in eight priority areas, including environmental protection and regional cooperation. Through a series of stakeholder meetings, SCCP determined that waste management is an area of high importance in the sphere of environmental protection for all three countries. The main goals of the project were to contribute to the development of effective and efficient waste management systems and to promote greater government-civil society dialogue on environment issues in all three countries of the South Caucasus. The project grantees developed a policy report that provided relevant government officials with a detailed analysis and set of realistic policy options for the South Caucasus in context of the ENP. In addition, the project grantees organized and convened a working group of stakeholders to assist in shaping the analysis and policy options. A regional Public Policy Forum on waste management took place in December 2006. Its target was to increase public participation in the process of committing towards common European values and alignment with European social, political and economic institutions. The event was also helpful to enhance government-civil society dialogue on designing and implementing policy reforms. Five main research themes were prioritized for inclusion in the policy document: Waste collection and transport, Waste disposal, Reutilization and recycling, Management, and Legislation and policy.

A consortium of NGOs from the three South Caucasus countries consisting of Business Consulting Group (BCG) Georgia, "EKOIL" Azerbaijan and Sustainable Water Environment Armenia were awarded with a grant in February 2007. Policy analysis training was conducted in March 2007 and seminar on EU instruments and institutions was held in mid-June. The group completed the policy report in mid-November. One of the major recommendations was to conduct a pilot project to use land-fill waste for the production of

Georgian Association of Ecological and Biological Monitoring

C04-4005

\$27,530

Tbilisi, Georgia

11/1/2005 - 4/30/2007

The South Caucasus countries still use the old Soviet standards and norms for waterresource management. Aarhus Convention requires introduction of new standards as well as establishment of national data registers of water pollutant emissions. Together with its partners from Armenia and Azerbaijan, Georgian Association of Ecological and Biological Monitoring sought to contribute to the

efficient management of trans-boundary water resources and increased environmental safety across the South Caucasus region. The partners conducted an analysis of existing national standards regulating the protection and rational use of trans-boundary water resources and compared national standards with those of the United States and European countries. Their analysis included a detailed outline of the benefits of applying international water standards to the case of the Kura-Araks river basin. The partners also conducted a public awareness campaign to stimulate stakeholder cooperation and joint efforts to protect and rationally utilize trans-boundary water resources. Elements of the public awareness campaign included national round-tables and conferences, informational brochures, and an informational documentary. As a result of the project, prioritized recommendations for reforming national water standards were developed and presented to the appropriate governmental agencies and other stakeholders for further consideration.

Green Wave Association

C06-4021

\$33,120

Tbilisi, Georgia

9/1/2006 - 11/8/2007

The media plays a particularly crucial role in regions like South Caucasus that have a strong potential for political or ethnic conflict. Availability of unbiased and diverse cross-border information is critical to building confidence among the three nations. Working with its partners from Georgia and Armenia, Green Wave Association sought to facilitate greater mutual understanding among the listening public in the South Caucasus countries through the development of a commercially sustainable cross-border entertainment and news program. The project further strengthened cooperation among the three independent radio stations through the production of a series of 38 cross-border radio reality shows entitled "One day with Professional." The show provided an opportunity for listeners in the South Caucasus to learn about the everyday lives of people working in different professions and included coverage of current news and events in each of the countries. To ensure the sustainability of the project, the partners made an effort to establish commercial relationships with local and international advertisers. The project enabled listeners in each country to develop a better understanding of ordinary citizens' lives in the neighboring countries, which certainly promotes confidence building in the South Caucasus.

Kazakhstan

Independent Weekly Regional Newspaper "Issyk"

A06-0007

\$7,000

Esik, Kazakhstan

5/5/2006 - 1/31/2007

Media can be used as a tool for helping community activists solve problems. The grantee hired seven correspondents and increased its cooperation with local NGOs. A poll found that 10 percent of readers felt this had an impact on addressing community problems. The project was funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

Association of initiative schools of the Republic of Kazakhstan

A07-0068

\$6,690

Taldykorgan, Kazakhstan

7/20/2007 - 5/20/2008

Problem: Kazakhstan increases its spending on assisting orphans year on year, but questions remain about how effective this money is used. Project goal: To involve society in forming and monitoring budget programs focused on helping orphans in Taldykorgan. Project activities: Conducted an information campaign to involve society in orphan issues in Taldykorgan. Trained sixty-five specialists from the City Council, the Department of Children's Rights Protection, and the Department of Education and Orphanages on the basics of monitoring and effective use of budgeting processes; Trained 30 local NGO and orphanage representatives on fundraising strategies for programs directed towards protecting child rights; Analyzed the current budget and developed recommendations for improving the effectiveness of orphan rights protection programs. Recommendations include: Establishing fostering and sponsoring entities, allocating additional city budget funds for sponsored upbringing and socializing of orphans in Taldykorgan. Outcomes: The City Council agreed to create a working group of experts that will regularly check if budget programs are effective in supporting orphans; Recommendations for improving local budget programs will be taken into consideration during 2009 budget planning by city administration.

Funding: British Embassy, Astana and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Bolashak

A07-0073

\$6,423

Ili, Kazakhstan

11/19/2007 - 6/19/2008

There are only 8 registered NGOs in the Ili region. Out of this number there are only 3 functioning ones. This includes the grant holder who provides help to the local initiatives that work toward realization of the socially oriented projects even without the proper institutional potential. The project sought to Develop the institutional potential of the grant holder in a form of the organization that provides help to the local initiative groups and organizations in realization of the socially oriented projects. The organization positioned itself as a local grant provider with clear rules and procedures. The organization has strong experts as part of its staff that takes decisions on financing of the projects based on the open competition. The partnership that was created in project frame with a Russian Foundation of Local Communities helped the organization with the execution of the program "Youth Bank of Ideas" as well as allocating the funds for this program from the President's fund.

Fund "Women Union of Enbekshikazakh district"

A07-0090

\$7,000

Esik, Esik, Almaty oblast

12/13/2007 - 7/1/2008

There is only one government employee serving every 2,300 pensioners and people approaching retirement age in Enbekshikazakh district. As a result, many mistakes are made in the calculation of pensions, and pensioners are left unformed. The project sought to support elderly people and involve them in decision-making processes. The project promoted a volunteer movement among elderly

people and provided information and consultations on social protection issues. A group of 187 local volunteers was established and volunteers provided 700 consultations on calculating, collecting, verifying, and registering pensions. The consultations resulted in 237 resolved cases of incorrectly calculated or disbursed pensions.

IEAWE

A07-0039

\$5,800

Almaty, Kazakhstan

4/4/2007 - 10/31/2007

To raise NGO capacity in a rural area, the grantee conducted five capacity building trainings for NGO leaders on project management, leadership, strategic planning, taxation and fundraising. It organized a regional forum including the business community and government representatives. This prepared two participating NGOs to receive grants from the government, three from international donors and seven NGOs EFCA, totaling more than \$50,000. The project also led to the creation of district NGO network. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the United States Agency for International Development.

Info-Plus Taraz

A07-0070

\$2,335

Taraz, Republic of Kazakhstan

8/15/2007 - 10/15/2007

In many Central Asian regions there is a low level of youth involvement in civil society. The grantee organized a three-day conference in Taraz for the leaders of youth organizations in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Nineteen organizations took part in the conference. Cooperative plans for addressing problems faced by young people in Central Asia were developed, as were four joint projects. The project increased participants' legal knowledge and expanded the number of partnerships between youth organizations in Central Asia. The project was financed by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research

A07-0023

\$62,345

Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

2/1/2007 - 12/15/2007

Managers in eastern and northern Kazakhstan have few opportunities for continuing education. The grantee adapted and translated into Russian short-term courses from the Darden School of Business Administration. It then delivered 15 courses to 314 managers. Nine out of 10 participants rated the courses as excellent. Following the grant period, local trainers continue to teach the courses. The project was funded by the Group of AES regulated companies in Kazakhstan and USAID.

LLP South Kazakhstan college "Arystanbab"

A07-0072

\$11,350

Sariagash, Kazakhstan

11/19/2007 - 6/19/2008

Farmers of Southern Kazakhstan Oblast face difficulties when applying for bank loans, business planning, and conducting sales due to a lack of computer skills. Low levels of computer literacy can be found among children of farmers and disadvantaged children, according to a study conducted by the grantee. This project sought to increase computer literacy among tobacco farmers and schoolchildren of Southern Kazakhstan Oblast. Programming activities included teaching tobacco farmers the basics of computer literacy, especially Word and Excel software, the Internet, and mobile phones. As a result of the project, there was improved computer skills and mobile phone use among 35 tobacco farmers and significantly improved computer skills among 66 schoolchildren.

LTD "Kazakh American Free University"

A07-0024

\$39,307

Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan

2/25/2007 - 12/31/2007

During the project period the grantee provided 15, covering 314 persons. In addition to four modules planned: Leadership and Power, Financial Leadership, Business English and Emerging Leader, planned initially, LLC at AES request developed and delivered multi-level three months English courses: Elementary, Intermediate, Upper-Intermediate and Business English modules and three-level management and leadership training for Regional Prosecutor's office.

PA "Education and Development"

A07-0059

\$7,380

Karaganda, Kazakhstan

7/20/2007 - 2/20/2008

One of the main causes of problems in the higher education is a lack of effective means for community involvement, management and control. This project sought to develop a means for community involvement in the budget process within the higher education system. Programming activities included providing training to twenty representatives of local NGOs and Karaganda city authorities on methods of applied budget analysis. Reports and recommendations were prepared on the results of monitoring the effectiveness of the budget system in higher education. Budget monitoring programs entitled "Improving qualifications and retraining cadres" and "Applied research in the education system" were launched in Karaganda with close grantee involvement.

PA "Independent Generation of Kazakhstan"

A07-0057

\$8,180

Atyrau, Kazakhstan

7/20/2007 - 5/20/2008

Problem: The UNDP has found that universities in Atyrau and Aktau are the best equipped in Kazakhstan, but lag in the quality of education. This is in large part due to ineffective use of resources available to universities and local authorities. Goal: To increase government budget transparency within the higher education system. Project activities: " Twenty representatives of youth NGOs were trained on applied budget analysis; " An Atyrau and Mangystau oblast higher education and youth programs budget monitoring outcome report was prepared containing recommendations on improving budget programs for higher education and youth policies; " Twelve governmental and non-governmental agencies received the report prepared by the grantee; " A website was created: www.npk.kz; " A summarizing round table was conducted. Outcomes: " Recommendations on improving budget programs in higher education and youth policies were presented to local authorities, including the Department of Internal Policies of Atyrau oblast, the Atyrau city government, Aktau State University, and the Atyrau Institute of Oil and Gas; " Budget news is regularly updated at the website www.npk.kz; Funding: British Embassy in Astana.

Petropavlovsk Regional Association of Apartment Proprietors

A07-0067

\$8,061

Petropavlovsk, Republic of Kazakhstan

7/20/2007 - 3/20/2008

Funds dedicated to repairing apartment buildings are spent inefficiently due to a lack of transparency. The project sought to improve housing programs by involving communities ready to help in analyzing, developing, and promoting proven recommendations. Eleven articles were published by the local media that had participated in seminars on the effectiveness of the housing compensation program. A 40-minute TV show on community involvement in developing a social housing program was broadcasted. Additionally, nineteen members of a local city council were trained on the basics of applied budget analysis. Directors and accountants of twenty city Cooperatives of the Housing Proprietors were trained on methods of involving owners into the budget procedures of cooperatives.

Public Association of Invalids Kamkor

A07-0040

\$5,800

Esik, Kazakhstan

4/4/2007 - 10/20/2007

Disabled people experience a lack of job opportunities for disabled people and indifference in the community and government. The grantee conducted an advocacy campaign to protect the interests of disabled people with local businesses and public officials. It also provided disabled people with educational and consulting services with the assistance of NGOs. The project helped some of them in finding employment and increased the awareness of members from public administration, local businesses, and NGOs. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the United States Agency for International Development.

Public Association Women's Club "Tomiris"

A07-0002

\$7,320

Pavlodar, Kazakhstan

2/1/2007 - 8/10/2007

The number of abandoned children and orphans is growing in Pavlodar, straining existing resources. The project is aimed to develop a model for a support center to help adoption and foster agencies recruit, train and counsel foster and adoptive families. The following activities were included in the program: a) established the Regional Center on Alternative Methods of Raising Orphans in Pavlodar; b) developed a psychological and social support manual for parents and orphans; c) promoted adopting and fostering orphans via a public awareness campaign; d) trained 60 teachers, 13 foster families and 29 orphans and supported 22 children and 33 foster parents. Twenty-eight children were placed in seventeen families as a result of this project. The local government ordered that psychological support be provided to parents of orphans. Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID funded the project.

Public Foundation "Akku"

A07-0063

\$9,700

Esik, Kazakhstan

7/2/2007 - 9/2/2007

During summer there is a high probability that children of local tobacco farmers will work in tobacco fields without having the chance for a good rest. Goal: Prevent child labor in Enbekshikazakh district. Activity: Organized a camp for disadvantaged children, orphans, and children of tobacco-farmers in Turgensk gorge; Organized tours and sports competitions; Conducted classes at the "School of Survival". Results: Provided alternative activities to working for 120 children, each child for five days. Total prevented child labor was 600 children-days; 120 children learned about district nature, improved their environmental knowledge and survival skills in nature; Conducted medical examinations for 120 children and improved their health; An EFCA study found that all 120 local children do not work in the tobacco fields and go to school.

Funding: Philip Morris Kazakhstan LLP and USAID

Public Foundation "Kazygurt"

A07-0062

\$13,100

Enbekshikazakh rayon, Shelek village, Kazakhstan

6/15/2007 - 8/15/2007

Between four and five thousand labor migrants and their families arrive in Enbekshikazakh district from Kyrgyzstan to work in the tobacco fields. Of these, 500-600 are children according to unofficial data from Philip Morris Kazakhstan. There is no official data on children labor, but it is known that children do work in fields together with their parents. This project sought to prevent child labor in Enbekshikazakh district. Ecology tours were organized to Charyn Canyon, excursions to Almaty for sightseeing, sports competitions, and national folk music contests. Classes were conducted on drawing, national traditions and computer literacy. More than 180 children were provided with alternative activities amounting to 2,300 hours of prevented child labor.

Public foundation "Mystery of nature"

A07-0041

\$5,800

Esik, Kazakhstan

4/4/2007 - 10/4/2007

A lack of activities leaves rural youth more likely to engage in harmful activities. The grantee organized viewings of video films about wild nature, established various children's clubs based on thematic interests and helped children stage plays about animals. As a result, youth gained an alternative to harmful activities. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Foundation "Perekrestok"

A07-0022

\$1,150

Kostanay, Kazakhstan

2/6/2007 - 8/10/2007

In 2007, Kostanai Oblast had registered nearly 4,000 orphans and neglected children, with three-fourths of them living in institutions. This project sought to establish a Support Center for "Developing Alternative Methods of Adoption and Fostering in Kostanai oblast Project activities". A public awareness campaign was conducted on family methods of raising orphans. An informational manual on methods of working with and counseling orphans and parents was created. The center counselors provided 929 psychological and legal consultations to interested individuals. Seventeen orphans were placed with families.

Public foundation Generation

A07-0006

\$1,360

Kaskelen, Kazakhstan

2/1/2007 - 10/27/2007

The elderly often lack awareness of their rights, and there are no agencies that can provide consultations. The grantee conducted four seminars on the rights of retired persons, two round tables with local government representatives of Karayskiy regions of Almaty oblast, and helped 50 retired people receive benefits. A consulting group of lawyers was established to continuously provide legal support to pensioners.

Public Fund Micro credit organization "Farmers and Entrepreneurs Support Fund"

A07-0025

\$4,584

Shymkent, Kazakhstan

2/1/2007 - 8/27/2007

Farmers in southern Kazakhstan lack access to capital and opportunities for continuing education. The grantee trained 300 farmers on marketing basics, accounting, and business planning. The project led to more than 40 percent of trained farmers developing business plans and receiving micro-loans for their farming businesses. Eight small-scale processing enterprises were started, creating 22 jobs. Philip Morris Kazakhstan, USAID, and corporate members of the Civic Alliance of Southern Kazakhstan financed the project.

Shelek Public Association of Blind People

A07-0042

\$5,800

Shelek, Kazakhstan

4/4/2007 - 10/4/2007

Visually impaired people have limited ability for intellectual development and are less integrated into society. The grantee gave blind people classes in computer literacy and Braille, and worked with the national library for blind people to give distance education courses. As a result, eight blind people learned Braille. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the United States Agency for International Development.

Turgen Branch of IEAWE A-Kenes

A07-0043

\$5,800

Turgen selo, Kazakhstan

4/4/2007 - 10/4/2007

Ethnic Kazakh immigrants, called oralman, have a lower living standard than native-born citizens. The grantee provided oralman with business trainings and consulted them on marketing in the sphere of artisanship. Fifteen female trainees made rugs, handbags, rucksacks and pillows, which they sold for \$1,500. The project promoted mechnkizm for improvement of oralmans' leaving standards. The project is funded by Philip MorrisKazakhstan and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Youth Center "Orken"

A07-0044

\$2,500

Shelek village, Kazakhstan

4/4/2007 - 10/4/2007

One reason for the growth of crime among high school students in villages is the absence of organized recreational activities. The grantee organized volleyball, basketball and chesscompetitions in which 180 high school students participated. The NGO, together with localpolice and medical workers, visited families of registered youth offenders to discuss theirissues. Local police claimed these activities led to a decrease in violations. The projectis funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the United States Agency for InternationalDevelopment.

Kyrgyz Republic

Association of Workers in Vocational Education and Training in the KR

H05-0214

\$4,712

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

6/1/2006 - 2/28/2007

Labor migrants from Kyrgyzstan and other countries of Central Asia face problems with legal employment in the Russian Federation. Partially, this happens due to the lack of skills and qualification on the most demanded technical specialties in the labor market. At the same time, vocational schools in Kyrgyzstan continue preparing labor specialists without consideration of employers' demands and labor markets' needs. Labor migrants from Kyrgyzstan and other countries of Central Asia face problems with legal employment in the Russian Federation. Partially, this happens due to the lack of skills and qualification on the most demanded technical specialties in the labor market. At the same time, vocational schools in Kyrgyzstan continue preparing labor specialists without consideration of employers' demands and labor markets' needs. The grantee provided support in conducting the capacity evaluation of vocational schools and other educational institutions with the aim to develop recommendations on introducing short term courses for training and retraining of unemployed adults and potential labor migrants. The mentioned research was conducted on the EFCA specialists' initiative with the help of local and international experts in November, 2006.

International Public Foundation "Pangea" For a World Without Violence

H06-0097

\$5,000

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

9/15/2006 - 3/15/2007

Kyrgyzstan lacks any kind of social adaptation and re-socialization program for former convicted people. Within the framework of the project the grantee was able to develop strong official relations with the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic, women detention colonies, settlements for convicted people. The grantee conducted the survey of convicted women to identify the basic problems which they face after release from detention in the area of employment, rehabilitation of socio-useful links, psychological adaptation in the society, passport issue and others. Additionally, the grantee and the administration of women colony provided step-by-step socio-legal and psychological help to people leaving the detention and provided assistance in employment and rehabilitation of relations with relatives. To form the positive attitude in a society towards the convicted people the grant recipient published informational articles in 6 newspapers and conducted TV and radio programs and round table discussions. The project was funded by the New Zealand Embassy in Moscow.

Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research

H06-0104

\$16,409

Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

5/15/2006 - 5/31/2007

To promote the development of independent journalism in the Kyrgyz Republic 8 grantees have been trained on a 2-year program and gained Master's Degree in International Journalism and Mass Communication at the Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Planning (KIMEP). Study at KIMEP provided them with a great push to their professional career development and better understanding of social and political processes of Central Asia.

PF School of International Law

H06-0138

\$4,951

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

1/15/2007 - 5/14/2007

Kyrgyz labor migrants face problems with legalization and legal employment in Russian Federation. The reason for this is a poor knowledge of their rights and responsibilities in the recipient country, poor knowledge of registration and employment permission procedures for foreigners, and strict time

limits and other restricting conditions defined by the legislation of the Russian Federation on labor migrants. The grantee in cooperation with partner-organization in Russia has worked on raising awareness of labor migrants on their rights, provided assistance to labor migrants in registration, obtaining employment permission and protecting labor migrants' rights in the Russian Federation. Under this project Labor Migration Assistance Centers have been established in four cities of Kyrgyzstan, which then united and registered as one entity - the Public Foundation "Labor Migration Assistance Centers Network".

Public association "Resource Center for Elderly"

H05-0154

\$6,006

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

8/1/2006 - 5/31/2007

To increase the responsibility and transparency of work of the Bishkek city Council parliamentarians and to increase trust of voters to the City Council through introducing mechanisms of public control the grantee conducted trainings to the selected group of elderly volunteers. Together with the "Agent Without Borders" the group of volunteers analyzed the pre-election programs and work of parliamentarians through introduction of the civil control model. The project was aimed at the most active voters - elderly people, whom the grantee recruited to monitor and evaluate the work of parliamentarians.

The Public Technology Center

H06-0106

\$20,068

Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

5/15/2006 - 1/31/2007

The labor migration issues in Kyrgyzstan are being addressed chaotically by several government agencies. As a result, the interested groups are unable to build up a coordinated communication between each other in resolving labor migration issues at the national level. To effectively resolve labor migration related issues a new agency - State Committee on Migration and Employment has been established in 2006. However, the new agency's staff has no skills and knowledge in external labor migration as they used to work previously in the sphere of employment and internal migration. The grantee efforts have been focused on capacity development of the agency employers in the field of external labor migration and on enhancing their skills in developing vital strategic documents defining state policy in the sphere of labor migration by using the Public Policy formats and procedures. A department of policy analysis has been established in the ministry. Also, the grantee has conducted a range of events to identify all interest groups and stakeholders, create communication mechanisms and coordinate their efforts.

Public Foundation " Chintamani"

H06-0943

\$6,491

Tashkumir city, Kyrgyz Republic

3/13/2007 - 11/12/2007

According to a study in Kyrgyzstan, about one-third of people aged 15-45 smoke, including "naswai", a product containing nicotine. The grantee conducted discussions and trainings about the harm of smoking in eleven schools of Tashkumir, and the nearby villages of Shamaldusai and Kyzylzhar. They organized a contest among schoolchildren called "Youth without bad habits", and also set up a sports day promoting healthy lifestyles. Around 1,014 schoolchildren took part in these events. The grantee conducted advocacy campaigns on smoking among teenagers and lobbied for legal action on protecting the health of Kyrgyz citizens from the harmful effects of smoking. The grantee also worked on preventing smoking among youth. With participation of local government, the grantee organized raids on individuals identified as selling smoking products to teenagers. The project helped to slow the growth of smoking among teenagers, increase public understanding of the problem and improve the work of local government bodies that execute and monitor smoking laws in

Kyrgyzstan. The project was funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Fund "Kosh Araket"

H06-0961

\$7,000

Osh, Kyrgyzstan

3/14/2007 - 11/13/2007

Young people are not able to establish their own businesses due to lack of work experience, business skills, and start-up capital. The grantee organized trainings on strategic planning, business planning, conflict management, and team building for young men and women from poor families living in Osh. The project developed and funded 21 business projects totaling \$1573. During six months each of 13 young entrepreneurs, both individually and in groups, successfully implemented two business projects and earned 50% profit from the total grant amount. This helped them increase their family incomes. The project helped involve young people in entrepreneurship and to improve welfare of the target group.

Moldova

Association for Participatory Democracy "ADEPT"

Z07-0033

\$11,180

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

4/3/2007 - 6/18/2007

Recent amendments to Moldovan election legislation significantly empower the opposition to participate in electoral administration and should help build a relation of trust between the majority in power and opposition. However, 2005 municipal elections in Chisinau demonstrated that opposition and minority parties were unable to take full advantage of these developments, lacking qualified and trained personal to serve as members of election administration authorities. To address these challenges the grantee, in cooperation with the Central Election Commission (CEC), trained more than 2500 members of Precinct Electoral Commissions (PECs) and printed copies of the newly amended Election Code for all election officials around the country. The project was conducted under the umbrella of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections - Coalition 2007, a group of leading Moldovan NGOs working to ensure free and fair elections in Moldova. As a result of the project, election officials from polling stations carried out procedures needed to organize Election Day in a more professional manner. According to the OSCE/ODIHR report, while the 2007 local elections in the Republic of Moldova were generally well administered, the election fell short of a number of OSCE commitments central to a competitive electoral process. In particular, the rights of citizens to seek public office and equitable media access were not fully respected. This project was co-funded by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

Association of Independent Press

Z07-0034

\$20,912

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

4/3/2007 - 10/3/2007

Previous local elections in 2003 and parliamentary elections in 2005 represented a step backwards in terms of the free and fair conduct of campaigns by electoral actors, such as political parties, electoral candidates, state authorities and the media. The media in Moldova still lacks clear regulations on electoral news, advertising and debates, and existing legislation is applied inconsistently. Professional coverage and balanced reporting are rare, while information disseminated to the public by the media often represents political parties' or government views and not independent analysis. To address the risk of manipulation through media, two members of the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections - Coalition 2007, monitored the content of media coverage during general local elections. The Association of Independent Press and the Independent Journalism Center monitored 28 media institutions - print outlets, radio and TV stations - to see which public and private print and broadcast media covered the local elections. Also, the NGOs informed the general public about the behavior of media during the local elections of 2007, and raised awareness of the international community on cases of press freedom abuse. A key result registered during the campaign was that, for the first time, the Broadcast Coordination Council - a regulatory body - used Coalition media monitoring reports to issue warning letters to Teleradio-Moldova and other pro-governmental media outlets and call for more balanced coverage of elections. Also, a number of media outlets (Timpul, EU TV, Observatorul de Nord, Unghiul, N4) improved coverage following media reports.

Independent Daily "TIMPUL de Dimineata"

Z07-0024

\$14,074

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

4/20/2007 - 1/20/2008

Despite Moldova's location as a neighbor to the enlarged European Union, many of its citizens continue to lack an understanding of European institutions and values necessary to evaluate the

European integration process. Moldovans generally regard Europe only as a place where they could seek a better job, education or a decent place to live without fully understanding the EU. To increase reliable and useful information on Europe available to the public, the grantee, Timpul de dimineata weekly newspaper, continued to publish its monthly insert titled "European Integration, Step by Step." With a grant from Eurasia Foundation, the grantee developed, produced, printed and distributed nine inserts covering a wide variety of topics and a broad spectrum of opinions, including from EU-Moldova relations specialists, policy makers, foreign experts and politicians. The grantee contributed to encouraging lively public debate around Moldova's European integration process. The insert has provided information on European issues for over three years under efficient management and it is expected to continue. The Public Policy Institute and European Movement in Moldova contributed to the implementation of this project.

Institute for Development and Social Initiatives "Viitorul"

Z06-0011

\$26,083

Chisinau, Moldova

4/3/2007 - 10/3/2007

From 2005-2007, the Government of Moldova (GOM) implemented many reform policies outlined in two national strategic documents: EU-Moldova Action Plan (EUMAP) and Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EGPRS). Effective policy implementation demands high-quality analysis, evaluation and monitoring mechanisms that incorporate popular feedback and opinion. Public involvement in the process of policy implementation in Moldova, however, is virtually nonexistent. The grantee, a leading Moldovan think tank, proposed to address these issues through its "Enhancing Monitoring and Public Contribution to the Key Reform Policies Implementation in Moldova" project, aimed to enhance the policy dialogue amongst key government officials and civil society leaders. This goal was achieved by creating a permanent discussion platform on major economic policies and facilitating civil society input into their formulation and implementation. The grantee produced a series of 6 policy papers which were made available for debate in 14 public forums, 5 press conferences and 6 TV programs.

League for the Defence of Human Rights in Republic Moldova

Z07-0030

\$43,320

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

4/3/2007 - 9/30/2007

The 2007 local elections in Moldova were an important test for the country's incipient democracy, particularly given that since 2002 all elections in Moldova were marred with considerable irregularities. Ensuring free and fair elections in Moldova calls for thorough observation and monitoring, particularly by civil society organizations as an independent and unbiased source of information. Within this project, the grantee, the League of Defense of Human Rights of Moldova (LADOM), monitored the 2007 local elections by mobilizing, training and accrediting 30 long-term and 1980 short-term observers. With these resources, LADOM covered 90% of country's polling stations in the first round of elections, and another 55% of stations in key contests that required a second round run-off. By obtaining official copies of polling station returns from across the country, the grantee was able to publicize election results by 11 am the day after elections. This process, or Parallel Vote Tabulation (PVT), was completed well before the official results were announced, thus reducing the risk of manipulation during the final count. Throughout the campaign and election periods, the grantee identified and analyzed violations of the electoral legislation, reported them to mass-media, Central Election Commission (CEC), political parties and international organizations. Based on grantee's findings and reports, the CEC and other institutions responsible for ensuring a democratic election process took appropriate actions to reduce the likelihood of violations and fraud.

National Youth Council of Moldova

Z07-0012

\$17,580

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

4/3/2007 - 7/3/2007

As part of a broader initiative by the Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections - Coalition 2007, the grantee, National Youth Council of Moldova (CNTM) worked to foster active participation among young people in Moldova during the 2007 general local elections via a nationwide voter education campaign. This project sought to mobilize previously passive young voters by raising their understanding of active involvement in their country's political processes. The grantee conducted a nationwide campaign which included a hotline, workshops, trainings, and informational materials geared toward young voters. The project provided young people with accurate and unbiased information about the electoral candidates. As a result of the project, more than 2000 young voters gained access to quality and unbiased information. It is anticipated that in the future they will seek such information on their own in printed and/or electronic resources generally available to the wider public. Not only did youth become more informed about participatory democracy but they are more likely to make conscious and better informed electoral choices and participate more actively in the public monitoring of public policies and quality of governance.

Association for Cooperation and Democratic Communication "Dialog"

K06-0237

\$31,098

Cahul, Moldova

9/28/2006 - 11/20/2007

Since 2005, European integration has been a priority of the Moldovan Government. The need to inform the Moldovan population on the EU, European affairs and EU-Moldovan relations is crucial to build citizens' support for this strategic orientation. To meet this need, the grantee set up the European Interactive Center in the city of Cahul to disseminate information on European integration within southern Moldova. By organizing activities at the center such as public debates, round tables, and training events, the grantee informed the general public and important target groups (local governments, community groups, media outlets, political parties, NGOs and universities) on the key issues of the EU-Moldova Action Plan, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement and the European Neighborhood Policy. The project has increased the public knowledge of, and engagement in, the EU-Moldova dialogue, and contributed to a basic understanding of the premise of many reforms currently being pursued in Moldova.

