The Program is carried out in the Russian Far East, Lake Baikal Region, Northern Caucasus and in some other regions of Russia with financial support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which has provided a total of $5.65 million for the period from 2006 through 2009.

The Program is aimed at assisting communities in addressing environmental, economic and social problems, and consists of the following core components:

1. Grant-making in the targeted communities
2. Dissemination of best community development practices
3. Training for development
4. Creation of new community development tools and practices

The Primary Program Goal is to design and disseminate both innovative and proven models of sustainable community development across the Russian Federation.

Key Program Objectives:

- to engage local citizens in addressing local needs and problems through a series of targeted grants focused on local economic development, waste management, public health, small business development, social assistance and natural resources management;
- to create and introduce tools for energy and resource saving and mechanisms allowing communities to reinvest savings into development programs;
- to promote multi-stakeholder participation in selected communities in identifying priorities for community development;
- to train community leaders, government officials, and business leaders to better address community needs through collective efforts;
- to replicate best community development practices in a selected region.

Grant funding decisions are passed by the Program’s Advisory Committee founded to ensure transparency and equal opportunities for all organizations participating in grant contests. The main functions of the Advisory Committee are to approve funding for grant proposals, which have previously been reviewed by experts, and to oversee the targeted use of the Program’s grant funds.

Three grant rounds have already been completed under the Program, during which 16 consortiums (53 projects) were funded for a total of $982,082, with the average grant amount equaling to $18,530. The priority area of activity in Round 4 is the introduction in communities of efficient technologies and modern approaches in the following sectors:

- resource and energy saving (including reduction of energy consumption on a municipal level);
- utilization of secondary energy resources, including waste from the timber and mining industries;
- optimization of the utilities services structure;
- sustainable and environmentally sound agricultural development;
- small business development;
- enhancing the social potential and capital of a community.

The Program facilitates:

- an increased standard of living in the regions of Russia;
- the creation of a potential for future community development;
- citizen participation in community decision-making through interaction with local government and business.
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CDSP Round 4 Statistics

Total number of submitted proposals 36 project complexes (114 projects)
Approved for funding by the Advisory Committee 10 project complexes (30 projects)
Total cost of funded projects $1 077 372
Amount allocated for the fourth contest $558 493
Grantee contributions and funds from other sources $518 878
Average grant amount $18 616

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Fourth Contest Projects

1. Project Complex Integrated sustainable development on historical areas in Kenozerye and Lekshmozeraye ($51,849)

   Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
   1. Non-timber forest products as an alternative source of income in a rural community ($13,975)
   2. Creation of a comfortable living environment ($19,190)
   3. Ecotourism – an instrument of sustainable community development ($18,685)

2. Project Complex Sanctuary Russia Recreation Complex—a model area of ecotourism development to promote sustainable development in the buffer area of the Biosphere Reserve Smolenskoye Poozyorye National Park ($44,978)

   Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
   1. Modernization of power and heat saving systems in Prezhvalskoye Municipality ($24,990)
   2. Sanctuary Russia Recreation Complex—a model area of ecotourism development and beneficial cooperation ($19,988)

3. Project Complex Social partnerships for promoting sustainable development in Ichalkovsky Raion, Republic of Mordovia ($50,000)

   Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
   1. Modernization of the water supply system in Smolny and Ichalki Settlements ($25,000)
   2. Promoting family tourism development in Smolny National Park ($25,000)

4. Project Complex The City We Are Creating ($49,500)

   Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
   1. We Can be Useful ($24,500)
   2. Clean Air ($10,000)
   3. Kamennoye Natural Landmark ($15,000)

5. Project Complex Motivating innovative approaches in the community and enhancing public participation by using examples of tested projects ($69,470)

   Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
   1. High-technology and cost-effective heating for cultural and social institutions ($24,520)
   2. Sustainable community development based on rational forest management (Profit from Waste) ($13,700)
   3. Picking wild berries and producing syrups as food supplements ($23,400)
   4. Starting a production of ciderplast to promote health in the community ($7,850)
6. Project Complex Yeravinsky Raion – a Sustainable Development Area ($58 164)

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. From Energy-Efficiency to Savings – modernization of boiler plant equipment: installation of less energy-intensive boilers in two educational institutions of the community ($25 000)
2. From Energy-Efficiency to Health Improvement- reducing heat loss and introducing health protection techniques ($18 718)
3. Yeravna - a Tourist Site – creation of a tourist and recreation framework in Yeravinsky Raion ($14 446)

7. Project Complex Save a Drop and You Will Save the World ($59 932)

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. Cost Optimization – Key to Future Development (modernization of heating systems in 4 educational institutions and installation of heating and hot water meters) ($20 477)
2. Healthy Family – Healthy Children – Healthy Nation (promoting reproductive health of women, residents of Zima) ($18 892)

8. Project Complex From Energy-Efficiency to Addressing Municipal Concerns ($36 600)

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. From Energy-Efficiency to Addressing Municipal Concerns (energy-efficiency in pre-school institutions and the development of a mechanisms for reinvesting energy savings into improving kindergartens and introducing social programs) ($22 900)
2. Health and Comfort for Children and Parents ($13 700)

9. Project Complex Public Participation in Rural Development ($68 000)

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. Introduction of innovative mechanisms promoting sustainable economic development in settlements of Vyazemsky Municipality through the development of agricultural production ($25 000)
2. Village Fireworks (involving community activists and youth in rural cultural activities) ($20 000)
3. Installation of energy-saving equipment at water inlets in 9 settlements of Vyazemsky Municipality ($23 000)

10. Project Complex Through Civic Initiatives to Local Community Development in Pozharsky Raion ($70 000)

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. Founding a Civic Development Center ($15 000)
2. Implementation of a complex of measures to ensure safe living conditions in Luchegorsk ($18 500); Cultural community development in Pozharskoye Settlement ($10 000)
3. Organizing athletic and tourist activities in Svetlogorye Settlement ($7 500)
4. Introducing energy-saving techniques and increasing the number of places for children in Kindergarten # 16 ($19 000)
Project Complex

**Integrated sustainable development on historical areas in Kenozerye and Lekshmozerye**

Grant amount $51,849  Grantee contribution $12,100  Total cost $63,949

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. Non-timber forest products as an alternative source of income in a rural community
2. Creation of a comfortable living environment
3. Ecotourism – an instrument of sustainable community development

**Municipality Profile:**

Kenozerskoye and Pechnikovskoye settlements in Plesetsky and Kargopolsky Raions, Archangels Oblast.

The municipalities in this region have a prevalence of small villages located at considerable distances from raion capitals. The population is gradually decreasing due to deteriorating demographic conditions: low birth and high mortality rates and migration caused by the crisis in the local agricultural and forestry sectors, which during Soviet times were the local base industries. Growing unemployment is caused by a decline in forest and agricultural production. The Kenozersky National Park, which is a model historical human environment and a site where the centuries-old history and culture of the Russian North are being preserved, is situated on the border of the two raions.

**Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:**

- Growing unemployment and mounting social concerns.
- Violations by the local population of nature use regulations (hunting, fishing and logging), due to the decreasing standard of living.
- Inability of local government to effectively address socio-economic problems in conditions of scarce funding.
- Low income level of the local population.
- Lack of recreation areas and playgrounds in settlements.
- Absence of conditions for child and youth athletic activities.
- Low public engagement in sustainable community development.
Synergetic effect of the Project Complex:

The project complex was based on the common interests of all of its participants and was aimed at:

- creating favorable conditions for a growth of incomes and employment in the community;
- improving the living environment;
- giving a positive impetus to changing the is currently disadvantageous socio-economic situation;
- involving citizens in the joint management of the region, which is characterized by exceptional natural, cultural, historical and spiritual value;
- addressing local socio-economic problems through advancing business initiatives and the local economy with the use of available resource;
- creating conditions for preserving the Kenozersky National Park as a unique site of the cultural and natural heritage;
- realizing the recreational potential of the southwestern part of Archangelsk Oblast.

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Project

Non-timber forest products as an alternative source of income in a rural community

Organization:
Kenozersky National Park

Type of organization: government

Start date October 1, 2008 End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project included a series of workshops, master-classes and training for local residents on the topic of collecting and processing non-timber forest products. Eight dehydration devices and special packaging were acquired and 15 types of products were certified.

Location:
Kenozersky and Pechnikovskoye Municipalities in Plesetsky and Kargopolsky Raions, Archangelsk Oblast with a total population of 88, 900 people.

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Project coordinator:
Anna Yerycheva, tourism manager

Project objectives:
Lowering the rate of unemployment and addressing social issues; preventing violations by the local population of nature use regulations (hunting, fishing and logging) resulting from a decreasing standard of living; increasing the incomes of the local population; and reducing power consumption during the manufacture of products.

Final results:
Putting in place a system of environmentally sound use of non-timber forest products in the community:

- creating at least 24 new jobs;
- increasing the incomes of local residents (starting at 3,000 rubles a month);
- producing organic products (from 280 kg of plant raw materials that were processed into dried plant products during the summer season of 2009);
- training over 100 community members at workshops and master-classes;
- developing and certifying at least 23 types of products made from non-timber forest products.

Total project cost $18 545 Own contribution $4 610 Received amount $13 975
Project

Creation of a Comfortable Living Environment

Organization:
Society of Kenozersky National Park Friends

Type of organization: public, non-profit

Start date October 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project involved site improvement in populated centers and restoration of the traditional living environment of northern villages. Traditional children’s playgrounds made of wood were built; mass recreation areas and sports grounds were set up; and trash containers were installed. Information about the project was disseminated among municipal administrations, non-profit organizations, and the management of Specially Protected Nature Areas by placing publications about project results on the Web sites of electronic mass media, publishing reports and booklets; and making presentations at thematic workshops and conferences. The accumulated experience may be of use to communities where historical settlements are located.

