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MISSION STATEMENT

The Soros Foundation-Moldova is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-partisan organization established in 1992 by philanthropist and financier George Soros to promote open society values in Moldova. The Foundation contributes to the democratization of the society by developing and implementing programs in various areas, such as independent media, cultural policy, judiciary reform, good governance, civic engagement and public health.
MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This report outlines the Soros Foundation-Moldova’s activity in several key areas, including good governance and accountability, human rights protection, access to justice, social inclusion of marginalized groups, independent media, and equal opportunities. In my message, I would like to highlight some of the most important achievements registered in 2011.

In the field of primary legal aid, an increase of the paralegals’ network’s popularity was achieved. This project has been funded by the Swedish Government since 2010. At the moment, the community-based paralegals provide basic legal advice in 27 regions of the country. The need of the services provided by the paralegals was acknowledged in several major governmental policy documents, including the Governance Activity Program for 2011 – 2014, the National Strategy for Justice Sector Reform (SJSR) and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the SJSR.

Another project funded by the Swedish Government and implemented by the Foundation in rural communities is “Empowering Women to Participate in Community Life”. Over 60 women’s initiatives were given financial support in the framework of this project, which positively influenced the quality of life in rural communities. Moreover, within the local elections that took place in 2011, 335 women, beneficiaries of the project, registered to run as mayors and local councilors. According to the election results, out of these candidates 114 women became local councilors and 12 took the mayor’s seat.

Social inclusion of people with disabilities has become a priority for the Soros Foundation-Moldova in the implementation of the “Community for All - Moldova” program. Aiming at advancing the initiative of the Moldovan Government on reforming the residential system of care for people with disabilities and their inclusion into the society, at the end of 2011, a new Cooperation Agreement was signed between the Soros Foundation-Moldova, Open Society Budapest–Mental Health Initiative, Keystone Human Services Moldova Association, Keystone Human Services International USA, and the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family. According to this Agreement, the partners will continue to implement the up-mentioned Program, which is focused on the deinstitutionalization and community integration of children and adults from the residential institution for children (boys) with mental disabilities from Orhei, as well as on the prevention of further institutionalization of other children. In 2011, several key documents developed with the support of the “Community for All - Moldova” Program were approved by the Government of the Republic of Moldova including the draft Law on social inclusion of people with disabilities, the Regulatory framework and the Minimum Quality Standards for the Mobile Team services.

Throughout the year, several independent research studies were launched aimed at facilitating the development of coherent and workable policies by the Moldovan Government. In particular, the research in the area of aviation was instrumental in preparing the negotiations for signing the Common Aviation Area agreement between EU and Moldova on October 26, 2011, while the study results on personal data protection contributed to improving the state policy in the field and was used as a source of reference in drafting a new law on personal data protection adopted on July 8, 2011.

The “Perception of Discrimination by the Population of the Republic of Moldova: Sociological Study”, launched at the Soros Foundation-Moldova’s initiative had a great impact on the society. The research results have revealed that discrimination and marginalization of certain groups of people are a real phenomenon in Moldova, which has been rapidly growing during the last few years. According to the survey data, the most socially discriminated groups are people with mental and physical disabilities, people with a low income, HIV positive, LGBT, Roma and women. As a follow up, the Foundation supported several NGOs’ initiatives and awareness campaigns on preventing and fighting discrimination of disadvantaged groups, as well as studies, including the analysis of national legislation regarding the legal capacity of persons with intellectual disabilities, and an assessment of the implementation of the regulations regarding the protection order mechanism stipulated by the law on preventing and fighting domestic violence.

In order to raise the attention of major international human rights organizations on issues related to human rights violations and to strengthen respect for human rights in Moldova, we implemented a unique project which refers to capacity building of NGOs and human rights activists. During the year, the 13 talented young HR activists involved in the project developed analytical research studies and advocacy documents, presenting them to the following international forums: the Commission on the

Nowadays we are witnessing a growing influence of social media and the information and communication technology (ICT) on public life. Globally, these tools facilitate citizens’ engagement in public life and at the same time, ensure civil servants’ accountability. In this view, several new projects were launched aiming at promoting transparency and accountability and fighting corruption through innovative approaches using IT tools.

In the field of the media, we supported the reform of the Teleradio-Moldova NPIA, as well as the development of independent local media, including the Transnistrian region. We also awarded a grant to a public-private working group for the development of a new draft of the Audiovisual Code. The draft was developed and underwent expert review by the Council of Europe, OSCE and the European Union of Broadcasters. The document is to be publicly debated so that the Parliamentary Committee could take the draft law over as a legislative initiative.

Through this and other activities, the Soros Foundation-Moldova remains committed to its mission to promote the values of an open and democratic society in the country. I invite you to browse through this activity report for further details about us and the results of our work achieved in 2011.

Victor Ursu
Executive Director
**EAST EAST: PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS PROGRAM**

**Vision:**
A sustainable partnership between Moldova and other countries of the world, in particular from Central and Eastern Europe, promoting an efficient cooperation and identifying regional and global experiences, expertise and innovative practices to contribute to solving issues of major public concern the new democracies face.

**Context:**
The majority of the initiatives implemented in 2011 within the EE: PBBP were developed in the framework of the previously set-up program priorities, based on the needs and interests shared by local counterparts, think tanks, NGOs, media, and public institutions from Central and Eastern Europe. They contributed to consolidating democratic changes throughout the region and particularly, in the Republic of Moldova, that continued the reform process in major fields that are still in need for transformation and adjustment, requiring both the authorities’ and civil society’s contribution.

Due to the efforts undertaken by the Moldovan Government and the openness of European and international organizations for supporting its reform agenda, the Moldovan authorities focused their efforts on implementing democratic practices in the country, ensuring a complex process of restructuring and increasing the efficiency of its institutions. In this context, the EE: PBBP contributed to this process by supporting initiatives that helped internationalize the social and political situation from Moldova, breaking informational barriers and empowering the Moldovan civil society in finding appropriate solutions to issues of major concern, especially through their counterparts from the new EU member states. To this end, the program opened the opportunity to the Moldovan expert community to get access to the experience of Georgia which set a distinguished example in the post-soviet space for undertaking radical changes, particularly in such problematic fields as justice and law enforcement. Due to the project Exploring Georgia’s Lessons for Justice Reform: Rule of Law and Good Governance, the Moldovan experts, decision- and policy-makers and civil society representatives involved in the process of developing the National Strategy on Justice Reform, at that time being under consideration, received access to a worthy experience from the ground, with both strengths and weaknesses, equally important for all social actors. The Moldovan experts, after the meeting with Georgian authorities and decision-makers in charge of the reform and learning about shortcomings and setbacks, managed to identify the potential risks and threats that might jeopardize their future endeavours. During the second stage, when an international roundtable discussion was held in Chisinau, the experts from Georgia, Estonia, Latvia and Romania had the opportunity to offer expertise to Moldovan decision- and policy-makers that was taken into consideration and included in the Draft Strategy that was adopted by the Government by the end of the year.

From a similar perspective the issue of juvenile delinquency was addressed while supporting another initiative, Strengthening Local Partnerships in Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, that offered to Moldovan experts the opportunity to learn from first-hand sources about the policies developed by Latvian authorities in addressing the issues of social inclusion of young people at risk that requires involvement of the entire community, starting with parents and school teachers and ending with police and local authorities. The findings of the study visit to Latvia, as well as those of the discussions held in Chisinau with the participation of a larger public, representing central authorities, local community and civil society actors, were reflected in the recommendations presented to Moldovan authorities. It is expected that they would be considered in the process of developing new approaches towards juvenile delinquency issues and improving the probation institution in Moldova.