Regional Centre for NGOs Assistance and Information CONTACT - Balti

K06-0232

\$34,799

Balti, Moldova

9/28/2006 - 9/14/2007

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Russia

Archangelsk Regional Branch of the All-Russian Society of Deaf People

M04-0181

\$34,460

Archangelsk, Russia

11/1/2006 - 10/31/2007

The project was designed to consolidate the efforts of public NGOs dealing with the problems of the disabled with the view to enhance the role of the public organizations of the disabled in solution of regional socio-economic problems. The project facilitated integration of people with disabilities into the society through their involvement in entrepreneurial activities. Thanks to the knowledge and skills acquired at the training seminars, representatives of the associations of the disabled implemented a number of social projects with broad financial support (from business to administrative authorities), and initiated a series of public campaigns to draw attention of the society, businesses, and bodies of power to the problems of people with disabilities. The project provided a group of young people with limited capabilities who wished to become entrepreneurs with an opportunity to learn the basis of entrepreneurship; with the most skilled granted sponsorship to start their own enterprise. In the course of the project four organizations joined the union of public associations of the disabled, "Civic Initiatives", a consolidating organization which provides opportunities for multi-level interaction of public organizations of the disabled to consolidate their efforts.

Archangelsk NGO Support Center "Garant"

M06-0054

\$44,087

Archangelsk, Russia

11/1/2006 - 10/31/2007

During the project the grantee designed and tested new mechanisms and technologies that are used to raise funds from businesses and international organisations to support a number of social programmes in the Arkhangelsk region, including the Complex programme against poverty for 2007 (1,000,000 roubles donated from A. Donskoy's personal fund) and the Competition against proliferation of smoking among youth (700,000 roubles donated by the Norwegian Cancer Society).

The "Garant" Centre's experiences in the development of local philanthropy and fundraising among private businesses were disseminated among the NGOs of the Nenets Autonomous District. During the project the grantee significantly expanded its collaboration with representatives of municipal and regional bodies of power: their joint efforts resulted, inter alia, in the development of a pilot social programme for the Nenets Autonomous District and adoption of a municipal target programme, "Social Investments", by the Arkhangelsk City Council.

Asia-Pacific School

M05-0031

\$13,610

Vladivostok, Russia

2/1/2006 - 4/30/2007

The project was designed to introduce and support proliferation of the community school model in the Primorye territory to ensure more effective solution of local school and community problems. The grantee conducted training seminars for representatives of school administrators and social pedagogues from remote districts of the Primorye territory, provided advisory support to school representatives, and implemented a series of socially meaningful events and activities, including networking projects. As a result, representatives of the target audience improved their knowledge of the benefits and advantages of community schools and 10 local schools decided to adopt the community school model. The participating schools have joined a network which will become the basis for creation of an interregional network of community schools.

Association "Municipal Council of Vladimir Oblast"

M04-0295

\$10,000

Vladimir, Russia

1/1/2005 - 2/28/2006

The project defined approaches and methods of shaping youth policy in the Vladimir region according to the principle of social partnership between local authorities, business and noncommercial sector on the basis of thorough analysis of the problem with youth being actively involved. The project based on Russian experience became logical continuation of youth policy development in the Vladimir region. The project was implemented by creating a regional strategic team from various partners and organizing its work jointly with committee on youth policy of the Vladimir region administration and Agency of municipal development which served as a resource center. The project resulted in elaboration of methods of complex regional youth program development for the period until 2008, as well as definition of approaches and gathering of case studies information on experience of local authorities in diagnosing, summarizing and solving youth problems.

Bibliophiles, Information and Cultural Center

M06-0006

\$2,188

Nikolayevsk-na-Amure, Russia

8/1/2006 - 1/30/2007

The project was designed to create conditions required to involve school librarians in provision of information support to deployment of the key community school components in the practices of the city and district schools. The project activities included training seminars on the "Informational component of the community library model" and "Social partnership between schools and city and district community libraries"; seven voluntary actions conducted at school venues; and a competition for the best school publication. As a result of the project the participant schools established information support centres of public initiatives; seven initiative groups consisting of school students, teachers, and librarians received funding for implementation of social projects within the framework of the "SAM" programme. Furthermore, seven youth events were successfully implemented and school print publications were created, including six newspapers.

Community of Handicapped since Birth, Vozrozhdeniye

M05-0028

\$10,834

Gorno-Altaysk, Russia

12/1/2005 - 4/30/2007

The project was designed to create conditions required to mobilise youth by consolidating the efforts of local communities and schools and involving children with disabilities in the process of education as an important condition of democratisation of general education in three regions of the Siberian Federal District and improved professionalism of community school administrators in the Altai territory, Altai Republic, and Kemerovo region. A training seminar for school representatives was conducted; the participating schools designed social micro-projects, methodological materials were published, and a final interregional meeting was held. The project enabled school students to acquire practical experiences of participation in solution of local community problems, which made it possible to bring the school democratisation process to a qualitatively new level.

Concept. Analytical Center

M07-0053

\$200,000

Moscow, Russia

9/28/2007 - 1/31/2008

In the framework of the project important approaches to quality assurance in general education, to improving education management system in Voronezh region were analyzed, generalized and systematized with the use of methods of conceptual analysis. Public discussion on possible use of those approaches and methods were held in the region. Specialists in conceptual analysis and project implementation raised their capacity in using new approaches. The resource pack of materials on conceptual analysis and organizational development was developed and published as the result of the project.

"Association Youth and Students organization" Kaliningrad region

M06-0048 \$7,011
Kaliningrad, Russia 9/15/2006 - 1/31/2007
During the project implementation there were laid the groundwork for activities and development of constant functioning expert group. There were raised the quality and social importance of youth projects implemented by public organizations. One of the main outcome of the project is considerable increase of number of newly created youth public unions and its members, young people's rising activity and amount of funds raised by these organizations.

Akuna Matata, Youth Public Organization

M05-0025 \$20,000
Ulan-Ude, Russia 12/1/2005 - 1/30/2007
In the project frames were created the conditions for the integrated coordination of schools working according to the community school (CS) model and developed the CS model in the Baikal Region. Project activities included a relay race of good deeds and a health march. Both activities attracted a large number of students, teachers, parents, and members of the community. By forming an expert council on CS technologies and association of CS schools in the Baikal Region, the professional level of school specialists raised, the efficacy of CS technologies increased, and the integrated coordination of schools within the Baikal Region achieved.

Educational Center, Invite

M05-0029 \$10,000
Severodvinsk, Russia 12/1/2005 - 4/30/2007
The grant was awarded to create conditions for the development of cooperative relationships between individual citizens, schools, business representatives, and public and private organizations in order to solve social problems in the territory of the city of Severodvinsk. As a result of the project, young leaders, teachers, and parents were prepared to head the development of community schools ably and conditions were created to facilitate the formation of school foundations and school trustee committees. The activities and results of the project were widely publicized through local mass media outlets.

Foundation of Innovation projects support "New measurement"

M07-0040 \$20,000
5/29/2007 - 1/31/2008
The project aimed to intensify social activity in realization of national projects as necessary factor of its transformation into the national ideas. In the frames of the project realization the model of social and civil activity in education, health, building and house service on municipal level in Petrozavodsk was created.

History museum of Kandalaksha

M06-0050 \$25,000
Kandalaksha, Russia 11/1/2006 - 10/31/2007
The project was aimed at small business development in the Murmansk region through the creation of preconditions for the development of a tourist support infrastructure in the City of Kandalaksha. The project identified the most promising tourism business development venues in the region, put together a tourism development business plan, and identified the optimal infrastructure required to support small business development in the sphere of tourism. Best practices acquired during the project implementation were utilized for the tourism development city program.

Humanitarian north institute Murmansk oblast public charitbe organization

M06-0057 \$30,390

Severodvinsk, Russia

11/1/2006 - 10/31/2007

The project was designed to promote a dialogue and develop collaboration between noncommercial organisations and bodies of power within the closed administrative-territorial units (a.k.a. ZATO) of the Murmansk region. In the course of the seminars, panel discussions, meetings, and negotiations representatives of the local NGOs and governmental organisations learned about methods and technologies of social partnership which were subsequently applied in implementation of joint activities and development of partnership programmes. More than 20 different activities and events were conducted in seven ZATO. They were attended by almost 300 people. A network of NGOs from the closed cities of the Murmansk region was put together. It consists of 15 organisations and initiative groups. The project results were reflected in a compilation of methodological materials entitled "Cross-sectoral partnership in closed administrative-territorial units of the Murmansk region". The compilation was published in the amount of 500 copies.

Independent noncommercial organization "Competence"

M07-0034

\$20,000

Cheboksary, Russia

6/1/2007 - 11/30/2007

With a purpose of increasing the efficiency of strategic planning and managing for sociological issues solving in development of municipal education and appreciation of live quality in the city Cheboksary created state and public agency consists of the representatives of local governments, public organizations and businesses for strengthening of interagency coordination of realization of priority national projects. An interagency coordination model of realization of priority national projects was created, as well a methods of nationals project realization monitoring. In the frames of monitoring research "Evaluation of public involvement to the effectively realization of priority national projects" the strategy of more effective using of the city organizations potential as a recourse of city development.

Karelian State Pedagogical University

M06-0058

\$5,800

Petrozavodsk, Russia

11/1/2006 - 6/30/2007

The project was designed to reduce drug abuse and illegal turnover of narcotic substances among teenagers by training future teachers in technologies, methods, and forms of preventive activities at institutions of learning. To achieve the project goals an innovative training course in "Prevention of drug abuse and its consequences among teenagers" was developed and introduced at four (instead of originally envisioned two) departments of the Karelian State Teachers Training University. The course was designed for students of pedagogical departments of institutions of higher learning and it was approved by the Petrozavodsk Interinstitutional Coordination Board on prevention of drug abuse and recommended to other universities of the city (the course is to be introduced to the first year students of the medical school in 2007-2008). The students who have undergone training under the new program had a chance to apply the newly acquired knowledge as they defended their term papers and underwent pedagogical practicum at the city schools. The project helped to significantly improve students' awareness of the social consequences of drug abuse, reduce the number of students who have tried narcotic substances, and increase the number of students who have refused to try illegal drugs. The project activities helped improve the drug abuse prevention system and enabled project participants to learn how to value their health.

Local Level Collaboration Center/ Krasnoyarsk Regional Community Organization

M05-0019

\$10,000

Krasnoyarsk, Russia

12/1/2005 - 4/30/2007

The project was aimed at creating the internet-portal of CS movement as an instrument of CS movement participants' network cooperation. During the project implementation CS-portal

<http://www.cs-network.ru/> was created. The portal has made it possible to create public information field of community education. Also there was made system of network cooperation of CS-movement participants through organization of joint events, forum's discussion.

Municipal institution "Sluzhba zakazchika"

M06-0062 \$6,878
Severououralsk 11/15/2006 - 8/15/2007

In the project frames was selected a local organization that coordinated the process of strategic planning of the town development implemented in order to raise the life standards and lower social tension in Severououralsk. Project activities included logistics for all strategic planning events, securing public discussions on key strategic issues, and facilitation activities of the strategic working group.

Murmansk Regional Small and Medium Business Support Agency

M06-0051 \$23,784
Murmansk, Russia 11/1/2006 - 8/31/2007

The project was aimed to support small business development in economically depressed districts of the Murmansk region by promoting innovative experiences in attracting loan funds to small and medium-sized businesses and introducing new investment attraction methods for small businesses. In the project frames was analyzed and systematized entrepreneurial experiences and trained aspiring entrepreneurs in methods used to attract loan funds. The Murmansk Regional Agency for Support of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses provided advisory support to regional small and medium-sized businesses on issues related to attraction of external financing.

Noncommercial organization " Foundation of civil initiatives support "Civil stand"

M07-0029 \$38,462
Perm, Yaroslavl, Moscow, Russia 2/1/2007 - 1/31/2008

The project was aimed at fostering housing culture among citizens through the development of a Network of Schools of education in the housing sphere. The project was implemented in three pilot regions: Perm, Yaroslavl, and Moscow. Recognition of the role of NGOs in implementation of the housing and utility sector reform at the federal level is deemed as the key result of the project. In particular, the network of Housing Education Schools was supported by the RF Ministry of regional development and relevant regional structures. During the project implementation period the Network expanded from eight to 12 organisations encompassing 11 Russian regions. Activities of the Network member-organisations resulted in the creation of a housing education model and technology, a common information environment, and a number of forums. The Network member-organisations have implemented several joint projects. The Network's operation has facilitated establishment and development of new institutions (housing associations, unions, clubs, etc.) and mobilized the housing movement in Russia. It has improved effectiveness and efficiency of education and enlightenment activities in the housing sphere and supported the development of housing self-governance.

Noncommercial partnership "Education. Business. Consulting"

M07-0043 \$20,000
Krasnoyarsk, Russia 5/1/2007 - 10/30/2007

During the project realization effective mechanisms of socio-municipal interaction, programs and strategies of Krasnoyarsk city development, not only state and municipal officials, but also NGOs, business structures and academic community was created. Realization of the project intended for the development and approbation of socio-municipal systems, valuing effects of national projects and strategic city development program realization. As one of the project results the Public Coalition

including representatives of government, business, civil sector to monitor effects of national projects in Krasnoyarsk started its activity.

Nonprofit organization "Credit co-operative of citizen " Sodeistvie 2007"

M07-0005 \$18,777

Baley, Russia 3/15/2007 - 10/30/2007

A Customers' co-operative office "Sodeistvie 2007" received start-up funding and began operating to enhance small business growth in the Baley rayon, Chita Oblast, by developing local SME support infrastructure and providing SME with access to microfinance. The Customers' co-operative staff got trainings on microfinance and finance consulting in Russian Microfinance Centre (Moscow) and in a Customers' co-operative office "Sodeystvie" (Smolensk).

Pskov Regional Center of Educational Technologies

M06-0053 \$34,837

Pskov, Russia 11/1/2006 - 10/31/2007

The project was designed to create municipal variable models of public-private education administration in the regions of the Russian Northwest. To that end, project teams from the pilot regions - Republic of Karelia, Arkhangelsk and Murmansk regions - were put together. The teams participated in interactive seminars on project design methods and introduction of variable models of public-private education administration that are based on historic and foreign experiences and take into account regional peculiarities associated with public participation in solution of educational problems. The project resulted in creation of seven variable models of public-private education administration and four target programmes designed to test same. Three regional resource portfolios were put together. Municipalities from the pilot regions designed local normative acts that provide for a legal base of public participation in decision-making that facilitates social development.

Pskov State Polytechnic Institute

M07-0002 \$10,000

Pskov, Russia 3/15/2007 - 2/15/2008

The project is aimed at raising the entrepreneurs' activity in Pskov and Pskov Region through creation of the office that will support entrepreneurship based on the Faculty of Finance and Economics at Pskov State Polytechnic Institute. The project is relevant because of low level of small and medium-scale business in the region, and that depresses the development of economics and social stability in the region. To raise the entrepreneurs' activity there were worked out modular programs to retrain students, former servicemen, unemployed women, farmers and entrepreneurs. Also there were worked out additional training at methodological support for those programs. During the project implementation there were published articles in media and internet. Pskov State Polytechnic Institute has arranged agreements with strategic partners.

Regional Public Fund "Stavropol Center for Business Information"

M06-0038 \$37,736

Stavropol, Russia 10/1/2006 - 11/30/2007

The project established a regional Technology Transfer Centre (ТТЦ) on the basis of the Stavropol Business Information Centre, a territorial public-private fund. The Technology Transfer Centre (ТТЦ) is an independent subdivision integrated into the territorial innovation infrastructure responsible for transferring technologies from the knowledge generation sphere to production. During the project period the TTC employees provided more than 500 hours worth of consultations to research teams and innovation businesses. The TTC has facilitated establishment of 60 new technological companies, creation of 156 jobs, and execution of more than 100 contracts between universities and large enterprises on deployment of advanced technological solutions within the sphere of production for the

total amount of about 20 million roubles. The TTC official website, "Ideas for business" (www.stavintech.ru), was created alongside a special rubric in regional mass media covering promising innovation projects. A uniform database of innovative solutions designed in the Stavropol territory was created. The project facilitated further development of the territorial innovation infrastructure, improved the investment attractiveness of the Stavropol territory, and helped create favourable conditions for advancement of innovations within the region's real economy sector.

Rostov regional SME support Agency

M07-0027

\$3,895

Rostov-Don, Russia

7/17/2007 - 11/16/2007

In the project frames the database of real and potential SME job vacancies for migrants willing to be employed in this sector in the Russia South Federal District was created.

Sochi NGO Edelweiss

M05-0018

\$15,000

Sochi, Russia

12/1/2005 - 3/31/2007

The project was aimed to develop the community school (CS) movement in southern Russia (Krasnodar and Stavropol Regions) through the use of resources from the CS Center in the city of Sochi and partner non-commercial organizations (NCOs) throughout Russia. The project implementation allowed to create of a system of CS information-methodology centers in the south of Russia thanks to the extant program for the preparation of skilled personnel, the creation of a unified information field, and the inter-regional cooperation in the sphere of CS.

Tambov State University

M07-0003

\$10,000

Tambov, Russia

4/15/2007 - 4/15/2008

The project was aimed at drawing local community to evaluation of specialists' training quality at Tambov State University through working out the mechanism of drawing the community to quality evaluation of graduating students. The project is relevant because of lack of mechanisms how to draw communities in Tambov and Tambov Region to the evaluation of specialists' training quality at Tambov State University. During the project implementation there was elaborated the model of Tambov State University cooperation with regional community. Also there were worked out mechanisms of drawing regional community representatives to graduates' training quality evaluation by means of creation of interactive media for employers at the University. Interactive media includes the database of Tambov State University graduates consisting of graduates' id information, bank of diplomas and projects made by graduates. Rising interaction between regional university and regional authority representatives, local enterprises and organizations dealing with training quality improvement, could be considered as long-term outcomes.

The Social Programs Center Foundation Branch

M07-0062

\$3,167

Yekaterinburg Oblast

11/27/2007 - 2/27/2008

This award provided an opportunity to purchase office equipment by the Severouralsk Branch of the Krasnoyarsk Foundation "Social Programs support Center" which carries out charitable activities in the mono-industrial town located 500 km north from Yekaterinburg with the population around 55 thousand.

Bodo Regional University

W00-0186

\$198,094

Arkhangelsk, Russia Bodo, Norway

9/1/2001 - 8/31/2006

Due to a fast growing economy, demand for management training started surfacing among local companies in Arkhangelsk in the late 1990s. Since then, demand continued to increase with the arrival of international corporations. To address this demand, the grantee, BSTU, partnered with Arkhangelsk State Technical University (ASTU) to build a world class executive degree program in Business Administration. In addition to successfully establishing this program, the grantee team also created a one-year degree management training program with a focus on finance. This program has received local and federal government funding, as well as accreditation from the Russian Government.

Tajikistan

Bactria Cultural Centre

D08-0001

\$1,468

Dushanbe, Tajikistan

4/17/2008 - 5/17/2008

An assessment of crafts in southern Tajikistan found a low level of knowledge about marketing crafts. This project developed the creative and entrepreneurial potential of women crafts people in four regions of Khatlon oblast. The grantee conducted a training for 15 women on traditional craftsmanship, and economic and legal issues. The women attended a Central Asian crafts fair and sold more than \$800 in crafts at the fair.

Dekhkan Farm "Agrocomplex"

D06-0102

\$10,065

Spitamen District, Tajikistan

10/1/2006 - 7/20/2007

The lack of protein and meat products in the market in Spitamen Sogdii Oblast required the development of poultry farming. The grantee created an experimental duck farm to meet market demand for meat and egg products. Employees of ten farms in the region were trained in rearing poultry and the farms were given 600 ducklings to raise to breeding age. The farmers also received training manuals on duck farming. Duck breeding is now an important type of farming in Spitaemen Raion and helps to meet the local population's protein needs.

Fund of youth initiatives of Vahsh District Ganjina Vahsh

D06-0106

\$10,400

Yangiabad and Vakhsh Districts

10/1/2006 - 6/30/2007

Socio-economic issues are frequently the cause of interethnic tensions in the Vakhsh Valley, which is characterized by its ethnic diversity. The grantee founded and equipped a social center to bring together various national groups and integrate them into a single ethno-social space. On the basis of the House of Friendship and Understanding, a library, legal clinic and computer laboratory with internet access were created. The joint social and economic activities conducted by representatives of various diasporas at the center increased interethnic tolerance and intercultural enrichment. The House of Friendship and Understanding's policy of cooperation with the Embassies of Kazakhstan and Russia and citizens organizations in Kyrgyzstan will guarantee that the project's benefits are sustainable in the long-term.

National Found The Silk Road is the Road of Unity

D06-0082

\$12,100

Dushanbe

3/2/2007 - 3/1/2008

Tajikistan lacks quality hotel and restaurant services, which affects tourism and business travel development. The project sought to make the National Tourism School a key promoter of increased profits and higher employment for small and medium-sized businesses. 47 women and 18 men were trained in the restaurant business, and 67 women and 34 men were trained in the hotel business. 29 hotel business trainees and 28 restaurant business trainees were hired by leading hotels and restaurants and 131 trainees paid training fees totaling more than \$2,500.

NGO Sapeda

D06-0047

\$25,678

Kolkhozabadskiy Rayon, Tajikistan

11/1/2006 - 10/31/2007

Lifting trade barriers could help promote economic development on both sides of the Tajik-Afghan border. The grantee trained Tajik and Afghan businessmen on international trade law, created an entrepreneur discussion club in the southern part of Khatlon Oblast, organized meetings with local government representatives from both countries, and held an international trade fair in Kunduz,

Afghanistan involving a wide cross-section of Tajik and Afghan societies. As a result, 12 Tajik entrepreneurs opened trading points in cities of northern Afghanistan; and 28 Afghan entrepreneurs began importing Afghan and Pakistani goods to Tajikistan. As well, the project contributed to the overall growth in cross-border trade. The U.S. Embassy in Tajikistan and USAID funded the project.

NGO The World of Health Children

D06-0113 \$16,694
Isfara 8/1/2007 - 4/30/2008

Despite legislation allowing doctors to open private practices, few do. This project sought to help establish private medical practices in Tajikistan. 100 doctors were trained in Sogd oblast on starting a private medicine business. 500 copies of a guide to establishing a private medical practice were published in Russian and Tajik. Additionally, more than 500 medical employees and residents of Isfara district received consulting services on creating and improving private healthcare. The association "Tabibon" was created to coordinate private medicine, uniting 20 private medicine entities.

Public Association Union of Consumers

D06-0085 \$17,616
Khujand 2/15/2007 - 12/20/2007

Barcode systems are not used for services and goods in Tajikistan, hampering the promotion of Tajik goods in both domestic and international trade. The grantee created the association "GS1-Tajikistan," trained employees on how to use GS1, and organized meetings with local producers in Khujand, Dushanbe, and Kurgan-Tube. The grantee strengthened the association, purchased barcode equipment with funds from the International Trade Center and trained staff on its use. As a result, the association was accepted for GS1 global membership and Tajikistan received its own barcode, boosting Tajikistan's ability to engage in international trade.

Public Union Fidokor

D06-0050 \$9,789
Kurghan-Tyube 11/1/2006 - 11/20/2007

The incomplete understanding of the principles of democratic management among jamoat and local self-governance (LSG) employees has a negative impact on the effectiveness of governance in rural regions. The grantee conducted trainings for 126 employees of the oblast's hukumat administration, jamoats and LSG, in order to improve local self-governance in the five principal raions of Khatlon Oblast. The grantee also organized off-site trainings at which employees of the LSG and NGOs in the oblast were able to exchange experiences and lay out the framework for the founding of an LSG network in Khatlon Oblast. As a result, three NGO coalitions were created in the Jami and Rumi districts and in the city of Nurek. In addition, employees of the OMSU and NGOs jointly presented three district development projects to donor organizations.

LTD, TV Ustrushana

D07-1921 \$3,900
Istaravshan 6/22/2007 - 10/31/2007

Due to the insufficient development of the mass media market in the Fergana Valley region of Tajikistan, many media outlets experience a range of sustainability problems. The grantee established and broadcasted two innovative, socially-oriented TV shows, one called "Farmer's Hour" and another called "Lawyers for Farmers" for the villages of Istaravshan district in the Sogd region of Tajikistan and also in districts bordering Uzbekistan (Syrdarya, Khavat, Kochkand, Yangiyor and Begabad). The project helped develop media as an institution, and attracted \$688 in TV commercial advertising revenue. The project also resulted in other donor contracts for the continued broadcasting of TV-

shows after project completion, thus increasing organizational sustainability. The British Embassy in Tajikistan funded the project.

Ukraine

Press-Club of Reforms

K06-0195

\$3,937

Kirovohrad

11/10/2006 - 5/10/2007

Although the national government declared administrative territorial reform a top priority in 2005, the general public had little understanding of the meaning, necessity and requirement of such an opportunity. This confusion resulted in a negative perception of the reform initiative among citizens, local authorities and the media. The situation in Kirovohrad oblast was particularly tenuous because local officials feared that a possible outcome of this reform initiative was the dissolution of the oblast as an administrative-territorial unit. To address this issue, the grantee set out to inform the local community of the need for reform and engaged the public and mass media in open discussion. With their input, the grantee developed recommendations for local authorities. The grantee held two press club meetings, produced four television shows and published 47 articles and short features in print media. The grantee created the website www.adminreform.in.ua to provide a forum for the exchange of views and to publicize analytical features. The grantee also produced a brochure including debate results and expert opinions, which was distributed among local and national policymakers. The grantee will continue to participate in the reform process by raising awareness at the local level. As a result of this initiative, the grantee was invited to present its recommendations to the Kirovograd Oblast State administration's Public Council.

AMMA Association

K07-0117

\$8,103

Kharkiv

8/1/2007 - 1/31/2008

Despite growing social standards and a decreasing poverty level in Ukraine, the local municipal departments of social services are still needed to provide assistance to elderly and disabled citizens. However, these offices do little to facilitate social and community activities essential to the target groups' quality of life. To address the issue, the grantee created a community center in the Kyivskiy district of Kharkiv. After surveying the local senior population, the grantee identified their community's specific needs and devised a plan to meet them. The project made more than 370 services available to the local senior population while 492 people have benefited from the center. More than 160 seniors took part in community support groups and attended classes such as floral design and gardening, traditional crafts and dance. The grantee also organized karaoke and movie clubs and held eight lectures and four trainings on communication skills and social adaptation for the elderly. The local media featured five articles and television news segments on the center. Part of EF's "Community Centers for People in Need" initiative, this grant received co-funding from Philip Morris Ukraine/Altria Group with in-kind support from the Kharkiv local government.

Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Kherson branch

K07-0136

\$21,614

Kherson

9/17/2007 - 11/9/2007

The political decision to hold early parliamentary elections in September 2007 sparked confrontation between branches of power in Ukraine and debates within society. The abbreviated run-up to elections and related political tensions underscored the need for a fair and transparent electoral process. This need was particularly acute in Kherson, the site of an intense campaigning. The grantee addressed this issue by mobilizing 407 independent local observers to conduct short-term monitoring of the elections. The grantee provided training and assigned the observers to polling stations where they monitored the voting process and the ballot count in five electoral districts in Kherson oblast. Additionally, the grantee used its online magazine to report the voting process to the public throughout Election Day. The grantee also organized a press-conference the day after the election to report observation results.

During the campaign, the grantee established and maintained a hot-line to provide immediate legal advice on electoral procedures to voters, members of the district electoral commissions and observers. The grantee reported that the elections were mostly free and fair, despite some minor technical violations at the polling stations. This project was co-funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Dnipropetrovsk Science and Technology Park

K06-0030

\$18,419

Dnipropetrovsk

4/1/2006 - 6/30/2007

Surveys and focus groups conducted in Dnipropetrovsk oblast determined the following barriers to the development of private enterprise and creation of new jobs in the region: lack of skills among entrepreneurs to start and successfully operate their businesses, limited access to consulting services and information, inadequate dialogue between entrepreneurs and local authorities, and a poor image of businessmen among the general public. The grantee addressed these issues by training and consulting both new entrepreneurs and unemployed people in Nikopol, Novomoskovsk and Synelnykove districts of the oblast. The grantee developed and introduced distance learning courses that facilitated the spread of information on entrepreneurship procedures, conditions and possibilities among the target audience. As part of the project, 266 people acquired new knowledge and access to information through a methodological multimedia manual that was created under the project. The grantee also organized a number of networking events for entrepreneurs, and provided 453 hours of consulting service in the state employment centers. In addition, the grantee expanded an entrepreneurship library and organized an information campaign that included round table discussions with local authorities, six issues of a newsletter and 15 articles in the print media. The project, co-funded by the OSCE and USAID as part of EF's Local Economic Development initiative (LEAD), also provided training to employees of the information consulting centers. A survey conducted among entrepreneurs of the target region indicated that project activities helped them increase the profitability of their businesses.

Donetsk Agrarian Development Public Organization

K05-0273

\$19,038

Donetsk

12/1/2005 - 1/31/2007

Rural areas of Donetsk oblast in Ukraine suffer from high unemployment. The traditionally agricultural region lost many jobs when state owned agricultural enterprises were privatized. Still more people were left underemployed due to the seasonal nature of agriculture. One way to increase employment is to diversify the local economy and introduce new business practices. To address this issue, the grantee developed and adapted seven innovative new business models for four rural districts in the oblast, including poultry farming; sewing uniforms and linens; mushroom farming and raising decorative plants. Using these models, the grantee trained 147 people to launch and promote new businesses, as well as to apply for loans. The grantee also conducted seminars demonstrating the technological aspects of the models suggested. These trainings allowed 33 people to start their own business and 21 rural entrepreneurs successfully applied for loans. The grantee also worked with local government officials and state employment centers to adapt the business models for their own efforts to diversify local economies. This resulted in seven new training courses for oblast employment center programs and the inclusion of project information into small and medium enterprise support programs at various levels. As part of Eurasia Foundation's Local Economic Development initiative (LEAD), co-funded by the OSCE and USAID, the project provided new economic opportunities for residents of four of the Donetsk oblast's most depressed districts.

East-Ukrainian Center of Civil Initiatives

K06-0252

\$5,969

Luhansk

1/15/2007 - 6/30/2007

The government declared administrative territorial reform one of its top priorities in 2005. However, little was done by national and regional policy makers to incorporate the expectations of citizens into the reform process, or to seek advice from independent experts to navigate this very complex and challenging initiative. The grantee addressed this issue by organizing seminars for 82 representatives from local councils in two districts in Luhansk oblast. The seminars covered how to increase citizens' participation in the process of reform design. Participants included 115 representatives from local NGOs, mass-media and private entrepreneurs in these districts. Participants learned the rationale behind the reform initiative and possible approaches to implement it. The grantee also produced a brochure summarizing feedback from participants and citizens and distributed it to local and national policy-makers. Thanks to the grantee's efforts, local media published and broadcast 39 news articles about reform. To spark public interest, the grantee organized a formal debate show on reform at Luhansk Pedagogical University. Specially-trained "Pro" and "Con" debate teams and more than 120 representatives from government, political parties, NGOs and experts took part in the discussion. The grantee will continue to reach out and involve citizens and experts in the decision making process for administrative territorial reform. Recommendations developed under this initiative will be analyzed by key national and regional agencies responsible for reform design implementation.