Location:
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Project objectives:
Reduction of pollution from household waste in communities; improvement of recreation sites, places where traditional village festivities take place, and playgrounds; promotion of sports activities in communities and, especially, among children and youth; and bettering the appearance of local streets.

Final results:
Creation of comfortable living conditions in 4 remote communities:

- Installing four children’s playground complexes;
- Building four sports grounds and acquiring equipment for them;
- Placing eight trash collection containers in communities;
- Improving two sites for conducting traditional celebrations and fairs in Vershinino village;
- Installing twelve wooden benches on local recreation sites;
- Creating a small arboretum in Vershinino village.

Total project cost $22,330  Own contribution $3,140  Received amount $19,190
Project

Ecotourism – an instrument of sustainable community development

Organization:
Pechnikovskoye Municipal Administration

Type of organization: municipal

Start date October 1, 2008                      End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
Project activities included building an environmental trail The Path to Good Health; acquiring hiking gear (skiing sets, bicycles, knapsacks, et.); finishing the interior of the Tea House; installing billboards along the trail; preparing master class programs; conducting a workshop for community members interested in learning the basics of excursion services; and promoting small business development in the sphere of guest services. The experience of this project was used as an ecotourism development model that may be disseminated in other communities as a means of creating new jobs, increasing the personal incomes of community members, and bringing additional revenue to the municipal budget not only on protected nature areas, but also in rural locations with a high tourism potential.

Location:
Kenozerskoye and Pechnikovskoye Municipalities in Plesetsky and Kargopolsky Raions, Archangelsk Oblast, with a total population of 88,900 people.

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Project coordinator:
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Project objectives:
Lowering the unemployment level among the local population; increasing the standard of living of the local population; offering community members new knowledge and skills needed for becoming actively engaged in the tourist services sector; and improving the cultural and economic situation in communities.

Final results:
Developing an ecotourism infrastructure:
- 9 new jobs in the sphere of tourism services;
- Increased incomes of local population (from 2,500 rubles to 5,000 rubles a month; and training at least 16 community members in the basics of conducting excursions and starting a small business in the sphere of guest services);
- Building an environmental trail Path to Good Health;
- Acquiring 16 skiing sets and 9 bicycles;
- Finishing the interior of the Tea House;
- Developing programs and conducting five master classes devoted to the preparation of herbal teas, baking and local traditional cuisine.

Total project cost $23,035   Own contribution $4,350   Received amount $18,685
Project Complex

Sanctuary Russia Recreation Complex– a model area of ecotourism development to promote sustainable development in the buffer area of the Biosphere Reserve Smolenskoye Poozyorye National Park

Grant amount $44 978  Grantee contribution $40 595    Total cost $85 573

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. Modernization of power and heat saving systems in Przhevalskoye Municipality
2. Sanctuary Russia Recreation Complex– a model area of ecotourism development and beneficial cooperation

Municipality Profile:
Demidovsky Raion, Smolensk Oblast.
The prevailing economic activity in this locality is agriculture that specializes in cattle-breeding and potato and flax growing. It is also known for its unique “Demidovskoye Gardening” (cucumber growing tradition). There is also a well-developed timber industry and production of construction materials. This municipal raion includes two urban and 15 rural municipalities with a total population of 17,600, of whom 8,600 live in the raion capital, the city of Demidov. Industrial production is represented by agricultural and forest processing and light industry facilities. In this city, there is an agricultural college, a vocational school, two middle schools, an art school, a residence school, and other cultural and educational institutions. The Smolenskoye Poozyorye National Park that occupies an area of 146,237 hectares is located in this raion.

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:

- Absence of a gas pipeline and the use for heating of costly electricity, oil fuel and coal that pollute the environment.
- A drain of able-bodied community members from small villages and settlements because of unemployment and a low standard of living.
- Distortion of the traditional historical and cultural landscape because of uncontrolled land development and appearance of modern dachas and private houses, weediness of traditional agricultural land, and biodiversity reduction; and disappearance of traditional handicrafts.
- Uneven distribution of tourist flows and growth of “wild” uncontrolled tourism that harms natural communities in the central part of Smolenskoye Priozyorye National Park.
- Lack of an interaction mechanism among the national park’s management, municipal government and the community of identifying tourism development priorities and distributing and reinvesting revenue.
• Lack of experience and professional knowledge among community members that prevent them from becoming engaged in the sector of tourism activities and natural resources management.

Synergetic effect of the Project Complex:
The Project Complex was targeted toward implementing the Environmental and Rural Tourism Concept (developed by the Ecotourism Association and the staff of Smolenskoye Priozyorye National Park) at the national park. The Concept was considered and approved in March-April 2008 by the Research and Technical Council of the park and consented with Przhevalskoye Municipal Government and the administrations of Demidovsky Raion and Smolensk Oblast. The Concept included founding a unique tourism complex Sanctuary Russia in the central part of the national park – in the spa urban-type settlement Przhevalskoye (population – 3,500) that became a brand of Smolensk Oblast and the national park. The Concept also involved the introduction of energy-efficient techniques and building a techno park in the future that demonstrate the latest achievements of energy saving and environmentally sound construction technologies.

The Project Complex also included such activities as modernizing the existing energy-efficiency system and introducing new energy-saving techniques; developing a recreation tourist site - Sanctuary Russia Complex; and involving new partners and investors in developing tourism in the buffer zone of the biosphere reserve.

The projects of the Project Complex helped alter the structures of tourist flows by increasing the share of “organized” tourists; raise funds; create new jobs; create conditions for small business development and public participation; advance ecotourism in Smolenskoye Priozyorye National Park; and increase public support of the park.

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Project

Modernization of power and heat saving systems in Przhevalskoye Municipality

Organization:
Prezhvalskoye Municipal Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project carried out the following activities in the Community Center (200 sq. m) and out-patient clinic: installing boilers working on wood waste; preparing a boiler room; modernizing the water supply system; and replacing windows. At the sawmill of the national park, a chipping machine and a bunker for storing wood chips were installed.

Location:
Przhevalskoye Settlement (population – 3,500), Demidovsky Raion, Smolensk Oblast

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Project coordinator:
Ivan Gogolinsky, head of the Municipal Administration

Project objectives:
Reducing high power consumption in the heat supply system in the buildings of the Community Center and the outpatient clinic and, consequently, saving funds; introducing modern wood processing techniques (chipping machines and the use of saw chips) in the biosphere reserve; creation of conditions for the region’s transition in the near future to the use of new technologies in the sphere of energy supply and energy-saving; reduction of hazardous emissions from burning high-ash coal; and improving the environment in the central part of the biosphere reserve.

Final results:
• Introduction of energy-efficiency techniques;
  a) modernization of equipment in the boiler plant and the heating system of the local outpatient clinic;
• Cutting the cost of heating for the outpatient clinic. The use of wood waste in the boiler plant as fuel allows to reduce power consumption by 30% and expenses for fuel by nearly 300,000 rubles a year.

Total project cost $50 392  Own contribution $25 402  Received amount $24 990
Project

Sanctuary Russia Recreation Complex – a model area of ecotourism development and beneficial cooperation

Organization:
Smolenskoye Poozyorye National Park

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:

This project improved the central part of the tourist complex Sanctuary Russia located in Prezhvalskoye Settlement in Smolenskoye Poozyorye National Park. The development of the tourist complex is included in the Smolenskoye Poozyorye National Park Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy and has been approved by the local and regional governments.

Location:
Prezhvalskoye Settlement, Demidovsky Raion, Smolensk Oblast

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Project coordinator:
Alexander Kochergin

Project objectives:

Addressing the issue of the socio-economic development of the community, creation of new jobs, supporting small businesses, and strengthening interaction among the national park, raion administration, the community and businesses through the creation of a unique tourist attraction - Sanctuary Russia Recreation Complex.

Final results:

- Improvement of the central part of the tourism complex that includes a stage, grandstands, canopies for caterers and retailers, a site for mass festivities, and a parking lot for 30 cars;
- Elaboration of the financial and legal forms of investor and community participation in developing tourism at the Sanctuary Russia Recreation Complex.

Total project cost $35,182  Own contribution $15,194  Received amount $19,988
Project Complex

**Social partnerships for promoting sustainable development in Ichalkovsky Raion, Republic of Mordovia**

Grant amount $50,000 Grantee contribution $11,500 Total project cost $61,500

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:

1. Modernization of the water supply system in Smolny and Ichalki Settlements
2. Promoting family tourism development in Smolny National Park

**Municipality Profile:** Ichalkovsky Raion, which is located in the northeastern part of the Republic of Mordovia, borders on Nizhny Novgorod Oblast. It was formed in 1929 in Nizhny Novgorod Oblast, becoming part of Mordovia in 1930. It consists of 66 populated centers inhabited by 22,000 people, of whom 9,000 are Mordovians. The able-bodied population comprises 47% of the total population, with 38% engaged in the local economy. The raion includes 21 municipalities and occupies an area of 1,265 sq. km. Local industrial production is represented by a meat packing factory, a distilling plant and a cheese factory. The value of industrial production in the raion equals to 922 million rubles, with an annual gain in production of 13-15% in comparable prices. The local agricultural sector includes 80,000 hectares of land, of which 55,000 are cropland. The collective herd counts 9,100 heads of great cattle, including 3,500 cows and nearly 11,000 hogs. There are 12 farms in Ichalkovsky Raion that produce meat, milk, grain and sugar beet.

**Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:**

- Insufficient quality of the water supply system
- Large losses of potable water through the emergency pipeline
- Underdeveloped local services market
- Unemployment
- Difficult social adaptation of youth to life in their communities
- The need to develop social capital and realize the community’s potential
Synergetic effect of the Project Complex:

Supplying good quality potable water to the largest communities of Ichalkovsky Raion and stopping water loss through the emergency pipeline noticeably improved the quality of life of local residents and saved considerable funds for the municipal budget. Creating conditions for the development of environmental tourism increased the number of guests visiting the national park, which, in turn, expanded the market of services provided by local communities and increase both municipal budget revenue and personal incomes in Ichalkovsky Raion. New opportunities for self-realization for the local youth and a chance to acquire a vocation have enhanced the social potential of the community.

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Project

Modernization of the water supply system in Smolny and Ichalki Settlements

Organization:
Ichalkovsky Municipal Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project replaced out-dated metal pipes with polyethylene ones, thus doubling the service life of the water supply pipeline and improving the quality of water; and also developed a mechanism of reinvesting savings into sustainable community development.

Location:
Ichalkovsky Municipality, Republic of Mordovia

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Project coordinator:
Alexander Susenkov, deputy head of Ichalkovsky Municipal Administration

Project objectives:
Preparing ditches, removing metal pipes, laying and assembling plastic pipes and commissioning the new pipeline (1,121 m);
Conducting a series of working meetings to discuss and identify a mechanism of reinvesting municipal budget savings into sustainable community development;
Passing a regulation on the mechanism of reinvesting savings into sustainable community development.

Final results:
As a result of this project:

- The problem of the lack of good-quality water supply in two settlements was resolved through the following activities:
  a) installation of a new water pipeline (1,121 m);
  b) proving good quality potable water to at least 600 local residents;
  в) saving at least 500,000 rubles a year on repairs of the water supply system.

- A regulation on reinvesting savings into sustainable community development was drafted and adopted;
- A booklet devoted to the development prospects of Izhalkovsky Raion was created.

Total project cost $31 000  Own contribution $6 000  Received amount $25 000
Project

Promoting family tourism development in Smolny National Park

Organization:
Smolny National Park

Type of organization: government

Start date  September 1, 2008                   End date  June 30, 2009

Project summary:
Project activities included remodeling a vacant group of cottages in the forest into a family recreation hotel and leasing it to the most active and enterprising community members.

Location:
Ichalkovsky Municipality

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Project coordinator:
Sergei Buyanov, deputy director of Smolny National Park

Project objectives:
Remodeling a vacant groups of cottages in the forest into a family recreation hotel;
Involving the local community into activities promoting the tourist potential of the area and servicing guests;
Starting a hotel and engaging local residents in the services sphere.

Final results:
This project facilitated a greater inflow of tourists to the community and Smolny National Park, as well as the further development of a tourist services system, which, in turn, has increased the incomes of community members. The following concrete results were attained:

- Setting up a small hotel with a capacity of 1,000 man/days a year;
- An additional 700-1,500 people visit the national park as a result of an advertising campaign that was launched under the project;
- At least 100-120 local families (especially, young ones) are now able to receive additional income as a result attending training in the basics of tourism services.

Total project cost $30 500  Own contribution  $5 500  Received amount  $25 000
Project Complex

The City We Are Creating

Grant amount $49 500 Grantee contribution $30 083 Total cost $79 583

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. We Can be Useful
2. Clean Air
3. Kamennoye Natural Landmark

Municipality Profile:
The city of Revda with a population of 63,300 is located in Sverdlovskaya Oblast. The boundary between Europe and Asia passes through this location.

Revda is called “the first city of Europe” (this raion capital is the closest to the boundary between Europe and Asia) and is one of the oldest cities in the Urals. Its four major industrial plants belong to large Ural metallurgical holdings – Ural Mining and Metallurgical Company (Middle-Urals Copper Smelting Plant and Revda Brick Factory), Russian Copper Company and Metallurgical Holding (Revda Electrometallurgy Plant). Revda is characterized as an “environmental distress area” being one of the most polluted cities of the region.

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:
- High rate of illnesses and low life expectancy of the population living in a complex environmental situation
- Energy-efficiency concerns
- Shortage of athletic facilities and sports grounds
- Limited access of community members to socially significant activities and services
- Inadequate interaction between the community and local government in addressing important local issues

Synergetic effect of the Project Complex:
The joint implementation of a series of projects in the sphere of community services aimed at ensuring the accessibility and high quality of these services in such areas as physical culture and sports, protection and
improvement of human health, and tackling environmental problems helped improve conditions in a local kindergarten, save municipal funds and lower the rate of respiratory illnesses among preschoolers.

The projects were aimed at advertising the ideas of conservation, patriotism and civic awareness. Savings were channeled to the further development of the projects, in particular, to involving community members in sports activities, health activities and broadening the range of offered services.

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**Duration (months)** 10  **Start date** 01/09/2008  **End date** 30/06/2009
**Project**

**We Can Be Useful**

**Organization:**
Kindergarten # 17

**Type of organization:** municipal

**Start date** September 1, 2008        **End date** January 31, 2009

**Project summary:**
This project involved replacing old windows (40% deteriorated) in Kindergarten # 17, which was opened in 1978, with new ones made of modified materials of special strength and provided with environmental certificates. The benefits included a lesser scope of any repairs and a reduction of heat loss. After the new plastic windows were installed, the indoor temperature in the kindergarten was optimized and the rate of illnesses among the children was reduced by 31.5% a month and among the staff by 10%.

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Revda, Sverdlovskaya Oblast

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**Project coordinator:**
Ludmila Radionova, head of Kindergarten #17

**Project objectives:**
- Saving energy resources and municipal funds spent for heating the kindergarten;
- Advertising healthy lifestyles through a system of effective psycho-hygienic conditions (easy cleaning and maintaining of the new windows);
- Reducing health risk factors and the illness rate among the children and the staff of the kindergarten as a result of optimized indoor temperature.

**Final results:**
- Increased temperature in the kindergarten (complying with sanitary standards) promote wellness in the children and, consequently, improves their emotional condition. The new windows also help improve the working conditions of the staff by blocking loud noise from traffic;
- The decrease of respiratory illnesses among the 210 children attending the kindergarten by 7% allows to reduce sick-leave payments to their parents by 10%;
- The $8,000 total expected economy of municipal budget funds were used for the further development of the kindergarten; the 45,000 rubles saved on maintaining the new windows were reinvested into repairing and checking the heating and water supply systems and into the further replacement of windows.

| Total project cost | $30 500 | Own contribution | $6 000 | Received amount | $24 500 |
Project

Clean Air (installation of air purification systems in a kindergarten)

Organization:
Revda City Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date  September 1, 2008          End date  June 30, 2009

Project summary:
The rate of illnesses of the upper respiratory tract and allergies in children living in Revda is one of the highest in the region. This project acquired and installed air cleaning devices AIRLIFE in the playrooms and bedrooms of Kindergarten # 21. This allowed to reduce the degree of chemical and microbial contamination of indoor air. In the future, this experience will be disseminated not only in other pre-school institutions but also in schools, after-school education centers and medical institutions of the city.

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Project coordinator:
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Project objectives:
Reduction of the chemical environmental impact on child health and of health risks, in particular, those associated with environmentally induced illnesses of the upper respiratory track. Lowering the illness rate in the kindergarten by 40%, including such droplet infections as chickenpox.

Final results:
• Acquiring AIRLIFE air cleaning devices and installing and operating them in Kindergarten # 21;
• The further dissemination of project experience by installing AIRLIFE devices not only in other pre-school institutions but also in schools, after-school education centers and medical institutions in Revda.

Total project cost $17 000          Own contribution $7 000          Received amount  $10 000
Project

Kamennoye Natural Landmark (environmental trail and protection of a nature monument)

Organization:
Children’s and Youth Center, an after-school education institution

Type of organization: government

Start date  September 1, 2008  End date  June 1, 2009

Project summary:
This project involved founding a city youth health center that offers such activities as excursions, hikes and recreation in Kamennoye Natural Landmark, which is a local nature monument. New jobs were created for the local youth, including adolescents registered with the Revda Commission for Juvenile Affairs; tourist routes were planned and maps with their descriptions were drawn. The city athletes now have a chance to participate in sports events, such as skiing, cross-country racing, and quadricane contests. A recreation site in the wilderness became available to community members.

Location:
Revda, Sverdlovskaya Oblast, Kamennoye Natural landmark, a 22-km path

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Project coordinator:
Yevgenia Boit, chair of the Committee for Youth Affairs, Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of Revda City Administration

Project objectives:
Instilling in local adolescents an appreciation of local nature and of their home city and engaging them in socially useful activities. Preventing child neglect and juvenile delinquency in the city of Revda.

Final results:
- A ski marathon was organized;
- 2 guidelines and 4 environmental games were published;
- A contest of posters was held;
- The environmental trail in Kamennoye Natural Landmark was improved and now its capacity has reached 3,000 persons a year (6 teams each consisting of 10 people were formed for these activities);
- The crime rate in the community dropped by 21%;
- Project results were presented to the Department of Youth Affairs at Sverdlovskaya Oblast Administration and a youth health and education center of excursions, tourism and recreation were founded.

Total project cost $32 083  Own contribution $17 083  Received amount $15 000
Project Complex

Motivating innovative approaches in the community and enhancing public participation by using examples of tested projects

Grant amount $69,470  Grantee contribution $77,316  Total cost $146,786

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. High-technology and cost-effective heating for cultural and social institutions
2. Sustainable community development based on rational forest management (Profit from Waste)
3. Picking wild berries and producing syrups as food supplements
4. Starting a production of ciderplast to promote health in the community

Municipality Profile:
Tisulskoye and the neighboring Tyazhinsky Municipalities (population – 64,000; area – 12,000 sq. km) are located in the northeast of Kemerovo Oblast, which is a sparsely populated region with such industries as mining, forest and agricultural. Tisulsky Raion is known for its unique tourist potential that includes 17 natural and historical sites. Among these are Kiya River with its white-stone reach, which is one of the most picturesque places in Kuzbass, mineral springs, and a dinosaur burial site near Shestakovo village. On the adjacent area, there are 50 human burial grounds, burial mounds and other archeological attractions.