Not less important was the issue connected with power-sharing and distribution of competencies between central and local authorities that in many cases acts as an obstacle in the process of local problem-solving and a heavy barrier in building a responsible local autonomy. The project Models of Decentralization Reform and Local Autonomy implemented by BCI in partnership with Latvian and Polish counterparts was the most relevant in that sense, bringing to the attention of Moldovan policy- and decision-makers and expert community feasible models of decentralization undertaken by these two EU countries at the beginning of their transition. These countries applied different tools of reform implementation, but managed to reach significant results that empowered local authorities and boosted their further development. The project favored the access of Moldovan participants to first-hand experience by organizing study visits to these countries, followed by an international conference in Moldova. The event offered a good opportunity for learning from the new EU member-countries...
about the responsibilities of the main governmental institutions in charge of the legal framework for reform implementation as well as that of local authorities that exercise the connection with community members, the direct beneficiaries of these reforms. The outcomes of the visits to Poland and Latvia had a direct impact on the process of developing policy recommendations for the decentralization reform in Moldova and the action plan for its implementation, so that appropriate conditions for the successful implementation of this important reform in the Republic of Moldova were set up. The discussions served as a public event in which the Moldovan authorities were to make commitments for promoting and implementing the decentralization reform that continues to receive reluctant attitudes from local authorities and local population, still afraid of up-coming changes. Therefore, the public discussion on these issues, with the participation of representatives from countries that had already undertaken these reforms, contributed directly to diminishing the threats and stereotypes that are still alive and created the basis for strengthening confidence in reforms, crucial and indispensable for the country’s successful democratization.

Another field of intervention supported by the Program referred to youth issues and the role and place of young people in society development. The initiatives implemented with partners from Latvia, Georgia, Estonia, Ukraine, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, Slovenia and Romania empowered young people to become more engaged in public life, either in the academic setting (Participation in Public Life: Civic Activity of Students), social-political environment (Strengthening Participatory Democracy in the Eastern Partnership Countries) or in designing public policies that refer to youths and their development as active citizens (Strengthening Youth Engagement: Experiences in South-eastern Europe). These projects opened young people’s access to EU members’ and candidate counterparts’ experience and consolidated their relations with those from the EaP countries, thus contributing to strengthening the efforts of the most active part of the society in introducing in practice the principles of participatory democracy and ensuring transparent elections and decision-making.

Some projects aimed at convening teams of local and international experts specialized in specific fields that allowed them to jointly address the issues of concern for the Moldovan society and the entire region. This approach contributed to building a positive image of the country and spreading throughout Europe the information about Moldova as a democracy in development with clear European aspirations that needs a better understanding of the difficulties it faces. Thus, by raising public awareness about the risks that jeopardize Moldova’s democracy, it was possible to mobilize European public opinion to strengthen the Moldovan civil society’s efforts through advocacy actions synchronized with that of civil societies from other countries from Central and Eastern Europe. The Moldovan and European public had the opportunity to become familiar with some studies/papers developed by national and international experts brought together within the EE: PBBP projects. The outcomes of these initiatives were presented publicly at special events and/or became available online. Among them the most relevant were: “Perception of Russia in Romania, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine” (Developing a Collaborative Approach to Policies of the Russian Federation); “Research, Development and Innovation in the Republic of Moldova: Problems and Options” (Economic Transformation: Development of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Skills); “Security Architecture in the EU Eastern Neighbourhood: Challenges and Realities” developed within the project with the same title; “Without a Prescription Period. Aspects of the Communist Crimes’ Investigation in Europe” (Democracy after Totalitarianism: Lessons of 20 Years); “Transnistrian Conflict After 20 Years” (Strengthening Critical Thinking on Accelerating Conflict Resolution in Moldova through Active Involvement of International Actors). Besides the public presentation of the report on the Transnistrian conflict held in Chisinau, it was decided to bring its conclusions and recommendations to the attention of EU representatives and particularly to the French expert and diplomatic community. This event was organized by end of the year in Paris, with the goal to stimulate a discussion on the main positions that could be taken by the European Union in the prospect for the Transnistrian conflict settlement. It was also based on the assumption that a consistent public discussion on this matter could invigorate the EU’s interest for the Transnistrian issue and help Moldova come closer to EU without making the Transnistrian conflict settlement an impediment impossible to overcome. The public presentation confirmed that this approach was justified, its outcomes being in-line with our expectations. The experts and officials who participated in this event in Paris represented influential spheres of interest with a high stake in East-European regional processes. Also, the participants were genuinely interested in the content of the report and in learning about the latest developments in the Transnistrian region and the neighbourhood.

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SUBPROGRAM 1: HOSTING AND BILATERAL/TRILATERAL PROJECTS

Strengthening Youth Activism: Participating in Community Development
Organizers: *MilleniuM* Institute of Study in Development from Moldova and Local Activity Group Partnership Foundation for Warmia, Poland
Project manager: Vitalie CÎRHANĂ, Executive Director, *MilleniuM* Institute of Study in Development from Moldova
Time and place: November 2010-May 2011, Moldova and Poland
Summary: The initiative facilitated access to best practices and lessons learned in social activism of the youth in community development in cooperation with local authorities and community members, based on concrete actions and a peer-to-peer approach developed by Moldovan and Polish counterparts during the project implementation.
$12,251

Participation in Public Life: Civic Activity of Students
Organizers: Student Alliance from Moldova and Workshop of Solutions Association from Latvia
Project manager: Terentie CARP, President, Student Alliance from Moldova
Time and place: February-November, Latvia and Moldova
Summary: This initiative contributed to raising students’ civic activism and participation in public life through getting access to the experience of Baltic countries, encouraging students, as the most active segment of the society, to a greater engagement in academic life and participatory activities by learning from the practices of their EU counterparts.
$21,268

Promoting Influence of NGOs and the Media on Government Transparency in Border Regions
Organizers: *Small Euro Business* International Association of Small and Medium Business from Moldova, ANA Charitable Foundation from Romania, Bukovynian Perspectives Chernivtsi Regional Public Union and Social Resources, and Initiatives Charitable Foundation from Ukraine
Project manager: Andrei BALINSCHI, President, *Small Euro Business* Association
Time and place: November 2010-March 2011, Romania, Ukraine, Moldova
Summary: This initiative encouraged non-governmental organizations to work together with local authorities for the development of the Upper Prut Euro-Region and to establish inter-sectorial links and engage citizens in regional strategic planning and decision-making processes.
$9,330

Developing a Collaborative Approach to Policies of the Russian Federation
Organizers: Institute for Public Policy from Moldova, Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning from Bucharest and Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation from Ukraine
Project manager: Oazu NANTOI, Program Director, Institute for Public Policy from Moldova
Time and place: September 2010-March 2011, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine
Summary: This initiative aimed at assessing challenges faced by the region and identifying collaborative approaches and solutions for Romania, Moldova and Ukraine related to the policies pursued by the Russian Federation. Also a joint study entitled “Perception of Russia in Romania, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine” was presented publicly in Bucharest, Kyiv and Chisinau.
$2,583

Building Public-Private Partnerships to Ensure Sustainable Community Development
Organizers: Institute for Urban Development from Moldova, CzechINVENT Technology Agency and PAUCI Foundation from Poland
Project manager: Veaceslav BULAT, Executive Director, Institute for Urban Development
Time and place: October 2010-March 2011, Poland, the Czech Republic, Moldova
Summary: This initiative facilitated an exchange of experience among policy-makers and representatives of local governments from Moldova, the Czech Republic, and Poland in the application of the PPP concept and in developing policy recommendations for the implementation of PPP initiatives in Moldova based on the experience and lessons gained in Central and Eastern Europe.
$8,680
Strengthening Youth Engagement: Experiences in Southeastern Europe
Organizers: National Youth Resource Center from Moldova, KULT Association from Bosnia & Herzegovina and German Technical Cooperation Office, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Project manager: Viorel BABII, Executive Director, NYRC
Time and place: March-June, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Moldova
Summary: This initiative aimed at raising public awareness in Moldova about the need for developing systemic youth policies and promoting youth participation in public life based on experiences available in Southeastern Europe.
$20,021

Rural Tourism Development for Social and Economic Transformation
Organizers: Agency for Regional Development and European Integration, Ungheni, National Association of Rural, Ecological and Cultural Tourism ANTREC-Cluj and Bukvitsa Association Cernivtsi, Ukraine
Project manager: Eudochia VIZIRU, President, ARDEIU
Time and place: March-September, Romania, Ukraine and Moldova
Summary: This initiative contributed to sharing experiences of developing tourism in rural communities that would ensure sustainable economic development in communities through acquiring valuable practices from Romania and Ukraine.
$9,356