Entrepreneurs Support Foundation

K05-0060

\$14,458

Yaremche

5/30/2005 - 5/31/2006

Tourism is a fast growing business sector in Ivano-Frankivsk oblast due to the region's plentiful recreational, cultural and historical resources. The growing number of tourists coming to the region requires improved tourism infrastructure and a higher level of service. However, tourism-related businesses lack qualified personnel and often employ service workers from other regions, leaving their own region to deal with high unemployment and labor migration rates. The grantee addressed this issue by organizing an informal employment agency. The grantee provided job training to unemployed and under-employed people in various hospitality industry services, including hotel and restaurant management and rural tourism. A total of 670 people were trained to become guides, servers, hotel administrators and housekeepers. Additional trainings included management and entrepreneurship for those interested in starting their own businesses. Participants also had the opportunity to study English. The grantee organized four workshops with 54 potential employers, four on-site seminars and internships within the service industry for 65 students and high school graduates to learn more about professions in demand. The project's information component included publishing 700 copies of a manual on how to find job, which was widely used among the target audience. The grantee also published four issues of a newsletter entitled "Where to Find a Job," along with multiple media publications. In addition to improving the level of service offered by local tourism businesses, the project, co-funded by USAID and OSCE as part of EF's Local Economic Development program (LEAD), helped to create 35 new businesses and 68 jobs by the end of its operating year.

European Dialogue NGO

K05-0116

\$25,106

Lviv

7/29/2005 - 7/31/2006

The effectiveness of local self-government bodies is directly tied to transparency and accountability issues, which determine constituents' trust and confidence in their local leaders. In Ukraine, a number of unskilled and inexperienced mayors and council members are ill equipped to assess the effectiveness of their work and their success in addressing local development needs. The grantee addressed this issue by introducing policy evaluation techniques to governing councils in five districts of Lviv oblast. Within the pilot districts, the grantee conducted a series of three workshops for 18 young deputies of district councils. Utilizing the results of the trainings, the grantee produced five evaluation reports and discussed them at district council sessions. They also publicized reports and methodology during a

round table discussion. Based on the project experience, the grantee developed and distributed a manual on how local governments can use evaluation tools in their work. After the project ended, the grantee continued to disseminate the model. As a result, Mykolayiv and Luhansk oblasts also adopted this project methodology and the Lviv Regional Institute of Public Administration included it in its training course. Through training and replication of the data that was compiled, the project helped to increase the professionalism and transparency of local government institutions.

European Integration and Regional Development Agency

K06-0124

\$27,174

Lviv

11/6/2006 - 11/6/2007

As energy costs rise, a well-designed and managed energy policy is increasingly important to local governments in Ukraine. Even those towns and villages that are aware of the need for increased energy efficiency do not always have the capacity, resources or incentives to address municipal needs. The grantee, in partnership with the local economic development agency addressed this issue by introducing community mobilization as a strategic tool to improve energy efficiency in Novyi Rozdil, Lviv oblast. Using the local government's audit of communal buildings' energy effectiveness, the grantee made recommendations to the community on how to save energy. Following an information campaign, orientation meetings and seminars for community activists, the grantee held a competition to select a pilot project for improving energy efficiency. The winning pilot project proposal involved energy issues at the Children and Youth community center (including installing modern, energy efficient windows that hold in heat better; new radiators and new climate control equipment). This test project was co-funded by the local government and community contributions. The pilot project resulted in a 40% savings in heating costs. Additionally, the project helped build capacity in the community, raising local awareness and demand for other energy efficiency initiatives and other community development projects. The Novyi Rozdil economic development agency also benefited, raising its organizational capacity largely due to cooperation with the local community and government. The grantee highlighted the project's success by conducting information campaigns (including seminars and a manual) to encourage neighboring communities and other local authorities to replicate the model. The project was co-funded by the OSCE and USAID under EF's Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use program.

Hesed Shaare Tikva Kharkiv Oblast Charitable Foundation

K07-0116

\$23,489

Kharkiv

8/1/2007 - 4/15/2008

Despite growing social standards and a decreasing poverty level in Ukraine, the local municipal departments of social services are still needed to provide assistance to elderly and disabled citizens. However, these offices do little to facilitate social and community activities essential to the target groups' quality of life. To address this issue, the grantee created two senior centers in the Leninskyi and Moskovskyi districts of Kharkiv. The grantee made essential renovations and purchased necessary equipment to make them functional. During this project, 302 elderly people benefited from the center's counseling and advisory services and participated in social activities, such as music, art therapy, health and dance. More than 80 activities classes were offered. In addition, more than 120 persons benefited from available psychological counseling. The grantee also filmed a documentary about the project. Part of EF's "Community Centers for People in Need" initiative, this grant received co-funding from Philip Morris Ukraine/Altria Group with in-kind support from the Kharkiv local government.

Institute for Social Transformation Counsel

K07-0016

\$12,744

Kyiv

4/16/2007 - 11/15/2007

Local self-governments in Ukraine face a significant deficit in contemporary public administration capacity. Local governments are mired in bureaucracy to the detriment of the efficacy of social programs and services. Civil servants aren't trained to consider policy alternatives or prioritize projects according to public needs, resources and program evaluations. The result is weak policies formulated with little public input and inefficient public spending. The grantee improved the professional capacity of selected Ukrainian civil servants by providing training and internship opportunities. A total of 30 district and oblast level public officials from various regions of Ukraine participated in an initial training, from which ten were selected for five-week internships in Poland and Hungary. The grantee followed up with a round table to discuss and evaluate the outcomes of the program and a brochure to report the outcomes of the internships. This program was implemented in partnership with the National Academy of Public Administration and the Robert Bosch Foundation.

Institute of Social and Cultural Management

K06-0287

\$10,823

Kirovograd

4/1/2007 - 1/15/2008

After the Orange Revolution, interaction between government and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) significantly increased. Ukrainian legislation and the national government began to support the creation of public advisory councils in various ministries, oblast and rayon level administrations and councils, and in self-governing bodies. However, due to limited capacity, civic knowledge and experience, NGOs have been largely ineffective in providing policy feedback to the government, especially at the local level. Citizens have also lacked awareness and understanding of social policies, due in part to deficient media coverage on the issues: journalists are generally not trained in policy analysis or balanced reporting on social issues. To address these issues, the grantee launched an initiative to improve analysis of social policy by civil servants, NGOs and journalists in Kirovohrad oblast. The grantee created a manual entitled, "Technology of Evaluation of Social Programs and Projects," and distributed 1,000 copies to NGOs, journalists and local officials. The grantee organized three public trainings and a seminar on evaluation and social policy analysis in the region in which 95 representatives of local organizations and civil servants participated. In addition, the grantee provided financial resources for four local initiatives to assist vulnerable populations, mobilize resources to address community problems and improve information coverage on social issues. An information campaign in local media publicized the activities, leading to coverage in 32 print and online news clips about the project. The grantee recently chaired the Kirovohrad oblast governor's Public Council, which will continue to provide feedback and input on social policy from the civil society. The project was co-funded by Steven Batory Foundation (Poland).

League of Business and Professional Women

K06-0173

\$15,490

Kherson

9/18/2006 - 9/18/2007

Although rural green tourism is widely recognized as an effective way to boost local economic development and generate new job opportunities, picturesque Kherson oblast so far has been slow to take advantage of its natural resources and recreation opportunities to promote green tourism. The famous Askania Nova Preserve, recreation zones, fishing areas, mineral waters, and local therapeutic muds are all underused. Rural tourism initiatives lacked support for dispersing information, knowledge and skills to potential rural tourism operators. To address this issue, the grantee assessed the current local tourism field and implemented a number of activities to promote this relatively novel idea in three pilot districts of the oblast. The grantee launched a business incubator, organized two exhibitions, 23 seminars, and 160 individual consultations to new and existing green tourism providers, helping them start and improve their own businesses, diversify services and market themselves. The grantee's information campaign included 18 articles in print and electronic media, 10 TV and four radio spots and many information handouts. To sustain their work and impact, the grantee and the Kherson city

council amended the oblast's strategic plan for developing small and medium businesses to include a rural green tourism business incubator. The grantee also developed a five-level rating system for their network of guesthouses called "Koshyky Tavrii," which has been adopted by the Kherson Oblast administration and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism. As part of Eurasia Foundation's Local Economic Development initiative (LEAD), co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and USAID, the project helped to create 75 full time jobs and 150 seasonal positions. It also improved the overall profitability of the local tourism industry, increasing participation from four to 28 families within a year.

Luhansk Oblast Organization Public Legal Assistance Service

K05-0152

\$2,479

Luhansk

10/1/2005 - 7/31/2006

After the 2004 Presidential election, the new Ukrainian government declared administrative reform and improving local self-governance a top priority. This decision coincided with an unprecedented level of public interest in the political process both on national and local levels. However, there existed few forums or institutions, such as public councils and independent expert groups, to harness citizens' concerns and to utilize civil society's potential to provide feedback to the government. The grantee addressed these challenges by setting up at the Luhansk Oblast Public Council an independent information and analytical center to channel citizens' feedback to oblast policy makers. The center's main activities included informing the public about regional government activities, providing citizen input into policy-making and facilitating public access to information and introducing e-governance. The grantee held six coordination meetings in which 284 citizens, including representatives of public agencies, businesses and media outlets, discussed communal services and tariffs, regional development, good governance and other important issues. The grantee launched a website at <http://lugansk.civicua.org/center> to inform the public about activities of nongovernmental organizations and regional development initiatives. The center plans to continue to develop mechanisms to provide citizen and expert input into the policy making process within local government.

Municipal and Regional Development Center

K04-0257

\$18,914

Lviv

1/10/2005 - 10/31/2006

In Ukraine, a lack of skills among mayors and council members prohibits local governments from effectively addressing local development needs. Local officials have little experience engaging constituents, often leading to a lack of trust and confidence from the public. To address this issue, the grantee conducted intensive training and advised 129 rural council members and community activists. Participants from rural councils in Velykyi Lyubyn, Mshana, Sukhovolia and Buchaly villages in the Horodotskyi district of Lviv oblast took part in the training and counseling sessions, which included local strategic planning, public financial management, sustainable development, and the drafting of local ordinances. The grantee also published and distributed 500 copies of a manual on sustainable local development and self-governance. A study trip to Poland organized by the grantee helped the target stakeholders see the benefits of effective local governance and effective community management for energy efficiency. As a result of the project, the public provided input into strategic development plans and comprehensive environmental improvement and energy saving strategies in four villages. Three villages introduced pilot projects to improve street lighting, including auditing energy use and installing energy saving equipment. The project encouraged the communities to take on other projects and to diversify their funding sources. Further achievements include improved waste management; additional energy-efficient street lighting; construction of a new stadium; installation of new heating systems in kindergartens, schools and rural council buildings; and the preparation of investment proposals for a community center, new roads, and sewage treatment. This project, co-funded by the USAID and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe as a part of the Strengthening Rural Councils

initiative, helped strengthen the ability of rural councils to respond to citizen needs and gave council members much-needed practical skills, including how to effectively use citizen input to make decisions.

Opora Civil Network

K07-0139

\$20,252

Kyiv

9/17/2007 - 12/26/2007

The political decision to hold early parliamentary elections in September 2007 sparked confrontation between branches of power in Ukraine and debates within society. The abbreviated run-up to elections and related political tensions underscored the need for a fair and transparent electoral process. This need was particularly acute in Kirovohrad oblast, the site of intense campaigning and voting irregularities during the 2004 elections. The grantee addressed this issue by partnering with a local organization and mobilizing 500 observers who were placed at the polling stations of four electoral districts in Kirovohrad oblast. The grantee trained the observers at intensive seminars. Additionally, the grantee created informational materials on procedures and excerpts of current legislation, which were distributed to observers. The grantee provided constant election coverage updates on its website and provided information at press conferences in both Kirovohrad and Kyiv the day following the elections to complement the monitoring and observation process. The grantee reported that the elections were mostly free and fair, despite some minor technical violations at the polling stations. This project was co-funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Polis'ka Initiative NGO

K06-0132

\$12,997

Korostyshev, Zhytomyr oblast

11/15/2006 - 7/31/2007

As energy costs rise, a well-designed and managed energy policy is increasingly important to local governments in Ukraine. While towns and villages are often aware of this need, they do not always have the capacity, skills, resources or incentives to respond to it. To address this issue in the Korostyshiv district of Zhytomyr oblast, the grantee worked with local communities to raise awareness and mobilize local resources to implement strategies to conserve energy. Five representatives from local government, NGOs and businesses participated in a study tour to Poland to study best practices and trends in energy efficiency. The grantee held three round table discussions and a press conference to communicate energy-saving practices to the general public. The grantee drafted recommendations on additional measures to conserve energy in the district, to which the local authorities responded by including the recommendations in their energy agenda. In addition to an information campaign in local media, the project team also organized an essay-writing contest among the students, published 800 copies of an elementary-level textbook and piloted an energy-efficiency training course in district schools. Utilizing available timber processing waste (sawdust) in the region, the grantee promoted adoption of biomass combustion technologies that use sawdust as fuel. To demonstrate their effectiveness, the Slobidka village school installed two new biomass boilers with co-funding from local entrepreneurs and the government. The pilot project resulted in a more than 20 percent reduction in heating costs and significantly improved climate conditions at school. The District Department of Education plans to sponsor replication of the model in other schools. The project, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development under EF's Municipal Partnerships for Better Energy Use program, resulted in greater use of energy saving technology and increased awareness of energy issues in the district.

Promin Charitable Foundation

K07-0114

\$23,008

Kharkiv

8/1/2007 - 3/31/2008

Despite growing social standards and a decreasing poverty level in Ukraine, the local municipal departments of social services are still needed to provide assistance to elderly and disabled citizens.

However, these offices do little to facilitate social and community activities essential to the target groups' quality of life. To address this issue, the grantee renovated space in a municipal building to house a community center and support groups for senior citizens in the Dzerzhynskiy district of Kharkiv. Eighty-three senior citizens attended classes on sewing, drama, gardening and choir. The grantee also organized various social gatherings and volunteer opportunities for the seniors, including helping disabled children. The elderly participants of the center benefited from more than 150 appointments with lawyers, psychologists and health care professionals. Part of EF's "Community Centers for People in Need" initiative, this grant received co-funding from Philip Morris Ukraine/Altria Group with in-kind support from the Kharkiv local government.

Region & Community Luhansk Oblast Foundation

K07-0077

\$23,580

Luhansk

7/10/2007 - 6/25/2008

Regional communities in Ukraine are suffering from the high cost of energy tariffs, mainly caused by old heating equipment and an inefficient management system. To address this issue, the grantee, in partnership with the Luhansk Regional Branch of the Association of Cities of Ukraine, initiated a project to stimulate innovative and participatory solutions to improve energy efficiency in Luhansk oblast. The Foundation established a public commission on energy conservation within the oblast administration and analyzed energy efficiency in Luhansk oblast and three pilot towns. Following an intensive public information campaign and several meetings with oblast community activist groups, the grantee arranged a competition to implement energy saving technologies in the housing sector. The competition

resulted in three pilot projects to improve energy efficiency and living conditions in the communities. Each pilot project has at least 50 percent co-funding from local sources. The pilot projects include new, energy-efficient street lighting in Stanytsia Luhanska that is two and half times more efficient; energy renovations to a condominium building in Rubizhne that saved residents over 1,000 UAH in one month; and the insulation of a Luhansk kindergarten that is expected to save at least 20,000 UAH during the next heating season. The success of these pilot projects has encouraged local communities to take further steps to improve energy efficiency in their areas. A regional forum and exhibition of energy saving technologies concluded the project, which was co-funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Eurasia Foundation through the U.S. Agency for International Development. It helped to increase awareness and the demand for more energy-efficient solutions in the region.

Tourist Association of Ivano-Frankivsk Region

K05-0244

\$7,998

Ivano-Frankivsk

12/10/2005 - 9/15/2006

Despite overall depression and high unemployment in Ivano-Frankivsk, the city is trying to use its favorable location close to the borders of Romania, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary to attract foreign investment in many of its small and medium businesses. According to the city council's strategic plan, tourism should be promoted as an important vehicle for this foreign investment. To fulfill this objective the grantee, in partnership with local tourist companies and cultural institutions, developed a city geographic information system (GIS) and updated a digital map of the city with comprehensive information on cultural and historical monuments, tourist infrastructure and suggested walking routes. These products are currently used by 86 tourism enterprises working in the oblast, as well as by city and oblast governments. After the completion of the grant, local and oblast governments invested more than \$10,000 to develop and replicate the project activities. For example, with additional funding from the city council, the grantee translated the GIS and map into Russian and Polish. The Ivano-Frankivsk oblast administration subsequently contracted the grantee to develop an oblast-wide tourist GIS

integrating it with the newly-developed city system. As part of the Let's Make Ivano-Frankivsk Better Together Initiative, supported by USAID and the Ivano-Frankivsk city council, the project greatly improved the quality and range of tourist information and contributed to the more than 50 percent increase in tourism in the city in 2006.

Ukrainian Association of Marketing, Rivne branch

K06-0031

\$19,221

Rivne

4/1/2006 - 8/31/2007

Small businesses represent the backbone of economic innovation, diversification, and growth. In Ukraine, although there has been some progress made in small business development over the last few years, many entrepreneurs still lack the business skills necessary for their start-ups to survive, compete and grow. In rural areas, access to information is limited, leading business owners to make uninformed decisions that may result in negative outcomes and even failure. Expert analysis has identified rural tourism, agricultural processing, wood processing, and the service industry as the most promising small business spheres for the Demydivka, Hoscha and Sarny districts of Rivne oblast. To foster private enterprise development in the region, the grantee provided a range of support to start-up and existing entrepreneurs working in these fields. The grantee organized trainings for 243 people, including regional development planning for representatives of the local governments, developing rural tourism for guesthouse owners and business management and marketing for entrepreneurs. In addition, experts provided regular consulting support to 77 small businesses and conducted marketing research on the priority industries. To promote local rural tourism services and help providers increase profits, the grantee created a website, developed a rural tourist route, produced a series of TV programs, and organized a press tour for journalists. To improve entrepreneurship, the grantee promoted a book of success stories about small businesses. In order to ensure sustainability, the grantee established a dialogue between private entrepreneurs and local authorities via round-table meetings and consultations and by contributing to the development of local government programs that encourage small business development. The oblast government provided 22,000 UAH from its own budget to support this project. The project also improved the capacity of the grantee to support local business by providing for increased training for its own experts. Overall, the project, which was co-funded by OSCE and USAID as part of EF's Local Economic Development program (LEAD), helped improve existing enterprises, as well as create new businesses and jobs. Project beneficiaries increased their incomes by an average of 47.5 percent in 2006 and the grantee helped launch 17 new rural tourism businesses.

Ukrainian Association of Software Developers (UASWD)

K02-0336

\$28,707

Kyiv

9/1/2003 - 8/20/2004

Software development is one of the most promising industries in Ukraine because of highly educated human capital and the competitiveness of Ukrainian companies on the global market. However, this industry growth was inhibited in recent years for several reasons: lack of government programs and policies supporting high tech industries, low access to international certification for Ukrainian software companies, and under-developed quality management systems within the high-tech sector. To address these issues, the grantee established and equipped an Educational and Training Center of Program Engineering and designed applied study courses to teach modern methods of program engineering, quality management systems, international standards in the production cycle and modern programming technologies. The grantee helped 77 university teachers and students and 34 software company employees complete the courses, while 32 employees earned professional certificates. In addition, 50 individuals completed the Center's distance learning classes. The grantee also published 24 issues of an electronic bulletin on project management issues and disseminated them among software developers. As a result of the project, four Ukrainian companies received international Capability Maturity Model

(CMM) and Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) certificates. In addition, the Informal Software Process Improvement Network agreed to continue designing recommendations for the industry as well as for the government on industry development.

Union of Entrepreneurs of Small and Medium Enterprises of Ukraine, Sumy branch

K05-0263

\$9,451

Sumy

1/20/2006 - 8/25/2006

According to the Sumy Regional Employment Center, the region suffered from high unemployment - almost nine percent higher than the national average - in the first half of 2005. Small business and economic opportunities that exist in Sumy are not always recognized as such. For instance, the region has favorable soils and climate conditions to cultivate berries and fruit, which could be a good business opportunity. The grantee approached this issue by providing education and training to encourage berry and fruit farming while introducing new technologies to improve production. During the first phase of project implementation, the grantee organized an information campaign, including informational leaflets, three radio features, two television spots, eight newspaper articles and the distribution of informational leaflets. The grantee also ran an intensive training program for unemployed job-seekers. The grantee provided consultations, ran 24 seminars (four units consisting of seven seminars each), conducted formal instruction, provided internships at successful farms, set up master classes with recognized experts, and produced a manual for new agricultural producers. As part of Eurasia Foundation's Local Economic Development initiative (LEAD), co-funded by OSCE and USAID, the project provided new economic opportunities for residents of the oblast's depressed regions, leading to the creation of 20 jobs and 18 new businesses by the end of the grant.

Union To Promote Rural Green Tourism in Ukraine, Ivano-Frankivsk branch

K05-0240

\$7,998

Ivano-Frankivsk

12/10/2005 - 8/20/2006

Despite overall depression and high unemployment in Ivano-Frankivsk, the city is trying to use its favorable location close to the borders of Romania, Slovakia, Poland, and Hungary to attract foreign investment in many of its small and medium businesses. According to the city council's strategic plan, tourism should be promoted as an important vehicle for this foreign investment. The grantee developed a project aimed at "nostalgic tourism" in Ivano-Frankivsk city - targeting Ukrainian Diaspora. No tour company in the city offered such a product. The grantee researched tourist companies interested in selling nostalgic tours, compiled a database of Ukrainian Diaspora organizations, and conducted a broad information and promotion campaign. The project team also produced CD-ROM and printed versions of a catalogue with five newly developed tours. As a direct result of these activities nostalgic tours are now suggested by 18 tourist companies, and over 4,000 tourists have participated in nostalgic tours since the project's inception. As part of the Let's Make Ivano-Frankivsk Better Together Initiative, supported by USAID and the Ivano-Frankivsk city council, the project strengthened the tourist industry in Ivano-Frankivsk by improving the quality and diversity of tourism options.

Unity Public Organization

K07-0115

\$19,226

Kharkiv

8/1/2007 - 3/31/2008

Despite growing social standards and a decreasing poverty level in Ukraine, the local municipal departments of social services are still needed to provide assistance to elderly and disabled citizens. However, these offices do little to facilitate social and community activities essential to the target groups' quality of life. To address this issue, the grantees created two community centers in the Oktyabrskiy and Frunzenskiy districts of Kharkiv. During this project, more than 291 people benefited

from activities at the center, such as choir, dance, knitting, aromatherapy and sewing. The grantee also organized an information campaign to publicize the centers that included a film, two issues of the "Social Assistance" newspaper and two news segments for the public. Part of EF's "Community Centers for People in Need" initiative, this grant received co-funding from Philip Morris Ukraine/Altria Group with in-kind support from the Kharkiv local government.

Uspekh Saki Rayon Entrepreneurs Public Organization

K06-0206

\$3,574

Saki

4/2/2007 - 8/31/2007

More than 60 percent of milk in Crimea is produced by individual cattle owners. Current milk production and collection methods are not very profitable because the product price does not take into account processing costs. In addition, current methods do not meet health guidelines. The grantee addressed this issue by creating dairy farm cooperatives. As jointly-owned and operated associations of agri-producers, the cooperatives provide economies of scale for processing and marketing member farms' products. To start, the grantee built a database of dairy farmers and processors and informed cattle owners of the benefits of dairy farm cooperatives and milk collection stations. This campaign consisted of six seminars, consulting services and newspaper publications. The grantee planned to identify pilot communities in which to create milk collection stations for cooperatives and then to provide them with intensive training and consultations in business operations, dairy farming and processing technology. However, this component was not accomplished due to changes in project management and the grantee's subsequent inability to continue implementing the project. The grantee was unable to motivate potential members of the cooperative to mobilize their own resources to invest in necessary equipment for milk collection stations. The project was co-funded by OSCE and USAID as part of EF's Local Economic Development program (LEAD).

Women Informative - Consulting Center

K06-0060

\$23,590

Ozerno

9/18/2006 - 9/18/2007

Economic diversity is important for growth in a market economy, especially in rural areas of Ukraine where opportunities are limited and the population suffers from high unemployment. Residents of these areas must find and develop new ways to generate income. Reviving traditional folk crafts may be one of the most effective ways to do so. The grantee addressed this issue by introducing new business practices focused on folk crafts to rural areas of Zhytomyr oblast, helping the unemployed earn income by learning to produce crafts such as embroidery, stained-glass, forged-iron, weaving and decorations made from wicker and wood. The grantee trained 310 individuals to make traditional folk arts and crafts and then helped them through the process of starting a small business and marketing their products. The grantee organized several events bringing together craftsmen, artisans, designers and marketing specialists to create handicraft businesses and make them profitable. To help promote craftsmanship, the grantee organized a series of round table discussions with local authorities and an international public forum entitled, "Second Breath to Folk Crafts", for about 70 participants. Local media covered the project, mentioning it in 77 news articles. The project also included a website and a catalogue entitled "Zhytomyr in Folk Craftsmanship" to promote local crafts. The grantee published 1,000 catalogues. The grantee presented specific recommendations to improve local economic conditions through craft production and sales to local and national officials, suggesting that folk craftsmanship be included in small business development programs at the regional and national levels. Co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and USAID under Eurasia Foundation's Local Economic Development initiative (LEAD), this project helped 43 entrepreneurs establish new businesses and created 128 jobs. It also launched a new NGO, Ukrainsky Dim (Ukrainian House), to

continue developing the handicraft industry in the region. Project organizers continue to diversify the local economy by building rural, green tourism around the local crafts industry.

Yednist for the Future Zaporizhzhia Charitable Foundation

K07-0083

\$18,985

Zaporizhzhia

7/16/2007 - 5/15/2008

The standard heating system in many big Ukrainian cities is not energy efficient because it is unable to be regulated and lacks measurement equipment. It does not encourage residents to save energy because of the standard fee paid by all, even if they consume less energy. To address this issue, the grantee raised energy efficiency awareness and improved energy efficiency in apartment buildings in the city of Zaporizhzhia. After information sessions for more than 1,000 people from 200 buildings, the grantee identified 60 activists who participated in comprehensive seminars on how to save energy. The grantee conducted a broad informational campaign that included printed materials, TV and radio programs (with live interactive discussions) and newspaper publications. As a result of a competition organized among the city's apartment buildings, seven were selected to start pilot projects to install heat meters and implement other measures to save energy and money. At least 50% of the equipment costs were covered by residents themselves. Within five months, the pilot building's residents saved more than UAH 270,000 on heating. Along with the seven buildings piloted in the project, residents of 11 other apartment buildings were given free consultations and had heat meters installed at their own expense. The number of city buildings using heat meters increased more than 34% in the grant period. The project, co-funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, raised public awareness on the benefits of heat measuring by involving residents in the energy-saving process.

Yevropeysky Dom Charitable Foundation

K05-0268

\$2,282

Zakarpatska

3/1/2006 - 10/31/2006

According to official statistics, 70 percent of the residents in Zakarpatska oblast live in rural, mountainous areas that have few local entrepreneurship opportunities. As a consequence, the region suffers from a high rate of labor migration as residents leave the oblast to find work elsewhere. To address this issue, the grantee designed and implemented a project to improve entrepreneurial opportunities in local tourism, utilizing the region's plentiful recreational, cultural and historical resources. The grantee conducted an information and mobilization campaign, selecting six communities to organize a network of local economic development centers for rural children and youth. Representing the selected communities, 85 schoolchildren participated in a series of trainings in rural tourism and crafts trades. The grantee also conducted a competition among the youth to produce the best knowledge of the history and culture of his or her native village, the best craft product, the best business plan and the best tourism idea. The 16 winners went to a special summer camp where they discussed promoting tourism, tested possible tourist routes around the neighboring territories and worked out a tourism development program for Bukovets village. The grantee also developed a vocational training program for rural youth and is now seeking funding to implement it. This project was co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and USAID as part of of EF's Local Economic Development (LEAD) program.

Zhytomyr Scientists and Business-Consultants Association

K06-0061

\$14,533

Zhytomyr

9/18/2006 - 9/18/2007

The population of Zhytomyr oblast, struggling with one of the highest unemployment rates in Ukraine, lives in mostly rural areas with good agricultural resources. Thus, developing small and mid-size agricultural enterprises would generate jobs and foster the economic development of local communities. However, current small enterprises are not effective or profitable enough because the

population lacks the necessary resources and skills. To address this issue, the grantee promoted agricultural service cooperatives jointly owned and operated by agro-producers. The grantee's campaign in rural areas selected five pilot communities that received technical support in agricultural cooperation. Those interested in forming cooperatives within their communities participated in 10 training sessions, received legal support in cooperative registration and benefited from more than 100 various professional consultations. The grantee also published 10 brochures on agricultural service cooperatives for the local business community. The project created two cooperatives and one communal enterprise, resulted in 10 new jobs in the target communities and improved profitability for small agro-businesses. As part of the EF Local Economic Development Program, the project was co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Economics Education and Research Consortium Inc/ EERC

W03-0018

\$787,000

Kyiv

10/1/2003 - 12/31/2007

Since 1996, the Economics Education and Research Consortium (EERC) has supported a research network spanning Russia and, since 2000, all CIS countries. Through a unique combination of grantmaking, rigorous peer review, targeted methodological training, and investment in virtual research infrastructure (access to publication outlets, literature, data, and professional communication) the network has facilitated a paradigm shift in the way economics research is conducted in all countries of the former Soviet Union, building individual research capacities, and aiming to enhance the role of modern economics in the policy design process and the public debate. Since 1996, the network funded more than 300 research projects totaling over \$2,000,000, supported and trained hundreds of researchers, published more than 200 research papers, and organized dozens of seminars, research workshops, policy roundtable meetings and conferences. The network is now headquartered at EERC's Kiev office, where it will continue its work with the support of the Global Development Network.