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:
- Lagging socio-economic development of local municipalities.
- High maintenance cost of utilities.
- Passive attitudes in local children and youth toward the historical, cultural, natural and geographical heritage of their region.
- High level of unemployment.
- Low nature use culture and limited assortment of locally produced food products.
Synergetic effect of the Project Complex:

A reduction of municipal budget spending for energy by shifting to an efficient use of local energy resources made it possible to save funds and reinvest them into energy-efficient techniques.

The project complex developed practical mechanisms for ensuring community financial and economic self-sustainability.

Interaction and cooperation between the consortium and the local administration were formed and strengthened and, as a result, optimal decisions on community development were adopted regarding energy saving and the improvement of social and cultural facilities.

The quality of utilities services was improved.

The active participation of youth in the projects motivated innovative thinking and significantly increased youth civic engagement. Savings were directed to Tisulsky Raion Small Business Support Fund, a non-profit organization that was registered after the end of the project. The funds were received by this organization in accordance with budget line “Support of entrepreneurship”. The consolidated budget of the Fund was used for a small loans program. Plans include founding an ordinary partnership in accordance with Article 1041 of the Russian Federation Civil Code. The participants in the partnership acted on the basis of a joint activities agreement and its books were kept by the applicant, INPTS INNOTEK in accordance with Article 1043 of the Russian Federation Civil Code. The status of an ordinary partnership allows its participants to invest money, property, professional knowledge (including know-how), skills, business reputation and business ties in a collective business (Article 1042). The members of the consortium and the Tisulsky Raion Small Business Support Fund were the participants in the partnership.

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**Duration (months)** 9  **Start date** 01/10/2008  **End date** 30/06/2009
Project

High-technology and cost-effective heating for cultural and social institutions

Organization:
Kuzbass State Technical University

Type of organization: government

Start date October 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project introduced new types of fuel – briquettes made of mining and timber industry waste with a high calorific efficiency. The ash of these briquettes is an environmentally sound fertilizer. A low-cost modernization of heating systems in municipal institutions was also carried out.

Location:
Populated centers of Tisulsky Municipality (Komsomolsky, Moskovka, Makarak, and Gorodok).

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Project coordinator:
Sergei Nikitenko, head of NIS.

Project objectives:
Considerably decreasing heat losses and increasing the efficiency of municipal utilities systems. Cutting municipal budget spending and reducing subsidizes for energy supply.

Final results:
The heating system in the Community Center in Novo-Maryinka settlement was modernized, as well as the operating system of the small business of processing vegetables located in Itaksky settlement – which makes it possible to decrease heat losses by 20% and reduce energy consumption by 30%. Activities to arrange the processing of mining and timber waste into fuel briquettes with a high heating efficiency were completed.

Total project cost $55 270  Own contribution $30 750  Received amount $24 520
**Project**

**Sustainable community development based on rational forest management (Profit from Waste)**

**Organization:**
Research and Development Innovation Center - INNOTEK LLP

**Type of organization:** business

**Start date** October 1, 2008  
**End date** June 30, 2009

**Project summary:**
This project conducted a series of activities to restore the natural balance by cleaning the forest from sawed wood and processing it into a product that is in demand in the community; and promoted rational forest use through forest sanitation.

**Location:**
Settlements in Tisulskoye Municipality (Komsomolsky and Makarak).

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**Project objectives:**
Cleaning forests from sawed wood, which has accumulated as a result of the liquidation of lumber companies and which creates a threat of contaminating the forest with bark beetle and fungus. Preventing mass contamination of forests around settlements by bark beetle and fungus and setting up facilities for processing waste into timber.

**Final results:**
- The processing of logging waste into commercial timber at the local small businesses was organized by acquiring a butt-end reducer.

Total project cost $28 100  
Own contribution $14 400  
Received amount $13 700
Project

Picking wild berries and producing syrups as food supplements

Organization:
Kemerovo Technological Institute of the Food Industry

Type of organization: government

Start date October 1, 2008  End date May 31, 2009

Project summary:
During the winter of 2008/09, this project organized rowan berry picking by community members. The berries were processed into syrup at Lena, a small business located in Novokuznetsky Raion.

Location:
Komsomolsk, Makarak and Natalyevka Settlements in Tisulskoye Raion occupying a total area of 8,100 sq. km and inhabited by 27,500 people.
Tyazhinsky Raion occupies an area of 3,500 sq. Km and is inhabited y 29,400 persons.

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Project coordinator:
Larisa Maurnikova, head of the Public Catering Department at Kemerovo Technological Institute of the Food Industry.

Project objectives:
In the local taiga, there are extensive reserves of wild fruits and berries and medicinal plants that may be processed into high-quality food products. However, the municipality lacks processing facilities without which these indigenous products cannot be used by the community. Organizing collection and processing of these primary products made it possible to produce functional food products and also ensure year-round employment for local residents.

Final results:
Community members collected cranberry tree berries (3,5 t) which were processed by a local small business Lena located in Novokuznetsky raion into syrups that are balanced food additives intended for senior citizens. A decision was made to open a similar processing shop in Tyazhinsky raion.

Total project cost $47 800  Own contribution $24 400  Received amount $23 400
Project

Starting a production of ciderplast to promote health in the community

Organization:
Kemerovo State University

Type of organization: government

Start date October 1, 2008 End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
Collecting and processing shells from cedar cones and nuts at SibTech, a local small business, into a health product, Cedarplast, and using it as a finishing material in a children’s home, kindergarten, a home for the elderly and in local schools.

Location:

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Project coordinator:

Project objectives:
Disease prevention and health activities aimed at reducing the number of respiratory illnesses; addressing the issue of waste utilization; and promoting an increase of the employment level and personal incomes.

Final results:
- Organizing the collection of waste – shells of cedar cones - and processing them at SibTech into a safe environmental product Cedarplast, which is an organic panel made by pressing this waste with the use of a special technology and a proprietary resin;
- Setting up a shop and organizing the use of Cedarplast as a finishing material;
- Training 30 community members to create products from Cedarplast and to start a small business producing Cedarplast panels and souvenirs.

Total project cost $15 616 Own contribution $7 766 Received amount $7 850
Project Complex

Yeravinsky Raion – a Sustainable Development Area

Grant amount $58,164 Grantee contribution $30,573 Total cost $88,737

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:

1. From Energy-Efficiency to Savings – modernization of boiler plant equipment: installation of less energy-intensive boilers in two educational institutions of the community
2. From Energy-Efficiency to Health Improvement - reducing heat loss and introducing health protection techniques
3. Yeravna - a Tourist Site – creation of a tourist and recreation framework in Yeravinsky Raion

Municipality Profile:

Yeravinsky Municipality with a population of 18,400 is located in the Republic of Buryatia.

It is an agricultural region (dairy-and-meat farming), however, because of the general cost increase and higher tariffs for transporting produce to markets in Ulan-Ude (300 km), many agricultural cooperatives and private farms have become unprofitable, giving rise to unemployment. The region is rich in natural, cultural, and historical resources. The system of Yeravinskoye/Arakhleiskoye Lakes is situated on Eurasia’s mega-watershed and feeds rivers flowing into the Arctic and Pacific Oceans (Vitim-Lena and Shilka-Amur). 350 years ago, an expedition that started out from Yeravna to Moscow, to the Russian tsar, resulted in Buryatia’s accession to Russia. The development prospects of this area are linked to the development of the tourism industry and mineral resources mining, although, in this case negative environmental impacts will have to be taken into account.

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:

- High tariffs and rapid price growth for power and heating for municipal educational institutions and insufficient funds allocated by the local budget for covering these expenses.
- High percentage of respiratory illnesses among children (10-15 days per one child a year) because of low temperatures in the schools and other children’s institutions and, as a result, poor academic performance.
- An underdeveloped tourism and ecotourism infrastructure in a region that is rich in natural and cultural resources.
- The need to strengthen civic initiatives and increase public participation in social projects.
Synergetic effect of the Project Complex

The integrated effect of the projects was based on their interconnection and their common goal of promoting well-being in the community through energy-efficiency, resource-saving, conservation, ecotourism development; and improving the physical, moral and spiritual health of community members (in the first place, of children and youth). The region is rich in resources: lakes from which the country’s largest rivers take off; a geological nature monument – Ulzutsky Bioherm made up of trilobites, primordial sediments of marine organisms; mineral springs; and cultural and historical monuments. Creating a tourist infrastructure and involving local youth into the process of researching and recording nature and cultural and historical monuments is a promising development prospect for the municipality. The appearance of a Special Tourism Area (in accordance with a decision of the RF Government) in the neighboring Pribaikalsky Raion also fostered tourism development in Yeravinsky Raion. Creating comfortable conditions in educational institutions and training and providing career guidance to the local youth, as well as increasing their environmental culture, is key to sustainable community development.

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Project

From Energy-Efficiency to Savings – modernization of boiler plant equipment: installation of less energy-intensive boilers in two educational institutions of the community

Organization:
Yeravinsky Municipal Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008 End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project installed less energy-intensive boilers (water-heating boiler KVR-08 and a gas-generating boiler) in two schools: Middle School № 1 in Sosnovo-Ozerskaya and the middle school in Komsomol'skoye Settlement; monitored energy consumption and evaluated energy savings; developed a mechanism of reinvesting energy savings into the local Community Development Fund; and replicated project results in other schools of the raion: Ust-Egituiskaya, Gondinskaya, Tuldunskaya and Shiringinskaya.