Strengthening Participatory Democracy in Eastern Partnership Countries
Organizers: Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections in Moldova, CONTACT National Assistance and Information Center for NGOs and International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy from Georgia
Project manager: Nicolae PANFIL, Secretary, Civic Coalition for Free and Fair Elections
Time and place: April-June, Georgia and Moldova
Summary: This initiative facilitated a better understanding of models of civic engagement and participation available in Georgia; helped identify barriers to citizens’ participation, and established an international network of experts from EaP and new EU countries to strengthen civic engagement.
$17,393

Strengthening Local Partnerships in Juvenile Delinquency Prevention
Organizers: Institute for Penal Reform from Moldova, Copii in dificultate Association from Moldova, Chisinau Municipal Department for Child Protection and Latvian Association of Addiction Psychologists
Project manager: Ion GRAUR, Program Coordinator, IPR
Time and place: May-September, Latvia and Moldova
Summary: This initiative aimed at familiarizing with models of community partnership in preventing juvenile delinquency and improving the legal framework called to increase the visibility of the NGO sector in juvenile delinquency prevention programs in Moldova.
$13,840

Exploring Georgia’s Lessons for Justice Reform: Rule of Law and Good Governance
Organizers: Legal Resources Center from Moldova and Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association
Project manager: Ion GUZUN, Program Coordinator, LRCM
Time and place: June-October, Georgia and Moldova
Summary: This initiative aimed at strengthening the justice reform development in Moldova by learning from experiences in Georgia and new EU member countries in building the rule of law and good governance and fighting corruption in the justice sector.
$17,295

Transformation of the Agricultural Sector: Sustainable Economic Development
Organizers: National Agency for Rural Development from Moldova and VVMZ Consulting Company from Slovakia
Project manager: Aurica CROZU, Program Coordinator, ACSA
Time and place: June 2011-March 2012, Slovakia and Moldova
Summary: This initiative aimed at ensuring the transfer of experience, expertise and knowledge acquired by Slovakia during the pre-accession period concerning the agricultural chapter and
facilitating access to experience of the new EU member states in the agricultural and rural sectors, ensuring sustainable economic development in-line with EU accession policies.

$22,295

**Regional Development: Opportunities to Stimulate Civil Society’s Engagement**
Organizers: Expert-Grup Analytical Center from Moldova and CzechINVENT Technology Agency
Project manager: Iulia SÎRGHI-ZOLOTCO, Program Coordinator, Expert-Grup
Time and place: July-December, the Czech Republic and Moldova
Summary: This initiative aimed at strengthening capacities of regional development agencies and non-governmental organizations to cooperate in implementing regional social and economic development initiatives.

$19,485

**Models of Decentralization Reforms and Local Autonomy**
Organizers: Business Consulting Institute of Moldova; PAUCI Foundation from Poland; Corporate and Public Management Consulting Group from Latvia
Project manager: Liviu ANDRIUŢĂ, Executive Director, BCI
Time and place: September 2011-March 2012, Poland, Latvia and Moldova
Summary: This initiative aimed at familiarizing Moldovan authorities and expert community with the decentralization reforms by comparing experiences of shock therapy in Poland and a gradualist model in Latvia. The final stage of the project envisages bringing all social actors to larger discussions in Chisinau to address the advantages of the decentralization reform based on the experience of the EU members thus contributing to increasing transparency and community participation.

$25,879

**Successes and Failures of the Two Decades of Development in Post-Soviet Countries**
Organizers: National Association of Young Historians of Moldova, UNITAS Foundation from Estonia and Carnegie Moscow Center
Project manager: Sergiu MUSTEAŢĂ, President, National Association of Young Historians
Time and place: December 2011-September 2012, Moldova
Summary: This initiative aimed at convening experts in post-soviet studies and civil society representatives for an exchange of views, opinions and access to new knowledge about post-communist development and projecting future developments of post-soviet societies using the lessons learned during the last twenty years.

$21,565

**Strengthening Critical Thinking on Accelerating Conflict Resolution in Moldova through an Active Involvement of International Actors**
Organizers: IDIS-Viitorul Institute for Development and Social Initiatives from Moldova, Center for Eastern Studies from Poland, EE: PBB Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova and IFRI French Institute of International Relations from Paris
Project manager: Corneliu CIUREA, Expert, IDIS-Viitorul
Time and place: September 2010-December 2011, Poland, Moldova, France
Summary: The initiative aimed at involving international experts in discussing the Transnistrian issue and in identifying possible solutions for the conflict by engaging decision- and policy-makers, think tanks and civil society actors in contributing to increasing security in Eastern neighbourhood. As a result of the undertaken effort, a joint Report *Transnistrian Conflict after 20 Years* was developed and presented publicly in Chisinau. The report provided a better understanding of the situation created on the left bank of the Nistru river, summed up the most important developments that occurred due to the involvement of external actors and analyzed the current *status-quo* by specifying the potential challenges for its resolution in the new geopolitical context. This event was followed by a public presentation in Paris, having the aim to stimulate a discussion with the French expert and diplomatic community on the main positions that could be taken by EU in the prospect of the Transnistrian conflict settlement.

$2,215

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: $223,456
SUBPROGRAM 2: PARTICIPATING PROJECTS

This subprogram aims at supporting Moldovan experts’ participation in events organized in the framework of the EE: PBB Program by the Open Society Foundations/Institutes from Central and Eastern Europe. Participants in these events are recommended either by the hosting event organizer or by the EE: PBBP Advisory Committee, receiving travel support from the Soros Foundation-Moldova.

European Integration Index for the Eastern Partnership
Leonid LITRA, Deputy Director, IDIS-Viitorul Institute for Development and Social Initiatives from Moldova
Valentin LOZOVANU, Development Expert, IDIS-Viitorul Institute for Development and Social Initiatives from Moldova
January 28-30, May 21-24, Kyiv, Ukraine
$1,276

Civil Society’s Engagement in Securing Transparent and Democratic Elections
Nicolae PANFIL, Secretary of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections
Pavel POSTICĂ, Project Coordinator, Promo-LEX Association
Alexandru COICA, President, National Youth Council of Moldova
Alexei BUZU, Project Coordinator, Partnership for Development Center
Serghei NEICOVCEN, Executive Director, CONTACT Center of Moldova
March 3-9, Tallinn, Estonia
$3,307

Teaching Values through Role Models: University Outreach into Community Involvement
Liuba PETRENCO, Lecturer, Language and Communication Department, Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University
Sergiu MUSTEAŢĂ, President, Association of Young Historians of Moldova
Petru NEGURĂ, Lecturer, Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University
Svetlana SUVEICĂ, Lecturer, Department of History and Philosophy, Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University
Igor ŞAROV, Dean, Department of History and Philosophy, State University of Moldova
May 19-22, October 13-15, Timișoara, Romania
$1,834

Past in the Present and Future: Identity and Personality during Communist Rule
Sergiu MUSTEAŢĂ, President, Association of Young Historians of Moldova
June 9-11, Tallinn, Estonia
$1,000

Quality Development of Community Schools
Liliana SIMCOVA, Coordinator, Community School Development Project, Step by Step Program Moldova
Valentina LUNGU, Director, School-Kindergarten nr.152, Chisinau
Marina OLEVSCHI, President, Parents and Teachers’ Association, Step by Step Program Moldova
Aurelia BODIU, Local Coordinator in the Community School Development Project; Director of the Lyceum from Ștefănești, Florești
June 13-16, Kyiv, Ukraine
$1,596

Lessons Learned from the EU’s Approach to Judicial Reform
Alexandru COCÎRŢĂ, Consultant, Transitional Capacity Support for the Public Administration of Moldova, UNDP Moldova
Vladislav GRIBINCEA, Executive Director, LRCM
Corneliu GURIN, Expert, ADEPT
Victor ZAHARIA, Executive Director, IPR
June 12-13, Bucharest, Romania
November 7-10, Brussels, Belgium
$3,245
Parent-Teacher Associations in Action for Community Development
Mariana BUDAN, President, Speranța Association from Cahul; Director, Primary School from Cahul
Galina PÎRVANĂ, Project Coordinator, Speranța Association from Cahul
July 2-7, Baku, Azerbaijan
$1,258