Uzbekistan

International Business School Kelajak Ilmi

T04-1238

\$72,098

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

9/27/2004 - 12/31/2006

From 2004 to 2006, the project sought to enhance the institutional sustainability of the International Business School (IBS) Keladjak Ilmi through offering grants to qualified students from poor families and rural regions. IBS held a series of activities to to recruit freshmen. As a result, enrollment increased overall as did disadvantaged students.

APPENDIX C

**US GOVERNMENT GRANTS BY COUNTRY
OCTOBER 1, 2007 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

Armenia

Eurasia Partnership Foundation: Armenia

\$1,897,696.00

Armenia

2/01/08 - 6/30/10

To create a new indigenous foundation, the Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) in the South Caucasus. EPF inherits a strong array of programs from EF in all three countries of the region. With a diverse, international Board of Trustees, it will position itself as one of the South Caucasus' leading civil society organizations. EPF will implement programs to increase citizen participation in public administration; encourage community volunteerism and activism among the youth; build local capacity for research and policy making; and build relationships across borders.

Zinvori Mair Republican Committee of Armenia

\$31,785.33

Armenia

2/01/08 - 12/31/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in Armenia. The grantee will conduct a series of events publicizing the risks of illegal labor migration, such as roundtable discussions with government and non-governmental entities. The grantee will also provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants, returnees and their families on legislation related to migration, compulsory military service, registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants will be better informed about the risks of illegal labor migration, including issues related to their military service

Resource Center of Charentsavan Charitable NGO \$7,915.87

Armenia

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in Kotayk Region of Armenia, the grantee will establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration, provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia, and assist returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Returnees will also be provided with information on local employment opportunities, business development, and entrepreneurship. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Kotayk Region will be better informed about the risks of illegal labor migration and returnees will be more aware of employment opportunities

Development Centre of Armavir Social-Economic NGO

\$5,371.71

Armenia

2/01/08 - 5/15/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Armavir Region of Armenia, the grantee will establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration, provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia, and assist returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Returnees will also be provided with information on local employment opportunities, business development, and entrepreneurship. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Armavir will be better informed about the risks of illegal labor migration and returnees will be more aware of employment opportunities.

YEREVAK Non-Governmental Organization

\$4,745.92

Armenia

2/01/08 - 6/30/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Tavush Region of Armenia, the grantee will establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration, provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia, and assist returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Returnees will also be provided with

information on local employment opportunities, business development, and entrepreneurship. The project will also establish a partnership with the Lipetsk Regional Union of Armenians (most migrants from Tavush go to Lipetsk) for the purpose of improved information sharing. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Tavush will be better informed about the risks of illegal labor migration and returnees will be more aware of employment opportunities.

Hope and Help NGO

\$1,935.41

Armenia

2/01/08 - 9/30/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Lori Region of Armenia, the grantee will establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration, provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia, and assist returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Returnees will also be provided with information on local employment opportunities, business development, and entrepreneurship. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Lori will be better informed about the risks of illegal labor migration and returnees will be more aware of employment opportunities.

Sisian communities union

\$4,184.37

Armenia

2/01/08 - 6/30/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Syunik Region of Armenia, the grantee will establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration, provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia, and assist returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Returnees will also be provided with information on local employment opportunities, business development, and entrepreneurship. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Syunik will be better informed about the risks of illegal labor migration and returnees will be more aware of employment opportunities.

Gorisi Yeritasardakan Miutiun Public Organization

\$8,605.11

Armenia

2/01/08 - 8/31/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Syunik Region of Armenia, the grantee will establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration, provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia, and assist returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Returnees will also be provided with information on local employment opportunities, business development, and entrepreneurship. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Syunik will be better informed about the risks of illegal labor migration and returnees will be more aware of employment opportunities.

MARTUNI WOMEN'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL Non-Governmental Organization

\$12,057.23

Armenia

2/01/08-

9/30/08

To protect the rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Gegharkunik Region of Armenia, the grantee will establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration, provide legal consultations to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia, and assist returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Returnees will also be provided with information on local employment opportunities, business development, and entrepreneurship. As a result of the project, potential labor migrants from Gegharkunik will be better

informed about the risks of illegal labor migration and returnees will be more aware of employment opportunities

Center for Information Law and Policy of Media Support Internews NGO \$14,603.21
Armenia 7/14/08 - 6/30/09

To enable and popularize the legal sharing and reuse of cultural, educational, and scientific works in the countries of the South Caucasus. This will be achieved through offering free and easy-to-use Creative Commons framework to creators, artists, and educators, as well as other internet-based communities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. To accomplish the above objectives, EPF will support effective collaboration between the Center for Information Law and Policy of Media Support Internews NGO and the Germany-based Creative Commons International, as well as with local partner-organizations in Azerbaijan and Georgia. The three local partners will explore possibilities for implementing a consistent, robust and internationally accepted framework for intellectual property rights for web-based materials, and will eventually adapt Creative Commons framework to conditions in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia respectively. The project will provide for an extensive stakeholder involvement and broad public awareness campaign in each of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. If successful, the program will harness further intellectual activity in the South Caucasus, will potentially provide a newer mechanism for economic activity, and, at the same time, will enhance opportunities for cross-border collaboration among creative communities in the South Caucasus and beyond.

Theatre for Changes Cultural NGO \$16,038.83
Armenia (Yerevan City) 9/01/08 - 11/30/08

To encourage schoolchildren to make positive changes in their lives and communities. Through interactive performance accompanied by live music and sound effects, as well as distribution of informational materials and gifts, the young actors of the Theater for Changes NGO will teach children how to protect the environment, care for personal hygiene, stay safe by learning traffic rules, express an opinion, use public utilities, fight for consumer rights and lead healthy lifestyles. As a result of the project, About 1500 schoolchildren in 24 communities will become more aware of their civic responsibilities.

Armenian Young Women's Association \$11,544.38
Armenia 2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To promote youth activism in the Vayots Dzor Region by building the capacities of local youth organizations. The grantee will organize training of trainers, who will train more than 225 young men and women in entrepreneurship, political literacy, and legal awareness on human rights. The grantee will also establish a Youth Council, which will design and implement youth activities in the region. As a result of the project, NGOs and youth organizations in the region will be better able to educate local young people and help them participate in their communities.

"Armauthor" Author Rights Defence Non-Governmental Organization \$20,725.28
Armenia 2/01/08 - 11/14/08

To increase understanding of intellectual property rights, copyrights and related rights in Armenia. The grantee will produce three television programs on the subject, which will be broadcast on three national TV stations, and an educational TV commercial on piracy, which will be periodically aired by national TV stations. The project will also organize three round table discussions, supported Microsoft Armenia, on copyright issues and new technologies, as well as seven seminars on intellectual property rights in outlying regions. Finally, the project will support a nine-month certificate program and publication of a university textbook on intellectual property rights for a group of 30 professionals. As a result of the project, the public will better understand how to protect intellectual property rights, copyrights and

related rights, which will promote the development of business, science, literature and the arts in Armenia.

Maternity Center of Armenia Charitable Public Organization

\$4,706.90

Armenia

2/01/08 - 5/31/08

To strengthen the organizational capacities of "Maternity Fund of Armenia" Charitable Public Organization (MFAA). The grantee will implement various structural and strategic changes, including involving five new members in its governing bodies, engaging volunteers, five trainings and consultations on managerial skills and service provision, research and analysis to expand services and make strategic decisions on financial sustainability of the organization. As a result of the project, the organization will improve its image, provide services beyond Yerevan, and have a system in place to engage volunteers in fundraising events.

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Gegharkunik Region of RA

\$5,085.73

Armenia

2/01/08 - 5/30/08

To strengthen the organizational capacities of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Gegharkunik Region. The grantee will implement various structural and strategic changes, including growing membership, engaging members more closely in the Chamber's activities, attracting volunteers, training and consultations to improve the organization's marketing and PR strategy, short term planning, internal communication and team work. The project will also foster the development of a B2B web site which will link member businesses with other businesses outside the Gegharkunik Region. As a result of the project, the organization will improve its image, be able to provide new consulting and advisory services and increase its members and volunteers

Unison NGO for Support of People with Special Needs

\$7,374.51

Armenia

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To strengthen the organizational performance of Unison NGO by improving the organization's responsiveness to the needs of its constituency; improving the efficiency of the organization's operations; and improving Unison's service delivery capacities. In order to achieve these objectives, the grantee staff, management and members will assess the needs of the organization's constituency, clarify the roles and responsibilities of the organization's governing bodies, management and staff, and develop a new strategic plan for the organization. Unison's staff will receive training in website design and layout, which will help the organization develop a website in Armenian. The grant will also support the purchase of equipment that will give blind individuals Internet access.

Dilnet service educational NGO

\$9,430.68

Armenia

2/01/08 - 8/31/08

To strengthen the organizational performance of Business Promotion Center "Dilnet." The grantee will conduct a needs assessment of its target beneficiaries, develop a strategic plan based on that assessment, hold a general meeting to improve the organization's charter, develop a mechanism for evaluating its services and recruit new members to its governing bodies. As a result of this project, the organization will provide better services to its client businesses.

Information Systems Development and Training Center

\$7,716.29

Armenia

2/01/08 - 10/31/08

To strengthen the organizational performance of the Information Systems Development and Training Center(hereafter ISDTC). An external consultant will conduct a needs assessment, and the grantee's staff will develop a strategic plan for the organization. The grantee's management will then develop written policies and procedures for administrative, information management, and human resources systems and provide training for staff in these areas. An external audit will be conducted in order to

improve the financial management systems of the organization. The NGO will develop a marketing system and website to promote new services.

LORI TV LLC

\$11,309.11

Armenia

2/01/08 - 10/31/08

To increase public awareness in the Lori Region on the problem of corruption. The grantee will organize an eight-hour daily hotline service to receive questions and comments from the local population, as well as fourteen talk shows with representatives of government and non-government entities covering corruption-related issues in education, health care, justice, local government, culture management, social security and elections. A direct phone line will be acting during the live broadcast of the talk show to receive on-line questions from audience. As a result of the project, coverage of corruption-related issues in the region will grow and public awareness and participation in the fight against corruption will increase.

ASPAREZ Journalists' Club NGO

\$10,391.81

Armenia

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To reduce the risk corruption in three northern regions of Armenia. The project will conduct a series of training courses on the use of the Freedom of Information Law (FOI Law) as a tool against corruption for more than 300 participants including practicing and student journalists, officials managing information of public interest, civil society representatives, lawyers and politicians. At least 11 TV debates will be broadcast, covering issues related to FOI Law and the risk of corruption in the region, through 8 TV companies in cities in northern Armenia. Additionally, 3 round table discussions will be held in regional centers of Gyumri, Vanadzor and Ijevan to discuss issues related to the implementation of the FOI Law. During the course of the project at least 300 requests for information will be addressed to responsible parties and the results qualitatively and quantitatively analyzed. Major achievements and results of the project will be highlighted through 1) a special web-portal created in the web-site of the organization; 2) initial and final press conferences and 3) a final conference which will bring together major parties involved in the project and will draw up final recommendations resulting from the project.

Investigative Journalists Non-Governmental Organization

\$27,940.82

Armenia

2/01/08 - 9/30/08

To increase transparency of Local Government bodies in the Ararat, Armavir, Kotayk, Tavush and Lori regions of Armenia. The grantee will recruit and train a group of reporters in the five targeted regions to produce investigative journalism materials for a monthly insert. The insert will be disseminated through one of the largest national dailies. The grantee will also conduct a series of public awareness activities including publication of annual budget reports, meetings with the local population and two round table discussions with representatives of civil society organizations and local governments. During the final phase of the project a series of talk shows and five short films will be broadcast on local TV stations in the five targeted regions to highlight the issues covered during the project and to draw wider attention to them among the public

TSAYG Ltd

\$13,485.89

Armenia

2/01/08 - 8/15/08

To increase public awareness in the Shirak Region on the problem of corruption. The grantee will produce and broadcast a series of TV debates with the participation of experts and politicians. Following the debates, talk shows will be organized to engage the citizenry in the discussion of the topics with government officials and experts. Additionally the grantee will produce and broadcast public service announcements (PSAs) to provoke citizen activity on the problem of corruption in

specific spheres (such as education, healthcare, army, elections, labor market). The PSAs will be broadcast through TV and radio.

ACHILLES Society for Defence of Drivers Rights

\$22,620.18

Armenia

2/01/08 - 8/15/08

To reduce corruption risks in the regulation of road traffic. The grantee will provide ongoing free legal support to drivers through a hot-line service and in-person consultations provided by the lawyer, road traffic consultants and an expert on traffic security. Along with the consultations the grantee will carry out a thorough analysis of the existing legislation regulating the roads and prepare a report and recommendations to respective bodies. The grantee will also carry a public awareness campaign by developing and publishing a comprehensive manual on drivers' license examinations; placing information stands in Yerevan and three urban regional communities; organizing three training courses for drivers on new traffic regulations and organizing a final public hearing on project results and recommendations.

Nvatshum Youth Non Governmental Organization

\$2,003.00

Armenia

2/01/08 - 4/30/08

To develop the capacities of community based organizations (CBOs) in the Tavush region. The grantee will establish a resource center for community development which will provide a number of services to local CBOs, including training, consulting and technical assistance, as well as access to communication and information resources. As result of the project, CBOs in the region will be better equipped to solve problems of local importance, and cooperation between donor organizations, local government structures and CBOs will be strengthened.

Civil initiatives center Vahagni XXI non governmental organization

\$1,555.00

Armenia

2/01/08 - 3/31/08

To develop the capacities of community based organizations (CBOs) in Alaverdi, Lori region. The grantee will establish a resource center for community development which will provide a number of services to local CBOs, including training, consulting and technical assistance, as well as access to communication and information resources. As result of the project, CBOs in the region will be better equipped to solve problems of local importance, and cooperation between donor organizations, local government structures and CBOs will be strengthened.

Kaghni Social Ecological Non Governmental Organization

\$1,306.88

Armenia

2/01/08 - 3/31/08

To develop the capacities of community based organizations (CBOs) in Shamshadin, Tavush region. The grantee will establish a resource center for community development which will provide a number of services to local CBOs, including training, consulting and technical assistance, as well as access to communication and information resources. As result of the project, CBOs in the region will be better equipped to solve problems of local importance, and cooperation between donor organizations, local government structures and CBOs will be strengthened.

The A. D. Sakharov Armenian Human Rights Protection Center

\$4,235.00

Armenia

2/01/08 - 5/31/08

To develop the capacities of community based organizations (CBOs) in Shirak region. The grantee will establish a resource center for community development which will provide a number of services to local CBOs, including training, consulting and technical assistance, as well as access to communication and information resources. As result of the project, CBOs in the region will be better equipped to solve problems of local importance, and cooperation between donor organizations, local government structures and CBOs will be strengthened.

Sisian Development Center Public Organization

\$16,778.00

Armenia

2/01/08 - 9/30/08

To develop the capacities of community based organizations (CBOs) in Sisian region. The grantee will establish a resource center for community development which will provide a number of services to local CBOs, including training, consulting and technical assistance, as well as access to communication and information resources. As a result of the project, CBOs in the region will be better equipped to solve problems of local importance, and cooperation between donor organizations, local government structures and CBOs will be strengthened.

Armenian International Policy Research Group

\$17,429.15

Armenia

4/03/08 - 11/30/08

To inform researchers, policymakers, the American and Armenian business communities, and members of the Armenian Government on key economic and social issues facing Armenia. The grantee will organize a conference entitled "Looking Forward: Global Competitiveness of the Armenian Economy and the Need for Second Generation Reforms" in Washington, DC with parallel videoconferencing in Yerevan, where they will present at least 15 research papers. The conference proceedings will be published in the grantee's policy research journal, placed on the grantee's web-site and presented to interested stakeholders and media in Yerevan. The project will contribute to discussion and debate needed to facilitate a second generation of economic and social reforms in Armenia. The conference will be hosted and co-funded by the World Bank.

Freedom of Information Center NGO

\$4,572.55

Armenia

2/01/08 - 4/30/08

To increase access to government information for the Armenian media. The project will publish comprehensive research assessing awareness of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act among Armenian media, as well as the media's access to meetings, parliamentary sessions and election authorities. The grantee will also hold public hearings and develop country-specific recommendations to government agencies and media to increase access. As a result of the project, the number of journalists requesting information from state bodies will increase and the percentage of positive responses from state bodies should also increase.

Sevan Newspaper Chief CJSC

\$5,295.39

Armenia

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To improve the sustainability of "Sevan" Newspaper by building the professional skills of newspaper staff and applying innovative marketing strategies. The project will assess the interests of local readers and the advertising needs of businesses, recruit and train new staff, purchase and install new equipment to increase print quality, increase circulation from 1,000 to 1,500 copies, and increase the frequency of publication from once to twice per month. As a result of the project, the newspaper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenues.

Syunats Ashkhar LLC

\$5,857.67

Armenia

2/01/08 - 8/15/08

To improve the financial sustainability of the "Syunyats Yerkir" newspaper by increasing the readership of the outlet; strengthening partnerships with peer organizations in Armenia and abroad; and increasing newspaper revenues from advertising. The project will launch an online version of the newspaper which will also include materials from peer newspapers in other regions. The project will also establish information exchange with major national newspapers and increase the frequency of publication from

two to three times per month. As a result of the project, the paper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenues from advertising.

Kumayri-Banvor Ltd.

\$7,658.25

Armenia

2/01/08 - 7/18/08

To increase the local readership of the Kumayri-Banvor Newspaper. The project will organize 50 public hearings on socio-economic issues with the participation of sociologists, lawyers, representatives of local government and non-government organizations, who will respond to questions raised by community members. Following these public hearings, regular inserts will be printed in the newspaper which cover the issues discussed, as well as recommendations for addressing these problems by the invited specialists. The hearings will be widely publicized through local TV channels. As a result of the project, the local readership of the newspaper will increase.

Apujanian ev Vordiner LLC

\$5,604.89

Armenia

2/01/08 - 5/31/08

To improve the financial sustainability of the "Lusardzak" Independent Weekly in the Lori Region. The grantee will develop its retail and individual subscription systems, recruit new couriers and volunteers, design a marketing strategy, and improve the layout and content of the newspaper. In order to expand readership, the grantee will create a web version of the newspaper and organize public round table discussions on different local issues. As a result of the project the newspaper will increase its circulation and advertising revenues.

Private Entrepreneur Epraksya Mekhakyam

\$5,687.11

Armenia

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To strengthen the financial sustainability of the "Shrjapat" Newspaper. The project will launch a web resource which will contain an electronic version of the newspaper and additional materials not included in the printed edition. The project will also support market research in order to identify the interests of the readership of the newspaper and adjust its content accordingly. A marketing strategy will be developed based on the results of the research. The applicant will also work to increase its circulation by up to 4,900 copies per issue and to expand its distribution area to smaller communities of the Shirak Region. As a result the newspaper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenue

Syunik Agriculture Support Regional Center CJSC \$6,044.82

Armenia

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To improve the financial sustainability of the "Banugorts" Newspaper through the introduction of new technologies and the implementation of innovative marketing strategies. The project will launch a web site which will contain an electronic version of the newspaper, commercials and classifieds, as well as materials from peer newspapers from other regions. The project will also support market research to identify the interests of the newspaper's readers, print regular advertisement inserts to attract local advertisers, place four

regularly-updated "Reader Stands" in target communities in the Region, and broadcast TV announcements to publicize the content of each upcoming issue of the newspaper. As a result the newspaper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenues.

Caucasian Center of Peacemaking Enterprise NGO

\$27,030.08

Armenia

8/06/08 - 11/30/08

To broaden the debate on human rights and the peaceful settlement of conflicts beyond the immediate intellectual circles within the South Caucasus capitals through introducing the discourse to broader society which is largely excluded from discussions on socio-political issues. To achieve the above goal,

the Caucasian Center of Peacemaking Enterprise NGO in cooperation with the partner organizations from Azerbaijan and Georgia, will increase the awareness of the local hosts of the film festivals and participants of the festival film screenings on social, cultural and political issues common to the South Caucasus countries, as well as will encourage the immediate involvement of the conflict stricken people of the South Caucasus into public domestic discussions on human rights and peaceful settlement of conflicts. The debate on human rights and conflicts will be promoted by organization of five regional documentary film festivals for general public in Gyumri, Noyemberyan, Yeghegnadzor, Vanadzor and Yerevan. This will be followed by public discussions, cultural and social events facilitated by invited experts from Armenia and other countries of the South Caucasus. The project simultaneously implemented in the countries and regions of the South Caucasus will contribute to the increased awareness of the previously excluded communities in the South Caucasus of the global trends in human rights protection and peaceful means of conflict resolution.

Armenian Center for Political and International Studies NGO

\$8,481.75

Armenia

9/22/08 - 11/30/08

To contribute to the stakeholder understanding of recent geo-political transformations in the South Caucasus and their anticipated impact on Armenia through encouraging reflective expert consultations and discussions on the issue and elaborating a set of strategic recommendations on Armenia's internal and external policies in this troubled regional context. The main activity of the project is a three day workshop outside of the capital city of Yerevan for a group of 30 Armenian experts and relevant international stakeholders, who will discuss anticipated regional and global developments in terms of their influence on Armenia's short- and mid-term security. The project implementation will result in a paper comprising a set of anticipated scenarios and related challenges that might face Armenia in the near future, and recommendations to the Government of Armenia and other stakeholders on effective and efficient ways of addressing each of those challenges.

Analytical Center in Globalization and Regional Cooperation

\$23,565.40

Non-Governmental Organ

2/01/08 - 9/10/08

Armenia

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies, Eurasia Foundation Armenia will support a dialogue between the analytical communities of the two countries on issues of mutual concern including European integration and global/regional challenges and threats. In particular, the grantee and its partners in Turkey will arrange for a survey among the political and civil society elites of both countries on the above issues. The results of the survey will be discussed at two consecutive conferences in Yerevan. A series of articles in Armenian newspapers, as well as two issues of the Turkish Policy Quarterly will feature articles on the research findings and the two conferences. The project will examine the validity of the assumption that at some point the European aspirations of Turkey and Armenia, as well as the global/regional challenges and threats facing these two countries are able to diminish the historical and political differences between the two nations.

Yerevan Press Club

\$11,744.37

Armenia

2/01/08 - 2/27/09

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies, Eurasia Foundation Armenia will support an effort to improve the coverage by the media of both countries of issues pertinent to the whole range of Armenian-Turkish relationships. In particular, the project will produce a series of analytical material to be used by media professionals in both countries while covering bi-lateral relations. The partners will also provide a preparatory training for a bi-country group of 8 selected journalists in Istanbul for the latter to produce a sample series of impartial bi-lateral investigative reports. The analytical material, investigative reports, and feedback from major

stakeholders will be discussed at a 2-day conference in Yerevan. The project will contribute to the establishment of long-term cooperative links between the involved journalists and their host media outlets as such promoting confidence building between the two nations.

Armenian Centre of Ethnological Studies HAZARASHEN

\$950.45

Armenia

5/01/08 - 5/31/08

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Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan

Eurasia Partnership Azerbaijan Foundation

\$1,001,185.00

Azerbaijan

2/01/08 - 6/30/10

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Internews Azerbaijan

\$39,673.00

Azerbaijan

2/01/08 - 3/15/09

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Azerbaijan Young Lawyers Union

\$15,000.00

Azerbaijan

7/14/08 - 6/30/08

To enable and popularize the legal sharing and reuse of cultural, educational, and scientific works in the countries of the South Caucasus. This will be achieved through offering free and easy-to-use Creative Commons framework to creators, artists, and educators, as well as other internet-based communities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. To accomplish the above objectives, EPF will support effective collaboration between the Center for Information Law and Policy of Media Support Internews NGO and the Germany-based Creative Commons International, as well as with local partner-organizations in Armenia and Georgia. The three local partners will explore possibilities for implementing a consistent, robust and internationally accepted framework for intellectual property rights for web-based materials, and will eventually adapt Creative Commons framework to conditions in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia respectively. The project will provide for an extensive stakeholder involvement and broad public awareness campaign in each of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. If successful, the program will harness further intellectual activity in the South Caucasus, will potentially provide a newer mechanism for economic activity, and, at the same time, will enhance opportunities for cross-border collaboration among creative communities in the South Caucasus and beyond.

Buta Children Humanitarian Foundation

\$31,460.00

Azerbaijan

3/18/08 - 11/17/08

To support the educational reform process in Azerbaijan through promoting transparency of school budgets and increasing citizen involvement in budgetary formation and monitoring, raising public awareness among the general public, and improving capacity of schools to define spending priorities for local school budgets. Implementing organization will organize a series of trainings, seminars and round table discussions for school administrators, parents and students to jointly develop legal and policy recommendations for public involvement and transparency in the governments and management of school financial recourses. The project will also facilitate and strengthen School Councils and

Parents Committees in the 14 targeted schools of the Ali-Bayramli region which received financial autonomy through the World Bank/Ministry of Education school reform program. What is more, the project will also conduct an information web-based portal sharing news about education related programs implemented through out Azerbaijan by local schools and various organizations. The project will be implemented in strategic partnership with the World Bank and Ministry of Education in Azerbaijan.

Youth for development NGO

\$23,816.00

Azerbaijan

2/01/08 - 9/29/08

The project will contribute to improved public policy making in the South Caucasus through the use the Town Hall Meeting (THM) system, which has already been tested and implemented in Armenia. The Project's partners will develop multi-language support for the computer-based elements of the system, and the Armenian partner will train their Azerbaijani and Georgian counterparts on related facilitation and system implementation skills. After the completing the skills and system transfer, the partners will jointly implement a pilot demonstration of the THM system in Georgia. EF-SCCP anticipates collaborating with the OSCE's Environmental Security Initiative (ENVSEC) to implement an environment-related THM project in all three countries. More broadly, EF-SCCP expects the project to increase the level of the public participation in the decision-making processes in the South Caucasus.

Independent Consumers Union (Azerbaijan)

\$14,585.00

Azerbaijan

11/19/07 - 5/22/08

To contribute to the establishment of effective and efficient food standards and safety systems in the three countries of the South Caucasus through the development of high quality comparative policy options for relevant government agencies in the context of the EU's European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). The partners will undertake comprehensive research and analysis of legal and practical aspects of food standards and safety in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. This includes a unified research methodology and comparative analysis across all three countries of the South Caucasus. Each partner will also periodically convene a working group consisting of local stakeholders in their respective country to help shape the contents of the policy report. The partners will deliver one integrated regional public policy report that features an overview of food standards and safety problems in the three countries of the South Caucasus, country-by-country policy analysis, EU and ENP-related mechanisms for addressing food standards and safety, and policy advice to be brought to the attention of national governments. Part of the research will focus on legal and practical options for diminishing corruption in the food standards and safety system. The project should contribute to the improved national policies on food standards and safety, decreased corrupt opportunities in the area and greater government-civil society dialogue on the issue, as well as should assist all three countries in meeting ENP commitments.

Ganja Agribusiness Association

\$1,000.00

Azerbaijan

5/01/08 - 5/31/08

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Marketing Specialists of Azerbaijan

\$4,105.00

Azerbaijan

2/01/08 - 9/11/08

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Belarus

ISAR, Inc. Affiliate Office in Belarus

\$41,009.00

Belarus (Minsk Oblast)

10/01/08 - 5/31/09

To protect the public environmental interests by increasing citizen participation in local decision making. The grantee will establish three advocacy centers and implement a small grants program to support local environmental advocacy initiatives. This project will help communities resolve local level environmental issues.

Economics Education and Research Consortium, Inc

\$99,995.00

Belarus

10/01/08 - 11/30/09

To provide Belarusian undergraduate students, faculty, scholars and policymakers with access to international quality analysis, expertise and knowledge by creating a Belarusian Economic Research and Outreach Center. The center will stimulate the formation and exchange of knowledge related to the Belarusian economy and serve as a meeting place for those Belarusians who left to pursue their PhDs at top-quality institutions abroad, as well as those who stayed. The project will promote the creation of a new generation of economists--open-minded, active people who are involved in the international economic community and are able to make a difference in their own country.

Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies

\$33,560.00

Belarus

3/10/08 - 3/09/09

To identify opportunities for public dialogue in Belarus. The grantee will conduct research to learn about 'social contracts,' or how authorities relate and interact with various societal demographics, such as youth, wage earners (urban and rural workers), entrepreneurs, public officials and pensioners. The grantee will lead and supervise research by a consortium of Belarusian analytical organizations in order to objectively investigate public dialogue and make policy recommendations specific to demographic groups. Political parties and movements, nongovernmental organizations, public policy and legal experts and community organizers will benefit from this knowledge by understanding why the general population tolerates or even favors a non-democratic political regime. The grantee and other interested parties will be better equipped to reach out to the public, using popular messages that effectively advocate for democratic and economic reforms in Belarus. The initiative is funded by USAID and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V.

Riga Business School of RTU

\$213,813.00

Belarus

3/20/08 - 3/20/09

To provide Belarusian private sector executives, managers and future business professionals with high quality training opportunities in international business management. The grantee will offer a new MBA-level certificate course for employees of private enterprises to increase their management skills, particularly related to international business. Latvian business professors will provide intensive pedagogical and content related training to their Belarusian counterparts with the goal of sustaining the program. The grantee will also host selected master's degree students from Belarus to enhance their education through an intensive four month program in Riga, Latvia. Funded by USAID and the governments of Latvia, Finland and Sweden, the project will help better prepare young managers to engage in international business.

Georgia

Eurasia Partnership Foundation: Georgia

\$1,799,563.00

Georgia

2/01/08 - 6/30/10

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The Foundation "Liberty Institute"

\$15,810.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 9/29/08

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Internews Georgia

\$46,675.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 3/15/09

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Georgian society of hypertension

\$19,968.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

3/03/08 - 2/28/09

To monitor the progress of primary health care reform in three regions of Georgia, particularly as it impacts the early detection and treatment of cardiovascular disease. The project will actively involve medical personnel in the primary healthcare service and the target groups of the population, who are beneficiaries of the reform. The activities will include survey, training and public information campaign in Tbilisi, Kakheti and Imereti. The project will elaborate recommendations about improving the

management of cardiovascular diseases at a primary healthcare level. As a result of the project, family doctors and nurses who are on the frontline of the primary healthcare reform process and who largely determine the quality of medical service, will be equipped with skills and knowledge of civic monitoring. Public awareness of the monitoring of the healthcare reforms will increase and the authorities will receive evidence-based recommendation for improving the management and prevention of endemic cardiovascular diseases in the country.