Location:
Yeravinsky Municipality: rural settlements Sosnovo-Ozerskaya and Komsomol'skaya with a subsequent replication in other parts of the municipality.

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Project coordinator:
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Project objectives:
Reduction of hazardous emissions to the atmosphere caused by the large number of coal-burning boiler plants and the close proximity to the Dabargonkhorsky Coal Mine (30 km) containing high-ash coal.

Lowering energy consumption by heating systems had a positive effect on the budgets of local organizations and citizens.

Final results:
• Modernization of the equipment in the boiler rooms of two schools and the installation of 2 efficient boilers (combined gas-producer and water heaters), which made it possible to convert the boiler rooms to the use of wood processing waste instead of coal;
• Decreased use of high-ash coal from the Dabargonkhorsky Coal Mine by 369 t (33%);
• Saving 390,000 rubles of budget funds a year and reinvesting this amount into energy-efficiency and social programs of the municipality;
• Improving the environment: greenhouse emissions in a CO₂ equivalent dropped by 130 t (20%) and 12% (202 m³) less of firewood is used;
• Contests of small socially significant projects aimed at supporting youth and unprotected categories of the population were held at the cost of energy savings and raised funds;
• Dissemination of project results to other schools of the raion: Ust-Egituiskaya, Gondinskaya, Tuldunskaya and Shiringinskaya.

Total project cost $38 559
Own contribution $13 559
Received amount $25 000
Project

**From Energy-Efficiency to Health Improvement- reducing heat loss and introducing health protection techniques**

**Organization:**
Middle School # 1 in Sosnovo-Ozerskoye Settlement

**Type of organization:** government

**Start date** September 1, 2008  **End date** June 30, 2009

**Project summary:**
This project winterized the enclosures of the school’s building and, thus, created an optimal indoor temperature and comfortable conditions for 623 children and staff; installed air ionizers (Chizhevsky Chandeliers) in all classrooms. This helped to improve the health of the students. Prevention activities were carried out in the school with the help of Frolov breathing apparatuses. A “winter garden” was created. Experience was disseminated to other educational institutions of the raion.

**Location:**
Sosnovo-Ozerskaya Settlement (population 6,650), Yeravinsky Raion.

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**Project coordinator:**
Zhargalma Mukhanayeva, principal of Middle School # 1 in Sosnovo-Ozerskoye Settlement

**Project objectives:**
Reducing energy costs and creating comfortable conditions in the school by increasing indoor temperature to the standard level (the current actual average temperature is 14-17°C, while the standard temperature is 20-22°C) and, as a result, improving the quality of education and the health of the students. Taking prevention measures and increasing public awareness about energy-efficiency through training seminars.

**Final results:**
- Reducing heat losses by 110 Gcal (10-15%) in the largest school of the raion - Middle School # 1 in Sosnovo-Ozerskoye Settlement with 623 students - by winterizing the building (replacing 20 windows and 4 entrance doors with new ones and also insulating the remaining 102 windows with the use of a low-cost technique and with the help of senior students).
- Saving 100,000 rubles that were reinvested into meeting the needs of the school and health improvement activities for the students.
- Creating an optimal temperature mode in the school (increasing indoor temperature from 14-17°C to 20-22°C) and comfortable conditions for 623 children and the school’s staff.
- Reducing the level of respiratory illnesses among the children by 40-50% and also the number of days missed because of illness by 8-10 days a year per one child.
- This project, which has been assigned the status of a pilot site for the introduction of innovative initiatives in rural schools, helped to increase public awareness about energy-efficiency and child health protection and also to replicate its results in other educational institutions in the raion.

**Total project cost** $28 932  **Own contribution** $10 214  **Received amount** $18 718
Project

Yeravna - a Tourist Site – creation of a tourist and recreation framework in Yeravinsky Raion

Organization:
Middle school in Komsomolskoye Settlement

Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008          End date May 31, 2009

Project summary:
This project organized trips along local tourist routes with the participation of schoolchildren who collected information, documented and describe nature, historical and cultural monuments as sites of environmental tours; developed five tourist routes that include identified historical, cultural and nature sites and present them at a raion-level tourist fair; put out advertising leaflets describing the tourist routes; published an album about the nature and historical/cultural monuments of the region; improved the area around Pogrominsky mineral spring; cleaned and upgraded the polluted banks of Lake Dolgoye known for its medicinal waters; and created a Website to support tourism development.

Location:
Yeravinsky Raion

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Project coordinator:
Gennady Efrikin, teacher at the school in Komsomolskoye Settlement

Project objectives:
Formation of regional recreation resources of Yeravinsky Raion.

Final results:
- 40 nature and cultural and historical monuments of the raion were identified to serve as a foundation for developing five tourist routes;
- Improving the area around Pogrominsky mineral spring that was first mentioned by Pallas in 1739, cleaning the banks of Lake Dolgoye and building camp sites;
- Creating a tourist map of local valuable sites with information about the natural, cultural and economic resources of the region with emphasis on community development priorities; the map were used for justifying social, environmental and business projects and also for educational purposes;
- Teaching schoolchildren to conduct regional research in the process of developing tourists routes and studying the recreation potential of the region – this helps with career orientation regarding jobs connected with tourism and also develop creativity in children;
- Publication of advertising booklets and 2 albums about the nature and historical/cultural monuments of the region (“Tourist Yeravna”), conducting a photo exhibition and creating a Website devoted to tourist routes in Yeravna.
- Increasing public awareness about the need to build a tourism and recreation infrastructure and organizing a raion conference Local Values (attended by 95 participants from 18 schools and broadly covered in the local press).

Total project cost $21 246  Own contribution $6 800  Received amount $14 446
Project Complex

Save a Drop and You Will Save the World
(Saved municipal budget funds – for the development of the social sector)

Grant amount  $59 932  Grantee contribution $95 436  Total cost $155 368

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:

1. Cost Optimization – Key to Future Development (modernization of heating systems in 4 educational institutions and installation of heating and hot water meters)
2. Healthy Family – Healthy Children – Healthy Nation (promoting reproductive health of women, residents of Zima)

Municipality Profile:
The city of Zima in Irkutsk Oblast is a large railroad station of the East-Siberian Railroad with a population of 34,000 people. It is the birthplace of the well-known poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko. In Zima, there are a high percentage of professionals, especially, in the health care sector. During recent years, a certain deterioration of the economic and demographic situations has been occurring. Large enterprises, major employers, such as the electrochemical, wood rosin and hydrolysis plants, were either shut down or have curtailed production, thus increasing the level of unemployment. Community development priorities include a modernization of the physical infrastructure of social institutions and an improvement of human health.

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:

• High municipal budget spending for heat in educational institutions.
• Absence of comfortable conditions for children in educational institutions and a high illness risk.
• A need to improve the demographic situation and protect women’s reproductive health.
• High percentage of abortions and advanced cases of gynecological illnesses; and an insufficient number of diagnostic equipment for early illness detection.
• Low level of public awareness about family planning, the disadvantages of abortions, and the need to protect the health of newborns and their mothers.
Synergetic effect of the Project Complex

The systemic impact of the projects was strengthened by their implementation in the social services sector – children’s and health institutions of the community. The effort to save energy and reduce payments for heating and hot water in educational institutions of the city created additional funds that were reinvested in the social sector. The key areas of the projects - strengthening families and improving the health of children and women – were also state policy priorities, especially in 2008, which was the Family Year. The complex of interrelated projects was supported by the municipal administration and all sectors of the community, which served as a guarantee of the sustainability of project results and their collective synergetic effect.

The project complex was fulfilled in the framework of the Middle Term Integrated Zima Socio-Economic Development Program scheduled through 2012, with the accumulated experience serving as an example for replication in Irkutsk Oblast through the Association of Siberian and RFE Cities.

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Project

Cost Optimization – Key to Future Development (modernization of heating systems in 4 educational institutions and installation of heating and hot water meters)

Organization:
Zima Education Department

Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008  End date February 28, 2009

Project summary:
This project modernized heating systems in four children’s educational institutions of the city: School # 9, Kindergartens ## 11 and 16, and the Youth Sports School. These activities included acquiring and installing heat and hot water meters and monitoring costs and illness frequency in the children. Energy savings were reinvested into addressing the social needs of these institutions.

Location:
Zima Municipal Education System

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Project coordinator:
Elena Boiko, lead specialist for financial and economic activities

Project objectives:
Modernization of heating systems in four children’s educational institutions; reduction of heat consumption; enhancing the effectiveness of spending by educational institutions and reinvestment of savings into the social sector. Creation of an optimal temperature mode in kindergartens, thus facilitating a decrease of respiratory illnesses among the children.

Final results:
• Modernization of heating systems in four children’s educational institutions (2 kindergartens and 2 schools) and installation of heat and hot water meters;
• Heat consumption during the year decreased by 212 Gcal (33%) and of hot water by 210 m³;
• 192,000 rubles of budget funds were saved after payments for heat and hot water were made on the basis of actual consumption figures;
• Creation of an optimal temperature mode and comfortable conditions for the children and staff (1,933 people) and a 20% reduction of colds among the children;
• Reinvestment of savings, in accordance with the Mayor’s Ordinance, into the further modernization of heating systems in social institutions and an improvement of children’s health (in particular, into building a playground with additional funding from UK Zapadanaya LLP);
• Replication of the experience of a rational use of municipal funds in other social institutions in Zima and neighboring municipalities (the city of Sayansk, Ziminsky Raion).