Domestic Violence – Not with Us
Veronica JOSAN, Program Coordinator, La Strada International Center, Moldova
Daniella MISAIL-NICHTIN, Manager, Resource Center, La Strada International Center, Moldova
Aliona SÂRBU, President, Center of Public Integrity, Cahul
Ina FILIPOV, Program Coordinator, Center of Public Integrity, Cahul
June 27-July 5, Nowy Sacz, Poland
$2,860

Between Government Priorities and Local Communities: Optimization of School Networks
Daniela COTOVIȚCAIA, Consultant, Ministry of Education
Tatiana POTÎNG, Deputy Minister of Education
Ion SOBARI, Head of Economic Policy, Patrimony and Finances Department, Ministry of Education
Viorel DANDARA, Head of Education, Youth and Sports Department, Rîșcani
Arcadi MALEAROVICI, Director, Center for Information and Communication Technologies in Education
September 21-23, Bucharest, Romania
$2,029

What Future for Democracy and Civil Society?
Radu VRABIE, Program Director, Foreign Policy Association of Moldova
Serghei OSTAF, Executive Director, CREDO Resource Centre of Moldovan Nongovernmental Organizations for Human Rights
October 4-8, Yerevan, Armenia
$2,359

Enhancing Palliative Care Compliance to International Standards
Elena STEMPOVSCAIA, President, Palliative Care Association
Natalia CARAFIZI, Physician, Hospice Angelus Foundation
Valerian ISAC, President, Hospice Angelus Foundation
Vadim POGONET, Physician, Coordinator of the palliative care team, Institute of Oncology
October 12-15, Bucharest, Romania
$1,646

Learn to Make Decisions: Increasing Youth’s Participation in Civic Life
Viorel BABII, Executive Director, NYRC
Ion DONEA, Head of Youth Program Department, Ministry of Youth and Sports
Aliona DUMBRÂVEANU, Consultant, Youth Program Department, Ministry of Youth and Sports
Ana VIVDICI, Senior Specialist, Department of Non-formal Education, General Department of Education Youth and Sports, Hîncești
Sergiu GURĂU, President, Eco-Răzeni Association
Dumitru BRAGA, Youth Bank member, Eco-Răzeni Association
October 30-November 4, Prague, the Czech Republic
$3,975

New Methodologies of Teacher Training
Olga COSOVAN, Lecturer, Ion Creangă State Pedagogical University of Moldova
Eugenia NEGRU, Teacher, Prometeu Lyceum from Chisinau
November 9-13, Baku, Azerbaijan
$1,372

Equal Opportunities for People with Disability
Mariana ȚIBULAC, Communication Manager, Centre of Legal Assistance for People with Disabilities
Margareta ȚÎBULAC, Assistant
Ion EMILIAN, Kinetotherapist, Motivation Association from Moldova
November 19-24, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
$3,542

Opening the Region/World to Ukraine: Developments in Ukraine’s Neighborhood
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$425

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: $31,724
Total EE: PBBP Expenditures: $302,577
PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Vision:
An inclusive society where equitable access to quality health services is ensured for all the citizens, including people from marginalized groups and where public health policies are developed from a human rights perspective.

The goal of the Public Health Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova is to improve the health of vulnerable and marginalized groups by protecting their human rights through the following interventions:
- support in the development, implementation and evaluation of health care policies related to inclusion and human rights in priority areas;
- development of sustainable organizations and strengthening the leadership capacities of the civil society representatives in the field of public health and encouraging their involvement in the decision-making process.

Strategic Objectives for 2011-2012:
- to support and promote HIV and AIDS policies and programs aimed at reducing morbidity and mortality among HIV highly vulnerable groups
- to support and promote palliative care policies according to the Council of Europe (2003) and WHO’s recommendations
- to support and promote social inclusion of people with intellectual and mental disabilities and foster greater access to early intervention services
- to support and promote human rights in patient care
- to support the monitoring of Moldovan public policies in the health sector

According to the bi-annual strategy, the Public Health Program supported activities that contributed to improving the quality of lives and health of people from marginalized groups and achieved the following results in 2011:
- The public-private partnership regarding the development of the normative and legislative framework for the integration of early interventions for children of up to three years old into the existing health and social care systems was set up and strengthened. The Regulation on the initiation and implementation of early intervention services by a multi-sectorial working group was developed;
- A new Cooperation Agreement between the Soros Foundation-Moldova, Open Society Budapest–Mental Health Initiative, Keystone Human Services Moldova Association, Keystone Human Services International USA, and the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family was signed which aimed at advancing the initiative of the Moldovan Government on reforming the residential system of care for people with disabilities and their inclusion into the society, including the implementation of the Program “Community for All – Moldova” for 2012-2016;
- The draft Law on social inclusion of people with disabilities, the Regulatory framework and the Minimum Quality Standards for the Mobile Team services were approved by the Government of the Republic of Moldova. The documents were developed with the support from the “Community for All – Moldova” Program;
- A mechanism was established for redirecting the financial resources from the expenditures for program support from the central budget (residential institution) to expenditures for program support from local budgets, in order to ensure the operational costs of the newly created services for children and young adults deinstitutionalized in the framework of the project “Community for All – Moldova”, within a close partnership with the Ministry of Finances. The Ministry of Finances has reallocated 392.141 Moldovan Lei from the Expenditures for program support from the budget of the Orhei institution (2012) to Expenditures for project support from local authorities’ budgets in order to support community services developed with the support of KHSIMA for 25 deinstitutionalized children and young adults;
- The methodology of implementation of inclusive education in schools was approved by the Ministry of Education; inclusive education piloting started in the Republic of Moldova;
- The course “Health and Human Rights” was piloted in the School of Public Health Management. The course is mandatory for all the MPH students. The same course, in a shorter version, was
introduced as a mandatory subject for all the PhD students of the Nicolae Testemițanu University of Medicine and Pharmacy;
- The analysis of the normative documents developed by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Internal Affairs related to the intravenous drug users and their human rights was made by the Institute for Human Rights from Moldova. The analysis report was publicly presented in February 2011 during a round-table and sent to targeted institutions. As a result, several normative documents were adjusted;
- Access to legal counselling services for the representatives of HIV highly vulnerable groups (drug users) was ensured;
- Increased access to home-based palliative care services for terminally ill patients from the rayons of Cimişlia and Ocniţa was ensured due to the fact that two new teams of palliative care providers were created in these regions;
- The needs assessment in palliative care in the Republic of Moldova started;
- The costs for palliative care services in home-care and inpatient units were evaluated and presented to the Ministry of Health for review and approval;
- The National Conference on Palliative Care, organized in October, was co-financed;
- The needs assessment in palliative care in the Republic of Moldova started;
- The costs for palliative care services in home-care and inpatient units were evaluated and presented to the Ministry of Health for review and approval;
- The National Conference on Palliative Care, organized in October, was co-financed;
- The National Conference on HIV/AIDS was organized in December.

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List of Acronyms:

ARV  Antiretroviral Therapy
Candlelight  International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day
CCM  National Coordination Council on TB/HIV/STI
FSW  Female Sex Workers
GFATM  Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
IEC  Information, Education and Communication
IDUs  Injecting Drug Users
HMI  Health and Media Initiative
HRP  Harm Reduction Program
KHSIMA  Keystone Human Services International Moldova Association
LAHI  Law and Health Initiative
LGBT  Lesbians, Gay, Bisexuals and Transgender Community
MDG  Millennium Development Goal
MDG 6  Millennium Development Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis
MoH  Ministry of Health
MDR  Multidrug Resistance
MIHR  Moldovan Institute for Human Rights
MLSPF  Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family
MPH  Master in Public Health
MSM  Men Having Sex with Men
OSMHI  Open Society Mental Health Initiative
OST  Opiate Substitution Therapy
PCI  Palliative Care Initiative
PCU  Project Coordination, Implementation and Monitoring Unit, Moldova, Health Sector Project
Definitions:

**Candlelight** - International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day, organized around the date of May 15th, to honor the memory of those who have died of HIV-related illnesses, and to show support to those living with HIV and those affected by HIV and AIDS.

**March for Tolerance** - Organized with the purpose of diminishing stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV.

**Self Support Group for PLHIV** - group members are HIV infected people who receive firsthand emotional, social and spiritual support and knowledge about HIV and AIDS form peers who are coping with very similar circumstances.