Economic Policy Research Center

\$17,100.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

3/03/08 - 12/31/08

To support creation of efficient trade flow system in Georgia through valuable research and recommendations in the field by a team of experts from Economic Policy and Research Center. The project seeks to evaluate the link between negative balance of trade in the Georgian agricultural sector and rural unemployment, and will develop concrete recommendations for improving Georgia's trade competitiveness in this sector, which employs over 40% of Georgia's population. This research is very timely as Georgia is considering a bilateral trade agreement with the EU. The grantee will disseminate findings through a broad public outreach campaign by preparing articles for print in leading Georgian daily newspapers, developing informational bulletins and organizing roundtable discussions. At the end of the project the grantee will organize the conference to evaluate the impact of the project to stakeholders in the Georgian government and international financial institutions.

The Union "BTKK - Policy Research Group"

\$26,605.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

3/01/08 - 11/30/08

To support advancement of political science in Georgia through the promotion of research capacity of young Georgian scholars. The project will create four original monographs on the issues central to current politics and security issues. The books will undergo a preliminary external review and will be discussed in workshops with the participation of peer scientists. The monographs will be distributed among universities teaching political sciences as well as major libraries and governmental agencies. They will serve as reading materials for political and security studies courses. The project will result in an improvement of the level of research and teaching of political studies and will inform the policy making process.

Civic education youth center

\$12,553.41

Georgia

2/01/08 - 11/30/08

To promote transparency and efficiency of land reform and its major component privatization of the state-owned agricultural lands by civic monitoring and proactive citizen participation in the land reform. The project implemented in partnership with the regional civil society organizations will accomplish civic control over the whole process of privatization of the municipal agricultural lands in Signakhi and Kvareli by qualified monitoring, proactive media campaign informing the public about all aspects of privatization of these lands, including possible violations. The project will involve local communities in the monitoring of the land privatization in these regions and contribute to the mutually advantageous dialogue between the local governments and communities.

Institute of Social Studies and Analysis - ISSA

\$14,929.00

Georgia

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases among Georgian youth through an educational campaign and discussions in public schools throughout Georgia. As drug abuse is the leading causes of HIV/AIDS in Georgia, the grantee will conduct a wide-range study on the issues of drug abuse and safe sex targeting 2, 800 young people between the ages 15-18 in order to define the level of awareness and attitudes in youth and to develop the appropriate outreach messages. The second phase of the project involves a series of seminars and public meetings in over 100 schools

across Georgia, aimed at increasing awareness of young people in schools as well as teachers and other school administrators on the issues of drug abuse and unsafe sex. Along with the educational campaign the experts from the project team will help develop special, easy to understand outreach and promotional materials. There will also be a special documentary prepared on HIV/AIDS awareness. The expected outcome of the project is increased understanding among young people that drug abuse and unsafe sex can lead to HIV infection.

Georgian Young Lawyers Association

\$18,847.62

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 6/30/08

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Human rights protection centre

\$15,100.00

Georgia

3/01/08 - 3/02/09

To enhance citizen participation and information in the budget planning and thereby increase transparency of budget spending for the municipal improvements service of the city of Batumi. The project aims at establishing a continuous public oversight over the budgeting of the Batumi municipal improvement service by involvement of civil society organizations, ordinary citizens and the local media. The monitoring of the municipal improvements service will accompany a dialogue between civic sector, condominiums and the local government about improvements of public services. The project will enhance cooperation between the Media and Civil Society organizations (CSO) during the monitoring, contribute to the establishing a culture of mutually advantageous cooperation and dialogue between citizens and government and increase capacity of the grantee in civic monitoring and make newly created condominiums in the city efficient and proactive participants of civic control over the municipal government.

Association of young economists of Georgia - AYEG

\$9,341.21

Georgia

2/01/08 - 6/30/08

To improve information of local communities about authorities and services of local government of the city of Kutaisi with increased citizen participation in the local budgetary processes and apply modern form of management and administration of public finances in the local self-governance. The project will organize meetings between communities and governments in Kutaisi about topical aspects of budget spending; create nine groups of advocacy of citizens' interests, conduct training about advocacy in budgetary process for citizens and local authorities. After civic monitoring and expert analysis of the budgetary process of 2007 and analysis of the draft budget 2008 the develop recommendations for the local government about improvement of citizen participation in budgetary issues and advocate it together with communities. The monitoring will be supported by wide-scale public information campaign. To improve quality of civic monitoring the grantee will collaborate with the local branch of Georgian Young Lawyers' Association local communities and other civil society organizations and enhance their capacity of becoming proactive public watchdogs in the budgetary process. The project's outcome is to increase citizen participation component in the city budget planning to make the budget more oriented on communities needs.

Union "Saphari"

\$28,549.00

Georgia

2/01/08 - 12/31/08

To address the issue of domestic violence in Georgia through expansion of the regional victims support network and targeted public information campaigns and trainings to raise awareness of Georgia's newly passed law on domestic violence. The project will enhance the results achieved during two previously-funded projects by strengthening the regional network of assistance to victims and creating two new support centers in Batumi and Akhmeta. The project will continue to refine methods of psycho-social rehabilitation for victims living in the special shelter, and provide training for target groups responsible for enforcement of the law on domestic violence, in addition to further public information campaigns on the signs of domestic violence and how victims can seek help. The grantee will work closely with other civil society organizations and governmental agencies to monitor the issue of domestic violence in Georgia. This project is co-funded with Phillip Morris.

Transparency International Georgia (TI Georgia)

\$9,454.00

Georgia

2/01/08 - 6/30/08

To promote efficiency of reforms in healthcare system and improve capacity of civil society to monitor the reform in a secondary healthcare. The project will focus on transparency of reforms in secondary healthcare and conduct civil monitoring of privatization of hospitals and tenders announced for privatization to double-check fairness of this process and compliance with respective laws and regulations. The monitoring of implementation of privatization agreements will produce recommendations to be submitted to the relevant state bodies. In parallel, training of journalists will be conducted to increase coverage of healthcare sector in the media and help media to provide professional and fair coverage of the ongoing healthcare reform. Promoting of public oversight of healthcare sector, involvement of media in civic monitoring and profound analysis of the course of reform will enable the state bodies concerned to refine privatization in healthcare system and contribute to increased public participation in this process.

Justice and Liberty Association

\$526.74

Georgia

2/01/08 - 5/23/08

To support strengthened civic oversight over Georgia's defense and security agencies and to increase transparency and public awareness about the process under which Georgia is seeking admission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). As Georgia enters into the intensified dialogue stage of its push towards membership in NATO, effective public oversight over the reforms in the defense and security fields will be essential if Georgia is to be accepted into the next Membership Action Program phase. To achieve these goals the project will train media and government officials on transparency in security agencies, provide civic monitoring on the implementation of NATO-related programs by the government, conduct a public information campaign about the findings, and develop recommendations, including legal initiatives for improved cooperation between NGOs and Georgia's defense and security structures.

Association "Green Alternative" - GA

\$13,872.00

Georgia

2/01/08 - 11/15/08

To build capacity and increase involvement of local community groups and civil society organizations of Kvemo Svaneti and Racha Lechkhumi to monitor, effectively participate and influence decision-making related to the local forestry sector management. Through the monitoring and advocacy activities the project aims at mobilizing all stakeholders in the reform of forest sector to increase efficiency of power decentralization and ensure fair and equal distribution of benefits regarding forest ownership and management. The project is designed to produce long-lasting impact regarding increased involvement of citizens in decision-making. The project's beneficiaries are expected to be 50 civil society organizations (CSO) in Oni, Ambrolauri and Lentekhi municipalities of Racha Lechkhumi and Kvemo Svaneti regions, about 32,000 inhabitants of these municipalities, about 75 representatives

of local self-governance bodies of these municipalities and forestry department of the Ministry of Environment and Protection of Natural Resources.

Union "Georgian-Abkhazian mixed families"

\$11,619.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 6/16/08

The project is a contribution to the confidence and tolerance building between the Georgians and Abkhazians through the restoration of relations between the mixed Georgian-Abkhaz families separated by the conflict. The project activities, which will target 200 mixed Georgian-Abkhaz families, include confidence-building and awareness-raising activities to establish and strengthen dialogue between the Georgians and Abkhaz using the methods of public diplomacy. This includes roundtable meetings, seminars, training and joint public activities for restoration of the family ties and reconciliation between Georgians and Abkhaz people. Through these measures, the project can enhance links between Georgian and Abkhaz civic organizations, increase awareness of the role of public diplomacy and create better conditions for continued dialogue between private citizens. The project is a contribution to the Georgian state policy for peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Union center for social science

\$25,431.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 12/30/08

To promote broad and informed participation by the electorate during the upcoming 2008 parliamentary and presidential elections. The project will train Georgian media, especially in the regions, in providing citizens with unbiased information about political candidates in the pre-election period, and ensure professional and unbiased coverage of the elections. The objectives will be achieved through a baseline needs assessment of the professional preparedness of journalists in covering of elections, training of journalists and training of selected journalists as trainers in the regions. The project will create and manage a network of the trained journalists and media organizations in Tbilisi and 10 target cities. The project will conduct follow-up evaluation of its activities. The expected outcomes are enhanced professionalism and analytical skills of the involved journalists which will lead to balanced and comprehensive coverage of the elections, and informed decision-making by citizens on election day. The project represents both a continuation and expansion of the activities implemented within the project "Citizens' Informed Choice: Media and Elections" funded by European Commission Delegation to South Caucasus in 2007.

Internews Georgia

\$14,322.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 2/20/08

To promote a fair and transparent presidential election and plebiscite on January 5, 2008 in Georgia through the proactive participation of well-informed voters in regions and balanced media coverage of the pre-election period. Voters are especially confused about the plebiscite on the timing of parliamentary elections, and it is important for them to understand exactly what they are voting for to avoid low turnout or potential election fraud. The project will educate voters about election-related issues and increase their awareness of and participation in the January 5 poll through round-table discussions and televised talk-shows with election experts. The project will provide training for staff at 24 regional television stations in production and promotion of television programs on socio-political issues. The project will reach a relatively large number of voters in the short time remaining before the actual day of poll, contributing to a more informed electorate. Some of the project activities will be supported by the Institute for Sustainable Communities and the International Foundation for Election Systems.

Chemi Kharagauli

\$27,013.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

7/01/08 - 6/30/09

To facilitate dialogue between local governance and citizens of Kharagauli by proactive participation of the readers of the independent local newspaper "Chemi Kharagauli" in a civic oversight of the elected local government and by development of the newspaper for the improvement of citizens information about local self-governance problems. The project will contribute to the expansion and development of the volume and distribution of the sole non-governmental and independent newspaper in the regions thereby allowing more residents of the district to be better informed about self-governance issues. Citizens will be better informed on their rights of participation and have an opportunity to voice their opinions about the burning issues of the district and performance of local authorities. The local government will have an opportunity to better understand local communities' needs by training about self-governance and citizens' participation issues. The increased volume, circulation and audience of the newspaper will contribute to the further development of the sole independent media outlet in the district and improve involvement of local communities in local democratic processes.

Georgian Young Lawyers Association

\$12,234.42

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

12/04/07 - 5/30/08

To increase the turnout of well-informed voters, including representatives of ethnic minorities, in Georgia's upcoming presidential election and plebiscite (to determine the date of parliamentary elections). The project will target a large group of voters in Tbilisi and the regions densely populated with Armenian and Azeri minorities through newspaper articles, hotline communication, and a regional network of activists and experts to provide voters with accurate information and quick answers to all election-related questions. The project will focus on developing a close ties to the local media during the pre-election period and is expected to contribute to greater voter interest and turnout on the election day, increasing the likelihood of an election that accurately reflects the will of the people.

The Association - International Society for Fair Elections and democracy (ISFED)

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

\$16,730.43

2/11/08 - 6/23/08

To promote the participation of first-time voters in Georgia's upcoming parliamentary elections. The three-month project will deliver 100 interactive training sessions for young people in four regions of Georgia: Kvemo Kartli, Shida Kartli, Samtskhe-Javakheti and Adjara, including youth from ethnic minority groups, and will also wide disseminate a brochure "I Vote" among the beneficiaries. The project's target is to reach up to 2300 young people. The project's activities will reduce the possibility for election fraud, of elections, increase interest of first-time voters in civic activism and equip them with the skills and knowledge for election monitoring. These activities will develop a sense of active citizenship among the first-time voters.

Internews Georgia

\$20,000.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

12/04/07 - 2/20/08

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The Union "Georgian Regional Media Association"

\$28,850.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

3/01/08 - 6/30/08

To support fair and transparent parliamentary elections in Georgia through a print media campaign to provide voters with up to date information on candidates and voting procedures. A coalition of nine popular newspapers in 7 regions (Ajara, Imereti, Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Guria, Shida Kartli, Samegrelo) of Georgia will publish special inserts in their newspapers, hold town hall meetings and form election monitoring groups. The project represents an extension of an earlier successful project implemented in Guria region during the January 5, 2008 presidential elections. Through a combination of activities for voters' education and monitoring of voting in the regions the project contributes to raising public awareness about the need for fair elections and increasing transparency and accountability of local election administration.

Union "Public Movement Multinational Georgia"

\$20,493.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

3/01/08 - 7/31/08

To mobilize local communities in Kvemo-Kartli and Samtskhe-Javakheti regions for pre-election and election monitoring and preparing them for a public response to possible violations. Over 200 community activists who have been trained on election procedures for the January 5 presidential election campaign will conduct monitoring of parliamentary elections and simultaneously assist their fellow citizens in realization and protection of their voting rights to prevent vote-rigging and other violations. The project will collect election-related complaints and proceed with furthering them to the courts and central election commission for response. A proactive media campaign will enhance publicity of the project activities and contribute to better and wider involvement of communities in the monitoring and protection of their votes. The civic monitoring of election administration in the regions that have been subject to voting fraud in the past will contribute to the overall transparency of the election in Georgia.

International center of trade policy and law

\$12,749.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 8/12/08

The proposed linkage grant will contribute to the economic development of the countries of the South Caucasus by developing the capacity of local businesses to export goods and services. The partners will focus on promoting locally produced goods and services through the development of quality print, electronic, and web-based versions of a South Caucasus Export Catalog. The catalog will feature comprehensive information on producers and service providers located in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia and will be distributed through embassies, consulates, and large importing-exporting organizations in foreign countries. The successfully implemented project will support the establishment of new cross-border business links both within and outside the South Caucasus region.

Women's fund in Georgia

\$33,366.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

3/01/08 - 12/31/08

To promote entrepreneurship among women in the rural Georgia by improving their understanding of how to start a business and facilitating access to credit. Fifty women from Imereti and Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti regions will be trained according to a seven-day course "How to Start a Business" designed by Friends of Georgia Foundation and University of Groningen, Holland to empower women. In addition to trainings, a special guarantee fund will be created with the assistance of Dutch Rotary Clubs. The guarantee fund will back up the loan applications of the trainees to Georgian microfinance organizations. The project will increase enthusiasm for entrepreneurship and improve understanding of business planning among less advantaged women in rural areas. With a guarantee back-up of 20,000 euros at least 20 women will have an opportunity to access microcredit and start their own business.

Georgian Association of Marketing (GAMA)

\$5,019.94

Georgia

2/01/08 - 6/30/08

To promote business education in Georgia by increasing access of Georgian students and practitioners to modern marketing literature. The first stage of the project envisions translation of Georgia's most widely-used marketing textbook, "Marketing: An Introduction," by Gary Armstrong and Philip Kotler, from English into Georgian, allowing a wider audience access to contemporary marketing concepts. Teams of lecturers and students from Georgia's two leading business schools, European School of Management and Caucasus School of Business, will develop 19 case studies and 16 marketing "vignettes" about Georgian companies to be included with book publication. The case studies and vignettes relate general marketing concepts to concrete cases, further building on the accessibility of marketing literature in Georgia. Central and Eastern European Management Development Association (CEEMAN) experts will review and comment on the cases. 200 copies of the 2,000 copies published will be distributed among universities and libraries, and the remaining copies will be sold. The revenues from book sales will be spent on the translation and publication of Marketing Research by Naresh Malhotra and Mark Peterson, a more advanced marketing textbook, for further education. The books will increase Georgian students' and business practitioners' understanding of basic principles of marketing and their practical applications in Georgia and abroad, and will improve Georgian lecturers' and students' grasp of business case writing techniques.

Centre for training and consultancy

\$9,621.26

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 5/15/08

To promote development of the tourism industry in Georgia by building awareness of service standards and business management principles among small and medium-sized tourism enterprises (SMEs) in Mtskheta-Mtianeti and Kakheti. The project will provide four six-day trainings for around sixty tourism SMEs in Signaghi, Telavi, Pasaauri/Gudauri, and Kazbegi in tourism-specific service marketing and financial management. The training complements the government-sponsored Employment Initiative 2007, which provides subsidized loans to tourism SMEs through a partnership with Procredit Bank. The training will target the clients of the Bank as well as other individuals interested in starting or expanding a tourism business. ProCredit Bank credit officers will be involved in the trainings to discuss loan application and management procedures. As a result of the project, owners of small tourism businesses will increase their knowledge of service standards, and improve their financial management capacity to handle a bank credit.

International business development and investment promotion center - IBDIPC \$800.00

Georgia

2/01/08 - 2/10/08

To promote employment among youth through professional development of young individuals from the mountainous areas of Adjara region. The project will provide 15-day training in various aspects of small hotel operation to around 25-30 youngsters interested in the tourism business in the rural Shuakhevi district of Adjara. The workshops will cover such issues as business planning, marketing, tour guiding etc. The project team will further assist the trainees in taking advantage of internship opportunities at local travel companies. The project also complements the efforts of CHF International Georgia Employment and Infrastructure Initiative, which provides small funding for the renovation of guesthouses in this area, by targeting young people who have access to CHF funds. The project will be covered in the local media. By addressing the lack of professional knowledge among young people in this less developed part of Adjara, the project will contribute to their employment and simultaneously improve the quality of service in the local guesthouse business.

Biological Farming Association Elkana

\$10,725.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 7/15/08

To promote tourism development by building awareness of service standards and business management principles among tourism small and medium enterprises (SME) in Samtskhe-Javakheti region. The project will provide four five-day trainings for around sixty tourism SMEs in Borjomi/Bakuriani, Akhalkhtsikhe, Abastumani, and Aspindza in service standards for guesthouses and catering facilities, introduction to business administration, building renovation and maintenance needs, promotion and sales etc. The workshops include four days of class work and one-day study trips to experienced local SMEs. The training complements the government-sponsored Employment Initiative 2007, which provides subsidized loans to tourism SMEs through a partnership with Procredit Bank. The training will target the clients of the Bank as well as other individuals interested in starting or expanding a tourism business. The Bank credit officers will be involved in the trainings to discuss loan application and management procedures. As a result of the project, owners of small tourism businesses will increase their knowledge of service standards, and improve their financial management capacity to handle a bank credit.

Training and development group

\$5,365.65

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 3/31/08

To promote tourism development by building awareness of service standards and business management principles among tourism small and medium enterprises (SME) in Imereti, Guria, and Kvemo Kartli. The project will provide five-day trainings for around sixty tourism SMEs in Kutaisi, Ozurgeti, Marneuli/Dmanisi in Bed and Breakfast management standards, basics of marketing, financial accounting, taxes, and customer services. The training complements the government-sponsored Employment Initiative 2007, which provides subsidized loans to tourism SMEs through a partnership with Procredit Bank. The training will target the clients of the Bank as well as other individuals interested in starting or expanding a tourism business. The Bank credit officers will be involved in the trainings to discuss loan application and management procedures. As a result of the project, owners of small tourism businesses will increase their knowledge of service standards, and improve their financial management capacity to handle a bank credit.

Junior Achievement Georgia

\$9,531.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 7/31/08

To improve the quality of economics instruction in Georgian high schools using the Junior Achievement model. The project will train around 300 teachers to use the Civic Economics Program, which is based on the Junior Achievement Applied Economics textbooks. The three-part program contains two units on economic theory and a practical unit called Student Company, during which students learn how to start and manage a real business. The seminars, to be conducted both in Tbilisi and the regions of Georgia, will train teachers both in theory and practical aspects of the program. After completion of the training the teachers will be regularly advised by the Junior Achievement trainers. The activities are co-funded by Procredit Bank, which is financing publication of Civic Economics textbooks and the re-training of the Junior Achievement trainers at the beginning of the project.

Tbilisi Vocational Training Center "Icarus"

\$8,803.85

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 4/30/08

To promote vocational education reform in the service sector by supporting the development of the first tourism vocation school. The project will make curricula and study materials for 9-month training and 3-month retraining programs for 7 professions: barmen, cooks, confectioners, waiters, housekeepers, hotel receptionists, and hotel reservation employees. The programs will be based on the professional qualification standards to be developed in cooperation with the representatives of the private sector. The project will also develop a set of outreach materials for potential applicants and employers such as leaflets, a brochure and the college web-site. During the first year around 300

individuals will be enrolled in these courses. After completion of the project, in the years 2008-2009 the college is planning to develop curricula and study materials for four advanced professional programs. The school will become a source of professionals for hotels, restaurants, travel companies, and so on. Introducing even a small number of qualified professionals into the tourism workforce will raise the standards and expectations of the industry. The school will also affect the overall education reform. If successful, it can be emulated and modified for vocational education in other industries.

Ilia Chavchavadze State University

\$18,089.72

Georgia

2/01/08 - 9/30/08

To support the reform of Georgia's social service system through the advancement of social work education. The project will enhance the newly-established Master of Social Work (MSW) Program at Ilia Chavchavadze State University through creation of a departmental resource center, development of Georgian language teaching materials, and training of field work instructors. The resource center will be equipped with computers, hard copies of textbooks and access to electronic libraries. Georgian language readers with major texts will be developed for thirteen courses. In addition, a special web-site will be created to serve as an updatable repository of syllabi and various teaching materials. To improve the quality of internships, an international consultant will train thirty field instructors in how to provide supervision for the second-year master's students. The trainees will also be equipped with a field manual with specific recommendations on how to coordinate and assess student work. The project will improve both the theoretical and practical components of the MSW Program by equipping the Department with teaching and research resources and strengthening the link between students and social service agencies where they will receive practical training.

American chamber of commerce in Georgia

\$547.00

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 3/07/08

To provide informational support to the tourism industry by equipping tourist information centers, specific tourist sites, and the official web-site with the high quality and accurate information on the Georgian tourism sector. The project will produce electronic versions of high quality Georgian-English brochures and foldable maps on major regions such as Mtskheta-Mtianeti, Upper Svaneti, Racha-Lechkhumi, Samegrelo, Guria, Pshav-Khevsureti, Iemerti, Tusheti, Lower Kartli, Javakheti, the sites such as Vardzia and around, Kazbegi, David Gareja and around, Britvisi, and Tbilisi surroundings. In addition tourism product leaflets will be developed promoting different types of tourism such as cultural, ecological, bird watching, arts and crafts, harvest, jeep safari and agricultural tours. The samples of the publications will be discussed through the focus groups involving representatives of the expatriate community, local tourists, and tourism professionals. The Eurasia Foundation will further pursue the project by printing the electronic versions of the publications. The brochures will be distributed among tourist information centers and will be posted on the official site of State Department of Tourism and Resorts. The project will increase access to quality and accurate information on the Georgian tourism sector for both local and international tourists.

Education Development Institute

\$9,942.49

Georgia (Tbilisi City)

2/01/08 - 5/14/08

To support the reform of university education through the promotion of Georgia's participation in the Bologna process. The project will develop the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) with the participation of academics, nongovernmental organizations, and the Ministry of Education and Science. The framework will be developed in accordance with the requirements of the Bologna process. It will consist of the general part and descriptions of sixteen fields of study. The document will include the following elements, the cycles of university education described by learning outcomes, workload, title of qualification, types of award for different cycles, link between cycles, and life-long learning. The framework for each field of study will be developed by a work group involving representatives of all

accredited universities. The information will be posted on the web to ensure maximum access. The framework is expected to be adopted by the Ministry of Education and Science as a guiding document in the process of programmatic accreditation. The project will increase public understanding of the Bologna process and create a basis for curricular reform at Georgian universities.

Kazakhstan

Women's Union of the Ural Region "Umit"

\$15,000.00

Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast, West Kazakhstan Oblast)

12/13/07 - 12/13/08

To deinstitutionalize orphans. The grantee will work with foster parents and children, and government authorities to place children in foster families. The project should increase the number of orphans placed in families and contribute to changing social stereotypes towards orphans.

Public Association Women's Club "Tomiris"

\$15,000.00

Kazakhstan (Pavlodar Oblast)

12/13/07 - 12/13/08

To promote a policy of deinstitutionalization of orphans. The grantee will work with government agencies to help keep at-risk children in their natural families and to promote foster care. The project should strengthen a public-private approach to assisting children.

Bolashak

\$6,422.63

Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast)

11/19/07 - 6/19/08

To support local NGOs and initiative groups in the Ili Raion of Almaty Oblast in the implementation of social projects. The grantee held mini grant competitions among raion NGOs and initiative groups and awarded 10 mini grants for the implementation of social projects. The project will increase raion residents' participation in decision-making and will increase the NGOs' potential to implement grant programs. The project is being financed by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

PF "Fund for talented children support"

\$44,000.00

Kazakhstan

11/19/07 - 4/19/08

To increase educational opportunities for orphans and prepare orphanage teachers for the transition to a 12-grade school system. The grantee will run fall and winter camps for teachers and orphans from across Kazakhstan, which should result in improved university-entrance exam scores for orphans and their teachers better prepared for the pending addition of the 12th grade. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

Women's Union of the Ural Region "Umit"

\$11,000.00

Kazakhstan (West Kazakhstan Oblast)

12/11/07 - 12/11/08

To provide at-risk children with assistance. The grant recipient will conduct health promotion program for children and hold public events to involve both children and their parents. Children will learn communication skills and improve intrafamily relations. The project is financed by Phillip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

Youth Media Soyuz of Kazakhstan

\$31,200.00

Kazakhstan

12/11/07 - 12/11/08

To help integrate orphans into mainstream society. The grantee will teach orphans the basics of journalism, and publish their materials in a newspaper, with 100 children participating. As a result, orphans will gain skills that will help them in their adult lives. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

LLP South Kazakhstan college "Arystanbab"

\$11,350.00

Kazakhstan (South Kazakhstan Oblast)

11/19/07 - 6/19/08

To support farmers in South-Kazakhstan Oblast. The grantee taught computer and internet skills to one hundred farmers in the oblast. A permanent training and resource center will be founded to provide consulting services to farmers. The project will increase farmers' access to electronic

information resources. The project will improve economic conditions for farmers in the oblast's Saragash, Sairam and Kazygurtov raions. The project is being financed by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Foundation Our Heritage

\$34,177.16

Kazakhstan

12/11/07 - 6/11/08

The project is aimed at logistic providing for 5 craft business trainings in Chimkent, Aktau, Uralsk, Astana and Ust-Kamenogorsk. The grantee will provide logistic on trainings as well as potential assessment of local program partners for formation of craftsmanship resource centers. In the result it is expected, that the trainings organization will be on the high professional level and participants will educate to essential principles on opening and leading the crafts industry and will define the organizations circle for formation of resource centers. The project is funded by the Chevron Corporation within the program framework on "Revitalizing crafts in Kazakhstan", realizing by Eurasian Foundation of Central Asia.

Sodbi Business Incubator

\$10,720.00

Kazakhstan

12/11/07 - 6/11/08

The project is aimed at developing skills of craftspeople in Kazakhstan to produce the handicrafts of superior quality and successfully sell the products on the international and local markets. The grantee will work out the program on business trainings for craftspeople needs and will conduct 2 trainings in Chimkent and Aktau. It is expected that craftspeople will educate to essential principles on opening and leading the crafts industry, they will open the new sales channels. The project is funded by Chevron Corporation and United States Agency for International Development within the program framework on Revitalizing Crafts in Kazakhstan, realizing by EFCA.

Zubr - consulting center

\$12,533.71

Kazakhstan (Astana City, Aktobe Oblast, East Kazakhstan Oblast)

12/11/07 - 5/08/08

The project is aimed at working out and conducting 3 trainings for craftspeople. The grantee will develop the program for business trainings, adapting for craftspeople needs and will conduct 3 trainings in Astana, Uralsk and Ust-Kamenogorsk. In the result it is expected that the craftspeople will teach to essential principles of opening and leading crafts industry. The project is funded by Chevron Corporation and USAID within the program framework on revitalizing crafts in Kazakhstan, realizing by EFCA.

Public Foundation Our Heritage

\$27,998.81

Kazakhstan

2/25/08 - 4/25/08

To stimulate partnership among state agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and the business community in the development of the handicrafts. The grant recipient will organize a one-week conference and a two-week exhibition of handicrafts in Astana. It is anticipated that manufacturing processes and advancing handicraft production will be improved and social partnership in the development of the industry will be established. The project is financed by Chevron and USAID.

Fund for Integration of Ecological Culture (FIEC)

\$2,990.00

Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast)

5/13/08 - 7/13/08

With the purpose of increasing the level of knowledge of tourist business and the population about ecotourism products in Kazakhstan, grant-recipient will organize three-day information conference for representatives of travel companies and mass-media of Almaty. Also in conference will take part a representatives of seven ecosites from South-Kazakhstan, East Kazakhstan, Zhambyl, Karaganda and Akmola areas which will present their services for tour agencies and mass-media. It is expected, that as a result of conference between tour agencies and ecosites it will be concluded not less than five

contracts, that subsequently will increase number of tourists which will take advantage of services of these ecosites. The project is financed at support of Agency of the USA on the international development (USAID).