Total project cost $58 775  Own contribution $38 298  Received amount $20 477
**Project**

**Healthy Family – Healthy Children – Healthy Nation (promoting reproductive health of women, residents of Zima)**

**Organization:**
Zima City Hospital

**Type of organization:** municipal

**Start date** September 1, 2008   **End date** May 1, 2009

**Project summary:**
This project organized a family planning room for conducting mass public education activities and training primary care physicians in this subject; monitored family reproductive health; conducted regular examinations of women of fertile age and adolescent girls of 14-16 year of age with the use of modernized ultrasonic equipment capable of early detection of new growth; and provided modern certified contraceptives to low-income families under constant supervision of the gynecologists of the hospital.

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**Project coordinator:**
Irina Stelmakh, head doctor of Zima City Hospital

**Project objectives:**
Addressing the issue of family planning and improving the state of reproductive health in women of fertile age by providing mass public information about the harm of abortions (there is a high rate of abortions in this city – in 2007 over 820 among 9,300 women of fertile age). Outfitting the existing ultrasound equipment to make it capable of performing detailed examinations. Saving municipal funds spent on treating advanced cases of chronic gynecological illnesses, abortions and the consequent health rehabilitation of women.

**Final results:**
- Setting up a family planning room for conducting regular examinations of families and women of fertile age; preventing abortions and AIDS; advertising responsible attitudes to the health of mothers and children; and organizing educational activities reaching out to 4,000 residents.
- Modernization of the ultrasound examination system in the city hospital and supplementing it with a color Doppler countering option;
- Early disease detection in 1,717 women of fertile age (18.7%) with the use of the modernized ultrasound examination system during which in 35% of these women various reproductive health disorders were identified - they were referred to corresponding specialists.
- The rate of abortions and complications was lowered by 25% (over 200 a year) as a result of consultations at the family planning center and the provision of contraceptives to 60 low-income women for 5 years;
- Reduction of the need in a 24 hour in-patient clinic for gynecological patients, which allowed saving 62,700 rubles of municipal funds;
- Improved demographic situation and better reproductive health in the city and the promotion of a healthy younger generation.

**Total project cost** $36,330  **Own contribution** $17,438  **Received amount** $18,892
Project

Sports Makes You Healthier (building children’s sports grounds)

Organization:
Youth Sports School

Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008           End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
Improving four sports grounds of Schools ## 1, 7, 8 and 11 (disassembly of the old and installation of new equipment); organizing sports and cultural mass activities for children, adolescents and their families; and advertising healthy lifestyles.

Location:
Zima Municipality

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Project coordinator:
Sergei Seleznev, headmaster of the Youth Sports School

Project objectives:
Provision of more sports facilities for children and creation of modern, low-cost all-purpose sports grounds as places of recreation and physical development for children and also sites of athletic tournaments. Improving children’s physical fitness and health.

Final results:
• Improving schoolyards and installing sports grounds in four schools of the city (for 1,222 pupils) that are also accessible to children living in nearby houses;
• Creating conditions for regular sports training in schools and adding one (third) physical education lesson in accordance with the standards of the RF Ministry of Education and Science;
• Organizing four culture and sports mass events involving children from neighboring houses, parents and community members (1,500 people);
• Improving child health through lowering the number of posture disorders by 15% and respiratory illnesses by 20% (80 cases a year);
• Lowering juvenile delinquency by 10-15% through greater involvement of children in cultural and sports events;
• Involving children in healthy lifestyles by organizing athletic training and mass public education campaigns.

Total project cost $60 263   Own contribution $39 700   Received amount $20 563
Project Complex

From Energy-Efficiency to Addressing Municipal Concerns

Grant amount $36,600   Grantee contribution $13,799   Total cost $50,399

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:

1. From Energy-Efficiency to Addressing Municipal Concerns (energy-efficiency in pre-school institutions and the development of a mechanisms for reinvesting energy savings into improving kindergartens and introducing social programs)

2. Health and Comfort for Children and Parents

Municipality Profile:

The city of Shelekhov (population - 49,200) and Shelekhovsky Raion (population - 62,500) are situated in the south of Irkutsk Oblast in the valley of the rivers Irkut and Olkha at a distance of 17 km from the raion capital. The city was named after a well-known Russian merchant and philanthropist Grigory Shelekhov, the founder of the Russian-American Company. Philanthropic traditions, which are of special importance in this city, are being continued. A Board of Trustees of the municipal education system has been functioning for many years; and in recent years, an effort to support public initiatives is gaining strength. Starting from 2005, contests of social projects are being held under the motto “Together We Shall Achieve More!”

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:

- Significant losses of heat in the buildings of the social sector of the city because of the high degree of their deterioration and the absence of equipment for metering and regulating heat and hot water consumption (payments are based on design consumption).

- Poorly developed normative and legal regulation of energy savings reinvestment into community development programs.

- High rate of children’s illnesses.

- Low provision of children’s institutions with sports grounds, which is the cause of a high percentage of posture disorders and weakened immune systems in children.

- Insufficient provision of kindergartens with health equipment (physical therapy, relaxation).
• Health prevention measures that are carried out individually in some of the pre-school institutions of the city; lack of summarized data on these measures.

**Synergetic effect of the Project Complex**

The projects implemented in kindergartens were aimed at improving the lives of young city residents by addressing practical concerns associated with energy and health saving. An important element of the project complex, which ensured a synergetic effect, was the special emphasis placed on developing civic initiatives and public involvement in assisting local pre-school institutions. This noticeably improved interaction between organizations participating in the consortium and community groups and the municipal administration, health care organizations and NGOs and also helped generate creative ideas and establish a healthy competitive spirit in realizing public initiatives. Project activities also promoted a feeling of civic duty among young parents and attracted the attention of the authorities to the issue of child health and to the need to provide pre-school institutions with adequate health and athletic equipment.

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**Duration (months)** 10  **Start date** 01/09/ 2008  **End date** 30/06/2009
Project

From Energy-Efficiency to Addressing Municipal Concerns (energy-efficiency in preschool institutions and the development of a mechanism for reinvesting energy savings into improving kindergartens and introducing social programs)

Organization:
Department for Education, Youth Policy and Sports of Shelekhovsky Municipal Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project modernized heating facilities in Kindergartens ## 19, 15 and 2 (800 children) and installed modern check and balance valves, temperature controllers and heat meters; and monitored the consumption of power and heat - with the aim of lowering power consumption and utilities payments in social institutions. The project also included reinvesting energy savings into improving the yards of the three kindergartens and carrying out site improvement and child health promotion activities jointly with the other projects of the project complex; and disseminating successful project results in Shelekhov and in Shelekhovsky Raion and in other municipalities of the region.

Location:
Shelekhov

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Project objectives:
Recording heat consumption, saving energy resources and reducing utilities payments (that are based on design consumption). Developing a mechanism and a normative and legal framework for energy savings’ reinvestment into social programs to develop local children’s institutions.

Final results:
• Installation of heat and hot water meters in 3 kindergartens (## 15, 2 and 19 attended by a total of 800 children);
• Reduction of heat energy consumption in the three kindergartens by 20% (152 Gcal) as a result of the modernization of heating facilities and the installation of meters;
• Decreased cold and hot water consumption by 20% (200 m³) as compared with the standard level as a result of modernizing the water-supply system and installing controlling devices;
• Saving funds (138,000 rub.) and investing savings into the improvement of kindergarten yards;
• A raion-level conference was organized with the participation of 80 representatives of the social services sector and utilities organizations to summarize experience in energy-efficiency and child health protection.

Total project cost $28 900  Own contribution $6 000  Received amount $22 900
Project

Health and Comfort for Children and Parents

Organization:
Kindergarten # 14

Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008           End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project created conditions in Kindergartens #14, 17 and 19 for preserving and strengthening the children’s health; disseminated experience in energy-efficiency and child health strengthening; and involved parents in the process of identifying the priorities of kindergarten development and training in fund-raising for children’s institutions.

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Project coordinator:
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Project objectives:
Providing health protecting and health enhancing equipment for kindergartens and reducing the rate of illnesses among children. Summarizing the practice of energy-efficiency and health protection in pre-school institutions in Shelekhov. Organizing contests among kindergartens and improving their playgrounds. Increasing the qualification of educators. Launching a broad information campaign about the project. Interacting with local government, parents and trustees to identify the priorities of developing pre-school institutions and implementing corresponding projects.

Final results:
• Improving the children’s health by installing equipment in three kindergartens: a physical therapy room (in Kindergarten # 17 – for 250 children); a sports and game complex (in Kindergarten # 14 – for 165 children) and a relaxation room (in Kindergarten #19 – for 300 children).
• Lowering the number of cases of bad posture among children by 5-10% due to increased physical activity during regular exercises at the sports and game complex.
• Bettering the physical and emotional condition of the children by conducting weekly muscle and nerve relaxation sessions for 240 children weekly.
• Boosting the immune systems and reducing respiratory illnesses by 5-10% by providing regular physical therapy treatments (for 240 children weekly).
• Activities to plant trees and shrubs and improve the lots and playgrounds of 15 kindergartens were organized with the participation of 200 volunteers;
• An initiative group of parents of preschoolers was formed for training in fund raising (jointly with the Shelekhov Local Community);
• Five training seminars were conducted for parents and teachers (over 200 attendees) at Kindergarten # 14, which is the training site of Irkutsk Teachers Institute;
• Increased quality of social services for 715 children and better awareness of local government and the public about the need to improve conditions in local kindergartens.