**World Aids Day** - Organized on December 1st every year, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection.
SUBPROGRAM 1: MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE
(In collaboration with the Open Society Mental Health Initiative, Open Society Foundations)

Objectives:
- to advance reform of care and social protection for people with disabilities through development of community services
- to strengthen and expand strategic partnerships with key partners
- to ensure the development of early intervention and inclusive education, including replication and dissemination of good practices
- to ensure the respect of rights of people with mental and/or intellectual disabilities by offering legal aid and through litigation

The following projects and activities were supported by this subprogram:

Grants

Community for all – Moldova – Bridge Funding during the Global Economic Crisis
Grantee: Keystone Human Services International Moldova Association
Project manager: Ludmila MALCOCI
Summary: This project is implemented with financial support from the Open Society Mental Health Initiative (OSMHI) and the Soros Foundation-Moldova (SFM), in partnership with the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family. The aim of the project is to contribute to the reform of the residential system of care of people with disabilities from the Republic of Moldova by developing complex and coordinated social services based on community and support services. In the long term, this initiative is focused on creating an environment that would facilitate the social inclusion of all children and young adults with intellectual disabilities from the Republic of Moldova. To this end, the Community for All – Moldova’s implementing team organized training activities for the staff, parents/carers of people with disabilities, representatives of the local public authorities, and other key members of the community. The efficiency of activities and the skills of these persons has highly improved due to training, technical assistance, experience exchange, and especially, by raising awareness. In order to protect the rights of the people with disabilities that are deinstitutionalized, a lawyer was hired who offered legal support and legal counselling to project beneficiaries and their carers.

The project Community for All – Moldova – Bridge Funding during the Global Economic Crisis continued in 2011. This is a three-year project funded from the financial sources received in the framework of the Emergency Fund, created by George Soros in the summer of 2009 in order to mitigate the negative effects of the global economic crisis in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
$796,896

Increasing Competences in Early Intervention
Grantee: Voinicel Center for Early Intervention
Project manager: Ivan PUIU
Summary: The project is implemented in partnership with the National College of Medicine and Pharmacy with the aim to develop a course support in the area of early intervention and to increase capacities of the staff and the medical assistants from the Department of Continuous Education of the Medical College from Chisinau. The project implementing team will ensure methodological and didactic support for the training of the staff in early intervention; they will promote early intervention in Moldova and will improve and promote methods of evaluation of children with developmental disorders.
$20,438

Inclusive Education
Grantee: Femeia și Copilul – Protecție și Sprijin (Woman and Child – Protection and Support) Public Association
Project manager: Alexandra GRĂJDIAN
Summary: The project aims at piloting inclusive education on the basis of a methodology developed by the grantee and approved by the Ministry of Education. Activities include continuous education of the teaching staff in partnership with the Institute of Educational Sciences; raising public awareness
regarding the problem of inclusion; ensuring the good functioning of support services; preparing schools for piloting (including a complex evaluation of educational institutions that are included in piloting).

$60,030

Integration of Early Interventions into the Existing Social-medical Systems in the Republic of Moldova
Grantee: Voinicel Center for Early Intervention
Project manager: Ivan PUIU
Summary: The project aims to develop the regulatory and legislative framework for early intervention services and to promote good practices in early intervention. The project is implemented in partnership with the Center for Health Policies and Studies. Early intervention services were provided to children and their parents from the Chisinau municipality. An inter-sectorial working group (Order 371 of 11.05.2011) was set up with the participation of the representatives of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, UNICEF, and other organizations. The working group aims at developing the normative framework for the establishment of early intervention services in the health and social systems. To ensure a better and more effective collaboration of the working group, the Soros Foundation-Moldova funded a study tour to Lithuania for the members of the working group where they had the opportunity to see the system of early intervention in children, which can serve as a reference for Moldova. The visit included meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Health of Lithuania, visits to the neonatal office (with services such as “follow up”), the Child Development Centre, which is a national institution, and a regional Child Development Centre.

$67,275

Operational projects

Training Course on Video Editing
Summary: The training course in recording and editing videos was organized in partnership with the Open Society Foundations, Health Media Initiative, for persons with intellectual disabilities. The course consisting of two modules was held during April 25-29 and May 2-4 for 15 people. The course was facilitated by two trainers: John Kennedy and Cinnamon Kennedy, experts in editing of promotional videos. Following this course, several persons with mental health disorders improved their skills of working with video and using them to advocate for their rights and the rights of their peers.

$880

Other program expenditures (operational/administrative costs) – $29,047

Total subprogram expenditures – $974,566
SUBPROGRAM 2: PALLIATIVE CARE INITIATIVE
(In collaboration with International Initiatives in Palliative Care, Open Society Foundations, New York)

Objectives:
- to improve access to palliative care services offered by interdisciplinary teams
- to support training of healthcare specialists in palliative care
- to evaluate and develop the costs of palliative care in view of covering these costs by the state

The following projects and activities were supported by this subprogram:

Grants for Events on Special Occasions (Word Hospice and Palliative Care Day)

On the occasion of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, several events were organized with the aim to promote palliative care and to raise awareness about the issues associated with this area.

Organization of Events on the Occasion of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2011 in the Rayon of Taraclia
Grantee: Angelus Taraclia Public Association
Project manager: Maria CHIOSE
Summary: The implementing team organized a charity concert (the third one held in Taraclia) on the occasion of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day with the participation of the Moldovan singer Geta Burlacu. The event gave the opportunity to raise awareness and to inform the public about palliative care services and offered possibilities and opportunities to collect funds to ensure the continuation of the delivered services. Informational flyers regarding palliative care and its importance were distributed to those who attended the event.
$1,039

Voices for Hospice Services Promotion and Support of Palliative Care
Grantee: Centre of Family Physicians from Cimişlia
Project manager: Ludmila CAPCELEA
Summary: On the occasion of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, the Centre of Family Physicians, Cimişlia, in partnership with the Angelus Cimişlia Hospice, organized a raising awareness campaign in the rayon regarding palliative care. Two flash-mobs were organized with distribution of informational booklets. Volunteers from Cimişlia offered also information about palliative care services in Cimişlia, stressing their free of charge availability for the population of the rayon. Also a rayonal conference was organized during which family doctors from the rayon were introduced to the basics of palliative care. At the end of the raising awareness campaign, the organizers offered the possibility to the key stakeholders from the rayon to get more information about palliative care and their needs in the rayon of Cimişlia.
$1,969

Grants to Support Palliative Care Provision

Increasing Capacities of Angelus Taraclia
Grantee: Angelus Taraclia Public Association
Project manager: Maria CHIOSE
Summary: The project aims to ensure the continuity of palliative care for people from the rayon of Taraclia. The organization offers home-based palliative care for people with oncological diagnosis in stages III-IV of the disease. The assistance includes medical, social, and psycho-emotional and spiritual support to the patients and their family members. Also, relatives are trained on how to take care of sick relatives.
$4,913

The Alternative to a Life without Pain
Grantee: Angelus Cimişlia Public Association
Project manager: Anatol BERESTEANU
Summary: The project aims to support and develop palliative care services in Cimişlia. The project team carried out visits to patients to provide free palliative care, including pain and other symptoms control, and psycho-emotional and spiritual support to patients and their families. They also educated
families to care for special patient’s needs in terminal stages of the disease, and provide patients with drugs, medical and paramedical supplies.

$4,997

**Hospice Angelus Moldova**
Grantee: *Angelus Moldova* Charity Foundation for Public Health  
Project manager: Valerian ISAC  
Summary: The project aims to provide palliative care to patients in Chisinau. The grantee offers free palliative care services to patients with cancer in terminal and advanced stages of the disease from the Chisinau municipality and its suburbs. Palliative care services for children are available for the entire country. The services are free of charge and are delivered at home. They include pain and other symptoms management, psycho-emotional, social and spiritual support both to patients and their families, family support and training to cope with problems throughout the illness and after the death of the patient, the multidisciplinary assistance depending on the patient and family needs. In 2011, Angelus Moldova was contracted by the National Health Insurance Company for home care services. Approximately 1,000 people with incurable diseases benefited from the services of the organization.