Public Union "Merciana"

\$6,624.00

Kazakhstan (Zhalalabat Oblast)

11/20/07 - 11/19/08

To increase the wellbeing of poor families in the city of Zhalalabat and in the Zhalalabat Oblast. The grantee will teach unemployed individuals and pensioners skills in the production and use of biohumus. Receiving and selling biologically active fertilizer will provide employment for the target group and will increase their incomes. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Kyrgyzstan

Public Association "Atuul"	\$3,722.00
Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast)	12/04/07 - 7/31/08
To increase social activity among rural youth and develop young leaders. The grantee will organize a nation-widen competition 'New Heroes of Kyrgyzstan' to recognize young activists who have made positive changes in the society. As a result of the project, a Club for Young Leaders will be created that will promote active participation of youth from the regions in the social life of the country.	
Public Union "Zanyatost"	\$5,901.00
Kyrgyzstan (Naryn Oblast)	1/09/08 - 7/09/08
To assist in finding jobs for young people. The grantee will open a youth employment center in Naryn oblast. The center will establish partnerships with employers and find jobs for unemployed youth in the oblast. As a result of this project, a separate structure will be created to reduce youth unemployment, including a mechanism for interactions with employers on job placement matters for youth in Naryn oblast. This project is supported by the Embassy of New Zealand in Moscow.	
Public Fund "Kosh Araket"	\$28,100.00
Kyrgyzstan	1/02/07 - 12/31/08
To increase the potential of orphans from 12 orphanages and boarding schools of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan by having them engage in income-generating activities. Orphans will be trained in business skills, attend a training camp and intern at local enterprises. The project will help improve livelihoods among specialized institution graduates.	
PMF "Blagodat"	\$30,800.00
Kyrgyzstan (Osh Oblast)	1/02/08 - 11/30/08
To increase societal involvement by visually impaired people by promoting innovation in libraries and specialized institutions. Staff from 30 organizations throughout the Ferghana Valley who assist the blind will be trained in innovative services, and a resource center with specialized equipment will be set up. The project will result in improved conditions for social adaptation by visually impaired people.	
"Osh state university"	\$16,250.00
Kyrgyzstan (Osh Oblast)	2/01/08 - 10/31/08
The project intends to form and develop the leadership skills of student youth from Osh State University, Uzbek Humanitarian Pedagogical Institute and Kyrgyz Uzbek University, as well as to activate the youth in promotion of their interests and social program implementation for development of civil society in Fergana Valley. 240 young leaders will attend number of trainings to acquire leadership and tolerance skills, habits of effective communication, project implementation and fundraising basics. The Council of Yong Leaders of Leadership development Center will be established out of most active participants; as the result of contest, 4 grants for social mobilization will be awarded. This project aims to raise the capacity of young leaders to develop civil society and build partnership among its institutions, as well as to popularize and introduce the practice of innovative educational course in academic programs of institutes of higher education.	
Public Union "Republic Independent Association of disabled women"	\$4,861.00
Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek City)	5/02/08 - 4/30/09
In order to motivate people to increase their qualifications and seek good jobs and to increase their	

qualifications, the grantee will teach people with limited health capacities how to integrate and achieve equality in the job market. The grantee will train and find employment for fifty such people. The grantee will also collaborate with NGOs, government, and business to develop strategies and mechanisms for improving the employment situation for people with limited health capacities in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Embassy of New Zealand in Moscow co-finances the project.

Public Union "Yigilik-Art" \$5,190.00
Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast) 5/02/08 - 2/28/09

The grantee will open an Art School to promote social adaptation and rehabilitation of orphans and children with limited health capacities through creative arts. These children will be taught different types of art at the school. To help them feel comfortable at the school, various concerts will be organized for the children. This project will share and publicize displaying relevant project information and events by displaying them at a designated location. Additionally, the project will develop and distribute a special brochure outlining the social adaptation and rehabilitation methodologies for orphans and children with limited health capacities. This project will help break typical stereotypes among the population about orphans and children with limited health capacities.

Public Union "Doctors of Naryn mountains" \$4,034.00
Kyrgyzstan (Naryn Oblast) 5/01/08 - 12/31/08

To increase access to quality medical services for patients in Naryn oblast. Grantee will provide legal consultations to patients and educational trainings for medical workers. Special research will be conducted to identify abuse of patient rights and to develop recommendations for its reduction. Expected project outcomes include newly developed special policy and methods of patient rights protection in Naryn oblast. This project is part of the World Bank Small Grants Program and financed by USAID.

Public Fund "Insan-Leilek" \$3,200.00
Kyrgyzstan (Bakten Oblast) 7/04/08 - 12/31/08

To strengthen the role of women along the Tajik-Kyrgyz border in promoting good community relations. The women will be trained in promoting tolerance, and then hold a cross-border crafts fair and cultural festival. The project will create opportunities for joint problem-solving.

Radio station "Salam" - LLC "Daanazat Ordo" \$4,700.00
Kyrgyzstan (Bakten Oblast) 7/04/08 - 3/03/09

To strengthen the role of women along the Tajik-Kyrgyz border in promoting good community relations. The women will be trained in promoting tolerance, and then hold a cross-border crafts fair and cultural festival. The project will create opportunities for joint problem-solving.

Rural Investment Association "East" \$4,000.00
Kyrgyzstan (Bakten Oblast) 7/04/08 - 12/31/08

To strengthen the role of local authorities and communities in reducing social tension. 38 representatives of the community council, youth and local authorities will receive training on conflict resolution and learn how to conduct trainings on rational water use and ecological management. These events will help participants reduce tension between local communities on issues of usage of drinking water, garbage pick-up, and cleaning common areas.

Public Fund "Leilek-Daanyshmany" \$7,570.00
Kyrgyzstan (Bakten Oblast) 7/04/08 - 5/03/09

To strengthen NGO-government partnership in resolving conflict. A coordination network for developing social programs will be established, which will then oversee events involving diverse

communities. As a result, participants will increase their joint problem-solving and project-implementation skills.

Public Foundation "Youth disabled movement"

\$14,464.00

Kyrgyzstan (Chui Oblast, Bishkek City)

1/02/08 - 12/31/08

To improve the socio-economic conditions of disabled youths. The grantee will train disabled youths in professional-level sewing and furniture production skills and in the basics of business management, and will hold roundtables with the participation of representatives from all sectors of the economy in order to develop and lobby for strategic steps to integrate the target group into the labor market. It is expected that the number of disabled individuals having participated in workforce trainings and having obtained stable employment will increase. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Foundation "Talykbas A.T.A."

\$336.79

Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek City)

11/21/07 - 7/20/08

To improve socio-economic conditions for disabled individuals. The grantee will train disabled men in professional furniture making and the basics of business management, and will provide consultations to disabled individuals planning to start their own businesses. Thanks to the skills they will receive, disabled individuals will be able to find work or start their own businesses and thereby improve their economic situations. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Foundation "Chui Regional Center of Development and Education "

\$7,714.00

Kyrgyzstan (Chui Oblast)

11/21/07 - 9/21/08

To improve living conditions for socially disadvantaged groups in Tokmok and 10 aiyl-okmotu in Chui Rayon. The grantee will train single mothers and disabled females in sewing and the basics of business management. Those wanting to start their own businesses will be given consultative support, and mechanisms for improving entrepreneurship at the local level will be developed. As a result of the project, it is expected that that number and activeness of individual enterprises will increase and the wellbeing of socially disadvantaged groups will improve. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Information-Consultation and Demonstration Center "Stimul"

\$5,558.00

Kyrgyzstan (Bakten Oblast)

1/15/08 - 1/14/09

To increase the economic wellbeing of rural residents. The grantee will train representatives of self-help groups in business planning skills and in effective technologies for the cultivation and storage of agricultural products. As a result of the project, beneficiaries will be able to make more effective use of their land and will raise their incomes. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Fund "Kelechek Mekenii"

\$7,932.00

Kyrgyzstan (Osh Oblast)

11/20/07 - 11/19/08

To improve living conditions for disabled individuals and their family members. The grantee will train beneficiaries in poultry farming, will provide technical assistance in starting up and conducting a domestic poultry farming operation. As a result of the project, disabled individuals and their family members will be able to supplement their incomes. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities financed by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Moldova

Independent Journalism Center

\$45,162.00

Moldova

11/01/08 - 10/31/08

To strengthen media participation in combating widespread corruption in Moldova. With support from the Millennium Challenge Corporation and USAID, the grantee will research and propose amendments to national legislation on public funding for media, advocating for their adoption in Parliament. In addition, the grantee will monitor and analyze media coverage of corruption-related issues, including researching sources of media financing and focusing on the types and conditions of public money used for this purpose. The report will be distributed both in electronic and print form to all the stakeholders during the major project events and other relevant activities involving the grantee.

Freedom of Expression and Access to Information Promotion Center "Access-info"

Moldova

\$46,752.00

11/06/07 - 9/05/08

To improve access to public information and enhance the Moldovan government's transparency. The grantee will monitor the application of the law on access to information and conduct public awareness campaigns, consulting and assisting the general public on issues of free access to public information. The project will also advocate changes to improve public information legislation and organize trainings for public authorities, NGO representatives and media about public access to information. Funded by USAID and Sida, the project will contribute to growing citizens' demands for free public information and a more transparent governing process.

Institute for Democracy NGO

\$14,454.00

Moldova

11/05/07 - 9/04/08

To promote anticorruption education for students and to decrease corruption at Comrat State University and other universities in the region. The grantee will develop a new course on corruption at Comrat State University and promote it to other area universities. To campaign against corruption, the grantee will organize a variety of education and outreach initiatives to inform teachers and students of the negative consequences of corruption and encourage them to report incidences of it. Supported by USAID and the Swedish International Development Agency, this project will increase general awareness of corruption issues, decreasing tolerance for corruption among students, teaching staff and the general public in Comrat and surrounding regions.

National Center for Transparency and Human Rights

\$21,696.00

Moldova

11/01/07 - 8/31/08

To introduce a new mechanism for preventing corruption at higher education institutions in Moldova. The grantee will monitor two universities and propose recommendations combating academic fraud and for increased transparency in governance and financial management at higher education institutions. Supported by USAID and the Swedish International Development Agency, the project will create a successful model for diminishing corruption within the educational system in Moldova.

Association of Independent Press

\$40,002.00

Moldova

11/01/07 - 8/31/08

To raise awareness and increase public debate on national anticorruption policies. The grantee will publish 10 issues of a newspaper insert through 18 national and regional newspapers across the country. The inserts will provide readers with information on the status, progress and setbacks of state anticorruption programs, advocate policy changes and educate the public on corruption. The publications will also stimulate investigative journalists to disclose corrupt activities. Funded by USAID

and Sida, the project will encourage citizens to participate in the discourse to improve government-run anticorruption programs and decrease tolerance of corruption among the general public.

League for Defense of Consumers Rights in Moldova

\$19,893.00

Moldova

11/01/07 - 8/31/08

To improve the legal and institutional framework of consumer rights protection in Moldova. The grantee will monitor consumer rights in Moldova, recommending legislative and regulatory improvements to responsible institutions and state bodies. Additionally, the grantee will inform citizens on consumer rights and provide legal consultations through a newspaper and a website. The project will lead to improved legislative and regulatory framework for consumer rights and assist citizens in protecting their rights as consumers of goods and services.

League for the Defence of Human Rights in Republic Moldova

\$19,869.00

Moldova

2/22/08 - 6/20/08

To monitor the Gagauz-Yeri Popular Assembly Election by conducting a domestic non-partisan observation campaign. The grantee will identify and train a mission of over 80 observers to monitor different aspects of the campaign and Election Day, and conduct a parallel tabulation of votes cast at each polling station. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and co-funded by OSCE Mission to Moldova, the project will reduce the likelihood of administrative and other election violations, helping to ensure that the results are a true reflection of the intention of voters.

Russia

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

\$7,347.15

Russia (Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug)

10/29/07 - 2/29/08

To improve leadership of the organizations for children and young people with health disabilities, by including in joint activities. As a result of the project, the prospects on integration in the society were identified

Tajikistan

Public Union New Generation

\$13,998.00

Sogd Oblast

1/15/08 - 1/15/09

To increase the level of education and social acculturation of school age girls from vulnerable layers of society in Bobodzhon Gafurov Raion in Sogdii Oblast. The grantee will conduct trainings and seminars for the target group; will hold trainings on working with adolescents for parent committees, teachers and representatives of state agencies; and will organize a public information campaign on the importance of educating young girls. As a result of the project, young girls' interest in receiving an education will increase and popular attitudes towards this issue will change.

Public Union Anis

\$14,022.00

Khatlon Oblast

4/01/08 - 3/31/09

To mitigate poverty in remote regions of the country. In order to provide employment for youth, especially for young women, the grantee will work closely with local authorities in four border regions of Tajikistan to allow 60 young women to receive specialized trainings in the basics of business management and methods for bringing their food products to market. Manuals with recipes for Tajik dishes will be published to aid in the development of new culinary businesses. The project will allow 40 new private culinary enterprises to open and will provide employment for no fewer than 120 individuals.

Public Association "Nurafshon"

\$14,469.00

Khatlon Oblast

4/01/08 - 3/31/09

To improve conditions for administrative and ecological migrants in the Nosir Khursrav District of Khatlon Oblast. The grantee will train women in the production of artisan crafts and business skills, and will organize a visit by district artisans to the Central Asian Crafts Support Association in Kyrgyzstan in order to facilitate the establishment a partnership with the association. As a result of the project, artisans will be able to produce folk crafts and more effectively profit from them, which in turn will increase their incomes.

Bactria Cultural Centre

\$1,468.00

Dushanbe City

4/17/08 - 5/17/08

Poverty reduction among female artisans in the southern regions of Tajikistan: Fifteen female artisans will undergo training on traditional craftsmanship as well as on the economic and legal aspects of entrepreneurship. An international fair and exhibition of handicrafts, to be attended by participants from the Central Asian countries in addition to Afghanistan and Iran, will be organized. The exhibition will be aimed at establishing close business relations among participants and promoting handicrafts in foreign markets. Together, the training and the exhibition will increase the level of professionalism, creativity, and entrepreneurial activity of Tajik artisans, all of which will have a positive result on their well-being.

Ukraine

East Europe Foundation (EEF)

\$936,698.00

Ukraine

1/01/08 - 6/30/10

To create a new Ukrainian foundation, the East Europe Foundation (EEF). EEF will implement a diverse portfolio of local, national and international programs to build on the work of the Eurasia Foundation in Ukraine over the past 14 years. EEF will position itself as one of Ukraine's leading civil society organizations, pursuing development programs at the local level while empowering citizens to participate in nation-wide policy debates. This new foundation will be driven by local needs, financed by public and private donors and governed by a board comprised of local leaders and international figures with deep knowledge and commitment to the region.

Public Organization "Initiative"

\$38,750.10

Vinnitsa Oblast

6/01/08 - 11/30/08

To improve energy efficiency with renewable energy technologies in Vinnytsia oblast. The grantee will establish a training center for renewable energy technologies in Severynivka village, demonstrating the application and benefits of wind power, biogas energy, biodiesel, and other alternative energy sources. The center will use energy generated from these renewable sources to power essential community buildings, such as a public kindergarten, community center, village sports center and communal water supply system. Targeting local governments, communal enterprises, and community activists, the center will run an information campaign on renewable energy, provide trainings and assist communities to develop strategic plans to improve energy efficiency. Co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, the Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Agency for International Development, this project will result in increased awareness and use of renewable energy technologies among Vinnytsia oblast communities.

European Integration and Regional Development Agency

\$34,986.59

Lviv Oblast

9/01/08 - 5/31/09

To stimulate solutions to energy-related challenges in five pilot districts in the mountainous regions of Lviv oblast. The grantee will work with local governments and communities to assess the possibility of using alternative energy, including normally discarded sawdust as fuel. The grantee will also audit the energy use of a typical civil institution in each district. Based on the results, the grantee will recommend new energy efficiency projects, including the installation of energy-saving equipment, with co-funding from local budgets. One such project will be implemented in the Staryi Sambir district to serve as an example to neighboring communities. The project is co-funded by the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Agency for Economic Development of Voznesenk City

\$24,747.88

Nikolaev Oblast

7/01/08 - 3/31/09

To introduce a system of organic waste management in Voznesensk city (Mykolayiv oblast). The grantee will help the local community initiate the separate collection of organic waste, which will be used by communal enterprises for composting and the production of fuel pellets. The grantee will conduct an information and resource mobilization campaign and work with local government to calculate tariffs and draft related ordinances. To demonstrate the effectiveness of the technology, a new energy-efficient boiler will be installed at a public establishment. The project, co-funded by Telenor and USAID, will introduce alternative energy sources and help protect the environment.

Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research UCIPR

\$12,795.64

Ukraine

5/15/08 - 2/15/09

To build a better environment for the development of philanthropy in Ukraine by promoting legislation for charitable organizations and businesses that support charitable activities. The project will identify gaps and problems in existing legislation, researching European experience in regulating charitable organizations. The grantee will lead efforts of Ukrainian civic organizations to advocate suggested legislative amendments in the Cabinet of Ministries and parliamentary committees. The project is co-funded by USAID and the Foundation for the Development of Ukraine in coordination with the Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum.

Center "Development of Corporate Social Responsibility" \$12,776.03

Kiev City, Kirovograd , Nikolaev, Zaporozhye, Lugansk 7/21/08 - 2/20/09

To engage regional stakeholders and establish a national level of awareness in the development of ISO 26000 standards for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The grantee will examine CSR-related practices of various stakeholder groups and present the results through the regional networks of press clubs. The grantee will organize 10 regional stakeholder groups to provide their input to Ukraine's ISO 26000 National Mirror Committee, which will in turn report findings to ISO's (International Standards Organization) working group on social responsibility. The grantee will also train stakeholders on standard implementation. This project will increase awareness of CSR nationwide in Ukraine. The project is co-funded by System Capital Management, UC RUSAL, the Foxtrot Group of Companies and Volia Cable.

Bukovinska Partnership Agency, Chernivtsy City Public Union \$9,243.38

Chernovitsy Oblast 9/22/08 - 12/22/08

To strengthen recovery efforts for communities affected by floods in Chernivtsi oblast. The grantee will set up a disaster recovery fund, establish a board of advisers and identify priority recovery projects to support. This project will establish a model community recovery fund, including transparent selection and implementation procedures, which will set an example for other community recovery efforts. Philip Morris International provided the funds for this initiative.

Union to Promote Rural Green Tourism in Ukraine, Bar branch \$22,721.78

Vinnitsa Oblast 5/05/08 - 11/30/08

To stimulate employment in rural areas of Vinnytsia oblast by promoting green tourism and traditional crafts. The grantee will help local communities formulate entrepreneurship development strategies; create and promote new tourist products and initiate an informal network of craftsmen to unite marketing efforts. The project activities will include training and promotional events, and the publication of a map and catalogue. The project, co-funded by OSCE and USAID, will create viable rural tourism and crafts businesses.

Slavutych City Foundation for Entrepreneurs Support \$23,140.99

Kiev Oblast 5/15/08 - 11/30/08

To promote small business in Slavutych city (Kyiv oblast) by introducing IT solutions into government regulations, especially procedures to obtain permits. The grantee will create a data center to simplify the procedures to obtain permits and to provide entrepreneurs with a wide range of relevant information integrated into a city geo-information system. The grantee will also work with the local government to support innovations for local ordinances, develop software and train user groups, as well as to conduct an information campaign explaining the benefits of the new system to the citizens. The project, co-funded by OSCE and USAID, will help to improve the regulatory environment and provide better services to entrepreneurs while improving the transparency of their interactions with municipal officials.

Agency for Local Development of Husiatyn Region \$10,475.46

Ternopol Oblast

5/22/08 - 11/22/08

To improve local government services for the citizens of Husiatyn district by building a network of public service centers using modern information technology at district and local councils. The project will streamline procedures for obtaining permits and receiving social assistance. The grantee will assist local governments to map procedures, provide electronic information services, develop software, train local government employees and inform citizens. The project, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development, will help increase transparency and improve local-level public services.

Youth Initiatives Department Public Organization

\$3,924.10

Kharkov Oblast

9/01/08 - 12/31/08

To stimulate innovative and participatory efficiency initiatives in the small town of Rohan of Kharkiv oblast. The grantee will conduct a public awareness campaign, create a task force of local activists, analyze energy-saving opportunities using non-traditional sources of energy and implement two pilot projects. The project results will be summarized and disseminated throughout the Kharkiv oblast to promote energy efficiency initiatives and energy-saving technologies in the region. This project is co-funded by Philip Morris Ukraine.

APPENDIX D

**NON US GOVERNMENT GRANT BY COUNTRY
OCTOBER 1, 2007 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

Armenia

Yerevan Press Club

\$15,333.66

Armenia

10/01/08 - 12/31/08

To increase the stakeholder awareness of existing bias in media coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan relations through accomplishing a baseline assessment of the bias existing in the television, print and electronic media of Azerbaijan and Armenia using internationally recognized data collection and analysis methodologies, and elaborating a baseline report on the result of the assessment. Key staff of the Yerevan Press Club (Armenia) and Yeni Nesil (Azerbaijan) participated in the development of a methodology for media bias assessment. The methodology development session was held in Istanbul, Turkey, in late August 2008, and was led by two British media experts, Iain Elliot and Elisabeth Robson. The assessment is part of a bi-lateral Armenia-Azerbaijan program titled "Unbiased Media Coverage of Armenia-Azerbaijan Relations" that aims at increasing the amount of accurate and unbiased reporting of the bilateral relationship between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, and fostering a cooperative network of editors, journalists and media NGOs from Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Western Union Foundation Eurasia Partnership Foundation: Armenia

\$8,696.00

Armenia

8/08/08 - 3/05/09

To support the expansion of Eurasia Foundation's Migration and Return Resource Center's (MRRCs) services in Armenia to help Armenian labor migrants understand their rights and the realities of working abroad. Each center offers counseling to migrants and their families and information on organizations at home and abroad that provide social assistance to migrants and returnees. EF will expand the services offered by its MRRCs, establishing stronger ties in Russia so that they can refer migrants to trusted partners there. Increased contacts with their counterparts in Russia will also help the MRRCs identify migrants' needs in Russia. With support from Western Union Foundation, EF will pilot expanded services at two of its regional MRRCs, including pre-departure professional development for migrants and potential training; professional development targeting returnees; job fairs for job seekers with skill sets typical of returned migrants; and ongoing consultations on professional development, including job searching in Russia and Armenia.

Association for Education and Research Millenium

\$7,961.47

Armenia (Yerevan City)

12/01/07 - 9/30/08

To increase the transparency of Local Government bodies in the Syunik and Gegharkunik regions of Armenia. The grantee will develop a curriculum based on international best practices that can be used to train municipal staff on preventing, identifying and fighting corruption. For this purpose, the experience of Bolivia in promoting municipal transparency and World Bank resources in this field will be used. The grantee will conduct a series of trainings for 10 municipalities in the two regions and will engage the staff in the development of long-term anticorruption strategic plans for their communities. A national workshop will create a forum for community leaders to discuss and revise their strategies. The results of the project will be disseminated through the publication of guidelines for combating corruption in local government and a press conference. The guidelines and training modules developed by the project can be used to replicate the project in other regions as well

UNION OF ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES Public Organization

Armenia (Yerevan City)

\$3,651.95

12/01/07 - 9/30/08

The goal of the project is to reduce corruption risks in the civil service through increased civil society participation in the work of the Civil Service Council and three targeted ministries. In order to achieve

this goal the project will build on the findings and experience of a completed project implemented by the grantee in partnership with the Civil Service Council. The grantee will work with a team of four local NGOs to monitor 170 recruitment and attestation events for senior and chief civil servants at the Civil Service Council and three targeted ministries. The team will use a modified questionnaire and a monitoring manual developed during their recent project for this program as well. As a result of the monitoring process, the grantee will produce three interim and one final report that describe the results and findings of the monitoring process. The results of these reports will be discussed in three interim workshops. An action plan for improving the recruitment and attestation process as well as any resulting legislative recommendations will be discussed at the workshop. The results of the project will also be disseminated to a wider stakeholder community and the general public through two TV discussions and the dissemination of the published reports. As a result of the project, stronger cooperation will be established between NGOs and state agencies and the recruitment and attestation processes at the CSC and the target ministries will be improved.

Association for Education and Research Millenium

\$18,123.59

Armenia

2/01/08 - 11/20/08

To increase the transparency of Local Government bodies in the Syunik and Gegharkunik regions of Armenia. The grantee will develop a curriculum based on international best practices that can be used to train municipal staff on preventing, identifying and fighting corruption. For this purpose, the experience of Bolivia in promoting municipal transparency and World Bank resources in this field will be used. The grantee will conduct a series of trainings for 10 municipalities in the two regions and will engage the staff in the development of long-term anticorruption strategic plans for their communities. A national workshop will create a forum for community leaders to discuss and revise their strategies. The results of the project will be disseminated through the publication of guidelines for combating corruption in local government and a press conference. The guidelines and training modules developed by the project can be used to replicate the project in other regions as well.

UNION OF ARMENIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES Public Organization \$18,056.53

Armenia

2/01/08 - 10/15/08

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UNDEF Eurasia Partnership Foundation: Armenia

\$55,025.00

Armenia

3/12/08 - 12/31/08

To support a two year program that will strengthen the capacities for journalists and media organizations in anti-corruption reporting. The program will strengthen the capacities of civil society organizations in the monitoring of government programs and spending; enhance the abilities of public offices at the local, regional and national levels to promote internal accountability and transparency; and establish an effective anti-corruption network for improved cooperation and information exchange

between the media, civil society and the government. The program will achieve its goal through a combination of training, international study tours, grants and network development.

"Center for Agribusiness and Rural Development" Foundation

\$12,006.90

Armenia

11/19/07 - 5/22/08

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Azerbaijan

Eurasia Partnership Azerbaijan Foundation

\$300,945.00

Azerbaijan

3/31/08 - 10/18/08

To support the growth of democracy in Azerbaijan by encouraging a national dialogue around the compatibility of Islam and democracy. By facilitating a multi-media public awareness campaign and disseminating locally-produced materials that explore the dynamic between religious and secular agendas, EF will support a culturally-sensitive body of information and analysis examining the integration of religious traditions with modern democratic values. The program will create mechanisms for information exchange and relationship-building at the community, regional and national levels, thereby increasing trust and understanding between religious and civic organizations and creating opportunities among citizens of diverse backgrounds to collaborate on initiatives that promote the shared values of Islam and democracy. Program activities will concentrate in the regions along the southern border with Iran and the northern border with Dagestan, which are especially susceptible to the importation of foreign religious interpretation.

POTENTIAL - Union of Sumgait Specialists NSGP

\$11,000.00

Azerbaijan

4/10/08 - 10/11/08

To increase voter participation among marginalized women in the upcoming presidential elections slated for October 2008 by conducting a voter educational campaign. Project implementer will organize public meetings specifically targeting marginalized women - herein housewives and those with disabilities - in Sumgait with the assistance of several municipal block committees and the Sumgait branch of the Society of Disabled Women. Project implementer will also arrange training sessions for Sumgait-area NGOs engaged in women's issues to help them develop local capacity to encourage active female participation in the election, publish educational booklets, and provide free legal advice on elections-related violence. This is a six-month project funded by Royal Norwegian Embassy in Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan National Committee of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Ganja branch NSGP

Azerbaijan

\$14,995.00

4/10/08 - 10/11/08

To promote increased participation of citizens in the 2008 Presidential elections in Azerbaijan. Project implementer aims to address the problem of access to electoral information of internally displaced people from Kalbacar settled in Ganja and encourage them to actively participate in the upcoming Presidential elections set for October 2008. Through a series of seminars and publications, project implementer will inform the target group on changes to election code while introducing them to modern election technologies and guidelines for participation. Project implementer will also monitor and compare voter lists in constituencies and polling stations with electronic versions found on the official website of the Central Election Committee to verify registration and identify potential discrepancies. What is more, two programs on the local television channel Kapaz TV will be broadcast on the topics addressed in the project to multiply the outcome of the project. This is a six-month project funded by Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Independent Legal Center NSGP

\$8,998.00

Azerbaijan

6/24/08 - 12/23/08

To educate and provide technical support to potential victims of human trafficking in Baku and seven regions of Azerbaijan. In partnership with the Ministry of Internal Affairs Department on Combating against Human Trafficking, project implementer will conduct half-day trainings for 20 people from each of the 8 targeted regions. Subsequently, selected project participants will attend a comprehensive training of trainers (TOT) course aiming to provide additional knowledge and tools to further

disseminate information on human trafficking issues in rural communities. What is more, implementing organization will provide legal guidance to potential and actual victims of human trafficking. This is a six-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Caucasus Media Investigation Center

\$15,000.00

Azerbaijan

6/24/08 - 4/23/09

To introduce internet-based television in Azerbaijan as a platform for encouraging more active participation in the democratization and media liberalization process. Project implementer will establish an online television outlet - Channel 13 - and broadcast between 4 to 5 hours of live programming each day. Producing interactive news, talk shows, and live-debate-style programs, Channel 13 will concentrate on topics relevant to Azerbaijan's drive toward democratization including political, social, economic issues related to corruption and transparency, human rights, gender equality and opportunity for minorities, and regional concerns. This is a ten-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

"Center for Economic Researches" Public Union

\$12,500.00

Azerbaijan

6/24/08 - 12/23/08

To evaluate and monitor a pilot program devoted to health insurance implemented in the Siyazan region. Likely be expanded to other regions of Azerbaijan, project implementer will develop a monitoring and evaluation methodology to analyze the pilot program and organize two round tables in the target region and in Baku with the participation of relevant stakeholders to get feedback on the preliminary results of the program. What is more, two radio debates on Azadlig (Liberty) radio channel will be broadcasted and an advocacy strategy for policy changes will be developed. This is a six-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Journalists in Extreme conditions PU and Shirvan Resource Center on Human Right

Azerbaijan (Goychay)

\$12,976.00

6/24/08 - 12/23/08

To improve the knowledge of young women about their rights and responsibilities under family and marriage statutes and assist them in exercising their rights by signing official marriage contracts. In cooperation with Journalists in Extreme Conditions Public Union, project implementer will conduct a series of informational seminars illuminating the Law on Marriage and Family and Family Code of Azerbaijan for approximately 150 female participants from five regions of Azerbaijan. Implementing organization will also organize a talk-show on local television to inform the population in targeted regions about legal provisions related to marriage registration, divorce and property division. This is a six-month project is supported by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

CCC Azerbaijan LTD-NSGP

\$9,000.00

Azerbaijan (Ganja)

6/24/08 - 12/23/08

To provide political, economic, and cultural news about Azerbaijan from the perspective of well-known international mass media located outside of the territory of Azerbaijan to an internet-based audience. Project implementer will monitor news on the subject of Azerbaijan published in select foreign media, translate contents into the Azerbaijani language, and post the information on a monitored and updated website. This is a six-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Association of Young Azerbaijani friends of Europe NSGP

\$9,000.00

Azerbaijan

6/24/08 - 10/23/08

To raise awareness of IDP children settled in two communities of Baku on human rights, gender, and volunteerism and encourage them to use this knowledge to improve their lives. With assistance from two European volunteers, project implementer will conduct a series of interactive educational seminars

for 80 IDP children in Baku and organize 2 public debates and an art and essay competition among the target children on project-related topics. Project implementer will also organize a summer camp for 20 IDP children. Finally, related booklets and outreach materials will be prepared and disseminated among the target group. This is a five-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Scandinavian Studies Center, AUL NSGP

\$6,300.00

Azerbaijan

6/24/08 - 12/31/08

To provide detailed information regarding the history of the Kingdom of Norway to students of the Scandinavian Studies Program at the Azerbaijan University of Foreign Languages. Project implementer will translate the book *The History of Norway from the Ice Age Until Today* by Oivind Stenersen and Ivar Libak from Norwegian into the Azerbaijani Language and print 100 copies for use in academic instruction. This is a five-month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Evangelic Lutheran Community of Survivor NSGP

\$4,000.00

Azerbaijan

6/24/08 - 9/02/08

To improve the lives of young and elderly practitioners of the Savoie Evangelic Lutheran Church in Baku by conducting a restful and instructive summer camp at a summer vacation home located on the Absheron Peninsula. Children from underprivileged families will join widowed or single seniors for a month of rest combining leisure with moral reflection. This is a month project funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

Institute for Reporters Freedom and Safety

\$5,283.00

Azerbaijan (Nakhchivan)

7/16/08 - 4/15/09

To assess and monitor the condition of human rights and freedom of expression in the Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic - herein Nakhchivan, Sadarak, Shahbuz, Ordubad, Julfa, Kangarli, Babak and Sharur Regions. Under the project mandate, information will be collected from the aforementioned regions, sent to a central office, translated, and distributed among stakeholders and interested parties. Subsequently, project implementer will create the first English-language searchable archive of materials on human rights and freedom of expression conditions in Nakhchivan. It is envisaged that the project will also serve to give local and international stakeholders and interested parties an accurate perspective on the situation in Nakhchivan. What is more, in addition to activities in Nakhchivan, implementer will monitor and report on the execution and performance of a pilot health insurance scheme in the Siyazan Region

This is a nine-month project funded jointly by British Embassy, US Embassy and the Royal Norwegian Embassy.