Total project cost $21 499    Own contribution $7 799    Received amount $13 700
Project Complex

Public Participation in Rural Development

Grant amount $68,000  Grantee contribution $127,760  Total cost $195,760

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:

1. Introduction of innovative mechanisms promoting sustainable economic development in settlements of Vyazemsky Municipality through the development of agricultural production
2. Village Fireworks (involving community activists and youth in rural cultural activities)
3. Installation of energy-saving equipment at water inlets in 9 settlements of Vyazemsky Municipality

Municipality Profile:

Vyazemsky Raion in Khabarovsk Krai with a population of 6,400 is situated in the south of Khabarovsk Krai along the Ussuri River. The best arable land in the region and the local “mushroom belt” (boletus and milk agaric) are located on the banks of this river, making agriculture a profitable business. Previously, when several divisions of large state farms operated in this raion and feed crops were grown and animal husbandry was well-developed, this municipality supplied agricultural produce to all of Khabarovsk Krai. However, after the state farms closed, the local residents were left without jobs, the plough land is uncared for and community members stopped running individual farms because fodder is no longer locally grown, while the one brought from other places is too expensive.

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:

Rural municipalities are traditionally characterized by a low level of management. The heads of these municipalities often keep their posts for decades because there is no one better to replace them. Active community members leave because of unemployment. The Project Complex promotes the creation of permanent and seasonal jobs. It also offered activists an opportunity to realize their creative potentials by becoming involved in community development plans. The energy-efficiency project addresses the issue of unstable water supply to settlements and also facilitates rural economic development.

Synergetic effect of the Project Complex:

The Project Complex promoted rural community development in four areas:

• Revival of rural microeconomics, including the development of cattle breeding and vegetable growing through involving community members in agricultural partnerships and cooperatives.
• Enhancing the general cultural level in the community, involving youth into cultural events, and developing physical culture.
• Promoting the participation of local activists in the implementation of community development plans by forming and supporting initiative groups under the auspices of the head of the administration.
• Fulfilling an energy-efficiency plan that includes the installation of energy-saving equipment in local settlements.
The above directions are included in the 2007-2010 Social and Economic Development Plan of Vyazemsky Municipality.

Energy savings were reinvested into two different ways: first, in accordance with the Cooperative’s Charter with the participation of the rural initiative group of Avan Settlement and second, in accordance with Ordinance # 58 issued by the head of the municipality on June 2, 2008 “On the procedure of determining and using municipal budget savings on electricity and heat”.

The resolution on the targeted use of a certain percentage of the cooperative’s profit was passed by the initiative group of Avan Settlement. Profit received by community members from growing vegetables and collecting non-timber forest products increased their standard of living and motivated them to start private farms.

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Project

Introduction of innovative mechanisms promoting sustainable economic development in settlements of Vyazemsky Municipality through the development of agricultural production

Organization:
Avan Settlement Administration

Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project changed the form of ownership of the former cheese dairy from regional to municipal; organized an initiative group and with its participation founded an agricultural consumer cooperative (specializing in vegetable growing and non-timber forest products); drew up a business plan of the cooperative that included signing contracts with community members for growing vegetables; established a network of points (in 4 settlements) for procuring non-timber forest products from the population; started the production and marketing of vegetables and non-timber forest products; conducted a contest for the best image of the brand Vyazemsky Product; and organized a vegetable fair as a promotional event for the new brand.

Location:
Avan Settlement (cooperative) and 3 settlements in Vyazemsky Raion (procurement points: Kotikovo, Krasitskoye and Sheremetevo settlements)

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Project coordinator:
Alexander Malakhov, head of Avan Settlement

Project objectives:
Help increase the standard of living in the community through a revival of rural economic activities, including vegetable growing, on the basis of involving citizens into agricultural partnerships and cooperatives. Establish a network for setting up collective facilities for growing, processing and marketing vegetables and collecting and processing non-timber forest products – which resulted in the appearance of permanent and temporary jobs. Strengthen the image of Vyazemsky Raion as the largest vegetable-growing center of the region.

Final results:
• Registration of an agricultural processing cooperative that will include 5 permanent and nearly 100 seasonal jobs (collectors of non-timber forest products and owners of private farms contracted to supply their produce for processing and marketing);
• Establishment of four points for procuring non-timber forest products and two points for procuring vegetables;
• A Vyazemsky Product brand were developed and promoted as a supplier of organic products;
• The delivery to farmers’ markets in Vyazemsky and Khabarovsk of at least 5 tons of non-timber forest products and at least 10 tons of pickled vegetables a year.

Total project cost $67 000 Own contribution $42 000 Received amount $25 000
Project

Village Fireworks (involving community activists and youth in rural cultural activities)

Organization:
Vyazemsky Municipal Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project organized two contests of rural social projects that have become traditional events. These contests helped involve citizens and businesses into community economic development and self-management. Residents of settlements took an active part in decision-making regarding the cultural development of their communities. A special body – Alliance of Initiative Groups - was formed under the auspices of the head of the municipal administration.

Location:
Settlements Avan, Venukovo, Glebovo, Zabaikalskoye, Kapitonovka, Krastiskoye, Kukelevo, Otradnoye, Sheremetevo, Kotikovo, Kedrovo, Vidnoye, Vinogradovka and Sadovoye (total number of residents – 6,000).

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Project coordinator:
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Project objectives:
The project involved the residents of other settlements (there are 17 settlements in this raion) into the process of community cultural development and into sports and culture events that help bring community members together. This made rural life more interesting and give community members and, especially, youth an opportunity of self-realization.

Final results:

• Organizing the work of the Alliance of Village Initiative Groups at the head of the local administration;
• Preparing and equipping premises for conducting mass cultural events;
• The Village Fireworks Forum was held that was attended by over 100 community members from five settlements and representatives of local businesses and NGOs;
• At the Forum a contest of rural social projects (funded by the municipality) was held for 14 initiative groups which presented their projects funded by the Applicant;
• At least 200 citizens acquired experience in project activities that they may realize in the future.

Total project cost $63 000  Own contribution $43 000  Received amount $20 000
Project

Installation of energy-saving equipment at water inlets in 9 settlements of Vyazemsky Municipality

Organization:
Spektr, a municipal unitary utilities and housing enterprise

Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008  End date February 28, 2009

Project summary:
This project replaced the old immersed pumps and additional equipment at water inlets in 9 settlements (Avan, Venukovo, Glebovo, Zabaikalskoye, Kapitonovka, Krasitskoye, Sheremetevo, Kedrovo, and Sadovoye) with the energy-efficient ones and partially replaced the water distribution system and water hydrants.

Location:
The settlements of Avan, Venukovo, Glebovo, Zabaikalskoye, Kapitonovka, Krasitskoye, Sheremetevo, Kedrovo, and Sadovoye with a total population of 4,500 people.

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Project coordinator:
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Project objectives:
Stopping excess power consumption caused by the ineffective operation of existing immersed pumps in the settlements of Avan, Venukovo, Glebovo, Zabaikalskoye, Kapitonovka, Krasitskoye, Sheremetevo, Kedrovo, and Sadovoye. Reducing irregularities in the water supply system caused mainly by the obsolete equipment and networks (60%). Increasing the quality of utilities services.

Final results:
- Installing 10 immersed pumps and 9 new water hydrants and repairing 220 m of the water distribution system. An additional circulator was installed at the cost of savings;
- A 39% reduction of power consumption (140,100 kW/H or 343,000 rubles) and an 8% reduction of the prime cost of 1 cubic m of water, which resulted in lower tariffs for the population starting from 2010;
- In 2009 and 2010, savings were used for an overall repair of the water supply system in an apartment building in one of the settlements of the raion.

Total project cost $65 760  Own contribution $42 760  Received amount $23 000
Project Complex

Through Civic Initiatives to Local Community Development in Pozharsky Raion

Grant amount $70,000   Grantee contribution $79,715   Total cost $149,715

Thematic projects included in the Project Complex:
1. Founding a Civic Development Center
2. Implementation of a complex of measures to ensure safe living conditions in Luchegorsk
3. Cultural community development in Pozharskoye Settlement
4. Organizing athletic and tourist activities in Svetlogorye Settlement
5. Introducing energy-saving techniques and increasing the number of places for children in Kindergarten # 16

Municipality Profile:
Pozharsky Raion (22,670 sq. km) with a population of 32,000 people, of which 22,300 live in Luchegorsk, is situated in the north of Primorsky Krai. The raion was named after the Hero of the Soviet Union Ivan Pozharsky who was killed in action in 1938 during hostilities between the Soviet Union and Japan at Lake Hasan. The main industries of this raion, which was founded in 1939, are coal mining and electric power production. It has a high unemployment rate, agriculture is in a state of complete deterioration, nevertheless, in rural areas, and there is an obvious raise of civic activity.

Community problems addressed by the Project Complex:
In 2007, as a result of the SAM Program, which was managed by the Green House NGO from Khabarovsk, in four settlements of the raion (Nagornoye, Pozharskoye, Svetlogorye and Kransy Yar) initiative groups of local activists were formed to implement social projects. Under the municipal targeted small grants program similar initiative groups of local residents have appeared in Luchegorsk Settlement. The participants in these groups decided to pool multi-stakeholder development efforts and to found a Local Development Center as an alliance of initiative groups, rural
activist groups, heads of rural municipalities and businesses willing to facilitate development in their settlements and in the raion on the whole. This initiative can help address many local concerns, specifically:

- Absence of government registration of NGOs need for conducting project activities;
- Inadequate accounting and communications support to projects;
- Low level of community activity and involvement in decision-making and lack of multi-sector partnerships;
- Ineffective and insufficient target programs;
- Shortage of places in kindergartens and not enough playgrounds for safe physical activities of children;
- Poor children’s health;
- Low level of environmental culture.
- Scarcity of communications materials needed to mobilize communities; and low level of culture and the quality of community services;
- Unemployment and underdeveloped community infrastructure.

**Synergetic effect of the Project Complex:**

The participation in the consortium of a host of organizations and public associations (rural and urban communities, a municipal organization and a non-profit organization) made it possible to form a model partnership community and pool efforts to develop an integrated approach to addressing issues related to socio-economic community development. This, in turn, made the development process sustainable and the successful experience accessible and replicable. Public participation in projects jointly with NGOs facilitated effective social partnerships and alliances, thus ensuring multi-sector participation in development. The project complex engaged community members in the process of planning and in local self-government. All this strengthened civil society in Pozharsky Raion.