$12,355

**The Alternative to a Life without Pain**
Grantee: *Angelus Ocnița* Public Association  
Project manager: Igor LAZARI  
Summary: The project aims to improve the quality of life of people with incurable diseases by relieving their physical, mental, spiritual suffering and offering family training in helping patients by the palliative care mobile team of the *Angelus Ocnița*. In collaboration with their physicians, the organization offered palliative care services to about 90 patients; they did 686 home visits, offered 620 outpatient consultations and 844 consultations over the phone.

$4,868

**Ensuring the Continuity of Palliative Care Services**
Grantee: *Prosperare Zubrești* Public Association  
Project manager: Vasile SURUCEANU  
Summary: The project aims to ensure the continuity of palliative care for people with incurable diseases in an inpatient unit. In 2011, the Zubrești Hospice provided palliative care for 173 patients with incurable diseases in terminal stages, both adults and children.

$5,000

**The Palliative Care Mobile Team for Children and Adults within the Institute of Oncology**
Grantee: Institute of Oncology  
Project manager: Vadim POGONEȚ  
Summary: The project aims to increase access to palliative care services for advanced cancer patients, including children, within the Institute of Oncology. The team members are guiding the treating physicians and patients along the disease, facilitating identification of problems affecting life and/or end of life decision-making, clarifying and explaining comprehensive palliative treatment options, controlling the current disease-related symptoms and providing psycho-emotional support to patients and their relatives.

$25,830

**Participation in the EAPC Congress, Lisbon, Portugal, May 18-21**
Grantee: Natalia CARAFIZI, *Angelus Moldova* Charity Foundation for Public Health

$373

**Participation in the conference “Development of Palliative Care According to International Standards”, Bucharest, Romania, October 12-15**
Grantees: Anatolie BERESTEANU, Maria CHIOSE, Livia GUDIMA, Andrei BRADU, Ludmila POSTICĂ, Ornelia CIOBANU

$3,104
Operational projects

**Needs Assessment in Palliative Care in the Republic of Moldova**

Summary: With the aim to evaluate the needs in palliative care in the Republic of Moldova, an international consultant visited Moldova during November 27–December 10. The consultant visited the service providers from all over the country, met with the representatives of the Ministry of Health, the National Company of Medical Insurances, the Institute of Oncology, and local public authorities, etc. The needs assessment report will be finalized and publicly presented in 2012.

$3,990

Other program expenditures (operational/administrative costs) – $8,863
Total subprogram expenditures– $77,300
SUBPROGRAM 3: LAW AND HEALTH INITIATIVE  
(In collaboration with the Law and Health Initiative, Open Society Foundations, New York)

The Law and Health Initiative has the objective to increase the knowledge of health and legal practitioners in the field of human rights in patient care.

The following projects and activities were supported by this subprogram:

Grants

Community for all – Moldova – Bridge Funding during the Global Economic Crisis  
Grantee: Keystone Human Services International Moldova Association  
Project manager: Ludmila MALCOCI  
Summary: This project is implemented with financial support from the Open Society Mental Health Initiative (OSMHI) and the Soros Foundation-Moldova (SFM), in partnership with the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family. The aim of the project is to contribute to the reform of the residential system of care of people with disabilities from the Republic of Moldova by developing complex and coordinated social services based on community and support services. In the long term, this initiative is focused on creating an environment that would facilitate the social inclusion of all children and young adults with intellectual disabilities from the Republic of Moldova. To this end, the Community for All – Moldova’s implementing team organized training activities for the staff, parents/carers of people with disabilities, representatives of the local public authorities, and other key members of the community. The efficiency of activities and the skills of these persons highly improved due to training, technical assistance, experience exchange, and especially, by raising awareness. In order to protect the rights of the people with disabilities that are deinstitutionalized, a lawyer was hired who offered legal support and legal counselling to project beneficiaries and their careers.  
$16,700

Promotion of a Non-discriminatory Behaviour towards Drug Users in the Republic of Moldova  
Grantee: Institute for Human Rights Public Association  
Project manager: Vanu JEREGHI  
Summary: The project aims to increase access of injecting drug users and their families to free legal aid by providing legal advice; and monitoring human rights violations. Activities also include free legal assistance to IDUs and their families; monitoring violations of IDUs’ rights; using court decisions to determine the state authorities responsible for violating human rights among drug users to restore violated rights and recover the material and moral damage; increasing knowledge of the police in human rights with emphasis on IDUs to exclude application of persecution and violence against them; further promotion of human rights in Transnistria, with focus on IDUs and vulnerable groups.  
$34,280

Promoting Knowledge about Human Rights and Health Law in the Public Health System in Moldova  
Grantee: School of Public Health and Management  
Project manager: Oleg LOZAN  
Summary: The training module “Health and Human Rights” was developed and made part of the curriculum of the Master’s Degree course in the School of Public Health Management. In the spring of 2011 it was tested on first and second year students of the Master’s Degree in Public Health Management and PhD students. After the test, adjustments were made on the course and the training module was published in Romanian and English.  
$1,810  
$15,400 from the 2010 year budget

Operational project

Practitioners’ Guide: Human Rights in Healthcare  
Summary: The project is being implemented in partnership with the Law and Health Initiative and Human Rights and Grants Governance Program of the Open Society Foundations. The development of the practitioners’ guide was continued in 2011. Although the guide is addressed primarily to lawyers and attorneys, it will also be useful for public health professionals and activists in the area of patients’ rights.
$1,194

Other program expenditures (operational/administrative costs) – $8,007
Total subprogram expenditures – $61,992
SUBPROGRAM 4: HEALTH MEDIA INITIATIVE
(In collaboration with the Health Media Initiative, Open Society Foundations, New York)

The objective of this initiative is to support organizations from the civil society in monitoring and evaluation of the governmental policies related to healthcare and to advocate for better policies in this area at national level.

The following projects and activities were supported by this subprogram:

**Grants**

On the occasion of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, in partnership with the International Palliative Care Initiatives, several events were organized with the aim to promote palliative care and to raise awareness regarding problems associated with this area.

**World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2011**
Grantee: *Angelus Moldova* Charity Foundation
Project manager: Valerian ISAC
Summary: The project had the aim to promote palliative care and to raise awareness regarding hospice care and its importance for terminally ill patients in advanced stages of the disease. Several events were organized in October dedicated to the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day: a charity concert at the Serghei Lunchevici National Philharmonic Hall, a photography exhibition in the Ștefan cel Mare square, a National Conference “Palliative Care – Parallels between West and East” organized in partnership with Dorothy House Hospice Care from Great Britain, the Institute of Oncology, and the Ministry of Health. All the events were widely covered by the media.

$3,616

**Organization of Events on the Occasion of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2011 in the rayon of Taraclia**
Grantee: *Angelus Taraclia* Public Association
Project manager: Maria CHIOSE
Summary: The implementation team organized a charity concert (the third one organized in Taraclia) on the occasion of the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day with the participation of Geta Burlacu. The event offered the opportunity to raise awareness and to inform the public about palliative care services and the possibilities and opportunities to raise funds for sustaining the delivered services. Informational flyers regarding palliative care and its importance were distributed to those who attended the event.

$884

**Talent Triumphs over Disease**
Grantee: *Wishes Come True* Agency
Project manager: Rodica GROZA
Summary: The project had the aim to organize an event during which many artistic works done by children with cancer, hospitalized in the Institute of Oncology, were exhibited. The exhibition was an introduction to the world of pictures, drawings, and poetry. The works of children were included in an album that contained information about palliative care services and their importance. A CD was launched with songs sung by children in duets with local pop stars: Adrian Ursu and *Catharsis*.

$500

**Operational project**

**Training Course in Video Editing**
Summary: The training course was organized in partnership with the Open Society Foundations, Health Media Initiative, and aimed at training persons with mental health disorders in recording and editing videos. The course took place from April 25 to May 5, 2011 for 15 people. The course was facilitated by two trainers: John Kennedy and Cinnamon Kennedy, experts in editing of promotional videos and methods of promotion. Following this course, persons with mental health disorders improved their skills to work with video and use them to advocate for their rights and the rights of their peers.