FCO Eurasia Partnership Azerbaijan Foundation

\$101,111.00

Azerbaijan

3/31/08 - 5/31/09

To develop appropriate mechanisms that will support the long-term sustainability of Youth Funds in Azerbaijan. The Eurasia Foundation's country office in Azerbaijan, with funding from the Foreign Commonwealth Office and in partnership with the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, has been implementing Stage I of the Azerbaijan Youth Fund program since January 2006. Stage II will be implemented by the Eurasia Partnership Foundation in Azerbaijan. The Azerbaijan Youth Fund program is an innovative, youth-led, grant making program that provides small grants to fund good ideas that young people believe will benefit their local communities. In a distinctive approach to local development, young people themselves make decisions about how their funds are managed, what community needs are targeted and what projects receive support. The Youth Fund simultaneously develops the professional skills of youth and puts tangible resources directly into their hands. Towards this end, Stage II will simultaneously deepen the knowledge of existing youth fund committees while creating a cadre of young mentors to assist in the establishment of five new Funds in the regions of

Azerbaijan. As a result, EF will support the sustainability of the existing and newly-established Funds by deepening their ability to act as a cohesive network of professional grant committees, and will prepare the Funds to transparently implement projects on behalf of a growing diversity of donors, including local public and private sources.

Lodestar Eurasia Partnership Azerbaijan Foundation

\$19,848.00

Azerbaijan

2/01/08 - 7/19/09

To continue a multi-donor partnership that will support EF's Azerbaijan Youth Fund Program. This partnership, which includes the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom, the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland and the Eurasia Partnership Foundation in Azerbaijan, has adopted the mutual goal of empowering youth aged 18-35 in the regions of Azerbaijan by placing real-life opportunities for decision-making and resource allocation into the hands of young people throughout the country.

Independent Consumers Union (Azerbaijan)

\$14,585.00

Azerbaijan

11/19/07 - 5/22/08

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"Alatoran" Literary and Cultural Magazine

\$6,491.00

Azerbaijan

8/22/08 - 11/22/08

To publish "The History of Philosophy" book by Norwegian philosophers Gunnar Skirbekk and Nils Gilje and to distribute among a wide range of readers. This book has been published in 300 copies earlier by "Alatoran" Magazine. The organization will print additional 500 copies and distribute it among education structures, libraries and scientific centers.

Dovlet Mammadov

\$5,696.00

Azerbaijan

8/22/08 - 9/22/08

To publish "Norwegian tales" in order to introduce Norwegian literature to Azerbaijani readers and to develop cultural cooperation between two countries. The book will be distributed among education structures, libraries and boarding schools

Georgia

The Union "BTKK - Policy Research Group"

\$26,605.00

Tbilisi City

3/01/08 - 11/30/08

To support advancement of political science in Georgia through the promotion of research capacity of young Georgian scholars. The project will create four original monographs on the issues central to current politics and security issues. The books will undergo a preliminary external review and will be discussed in workshops with the participation of peer scientists. The monographs will be distributed among universities teaching political sciences as well as major libraries and governmental agencies. They will serve as reading materials for political and security studies courses. The project will result in an improvement of the level of research and teaching of political studies and will inform the policy making process.

Union "Saphari"

\$28,549.00

Batumi and Akhmeta

2/01/08 - 12/31/08

To address the issue of domestic violence in Georgia through expansion of the regional victims support network and targeted public information campaigns and trainings to raise awareness of Georgia's newly passed law on domestic violence. The project will enhance the results achieved during two previously-funded projects by strengthening the regional network of assistance to victims and creating two new support centers in Batumi and Akhmeta. The project will continue to refine methods of psycho-social rehabilitation for victims living in the special shelter, and provide training for target groups responsible for enforcement of the law on domestic violence, in addition to further public information campaigns on the signs of domestic violence and how victims can seek help. The grantee will work closely with other civil society organizations and governmental agencies to monitor the issue of domestic violence in Georgia. This project is co-funded with Phillip Morris.

Union of Blind of Georgia

\$13,880.00

Tbilisi City

6/01/08 - 11/30/08

To support the integration of handicapped youth into Georgia's social and economic life and increase tolerance toward people with disabilities. In order to strengthen the integration and tolerance of blind youth the grantee organization will organize a summer training camp in Chakvi (Western Georgia) bringing together 60 young people, both sighted and blind, from all over Georgia. The training program will cover number of topics such as the rights of the disabled and international conventions and human rights. In addition to the practical and theoretical educational program the project participants will take part in sports competitions as well as literature and song contests during their stay in the summer camp. At the end of the project several young people from the group will be selected for an internship at a potato chip factory in Tbilisi which was renovated with the support from the Japanese Government, giving them a chance to put some of their newly learned skills into practice. The project team also plans to publish a handbook (in both Georgian print and Braille) on disability rights and international conventions to increase public awareness among civil society and government representatives working on these issues. It is expected that this project will create solid ground for greater tolerance toward the disabled and help them gain skills necessary to integrate into society and become employed in the future.

Association of young economists of Georgia - AYEG

\$35,635.00

Tbilisi City

6/01/08 - 3/31/09

To enhance and develop the fundraising capacities of Georgian civil society organizations (CSOs). The project will deliver hands-on training and educational material that will teach CSOs modern techniques in fundraising from various types of domestic and international donors, which will improve their organizational capacity. The training and guidebook to be delivered to CSOs will reflect best

international practices in effective fundraising and be tailored to local needs. The project will help both grassroots and advanced Georgian CSOs to raise funds more effectively for implementation of their projects, strengthening civil society overall.

Georgian Federation of Professional Accountants and Auditors

\$23,600.00

Tbilisi City

6/01/08 - 11/30/08

To improve educational opportunities in the field of accounting and audit by increasing access to training programs of Association of Certified Chartered Accountants (ACCA), a global body of professional accountants. The project will translate three books for the first level courses of ACCA, the teaching and examinations for which are administered by the Georgian Federation of Professional Accountants and Auditors, a leading professional association. As a result of the project individuals studying towards ACCA certification will have access to the Georgian language books in Business Accounting, Management Accounting, and Financial Accounting. The proceeds from the sale of the books will be used for the translation and publication of books for the ACCA second level courses. The project will strengthen GFPAA's training capacity and increase access of students and practitioners to training in international standards of accounting thereby, improving accounting practices at Georgian companies.

Foundation Civil Development Agency (CiDA)

\$31,819.00

Kartli

6/01/08 - 1/31/09

To enhance opportunities of citizens in Kvemo Kartli in access to information for realization of their rights for education. The project will create and strengthen communicative and information channels to help residents of Kvemo Kartli to fully realize their right for quality education. The project will research problems and peculiarities in the educational sphere in Kvemo Kartli, which is densely populated by ethnic minorities, develop a supplement to the local multilingual independent newspaper "Timer" devoted to education reforms, establish a civic forum for discussion of education reform in the region and involve in this process school teachers, headmasters, parents, education resource centers and other stakeholders. Thereby the project will contribute to proactive citizen information and participation in the education reform in the region, involve ethnic minorities in this process and help to make education reform more oriented on citizens' needs and expectations. The project will be implemented in the city of Rustavi, Gardabani, Bolnisi, Marneuli, Dmanisi, Tsalka and Tetrtskaro districts.

Chemi Kharagauli

\$27,013.00

Tbilisi City

7/01/08 - 6/30/09

To facilitate dialogue between local governance and citizens of Kharagauli by proactive participation of the readers of the independent local newspaper "Chemi Kharagauli" in a civic oversight of the elected local government and by development of the newspaper for the improvement of citizens information about local self-governance problems. The project will contribute to the expansion and development of the volume and distribution of the sole non-governmental and independent newspaper in the regions thereby allowing more residents of the district to be better informed about self-governance issues. Citizens will be better informed on their rights of participation and have an opportunity to voice their opinions about the burning issues of the district and performance of local authorities. The local government will have an opportunity to better understand local communities' needs by training about self-governance and citizens' participation issues. The increased volume, circulation and audience of the newspaper will contribute to the further development of the sole independent media outlet in the district and improve involvement of local communities in local democratic processes.

Union Studio Monitor

\$36,900.00

Tbilisi City

10/01/08 - 3/31/09

To support media independence and civic monitoring in Georgia through independent investigative journalism. The project will produce nine documentaries based on journalistic investigations on a wide range of sensitive issues, focusing on possible misuse of power and money by public officials. The documentaries will be broadcast by the independent TV company Kavkasia. Broadcast of the films will contribute to increased civic awareness of the problems needed to be addressed, call the public and the government for actions to resolve the problems and resurrect the role of the media and journalistic investigations in civic control over the authorities and private sector. Overall, the project will contribute to the development of sustainable investigative journalism in Georgia as an effective means of fighting corruption and abuse of power.

Civil Society Institute, Tbilisi

\$45,661.00

Tbilisi City

7/01/08 - 12/31/09

To facilitate establishing of effective and flexible system of citizens' services in Batumi City Hall and Kobuleti administration and create a model for other self-governance units in Georgia. At the request and according to MOU of Batumi City Hall and Kobuleti administration the project will provide the cities with a concept of "One Stop Shop" system and deliver a relevant training for the local staff to establish the system. Representatives of other cities of Georgia will receive an opportunity to familiarize with the model of "One Stop Shop". The project is a continuation of the previous project which assisted Batumi City Hall in improvement of management of its services.

The establishing of "One Stop Shop" in Batumi and Kobuleti city administrations will unify and ease procedures of service delivery to the population from local self-governance bodies, citizens will become better informed about types of services of local self-governance and about procedures of reception of these services, which will contribute to the rationale use of time by the municipality workers, reduce probability of unfair decisions by city officials and reduce citizens' complaints. The project will increase citizens' trust to the local authorities, contribute to the improvement of overall management of Batumi and Kobuleti cities and might serve as a model for the replication in other cities.

Human rights center (HRIDC)

\$33,130.00

Tbilisi City

10/01/08 - 9/30/09

To promote citizen oversight of the court system in Georgia through monitoring and improved journalistic coverage. The combination of court monitoring by a watchdog CSO and journalistic investigation of 50 politically sensitive criminal and administrative court cases will contribute to the strengthening of the weakened public oversight on judiciary, more transparency of sensitive court cases and increased accountability of the law-enforcement authorities before the public. The project will be jointly implemented by an experienced human rights NGO and an experienced media outlet involved in investigative journalism. The project addresses one of the most sensitive areas of Georgia's domestic reform agenda and will further reforms of Georgian judiciary system and development of court journalism.

ALPE Foundation

\$21,228.00

Tbilisi City

6/30/08 - 12/29/08

To support establishing a permanent Summer School and a legal training program for the law students for enhancement of their knowledge about the international practice and traditions of Constitutional and Human Rights. Intended to fill the gap in the law students' knowledge in this field the project will attract for lecturing outstanding local and international experts and officials who will provide 25 law students a complete training cycle for improvement of their theoretical knowledge and practical skills. The follow-up internships of the trained students' in the relevant local public and non-governmental agencies will help them to apply the acquired skills and knowledge in practice. The new training curriculum on the international dimensions of Constitutional and Human Rights Laws tailored to the local needs will be disseminated and popularized among the

Georgian universities and will help new generation of lawyers to enrich their knowledge and practice in these fields. The Summer School to be supported subsequently by the Constitutional Court and Ilya Chavchavadze University and training manuals will become sustainable educational institution and training domicile for the law students and will contribute to the enhancement of the quality of legal education in the country.

The Education-Information Center - Kartli XXI

\$5,628.53

Kartli

6/20/08 - 11/20/08

To promote civic activism and the acquisition of practical job skills among youth in Khashuri district (Kartli). The Education-Information Center - Kartli XXI will organize an internship program for young people at business and government offices in Khasuri, which will provide necessary leadership and practical skills for young people participating in the project to become more active in decision making within their local municipality. The project team plans to provide series of trainings in addition to the internships which will help the youth acquire necessary skills to become more socially and economically integrated and become employed in the future. This project is financed under the joint initiative of EPF and the World Bank Youth Voicesm Small Grant Competition.

Women's wellness care alliance HERA

\$2,999.30

Imereti

8/01/08 - 3/31/09

To promote awareness of breast cancer screening and prevention in the regions of Georgia, through a targeted training of women community health activists. The grantee will train up to 15 Peace Corps Volunteers and their counterparts (30 women total) in basic breast health, the methods of early detection of breast cancer, and effective means of sharing this information in their communities. All trainees will receive a special Community Breast Health Toolkit specially developed by the grantee containing community mobilization activities, contact details for screening and treatment and other relevant information in Georgian and English. Trainees are expected to return to their communities and begin peer education activities that will reach up to 300 or more women in the regions of Georgia.

The Union "Georgian Regional Media Association"

\$28,850.00

Tbilisi City

3/01/08 - 6/30/08

To support fair and transparent parliamentary elections in Georgia through a print media campaign to provide voters with up to date information on candidates and voting procedures. A coalition of nine popular newspapers in 7 regions (Ajara, Imereti, Kakheti, Samtskhe-Javakheti, Guria, Shida Kartli, Samegrelo) of Georgia will publish special inserts in their newspapers, hold town hall meetings and form election monitoring groups. The project represents an extension of an earlier successful project implemented in Guria region during the January 5, 2008 presidential elections.

Through a combination of activities for voters' education and monitoring of voting in the regions the project contributes to raising public awareness about the need for fair elections and increasing transparency and accountability of local election administration.

Inter-ethnic union of Kvemo Kartli

\$2,445.00

Kartli

10/01/08 - 1/20/09

To contribute to the long-term and sustainable program of formation of civil society based on friendship and close connections between various ethnic groups in Kvemo Kartli that will help relieve possibility of potential interethnic frictions and assist ethnic minorities for better integration into Georgian society, increase their civic awareness based on mutual respect for ethnic groups and national citizenry. Cultural arrangements, training, seminars and conferences focused on the tolerance building and rapprochement between various ethnicities in the region will complement the process of adaptation

of ethnic minorities. The project is a part of the UNA/USAID-funded program of Tolerance Building and is funded within the grant competition.

Association "Sachino" against corruption and defense of consumer rights in Imereti

Imereti

\$24,764.00

10/01/08 - 9/30/09

To enhance capacity of the condominiums in the 12 territorial units of the city of Kutaisi in participatory civic monitoring and advocacy. Promote efficient dialogue between citizens and the city governance for local problem settlement. The project will assist about 300 condominiums of multi-apartment houses of Kutaisi to increase their capabilities in identifying and solving the local problems by preparation of micro projects and lobbying them in the local governance bodies. The project will help condominiums to increase their legal awareness and knowledge of their legitimate rights that shall contribute to more results-oriented dialogue between condominiums and local authorities during the solution of the concrete problems on improvement of public services. The condominiums will be formed as sustainable civic groups capable to advocate citizens' interests and ensure participatory decision-making process. The local media will be actively involved in the public information campaign to reinforce citizens' interests advocacy campaign and the project's impact. The project will be implemented in partnership with the CSO "Women and Choice." Within the MOU the grantee will cooperate with another EPF grantee Kutaisi Information Center. The grant was awarded within the EPF second grant competition in support of participatory civic monitoring initiatives conducted in June 2008.

Democratic development union of Georgia

Guria

\$21,362.00

10/01/08 - 9/30/09

To increase participation of six territorial communities of Ozurgeti municipality in the local government's decision-making process by strengthening public discussion and civil control over spending part of the Ozurgeti municipal budget and proactive involvement of the local media in this process. The participatory monitoring with the trained civic initiative groups in six municipal areas, regular community meetings and community-driven budget initiatives shall reinforce latent civic resources in the region, provide grassroots civic groups with skills and knowledge of participatory monitoring and decision making contribute to better transparency and accountability of local government and facilitate dialogue between government and communities. The involvement of the local independent newspaper in the monitoring through the cooperation with the Civil Society Organization will contribute to their lasting cooperation, which improve quality and impact of the monitoring process, increase public understanding and awareness of civil control over the local budget and contribute to the budget spending in accordance with the community needs.

Union "Broadcasting Company "Hereti""

Kakheti

\$27,806.00

10/01/08 - 9/30/09

To increase transparency of local governance in Lagodekhi, Signakhi and Telavi by proactive citizens' participation and information through the independent local radio-station Hereti. The problems that concern citizens of these regions and not addressed by the local government will be researched by journalistic investigations and will become subject of public discussions with participation of all stakeholders in the special news and analytical radio programs in Georgian, Russian and Azeri languages. This diversity will allow most of the population of the regions, including ethnic minorities, to learn more about the processes in self-governance, participate in the discussion of these processes, express their opinion about performance of self-governance bodies, and thereby contribute to more transparency of its work. The issue-based working groups with participation of civil society and experts will discuss problems in live broadcasts based on the inputs from citizens. The project will contribute to the reactivation of the latent civic groups in Kakheti and facilitate dialogue between local civil society

and government. According to the decision by EPF Experts' Panel the project will be implemented in close cooperation with another EPF grantee Georgia's Association for Civic Development. The Memorandum of Cooperation and Understanding defines terms of cooperation.

Georgian Civil Development Association

\$24,696.00

Kakheti

10/01/08 - 9/30/09

To enhance accountability of local governance and improve budgetary processes in Lagodekhi, Signagi and Telavi by proactive citizens' monitoring and by involvement of the independent local radio-station to keep the public informed. The project will contribute to the formation of the municipal budgets in Lagodekhi, Signagi and Telavi focused on community needs through the permanent civil monitoring of the entire budgetary process by the 10 trained and motivated civic groups and coverage of the budgetary processes in the local popular independent radio station

Hereti. The radio station will inform Russian and Azeri communities in the regions in their native languages about the budget monitoring results and about their rights of participation. The training and educational seminars for communities will teach them civil monitoring techniques.

The project will contribute to the reactivation of the latent civic groups in Kakheti, facilitate dialogue between local civil society and government and will create new proactive civic groups capable to conduct civil monitoring of the local budget and advocate their rights. According to the decision by EPF Experts' Panel, the project will be implemented in close cooperation with another EPF grantee radio Hereti. The Memorandum of Cooperation and Understanding defines terms of cooperation. The grant was awarded within the EPF second grant competition in support of participatory civic monitoring initiatives conducted in June 2008.

Kutaisi Informational Center

\$21,815.00

Imereti

10/01/08 - 4/30/09

To enhance an important municipal service - optimization of solid waste management and environmental safety of the city of Kutaisi by participatory citizen monitoring of the city's cleaning service. Citizen groups will be involved in the problem analysis, needs assessment, resource inventory, training in monitoring techniques, elaboration of monitoring plan, public information campaign and submitting recommendations to the respective authorities. The project to be implemented in the 12 territorial condominiums of Kutaisi and will involve 12-member action group and 60 volunteers. The project will contribute to the improvement of the quality of public services in the city, development of the culture of participatory decision-making, increasing the awareness of the local community groups of their role in this process, greater transparency of the local government and better dialogue between citizens and authorities.

Public Union "The Young Scientists Club of Ozurgeti"

\$24,644.00

Guria

10/01/08 - 7/31/09

To increase transparency and accountability of the elected governments and appointed municipalities of Ozurgeti, Lanchkhuti and Chokhatauri in their social and economic activities by joint efforts of local civil society organizations (CSO) and the independent local television.

The CSOs will gather and analyze information about the burning social economic problems of these municipalities and then will make them subject of public discussion among the major stakeholders in the live televised talkshows. The talk-shows coupled with CSO monitoring activities must mechanisms for a dialogue between government and civic groups about changes to policies and decisions affecting communities' lives and contribute to the improvement of the quality of planning, spending and delivery public services in these municipalities. The grassroots community groups will acquire skills of participatory monitoring and the local media will become a part of this process. According to the decision by EPF Experts' Panel the project will be implemented in close cooperation with another

winner of the EPF grant competition Georgian Union for Democratic Development. . The Memorandum of Cooperation and Understanding defines terms of cooperation.

Environment and agriculture

\$1,000.00

Tbilisi City

5/01/08 - 5/31/08

To support the development of indigenous sustainable energy systems that would offer economic and environmental benefits to the countries of the South Caucasus. The three-country partnership consortium will utilize the contact (seed) project to develop a linkage proposal that will address the issue of promoting the anaerobic digestion (AD) technology as an alternative solution to livestock waste management among rural communities throughout the South Caucasus, as well as will develop cross-border cooperation between involved expert, construction, and rural communities. Successful implementation of the contact project will result in the development of a competitive linkage proposal.

Women's fund in Georgia

\$33,366.00

Tbilisi City

3/01/08 - 12/31/08

To promote entrepreneurship among women in the rural Georgia by improving their understanding of how to start a business and facilitating access to credit. Fifty women from Imereti and Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti regions will be trained according to a seven-day course "How to Start a Business" designed by Friends of Georgia Foundation and University of Groningen, Holland to empower women. In addition to trainings, a special guarantee fund will be created with the assistance of Dutch Rotary Clubs. The guarantee fund will back up the loan applications of the trainees to Georgian microfinance organizations. The project will increase enthusiasm for entrepreneurship and improve understanding of business planning among less advantaged women in rural areas. With a guarantee back-up of 20,000 euros at least 20 women will have an opportunity to access microcredit and start their own business.

Georgian book publishers and booksellers association

\$19,761.00

Tbilisi City

4/14/08 - 10/24/08

To promote development of the Georgian book publishing sector by building Georgian publishers' international links with the publishing industries of the neighboring countries. The project will initiate a new Black Sea International Book Fair, which will involve publishers from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Russia and Ukraine. In the preparation for the Fair the project will conduct a survey of the local publishing sector to collect information on the major market statistics and problems of the sector. The findings of the survey will be discussed at the seminars to be conducted during the Fair. The Fair will contribute to the exchange of information and closer business partnerships between the publishers from the region. It will also serve as a marketing action promoting the book industry locally. In the future, the Fair will become a regular event to be sustained from the commercial sources of funding.

Georgian Centre of population research

\$18,055.00

Tbilisi City

6/01/08 - 12/31/08

To support open discussion of economic reforms by assessing the private sector's perception of current trends in the Georgian economy. The project will include a survey of leading executives and entrepreneurs from 1000 companies to gauge their perception of developments within their companies, specific sectors as well as the entire economy. The study will analyze entrepreneurs' views on the changes in the regulatory framework and governmental policies to promote economic growth. The survey reports will be circulated among business associations and governmental agencies. The findings will be discussed at the presentation involving representatives from the government, international organizations, businesses, mass media and non-governmental organizations. The report will serve as a

basis for informed discussions on Georgian economic development trends and will lead to improved policy making.

Institute for policy studies (Georgia)

\$24,178.00

Tbilisi City

10/01/08 - 3/31/09

To support the social integration of disabled people into Georgian society by promoting their employment. The project will conduct a comprehensive survey of private employers, representatives of governmental agencies, disabled people and their families to identify employment opportunities for disabled people. The survey will study respondents' attitudes towards employing the disabled and what incentives could motivate employers to hire the disabled. The results will be reflected in recommendations for governmental agencies on employer incentives and special programs that will promote employment of disabled people. The research will be followed by an advocacy campaign including meetings with the relevant ministries, publication and distribution of promotional brochures, and televised social advertisements. The project will inform development of a governmental policy promoting employment of people with disabilities.

Association for Protection of Landowners Rights (APLR)

\$15,736.00

Tbilisi City

9/22/08 - 12/22/08

To support the resettlement of families displaced as a result of the Georgia-Russia armed conflict. The project will identify large state-owned land plots in Kaspi, Gori, Kareli, and Khashuri districts which are suitable for the accommodation of up to 300 displaced families. The plots will be assessed in terms of access to roads, electricity and water supplies. The assessment materials will be passed to the Government of Georgia, which will finalize the selection process. With the government's approval, land cadastre works will be conducted to divide the selected land parcels into plots, each of which will contain residential and agricultural areas. The respective cadastre documentation will be prepared and provided to the Public Registry, the agency responsible for registration of property. The plots together with temporary houses to be constructed by the Government of Georgia will be provided for 300 displaced families thereby addressing their accommodation and subsistence needs. The project will serve as a pilot and may be expanded to meet the needs of more families who will be unable to return to their homes in the near future

Zurab Zhvania School of Public Administration

\$33,717.00

Imereti

9/01/08 - 2/28/09

To support integration and development of national minority communities within Georgia, Zurab Zhvania School of Public Administration plans to train and provide internships in public institutions across Georgia for more than 70 graduates of ZSP representing local administration or municipality within Azerbaijani, Armenian and other ethnic community areas. The project participants will learn important public administration and management skills through the internship program that will help them improve professionally and at the same time promote integration of these individuals in Georgia's economic and political processes.

Kazakhstan

- Public Foundation for Central Asian Network Service Development** \$295,472.00
Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan 11/16/07 - 11/16/10
To strengthen independent media coverage in and about Central Asia through the creation of a Central Asia News Service (CANS) and increase access to fact-based information on the internet. The grantee will set up a new website, select and train a network of journalists from throughout Central Asia in objective, accurate reporting and publish 100 news items daily in Russian and English. Through forums readers will be engaged in an informed discussion on the grantees' website. As a sustainable, region-wide indigenous news service, CANS will provide daily informative, timely, unbiased news from throughout Central Asia to a broad local and international audience. This grant is funded by the U.S. State Department.
- Public Association Center for the Social Adaptation of Children** \$15,000.00
Kazakhstan (Aqmola Oblast, Astana City) 12/13/07 - 12/13/08
To promote alternatives to orphanages. The grantee will promote foster family placement by giving support to foster parents, orphans and children without parental care. The project should improve the success rate of foster-care arrangements and serve as an example for its wider use.
- Women's Union of the Ural Region "Umit"** \$15,000.00
Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast, West Kazakhstan Oblast) 12/13/07 - 12/13/08
To deinstitutionalize orphans. The grantee will work with foster parents and children, and government authorities to place children in foster families. The project should increase the number of orphans placed in families and contribute to changing social stereotypes towards orphans.
- Public Foundation "Perekrestok"** \$15,000.00
Kazakhstan (Kostanai Oblast) 12/13/07 - 12/13/08
To promote alternatives to orphanages. The grantee will hold an information campaign to promote foster parenting, and help place children in foster homes. As a result, more children will grow up in families.
- Public Association Center for Initiative Support** \$15,000.00
Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast) 12/13/07 - 12/13/08
To help children without parental care socialize. The grantee will set up a center which will give social and psychological counseling to orphans and promote foster care. As a result, the chances of orphans becoming well-adjusted adults will increase.
- Bolashak** \$6,422.63
Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast) 11/19/07 - 6/19/08
To support local NGOs and initiative groups in the Ili Raion of Almaty Oblast in the implementation of social projects. The grantee held mini grant competitions among raion NGOs and initiative groups and awarded 10 mini grants for the implementation of social projects. The project will increase raion residents' participation in decision-making and will increase the NGOs' potential to implement grant programs. The project is being financed by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).
- PF "Fund for talented children support"** \$44,000.00
Kazakhstan 11/19/07 - 4/19/08
To increase educational opportunities for orphans and prepare orphanage teachers for the transition to a 12-grade school system. The grantee will run fall and winter camps for teachers and orphans from

across Kazakhstan, which should result in improved university-entrance exam scores for orphans and their teachers better prepared for the pending addition of the 12th grade. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

Women's Union of the Ural Region "Umit"

\$11,000.00

Kazakhstan (West Kazakhstan Oblast)

12/11/07 - 12/11/08

To provide at-risk children with assistance. The grant recipient will conduct health promotion program for children and hold public events to involve both children and their parents. Children will learn communication skills and improve intrafamily relations. The project is financed by Phillip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

Youth Media Soyuz of Kazakhstan

\$31,200.00

Kazakhstan

12/11/07 - 12/11/08

To help integrate orphans into mainstream society. The grantee will teach orphans the basics of journalism, and publish their materials in a newspaper, with 100 children participating. As a result, orphans will gain skills that will help them in their adult lives. The project is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and USAID.

Public Foundation "Ak zhunis"

\$5,700.00

Kazakhstan

12/13/07 - 8/07/08

To lower the level of trafficking of women and children. Psychological and legal support will be provided to victims of force, information and educational campaigns will be organized and 90 children and 200 school children will be educated about the protection of the rights of women and children. The project will help to decrease the number of victims of force and the slave trade The project is being financed by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Fund "Women Union of Enbekshikazakh district"\$7,000.00

Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast)

12/13/07 - 7/01/08

To support the elderly citizens and their involvement in the decision making process. A volunteer movement will be organized involving members of the elderly population, in order to introduce consultations for the social protection of the elderly and there will also be lobbying for their interests at a local legislative level. The project will help to increase the activity of the region's elderly population and improve their social protection. The project is being financed by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Turgen Branch of IEAWE A-Kenes

\$4,951.45

Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast)

12/13/07 - 6/13/08

To support the development of craftsmanship and to create new employment opportunities for oralmans. Two training programmes of patchwork will be prepared to educate 20 oralmans about the designing and quality of products. Artisans in the region will have free access to equipment, which will be provided within the framework of the project. There will also be an exhibition for the sale of their newly prepared products. The project will help to create new employment opportunities and improve the economic status of the immigrants. The project being implemented within the framework of the Community Development Program, and is funded by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Foundation "Local Community Foundation"

\$33,043.91

Kazakhstan

12/13/07 - 10/13/08

To support the broaden of participation of the local population in the decision making process related to local economical questions. Within the framework of the project, 4 sub-grants will be given, which

are aimed to support children and adults with limited opportunities and to strengthen the network of NGOs in the region. The project will help to increase the potential of local NGOs to implement social projects. This will also help the grant beneficiary, as a local institution, to mobilise local resources and support local initiatives. The project is being financed by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Association of Lawyers Legal Initiative \$19,980.00
Kazakhstan (Almaty Oblast, Almaty City) 5/20/08 - 5/20/09

In order to support Central Asian labor migrants in Almaty City and Almaty Oblast the grantee will set up labor migrants' legal consultation center in Almaty and provide migrant workers from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan with free legal support and raise public awareness on labor migrants' needs. This should improve the quality of life and working conditions of labor migrants.