Municipal budget funds saved on heat under the project “Introducing energy-saving techniques and increasing the number of places for children in Kindergarten # 16” were channeled to a kindergarten development program authorized by the raion Duma and the head of the raion administration. Municipal budget funds saved on lighting in Luchegorsk under the project “Implementation of a complex of measures to ensure safe living conditions in Luchegorsk” were used as additional funding for the municipal grants program. Savings resulting from the kindergarten development initiative were spent on energy-efficiency in kindergartens and for opening new vacancies in kindergartens.

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Project

**Founding a Civic Development Center**

**Organization:**
Pervotsvet Socio-Environmental Organization of

**Type of organization:** NGO

**Start date** September 1, 2008  
**End date** June 30, 2009

**Project summary:**
This project founded and registered as an NGO a Civic Development Center that unites initiative groups and citizens and organizes environmental and social volunteer activities and events in Luchegorsk and other settlements. Community members, including youth, were involved in these activities. An Information Agency was opened at the Center with the aim of uniting public media outlets in the community and covering project complex activities.

**Location:**
Pozharsky Raion, and the settlements of Luchegorsk, Verkhne-Perevalskoye, Nagornenskoye and Fedosyevskoye with a total population of 26,000 people.

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**Project objectives:**
Enhancing public participation, including youth, in addressing local issues and in planning and developing their communities. Promoting interaction among government, NGOs, the mass media, business and citizens. Providing a sufficient number of sports grounds and playgrounds in the community. Increasing the communications components of the projects. Improving the organization and procedure of municipal contests.

**Final results:**

- An NGO (Civic Development Center) was founded and registered with the aim of bringing together nearly 20 initiative groups and nearly 200 citizens;
- Building one playground and upgrading three existing ones as a result of a contest held by the Center; Repairing the site for studying traffic rules in the Children’s Park;
- Establishing an effective partnership between state bodies, local self-government, socially responsible businesses, NGOs, the mass media, and the public; The partnership includes 10 organizations and 3 mass events were carried out with the total number of participants nearing 500;
- The Information Agency began work; It aired 5 news pieces on local and regional television, published 5 articles on project activities in the local press, aired 5 own pieces and published 10 own articles; It puts out one newspaper and newspapers of initiative groups with a total circulation of 2,000 copies; A video spot devoted to the project was produced; Nearly 25,000 people became acquainted with project information.
- Training booklets on traffic rules were written and printed in 500 copies.

Total project cost $25 000  
Own contribution $10 000  
Received amount $15 000
Project

Implementation of a complex of measures to ensure safe living conditions in Luchegorsk

Organization:
Luchegorsk Municipal Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008  End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
Light lines in the streets of Luchegorsk were modernized and new energy-efficient lamps were installed that provide better quality illumination of dangerous parts of the roads. Thanks to energy savings, additional funds were used for financing the municipal grant program “Safe Recreation Sites for Children”. A system of public video monitoring and recording was installed on busy crossings of the settlement and in local schools. Traffic lanes and pedestrian crossings were marked, road signs were installed, and a site for studying traffic rules was set up at the children’s autodrome where the traffic police conducts training for schoolchildren.

Location:
Luchegorsk.

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Project coordinator:
Yevgeny Starchenko, head of the Housing and Utilities Service

Project objectives:
Improving the quality of lighting in the streets of Luchegorsk in evening and nighttime. Providing the community with a sufficient number of playgrounds and sports grounds. Increase road safety as a result of improving the marking of pedestrian crossings, installation of road signs, teaching schoolchildren traffic rules, and installing a system of public video monitoring.

Final results:
• 49 energy-efficiency lamps were installed and, as a result, nearly 40,000 rubles was saved. The streets in the community became lighter, which led to a decrease of the crime rate and an increase of crime detection;
• 200 preschoolers and schoolchildren were taught traffic rules at a special training site in the Children’s park;
• 20 volunteers from the Civic Development Center took part in preparing the traffic rules training site and 500 booklets on this subject were printed and distributed by the Information Agency;
• 6 monitoring video cameras were installed on the main crossings and in three schools of the settlement and, thus, an infrastructure were established to which new points may be hooked up in the future (houses, playgrounds and public parking lots) with minimum costs, while local residents were able to view the streets through the Internet;
• Pedestrian crossings were newly marked and road signs were installed with own funding.

Total project cost $61 215  Own contribution $42 715  Received amount $18 500
Project

Cultural community development in Pozharskoye Settlement

Organization:
Pozharskoye Municipal Administration

Type of organization: government

Start date September 1, 2008 End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
Under this project, the initiative group carried out a set of measures aimed at motivating cultural development in the community, including the repair and decorating an open-air stage and improving the area surrounding the community center. The equipment that was acquired as part of the project helped to activate the existing creative groups and form new ones, including hobby groups. The creative groups performed in other settlements, thus initiating cultural activities in the raion. During their tour, they met with initiative groups from other communities to share experience. Project activities were covered by the Information Agency of the Civic Development Center.

Location:
Pozharskoye Settlement, population -1,591 people.

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Project coordinator:
Galina Antimirova, head of the settlement’s community center

Project objectives:
Creation of conditions for the successful functioning of creative groups that were provided with costumes, modern audio and visual equipment, and musical instruments. Increasing the level of culture and public involvement and, especially, of the local youth. Bringing community members closer together on the eve of the 110th anniversary of Pozharskoye Settlement and the 70th anniversary of Pozharsky Raion.

Final results:
- An open-air stage was repaired, the area around the community center was improved and a new lighting system was installed;
- Increasing by 1.5 times the number of creative groups and associations that include nearly 200 community members; Along with the work of the 12 associations, discotheques are held for the youth;
- Over 80 events were carried out with the participation of nearly 2,000 people; Attendance of the community center grow by 30% and its creative groups gave 10 performances in the raion;
- Promoting social partnerships between the community and government and motivating greater public participation. As a result of the creative groups’ trips, partnerships were formed with the participants in other projects and the initiative groups of Pozharsky Raion united.

Total project cost $14 000 Own contribution $4 000 Received amount $10 000
Project

Organizing athletic and tourist activities in Svetlogorye Settlement

Organization:
Svetlogorskoye Municipal Administration

Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008 End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project built a 6 m wide and 5 km long ski piste in the recreation area of the settlement; set up resting sites; improved a 5-m forest belt along the road; make special devices for aligning and creating a ski-track; organized ski mounting gear rental; and built and installed lifting gates and warning signs. In the summer, the piste was used as a tourist trail and for mountain biking. Community members cleaned and improved the piste and set up rest points.

Location:
Svetlogorskoye Settlement

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Project coordinator:
Alexander Tuyushev, head of Svetlogorskoye Municipal Administration

Project objectives:
Creating new jobs in the community, where the existing mining enterprise has almost exhausted all available mineral resources.

Developing a recreation area on the northeastern slope of Sapun Mountain Ridge (building a skiing and mountain skiing pists, a tubing hill, and a rest site) as the foundation of a tourist infrastructure and a place for community recreation and health activities.

Final results:
• A sports complex appeared in Pozharsky Raion, which the residents of Pozharsky and Bikinsky raions use for active recreation;
• A 5-km piste with camp sites was built, the forest belt along the piste was improved and a system of free rental of ski gear for the children from the settlement and the Children’s Home was organized, as well as a rental system for guests;
• 30 volunteers took part in project activities;
• Conditions were created for developing tourism and increasing the investment attractiveness of the settlement for businesses;
• Raion-level sports tournaments are held in the settlement. The health of local schoolchildren improved and they now have a chance to go into sports during their free time;
• A partnership was formed between local self-government and citizens who have acquired experience in community decision making.

Total project cost $11 500 Own contribution $4 000 Received amount $7 500
Project

Introducing energy-saving techniques and increasing the number of places for children in Kindergarten # 16

Organization:
Department for Education of Pozharsky Municipality Type of organization: municipal

Start date September 1, 2008       End date June 30, 2009

Project summary:
This project installed plastic window units, heat meters and an automated individual heating point in Kindergarten #16 in Novostroika Settlement and, as a result, helped save municipal budget funds and test a mechanism of their reinvestment in a program for the further development of local kindergartens. Project activities also included forming an initiative group of parents that joined the Civic Development Center. This group took part in repairing vacant space in the kindergarten and creating two new furnished rooms for the children equipped with furniture and provided with supplies and toys. Communications support was provided jointly with the Civic Development Center.

Location:
Novostroika Settlement, Pozharsky Raion – population 2,450 people.

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Project coordinator:
Tatiana Kravchenko, head of staff of Pozharsky Raion Duma

Project objectives:
Increasing the number of places in the kindergarten with the aim of removing an obstacle to community development. Improving conditions in the kindergarten by creating a comfortable temperature mode. Saving local budget funds through the use of energy-efficiency techniques and reinvesting them into refurbishing the kindergarten. Instilling civic responsibility in young parents by involving them in volunteer work in the kindergarten. Creating conditions for young mothers to return to their jobs. Creation of new jobs.

Final results:
• Installing an individual heating point in the kindergarten, repairing the rooms and organizing two new groups; installing 8 plastic window units and buying toys and furniture;
• 40 volunteers took part in repairing the kindergarten; Energy savings amounted to 30% (158,000 rubles during one heating season) and were reinvested into a development and energy-efficiency program in local kindergartens;
• The newly opened groups provided 40 additional places for children and 6 new jobs for adults. Young mothers of children attending the kindergarten are now able to become employed.

Total project cost $38 000  Own contribution $19 000  Received amount $19 000