$3,990

Total subprogram expenditures – $8,990
**OTHER PROJECTS**

**Health Monitor**  
Grantee: Centre for Health Policies and Analyses  
Project manager: Andrei MOȘNEAGA  
Summary: The project will continue activities initiated during the previous project. A survey on the population’s perceptions related to the hospital medical services will be conducted in the framework of the project that will identify the major difficulties regarding access to medical services (hospitalization; quality of inpatient medical services; costs of inpatient medical services; the level of patients’ satisfaction with the inpatient medical services, etc.). The policies from public health domain will be monitored as well, including the initiatives of non-governmental, governmental and international organizations.  
$16,610
SUBPROGRAM 5: HARM REDUCTION
(In collaboration with the Open Society Institute, New York, and third party)

The purpose of the Harm Reduction Program is to reduce the health-linked, socially and economically determined adverse impact owing to intravenous drug use and unsafe sex, including prevention of HIV/AIDS epidemic, among high risk groups (intravenous drug users (IDUs), female sex workers (FSWs), men having sex with men (MSM), prisoners, truck drivers, and migrants). Soros Foundation-Moldova is playing the role of an NGO facilitator in implementing HIV/AIDS and STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) prevention projects among high risk groups, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and projects to increase treatment compliance in TB patients. These activities are implemented to achieve the realization of National Programs for HIV/AIDS/STIs and prophylaxis and control of tuberculosis, in partnership with civil society and local and central public authorities.

At present, the program administers three projects in its sub-recipient capacity, as follows:
- „Providing Community Outreach to Vulnerable Groups”, the main recipient being the Project Coordination, Implementation and Monitoring Unit, Moldova Health Sector Project, financial resources of Round 6.
- „Providing Care and Support for PLWHA”, the main recipient being the PAS Center, financial resources of Round 8.
- "Strengthening the Patient and Community Role in Tuberculosis Control in Moldova”, the main recipient being the PAS Center, financial resources of Round 9.

In accordance with these projects, the program continued to support initiatives of non-governmental and governmental organizations on HIV prevention, community care and assistance to PLWHA, people with tuberculosis and at risk to get infected. Other types of activities carried out in the framework of these projects include organization of capacity building courses for project staff, development of policies in the harm reduction area, publishing informational materials for distribution, participation in conferences, seminars and workshops for project staff and other stakeholders.

Grants:

Promotion of a Non-discriminatory Behaviour towards Drug Users in the Republic of Moldova
Grantee: Institute for Human Rights Public Association
Project manager: Vanu JEREGHI
Summary: The project aims to increase access of injecting drug users and their families to free legal aid by providing legal advice and monitoring human rights violations. Activities also include free legal aid to IDUs and their families; monitoring violations of IDUs’ rights; using court decisions to determine the state authorities responsible for violating human rights among drug users to restore violated rights and recover the material and moral damage; increasing knowledge of the police in human rights with emphasis on IDUs to exclude application of persecution and violence against them; further promotion of human rights in Transnistria, with focus on IDUs and vulnerable groups.
$14,000

Grants Offered to NGOs/GOs for HIV/STI Prevention Services among People from High Risk Groups

HIV/AIDS Prevention among IDUs Detainees from Transnistria
Grantee: Health-social Programs NGO, Bender
Project manager: Andrei SOCOT
Summary: The project is a continuation of activities started in 2011. The goal of the project is to ensure access to HIV prevention for IDUs detainees from Transnistrian penitentiaries. The project services include needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational material provided in three penitentiaries from the Transnistrian region (UIN #1 s. Glinoe, Grigoriopol, UIN #2 and UIN #3 Tiraspol).
$10,000

HIV/AIDS Prevention among IDUs in Orhei and Rezina
Grantee: Adolescentul (Teenager) Youth Education and Rehabilitation Center, Orhei
Project manager: Svetlana ROMANOVA
Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with Viitorul Nostru (Our Future) NGO, Rezina. The services offered by the project aim at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS among the IDUs from Orhei, Rezina and Șoldănești. The total number of beneficiaries reached by the end of 2011 is 742 IDUs (457 - from Orhei and 285 from Rezina). The project services are focused on rendering needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials, thus promoting lower-risk behaviours and enhancing health education. The project supports specialized consultations and counselling sessions, as well as psychological and social reintegration of the above-mentioned target group.

$26,800

Prevention of HIV/AIDS among IDUs within the Framework of the Harm Reduction Program
Grantee: Pentru Prezent și Viitor (For Present and Future) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Nina TUDOREANU
Summary: The organization implements the project in partnership with the National Applied and Research Center for Public Health, AIDS Center and Cu Gîndul la Viitor (Thinking of the Future) NGO, Căuşeni. The project aims at reducing the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemics and STIs among IDUs. A total number of 3127 IDUs benefited from needle exchange services, as well as from condoms and antiseptics, counselling, informational materials, and social inclusion activities.

$58,344

Fighting HIV/AIDS in Penitentiaries Continuation of Activities Based on the Harm Reduction Strategy
Grantee: Proiecte Inovatoare în Penitenciare (Innovative Projects in Penitentiaries) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Larisa PINTILEI
Summary: The project aims at covering the inmates from the entire penitentiary system with HIV/AIDS and STI prevention activities (without Transnistria). The project services are focused on needle exchange in 9 penitentiaries, as well as on distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials to detainees from the entire penitentiary system.

$41,250

Organization of the training course „Substitution Treatment with Methadone and Harm Reduction Program in Penitentiaries”
Grantee: Proiecte Inovatoare în Penitenciare (Innovative Projects in Penitentiaries) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Larisa PINTILEI
Summary: The project included the organization of a training course for the representatives of the medical and security units from the penitentiary system with the participation of the representatives from UNODC, IDOM and others. The goal was to discuss the specifics of the substitution therapy in the penitentiary system, the practical aspects of the substitution therapy in the National Narcology Dispensary and the achievements of the Harm Reduction Program in the penitentiaries from RM.

$7,935

HIV/AIDS/STIs Prevention among IDUs in Bălţi, Ungheni, Făleşti and Glodeni
Grantee: Tinerii pentru Dreptul la Viaţă (Youth for the Right to Life) NGO, Bălţi branch
Project manager: Ala IAŢCO
Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with Viis Vitalis NGO, Ungheni, and Șoldănești region. During the IVth quarter of 2011, the HIV/AIDS and STI prevention activities were extended to the Sîngerei region. The main objective of the project is to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS and STI prevalence among IDUs in the municipality of Bălţi, Sîngerei, Glodeni - about 4210 IDUs, Ungheni – 684 IDUs, Făleşti – 642 IDUs, by promoting and strengthening activities based on the harm reduction strategy, including needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials, specialized consultancy and counselling sessions.

$52,325

HIV/AIDS Prevention Based on the Harm Reduction Strategy among IDUs in the Northern Region of RM
Grantee: Tinerele femei-Cernoleuca (Young Women-Cernoleuca) NGO, Donduşeni
Project manager: Tatiana COJOCARU
Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with Alcoolismul şi Narcomanie (Drug and Alcohol Addiction) NGO, Soroca, covering Donduşeni, Tîrnova, Otaci, Ocnita, Edineţ, Rişcani,
Briceni, Soroca, Drochia and Florești regions. During the IVth quarter of 2011, the HIV/AIDS and STI prevention activities were extended to Sănătăuca, Câlnari. The project aims at lowering the risks associated with intravenous drug use for 1218 IDUs, via needle exchange, information materials, condoms and antiseptics distribution and counselling sessions.

**$26,450**

**HIV/AIDS Prevention in Tiraspol**  
Grantee: Zdorovoe Buduschee (Healthy Future) NGO, Tiraspol  
Project manager: Natalia HINEVA  
Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with NOUIN NGO, Tiraspol. The project aims to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS among 1016 IDUs in Tiraspol, Ribnita and Slobozia by carrying out and strengthening activities based on the Harm Reduction Strategy including needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and information materials, self-support groups, specialized consultancy and counselling sessions.

**$20,270**

**HIV/AIDS and STIs Prevention among FSWs in Orhei**  
Grantee: Adolescentul (Teenager) Youth Education and Rehabilitation Center, Orhei  
Project manager: Svetlana ROMANOVA  
Summary: The project aims at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS and STIs among female sex workers (323 beneficiaries, 21 of them being IDUs) through social reintegration activities. The services provided by the project include consultations, counselling and information sessions, needle exchange and distribution of condoms.