Public Association of Intellectual Labor Women \$18,137.00
Kazakhstan (Almaty City) 5/27/08 - 2/28/09

To support labor migrants working in Almaty the grantee will set up 'Labor migrants' assistance center of Almaty' to provide legal and informational assistance to labor migrants, and raise public awareness on labor migrants' needs. This should improve the living and working conditions of Almaty-based labor migrants.

Public Association "Meyerim" \$18,212.00
Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan (Mangistau Oblast) 5/20/08 - 5/20/09

Contribute to improving legality of migrant foreign workers of Mangystau Oblast and developing their labor conditions. The grantee will seek to empower foreign workers from Central Asian countries with employment, legal, safety and health information. This should improve the quality of life of labor migrants.

Public Association "Women Support Center" \$20,012.00
Kazakhstan (North Kazakhstan) 5/20/08 - 5/20/09

To support Central Asian labor migrants in Northern Kazakhstan Oblast the grantee will set up a labor migrant support center to provide migrant workers from Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan with legal and psychological support, assistance accessing medical services, and raise tolerance to labor migrants. This should improve the quality of life and working conditions of labor migrants.

Public Foundation Bereke \$36,265.00
Kazakhstan (South Kazakhstan Oblast) 5/20/08 - 5/20/09

To support labor migrants in Southern Kazakhstan the grantee will set up three labor migrant information centers in districts bordering with Uzbekistan to provide migrant workers with legal support and assistance accessing bank services, and raise public awareness on legality of labor migration. This should improve the quality of life and working conditions of labor migrants.

LLP South Kazakhstan college "Arystanbab" \$11,350.00
Kazakhstan (South Kazakhstan Oblast) 11/19/07 - 6/19/08

To support farmers in South-Kazakhstan Oblast. The grantee taught computer and internet skills to one hundred farmers in the oblast. A permanent training and resource center will be founded to provide consulting services to farmers. The project will increase farmers' access to electronic information resources. The project will improve economic conditions for farmers in the oblast's Saragash, Sairam and Kazygurtov raions. The project is being financed by Philip Morris Kazakhstan and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Foundation Our Heritage \$34,177.16
 Kazakhstan 12/11/07 - 6/11/08
 The project is aimed at logistic providing for 5 craft business trainings in Chimkent, Aktau, Uralsk, Astana and Ust-Kamenogorsk. The grantee will provide logistic on trainings as well as potential assessment of local program partners for formation of craftsmanship resource centers. In the result it is expected, that the trainings organization will be on the high professional level and participants will educate to essential principles on opening and leading the crafts industry and will define the organizations circle for formation of resource centers. The project is funded by the Chevron Corporation within the program framework on "Revitalizing crafts in Kazakhstan", realizing by Eurasian Foundation of Central Asia.

Sodbi Business Incubator \$10,720.00
 Kazakhstan (Sodbi) 12/11/07 - 6/11/08
 The project is aimed at developing skills of craftspeople in Kazakhstan to produce the handicrafts of superior quality and successfully sell the products on the international and local markets. The grantee will work out the program on business trainings for craftspeople needs and will conduct 2 trainings in Chimkent and Aktau. It is expected that craftspeople will educate to essential principles on opening and leading the crafts industry, they will open the new sales channels. The project is funded by Chevron Corporation and United States Agency for International Development within the program framework on Revitalizing Crafts in Kazakhstan, realizing by EFCA.

Zubr - consulting center \$12,533.71
 Kazakhstan (Astana City, Aktobe Oblast, East Kazakhstan Oblast) 12/11/07 - 5/08/08
 The project is aimed at working out and conducting 3 trainings for craftspeople. The grantee will develop the program for business trainings, adapting for craftspeople needs and will conduct 3 trainings in Astana, Uralsk and Ust-Kamenogorsk. In the result it is expected that the craftspeople will teach to essential principles of opening and leading crafts industry. The project is funded by Chevron Corporation and USAID within the program framework on revitalizing crafts in Kazakhstan, realizing by EFCA.

Association of Kazakhstan microfinancial organizations \$14,458.24
 Kazakhstan (Almaty City) 1/14/08 - 4/21/08
 To strengthen microfinance organizations in Mangistau Oblast. Microfinance organizations will receive training in organizational management, attracting commercial financing and financial accounting. As a result, the organizations' sustainability and services should improve, for the benefit of small business borrowers. The project is funded by ABN AMRO and the Netherlands Embassy in Kazakhstan

Fund for Integration of Ecological Culture (FIEC) \$9,654.00
 Kazakhstan (Aqmola Oblast) 6/02/08 - 11/28/08
 To strengthen the potential of ecotourism support infrastructure in the Akmola Oblast. The grant recipient will conduct a series of training sessions on advancing ecotourism for teachers from the Tourism and Service Department of Turan-Astana University as well as for travel agency managers. As a result, the quality of ecotourism services in the Akmola Oblast will improve. The project is financed by ExxonMobil Kazakhstan Inc. and USAID.

"Turan-Astana" University \$15,000.00
 Kazakhstan (Aqmola Oblast) 6/02/08 - 12/02/08
 Ecosites require regular informational support. There is a need of constant ecotourism educational programs modification. With the purpose of supporting partnership between business and education it has been decided to create informational and research center in Astana Turan University. The Centre

will provide business consultations for service suppliers in the region on ecotourist's product improvement. Moreover it will encourage students and teachers to deepen their knowledge about traveling business and the market. The detailed operational plan of the Centre for 2008-2009 academic year will be developed. As a result of the project we expect an increase of assortment and improvement of the quality of ecotouristic services and products in Akmola Oblast. about 15 executives of more than 5 traveling firms will be involved. More than 7 students will have 3 month internship o ecotours promotion. Financing comes from ExxonMobil Kazakhstan Inc., and USAID within the bounds of the program of the initiative on development of IV phase of ecotourism in Kazakhstan.

Kyrgyzstan

Public Foundation for Central Asian Network Service Development

\$295,472.00

Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan

11/16/07 - 11/16/10

To strengthen independent media coverage in and about Central Asia through the creation of a Central Asia News Service (CANS) and increase access to fact-based information on the internet. The grantee will set up a new website, select and train a network of journalists from throughout Central Asia in objective, accurate reporting and publish 100 news items daily in Russian and English. Through forums readers will be engaged in an informed discussion on the grantees' website. As a sustainable, region-wide indigenous news service, CANS will provide daily informative, timely, unbiased news from throughout Central Asia to a broad local and international audience. This grant is funded by the U.S. State Department.

PU Daanishman Jungal Kabari

\$7,991.00

Kyrgyzstan (Naryn Oblast)

11/20/07 - 7/31/08

To improve the economic wellbeing of socially disadvantaged groups in Zhumgal Rayon in Naryn Oblast. The grantee will found an entrepreneurship training center, will teach sewing and will conduct legal consultations on business operation with individuals from socially-disadvantaged groups. As a result of the project activities, representatives of the targeted groups will be able to find work or start their own businesses. The project is being supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Foundation "Beipil"

\$7,008.00

Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast)

11/20/07 - 6/30/08

To improve the economic wellbeing of individuals with disabilities from poor families in the village of Bokonbaevo. The grantee will train disabled women and girls in applied folk art, sewing, the basics of household budgeting, and the basics of marketing in applied folk art. It is expected that the disabled women and girls, having mastered these professional qualifications, will be able to find work, and independently design and carry out productions, and, thereby, assure themselves stable incomes. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Foundation "Barsem"

\$6,122.00

Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast)

11/20/07 - 9/15/08

To help develop income-generating activities in orphanages and the Archa rehabilitation center, and to improve the wellbeing of disabled individuals in the village of Kyzylsuu of Dzhetioyuz Rayon. The grantee will organize a demonstration hands-on learning area on the grounds of the orphanage in order to train the orphanage's children and employees, as well as, the parents of children in the Archa rehabilitation center and disabled individuals in the village in beekeeping. As a result of the project, the orphanage, the Archa rehabilitation center and disabled individuals will use their new skills and knowledge to earn stable incomes through the sale of honey and related products to local villages. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Union "Alliance of disabled of Issyk-Kul oblast "Equity"

\$7,996.00

Kyrgyzstan (Issyk-Kul Oblast)

11/20/07 - 11/20/08

To help improve socio-economic conditions for people with disabilities. The grantee will find work for the disabled and will conduct events with the participation of representatives from all sectors of the

economy to develop and lobby for strategic steps for the integration of disabled individuals into the labor force. It is expected that as a result of the project the number of individuals from the target group that have been integrated into the workforce and have stable incomes will increase. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Foundation "Youth disabled movement"

\$14,464.00

Kyrgyzstan (Chui Oblast, Bishkek City)

1/02/08 - 12/31/08

To improve the socio-economic conditions of disabled youths. The grantee will train disabled youths in professional-level sewing and furniture production skills and in the basics of business management, and will hold roundtables with the participation of representatives from all sectors of the economy in order to develop and lobby for strategic steps to integrate the target group into the labor market. It is expected that the number of disabled individuals having participated in workforce trainings and having obtained stable employment will increase. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

Public Union "Aary Shiresi"

\$8,494.00

Kyrgyzstan (Talas Oblast)

11/20/07 - 11/20/08

To improve socio-economic conditions for poor groups in the village of Bakyian. The grantee will train members of poor families and local farmers in beekeeping, the basics of domestic budgeting and the basics of marketing honey and related products. It is expected that poor families and farms will increase their incomes through the sale of honey and related products. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Foundation "Talykbas A.T.A."

\$336.79

Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek City)

11/21/07 - 7/20/08

To improve socio-economic conditions for disabled individuals. The grantee will train disabled men in professional furniture making and the basics of business management, and will provide consultations to disabled individuals planning to start their own businesses. Thanks to the skills they will receive, disabled individuals will be able to find work or start their own businesses and thereby improve their economic situations. The project is being realized within the framework of the program Development of Income-Generating Activities Among Disadvantaged Groups with financing from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Almaty.

Public Union "Zanyatost"

\$5,901.00

Kyrgyzstan (Naryn Oblast)

1/09/08 - 7/09/08

To assist in finding jobs for young people. The grantee will open a youth employment center in Naryn oblast. The center will establish partnerships with employers and find jobs for unemployed youth in the oblast. As a result of this project, a separate structure will be created to reduce youth unemployment, including a mechanism for interactions with employers on job placement matters for youth in Naryn oblast. This project is supported by the Embassy of New Zealand in Moscow.

Moldova

Independent Journalism Center

\$45,162.00

Moldova

11/01/08 - 10/31/08

To strengthen media participation in combating widespread corruption in Moldova. With support from the Millennium Challenge Corporation and USAID, the grantee will research and propose amendments to national legislation on public funding for media, advocating for their adoption in Parliament. In addition, the grantee will monitor and analyze media coverage of corruption-related issues, including researching sources of media financing and focusing on the types and conditions of public money used for this purpose. The report will be distributed both in electronic and print form to all the stakeholders during the major project events and other relevant activities involving the grantee.

Freedom of Expression and Access to Information Promotion Center "Access-info"

\$46,752.00

Moldova

11/06/07 - 9/05/08

To improve access to public information and enhance the Moldovan government's transparency. The grantee will monitor the application of the law on access to information and conduct public awareness campaigns, consulting and assisting the general public on issues of free access to public information. The project will also advocate changes to improve public information legislation and organize trainings for public authorities, NGO representatives and media about public access to information. Funded by USAID and Sida, the project will contribute to growing citizens' demands for free public information and a more transparent governing process.

Institute for Democracy NGO

\$14,454.00

Moldova

11/05/07 - 9/04/08

To promote anticorruption education for students and to decrease corruption at Comrat State University and other universities in the region. The grantee will develop a new course on corruption at Comrat State University and promote it to other area universities. To campaign against corruption, the grantee will organize a variety of education and outreach initiatives to inform teachers and students of the negative consequences of corruption and encourage them to report incidences of it. Supported by USAID and the Swedish International Development Agency, this project will increase general awareness of corruption issues, decreasing tolerance for corruption among students, teaching staff and the general public in Comrat and surrounding regions.

National Center for Transparency and Human Rights

\$21,696.00

Moldova

11/01/07 - 8/31/08

To introduce a new mechanism for preventing corruption at higher education institutions in Moldova. The grantee will monitor two universities and propose recommendations combating academic fraud and for increased transparency in governance and financial management at higher education institutions. Supported by USAID and the Swedish International Development Agency, the project will create a successful model for diminishing corruption within the educational system in Moldova.

Association of Independent Press

\$40,002.00

Moldova

11/01/07 - 8/31/08

To raise awareness and increase public debate on national anticorruption policies. The grantee will publish 10 issues of a newspaper insert through 18 national and regional newspapers across the country. The inserts will provide readers with information on the status, progress and setbacks of state anticorruption programs, advocate policy changes and educate the public on corruption. The publications will also stimulate investigative journalists to disclose corrupt activities. Funded by USAID and Sida, the project will encourage citizens to participate in the discourse to improve government-run anticorruption programs and decrease tolerance of corruption among the general public.

League for Defense of Consumers Rights in Moldova \$19,893.00
Moldova 11/01/07 - 8/31/08
To improve the legal and institutional framework of consumer rights protection in Moldova. The grantee will monitor consumer rights in Moldova, recommending legislative and regulatory improvements to responsible institutions and state bodies. Additionally, the grantee will inform citizens on consumer rights and provide legal consultations through a newspaper and a website. The project will lead to improved legislative and regulatory framework for consumer rights and assist citizens in protecting their rights as consumers of goods and services.

Association for Cooperation and Democratic Communication "Dialog" \$13,354.00
Moldova 4/30/08 - 4/30/09
To provide information regarding Moldova's European integration process to the population in the southern part of the country, bolstering the operational European Interactive Center as a sustainable resource and focal-point on Europe in this region. The grantee will continue providing information and training activities at the European Interactive Center, which was established in 2006 in Cahul city. Targeting students, youth, women, farmers, teachers, local government officials, business groups, and other interested groups, the center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in EU-related issues such as EU affairs, work and education in EU countries, and EU regulations affecting Moldova. The project, funded by Sida, is a joint initiative between EFM and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova (MFAEI).

Regional Centre for NGOs Assistance and Information CONTACT - Balti \$14,388.00
Moldova 4/30/08 - 4/30/09
To provide information and support citizen participation in Moldova's European integration process in northern Moldova. The grantee will continue operating the European Interactive Center, "Pro-Europa," in Balti city. Targeting students, youth, women, farmers, teachers, local government officials, business groups, and other interested parties, the center will continue to act as a platform for information and discussion on issues related to European integration. As a result of the project, the public will be more informed and more engaged in issues pertaining the progress of reforms made by Moldova on its European Integration agenda. The project, funded by Sida, is a joint initiative between EFM and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova.

League for the Defence of Human Rights in Republic Moldova \$19,869.00
Moldova 2/22/08 - 6/20/08
To monitor the Gagauz-Yeri Popular Assembly Election by conducting a domestic non-partisan observation campaign. The grantee will identify and train a mission of over 80 observers to monitor different aspects of the campaign and Election Day, and conduct a parallel tabulation of votes cast at each polling station. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and co-funded by OSCE Mission to Moldova, the project will reduce the likelihood of administrative and other election violations, helping to ensure that the results are a true reflection of the intention of voters.

AO Apa Codrilor \$4,011.00
Moldova (Orhei District) 9/15/08 - 3/15/09
To increase civic and voter activism in the village of Vatici and its surrounding areas. The grantee will organize three seminars and a public information campaign to disseminate flyers, booklets and brochures on civic and voter education. These activities will stimulate citizen engagement in the

election process and increase voter turnout. This project is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

NGO "OZON"

\$6,648.00

Moldova (Balti District)

9/15/08 - 3/15/09

To increase civic and voter activism among students at Balti State University. The grantee will introduce social advertising techniques and promotions in the local media. The grantee will organize a voter mobilization event and public information campaign and will hold civic education debates for the students. This project, which is co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID, is expected to contribute to increased student participation in the 2009 parliamentary elections.

Cerere si Oferta Newspaper

\$6,966.00

Moldova

9/15/08 - 5/15/09

To provide prospective voters in northern Moldova with balanced media coverage of the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will publish and distribute 16 issues of bi-weekly civic education inserts in the Cerere si Oferta newspaper, which has a circulation of about 20,000 people. This project will provide access to unbiased information on the candidates and stimulate citizen engagement in the electoral process. This project is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

Association of Economic Journalists

\$7,000.00

Moldova

9/15/08 - 4/15/09

To increase the participation of Moldovan citizens living and working abroad in the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will organize a voter education campaign targeting voters residing abroad by producing and distributing information about the political parties participating in the elections. In partnership with the Central Election Commission and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and European Integration, the project will help ensure that Moldovan migrants have access to information about the election and the opportunity to vote. The project is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

Basarabeasca Women City Club "Golubka"

\$6,867.00

Moldova

9/15/08 - 3/15/09

To increase civic activism among young voters in the run-up to the 2009 parliamentary elections. The grantee will organize information seminars and training activities aimed at developing critical-thinking and analytical skills among young voters. This project is expected to contribute to the increased participation of young voters in the 2009 parliamentary elections in southern Moldova. The project is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and USAID.

Independent Journalism Center

\$48,887.00

Moldova

8/15/08 - 6/15/09

To build a more transparent relationship between advertisers and media outlets and increase the credibility of the media in the eyes of the business community. The grantee will work with a group of leading media outlets to develop the necessary preconditions for the creation and launch of an audit bureau of circulation, crucial for media viability in Moldova. As a result of the project, the advertising industry will be able to obtain accurate circulation information which will lead to a healthier, higher quality press. Support for this project comes from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and USAID.

Association of Independent Press

\$49,000.00

Moldova

8/15/08 - 8/01/09

To strengthen the print media in Moldova by establishing an Independent Press Council. The Association of Independent Press will establish a self-regulating body to develop style guidelines and a code of conduct for journalists and media outlets. The council will focus on preserving the quality and independence of the print media in Moldova. As a result of the project, the transparency, quality and accountability of the local media will be improved and professional and ethical standards in journalism will be strengthened. Support for this project comes from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and USAID.

Russia

Leningrad Region Foundation of Social Support

\$200,000.00

Russia (Leningrad Oblast)

8/01/08 - 12/31/08

To increase government participation in addressing needs of citizens in the Leningrad Oblast. To achieve this goal, the grantee, in cooperation with the regional government and other partners, will buy and donate a clinical hospital the new medical equipment and software to make high quality tests and improve diagnosis of heart diseases. This will also significantly reduce the waiting period for patients and make the service available for a greater number of people. In a mid- and a long-term perspectives, the project will lead to decreasing the cardiovascular death-rate.

Noncommercial organization " Foundation of assistance to the associations of res

Russia (Perm Oblast)

\$18,498.00

5/15/08 - 7/31/09

The Homeowners Support Project's (HSP) strategy is to facilitate development, introduction and nation wide dissemination of the best practices of a comprehensive approach to modern housing management in Russia while fully exploiting opportunities for interaction among all stakeholders of housing stock management and empowering homeowners associations to become an important institution of civil society in Russia. HSP consists of three interconnected Components, each of which includes substantial methodological, training, and informational subcomponents to develop all stakeholders in housing stock management in Russia. The sequence of developing theoretical instruments and then testing them in practical demonstration projects in Russian municipalities, followed by dissemination of best practices and lessons learned across the Russian Federation increases impact on housing reform in Russia. The demo-projects will be implemented in three pilot municipalities: Nizhni Novgorod, Perm, Tver. They were selected through a limited competition among Russian municipalities. The project "Demonstration Projects in the Area of Housing Management in Nizhni Novgorod under the Homeowners Support Project" is designed to test 5 regional housing management models

Noncommercial Partnership "Organizations association for management and service of Houses"

Russia (Tver Oblast)

\$36,704.00

5/20/08 - 7/31/09

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Deriglazova Larisa Valerievna

\$2,110.93

Russia (Tomsk Oblast)

10/15/07 - 3/31/08

one month scholarship at Oxford

Nefedova Eugenia Viktorovna	\$3,660.00
Russia	3/01/08 - 9/30/08
Postgraduate study at the University of Oxford (Lincoln College) for the period 1 April to 30 June 2008.	
Mosolkin Alexey Vladislavovich	\$1,726.16
Russia	4/11/08 - 7/31/08
Participation at the Oxford Colleges Hospitality Scheme (April 21 - June 1, 2008)	
Pushkareva Ekaterina	\$873.73
Russia	4/11/08 - 7/31/08
Participation in the interview	
Fomicheva Olga Vladimirovna	\$149.18
Russia	4/11/08 - 7/31/08
Participation at the OSI UCL Chevening Scholarships interview	
Babko Alexandra Evgenievna	\$93.77
Russia	4/11/08 - 7/31/08
Participation in the interview in frames of OSI UCL Chevening Scholarships Program	
Pushkareva Ekaterina	\$246.73
Russia	5/15/08 - 8/31/08
English proficiency test (TOEFL)	
Tsurikova Lubov	\$1,365.44
Russia	6/05/08 - 9/30/08
1 month scholarship at Christ Church College, 1-31 July, 2008	
Fomicheva Olga Vladimirovna	\$1,248.65
Russia	7/18/08 - 10/30/09
Participation in the Predeparture-Orientation at Istanbul, Turkey (August 26-31, 2008)	
Rumyantsev Vladimir	\$3,660.54
Russia	7/28/08 - 12/31/08
Oxford Hospitality Scholarship	
Tsay Maria Eliseevna	\$860.55
Russia	7/28/08 - 10/31/08
OSI-FCO Oxford Chevening Schooarship - home travel	
Kiselev Sergey Yurievich	\$1,013.50
Russia	9/02/08 - 12/31/08
Fomicheva Olga Vladimirovna	\$1,070.75
Russia	9/09/08 - 12/31/09
MA Politics, Security and Integration (22 September 2008 - 15 September 2009)	

Tajikistan

Public Foundation for Central Asian Network Service Development \$295,472.00

Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan 11/16/07 - 11/16/10

To strengthen independent media coverage in and about Central Asia through the creation of a Central Asia News Service (CANS) and increase access to fact-based information on the internet. The grantee will set up a new website, select and train a network of journalists from throughout Central Asia in objective, accurate reporting and publish 100 news items daily in Russian and English. Through forums readers will be engaged in an informed discussion on the grantees' website. As a sustainable, region-wide indigenous news service, CANS will provide daily informative, timely, unbiased news from throughout Central Asia to a broad local and international audience. This grant is funded by the U.S. State Department.

Tajik State Pedagogical University under the name of S. Aini \$29,410.00

Tajikistan (Dushanbe City) 5/01/08 - 12/31/08

To strengthen primary education in the Balkh province of Afghanistan and develop institutional ties between Tajik and Afghan educational institutions. The grantee will conduct an intensive three-week training for 15 Afghan primary school teachers on its premises in Dushanbe. The university will also place an emphasis on cultural exchange and events, to help in establishing future ties between Tajikistan and Afghanistan. This project will lay the groundwork for follow-on trainings of Afghan teachers by Tajik NGOs and related exchange programs. The project will form a basis for future improvements in Afghan education

Ukraine

Creative Union of Scientific and Engineering Communities (Societies) of Crimea

Ukraine (Crimean Autonomous Republic)

\$32,990.31

5/28/08 - 11/28/08

To improve energy efficiency by introducing solar energy technologies in Crimea. Targeting local governments, communal enterprises and small/medium enterprise owners, the grantee will initiate a wide information campaign on the application and benefits of solar power. To demonstrate the effectiveness of the technology and motivate local authorities to implement it, the grantee will install solar panels at two communal establishments, audit energy efficiency and analyze energy-saving opportunities in Bakhchisaray district. The grantee will use the results to develop a strategic plan to improve energy efficiency in the district and set up a solar energy consulting center. Co-funded by the OSCE project coordinator in Ukraine and USAID, the project will result in increased use of renewable energy technologies among communal enterprises and entrepreneurs.

Public Organization "Initiative"

\$38,750.10

Ukraine (Vinnitsa Oblast)

6/01/08 - 11/30/08

To improve energy efficiency with renewable energy technologies in Vinnytsia oblast. The grantee will establish a training center for renewable energy technologies in Severynivka village, demonstrating the application and benefits of wind power, biogas energy, biodiesel, and other alternative energy sources. The center will use energy generated from these renewable sources to power essential community buildings, such as a public kindergarten, community center, village sports center and communal water supply system. Targeting local governments, communal enterprises, and community activists, the center will run an information campaign on renewable energy, provide trainings and assist communities to develop strategic plans to improve energy efficiency. Co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, the Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Agency for International Development, this project will result in increased awareness and use of renewable energy technologies among Vinnytsia oblast communities.

Small Business Laboratory

\$22,487.42

Ukraine (Kiev Oblast)

6/01/08 - 3/31/09

To develop an effective municipal energy management system in Slavutych city (Kyiv oblast). In partnership with local officials, the grantee will identify energy saving applications and introduce a system to measure energy efficiency in municipal buildings. The project will employ local procedures to redistribute budget savings from the energy efficiency measures and train various project stakeholders. The grantee will also develop energy efficiency training courses for schools, producing textbooks and pedagogical materials for teachers. To publicize the project, the grantee will launch an energy conservation information campaign for local TV, radio and print media. Co-funded by Telenor and the Slavutych city council, this project will increase awareness and demand for more efficient energy use and serve as a model for other cities.

European Integration and Regional Development Agency

\$34,986.59

Ukraine (Lvov Oblast)

9/01/08 - 5/31/09

To stimulate solutions to energy-related challenges in five pilot districts in the mountainous regions of Lviv oblast. The grantee will work with local governments and communities to assess the possibility of using alternative energy, including normally discarded sawdust as fuel. The grantee will also audit the energy use of a typical civil institution in each district. Based on the results, the grantee will recommend new energy efficiency projects, including the installation of energy-saving equipment, with co-funding from local budgets. One such project will be implemented in the Staryi Sambir district to serve as an

example to neighboring communities. The project is co-funded by the Embassy of Finland in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Agency for Economic Development of Voznesenk City

\$24,747.88

Ukraine (Nikolaev Oblast)

7/01/08 - 3/31/09

To introduce a system of organic waste management in Voznesenk city (Mykolayiv oblast). The grantee will help the local community initiate the separate collection of organic waste, which will be used by communal enterprises for composting and the production of fuel pellets. The grantee will conduct an information and resource mobilization campaign and work with local government to calculate tariffs and draft related ordinances. To demonstrate the effectiveness of the technology, a new energy-efficient boiler will be installed at a public establishment. The project, co-funded by Telenor and USAID, will introduce alternative energy sources and help protect the environment.

Kremenchuk's Community Development Foundation

\$15,478.86

Ukraine (Poltava Oblast)

8/01/08 - 1/31/09

To increase senior citizens' access to social and community services. The grantee will establish a community center at the Avtozavodskiy district office of social services in the city of Kremenchuk, Poltava Oblast to facilitate the organization of a community support group and help improve the standard of living of local senior citizens. Part of EEF's "Community Centers for People in Need" program, this project is co-funded by Telenor Ukraine with support from the Avtozavodskiy district administration.

Union of organizations of invalids of Ukraine - Dykanka branch

\$15,479.56

Ukraine (Poltava Oblast)

8/01/08 - 1/31/09

To increase senior citizens' access to social and community services. The grantee will establish a community center at the Dykanka district office of social services in the Polava Oblast to create community support groups and help improve the standard of living for senior citizens. In addition, the grantee will organize special activities, such as life-skills trainings and computer skills consultations for working age youth with special needs. Part of EEF's "Community Centers for People in Need" program, this project is co-funded by Telenor Ukraine with support from the Dykanka district administration.

Union to Promote Rural Green Tourism in Ukraine, Bar branch

\$22,721.78

Ukraine (Vinnitsa Oblast)

5/05/08 - 11/30/08

To stimulate employment in rural areas of Vinnytsia oblast by promoting green tourism and traditional crafts. The grantee will help local communities formulate entrepreneurship development strategies; create and promote new tourist products and initiate an informal network of craftsmen to unite marketing efforts. The project activities will include training and promotional events, and the publication of a map and catalogue. The project, co-funded by OSCE and USAID, will create viable rural tourism and crafts businesses.

Slavutych City Foundation for Entrepreneurs Support

\$23,140.99

Ukraine (Kiev Oblast)

5/15/08 - 11/30/08

To promote small business in Slavutych city (Kyiv oblast) by introducing IT solutions into government regulations, especially procedures to obtain permits. The grantee will create a data center to simplify the procedures to obtain permits and to provide entrepreneurs with a wide range of relevant information integrated into a city geo-information system. The grantee will also work with the local government to support innovations for local ordinances, develop software and train user groups, as well as to conduct an information campaign explaining the benefits of the new system to the citizens. The project, co-funded by OSCE and USAID, will help to improve the regulatory environment and provide better

services to entrepreneurs while improving the transparency of their interactions with municipal officials.

Agency for Local Development of Husiatyn Region

\$10,475.46

Ukraine (Ternopol Oblast)

5/22/08 - 11/22/08

To improve local government services for the citizens of Husiatyn district by building a network of public service centers using modern information technology at district and local councils. The project will streamline procedures for obtaining permits and receiving social assistance. The grantee will assist local governments to map procedures, provide electronic information services, develop software, train local government employees and inform citizens. The project, co-funded by the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the U.S. Agency for International Development, will help increase transparency and improve local-level public services.

Uzbekistan

Public Foundation for Central Asian Network Service Development \$295,472.00

Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan 11/16/07 - 11/16/10

To strengthen independent media coverage in and about Central Asia through the creation of a Central Asia News Service (CANS) and increase access to fact-based information on the internet. The grantee will set up a new website, select and train a network of journalists from throughout Central Asia in objective, accurate reporting and publish 100 news items daily in Russian and English. Through forums readers will be engaged in an informed discussion on the grantees' website. As a sustainable, region-wide indigenous news service, CANS will provide daily informative, timely, unbiased news from throughout Central Asia to a broad local and international audience. This grant is funded by the U.S. State Department.

Public Association "Meyerim" \$18,212.00

Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan (Mangystau Oblast) 5/20/08 - 5/20/09

Contribute to improving legality of migrant foreign workers of Mangystau Oblast and developing their labor conditions. The grantee will seek to empower foreign workers from Central Asian countries with employment, legal, safety and health information. This should improve the quality of life of labor migrants.