**$10,295**

**HIV/AIDS and STIs Prevention among FSWs from Bălți within the Framework of the Harm Reduction Strategy**  
Grantee: Tinerii pentru Dreptul la Viață (Youth for the Right to Life) NGO, Bălți branch  
Project manager: Aliona CIOBANU  
Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with Vis Vitalis NGO, Ungheni. The project aims at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS and STI among 464 FSWs (312 – from the Bălți municipality and 152 from Ungheni). The project activities are based on specialized consultancy and counselling, needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials, referral, along with social reintegration activities.

**$22,500**

**Prevention of HIV/AIDS and STIs among FSWs in Chisinau**  
Grantee: Reforme Medicale (Medical Reforms) NGO, Chisinau  
Project manager: Maria LEORDA  
Summary: The services provided by the project aim at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS among FSWs (627 beneficiaries, including 75 IDUs). The project services are focused on rendering needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics, information materials and also on promoting lower-risk behaviours and health education. The project organized specialized consultations and counselling sessions and offered psychological and social reintegration services to the target group.

**$26,934**

**Substitution Therapy for Injecting Drug Users**  
Grantee: Republican Narcology Dispenser  
Project manager: Mihai OPREA  
Summary: The project aims at mitigating the negative medical and social consequences of drug use among the IDUs from Chisinau by providing the substitution therapy with methadone. At the end of 2011, the number of permanent beneficiaries reached 209.

**$24,770**

**Substitution Treatment with Methadone in Penitentiary Institutions**  
Grantee: Department of Penitentiary Institutions, Ministry of Justice  
Project manager: Veaceslav CEBAN  
Summary: The project employs the substitution therapy with methadone for opiate drug users from penitentiaries. This treatment is provided in Pruncul, Brănești, Cricova, Soroca, Rusca, Bălți and
Chisinau penitentiaries. At the end of 2011, the number of permanent beneficiaries reached 56 persons.

$25,000

**Substitution Therapy with Methadone for IDUs from Bălți**
Grantee: Municipal Clinic Hospital from Bălți
Project manager: Eduard NENESCU
Summary: The project aims at mitigating the negative medical and social consequences of drug use among IDUs from Bălți by offering them the substitution therapy with methadone. The number of permanent beneficiaries reached 69 by the end of 2011.

$9,970

**The LGBT Community Chooses Safety**
Grantee: GENDERDOC-M Information Center NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Veaceslav MULEAR
Summary: The project aims at reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS epidemics and STI among the LGBT community in Moldova, focusing on MSM. The project also advocates for safer sex for MSM. The project services are focused on rendering lubricants, condoms, and informational materials. The project covered 1001 beneficiaries. The project also organized consultations and on-line counselling sessions, outreach activity and safer sex parties.

$9,380

**HIV/AIDS Prevention among Migrants**
Grantee: Societate, Om, Sănătate, Viitor (Society, Person, Health, Future) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Silvia STRATULAT
Summary: The project aims at organizing HIV/AIDS and STI informational, educational and communication activities among migrants travelling through the Leușeni, Sculeni, Cahul and Giurgiulești customs checkpoints, as well as migrants travelling to CIS countries through the Northern Railway Terminal and Chisinau International Airport.

$19,407

**Increasing the Sustainability and Visibility of Harm Reduction Programs Implemented in RM**
Grantee: Union of Organizations Operating in the Field of Harm Reduction
Project manager: Ala IAŤCO
Summary: The project aims to increase the sustainability of the Harm Reduction Programs implemented in the RM and strengthen the capacities of the organization.

$24,200

**Increased Access of IDUs to Rehabilitation Services and Psychological Assistance within the Rehabilitation Center**
Grantee: Republican Narcology Dispenser
Project manager: Mihai OPREA
Summary: The objectives of the project are to reduce and improve the behavioral, intellectual and emotional disorders due to the abuse of psycho-active substances; to increase the professional level of the staff directly involved in social rehabilitation within the Rehabilitation Center; to develop and approve the guide: “Psychological and Social Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts”. Financed from 2009 year budget

**Ensuring the Sustainability of Harm Reduction Programs by Seeking Funding from National Budgetary Resources**
Grantee: Union of Organizations Operating in the Field of Harm Reduction
Project manager: Ala IAŤCO
Summary: The project aims to develop the regulation on harm reduction services/harm reduction programs; to develop training modules for service providers; to organize workshops for service providers involved in harm reduction projects; to design and maintain the harm reduction component on the www.aids.md site. Financed from 2010 year budget

**Increasing Access to HIV Prevention Activities among IDU Detainees from Transnistria**
Grantee: Carlux Public Association, Chisinau
Project manager: Vitalie MOROŞAN
Summary: The goal of the project is to ensure access to HIV prevention for the IDUs from Transnistrian penitentiaries. The project services include needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials in three penitentiaries from the Transnistrian region (PI #1 from Glinoe, Grigoriopol, PI #2 and PI #3 from Tiraspol). Financed from 2010 year budget

Publishing Harm Reduction Standards
Grantee: Republican Narcology Dispenser
Project manager: Mihai OPREA
Summary: The grant was offered for the publishing of two national standards: Standards for Psychological and Social Assistance for Drug Users and Standards for Harm Reduction for Drug Users, each document being published in 200 copies. The documents were published in 2011, after the review and adjustment of both standards. Financed from 2009 year budget

Participation in International Events
Participation in “MDG6 Forum for Eastern Europe and Central Asia to Combat HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Other Diseases”, Russia, October 10-12
Grantees and beneficiaries: Arina VETRENIUC, Victoria COJOCARU
$2,848

Participation in “The 22nd International HARM Reduction Conference”, Beirut, Lebanon, April 3’7
Grantee: Ala IAŢCO
$984

Grants Aimed to Ensure Outreach to PLHIV and Family Members by NGOs
Support to People Living with HIV/AIDS through the Multidisciplinary Team in the North of Moldova
Grantee: Respiraţia a Doua pentru Oamenii în Etate şi Inactivi din Bălţi (Second Breath for the Elderly and Inactive People) NGO, Bălţi
Project manager: Irina BAICALOV
Summary: The project aims to increase the quality of life of PLHIV and support their integration into the society through access to social support services through multidisciplinary teams. During 2011, the NGO provided care and support services to 869 PLHIV beneficiaries and 275 PLHIV relatives. The organization conducted such activities and services as: self-support groups including children and relatives, referral services for PLHIV, social workers’ exchange visits, and information seminars for PLHIV in the districts and in the main office in Bălţi.
€83,763

Support and Care for PLHIV from the Central Region
Grantee: Centrul Regional pentru Politici Comunitare (Regional Center for Community Policies) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Rodica IVTODI
Summary: The project pursues the goal of improving the quality of life of PLHIV in Moldova through increased access to qualitative psycho-social services. A total number of 155 PLHIV beneficiaries and 68 relatives were offered care and support services in 2011. The NGO provides such services as: medical counselling and social assistance, ARV adherence counselling for PLHIV, referral services and peer to peer consultancy, as well as self-support groups for PLHIV.
€28,500

Increased Access to Support and Care Services for PLHIV
Grantee: Credinţa (Faith) NGO in partnership with Copilărie pentru toţi (A Childhood for Everybody) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Ludmila UNTURA
Summary: The project aims at improving the quality of life of PLHIV from Moldova through increased access to qualitative psycho-social services. A total number of 1355 PLHIV and 122 relatives were
reached with care and support services. The NGO provides such services as: medical counselling and social assistance, referral services, peer to peer consultancy, psychological support, self-support groups, ARV adherence counselling, activities for HIV infected children, and support for relatives, information seminars in Chisinau and in the districts.

€61,690

Support and Care to PLHIV in Bălţi, Floreşti and Râşcani Districts
Grantee: Credinţa-Nord (Faith-North) NGO, Bălţi
Project manager: Mihail CARELOV
Summary: The project aims at improving the quality of life and access to qualitative psycho-social services for PLHIV from Bălţi, Floreşti and Râşcani districts. In 2011 the NGO provided care and support services to 250 PLHIV beneficiaries and 124 relatives. The activities carried out in 2011 included medical and social assistance, referral services, peer to peer consultancy and self-support groups for PLHIV.

€31,487

Support and Care for PLHIV from the Southern Region of Moldova
Grantee: Biaz Gul NGO, Comrat
Project manager: Alexandru ZAVRICICO
Summary: The goal of the project is to enhance the quality of life of PLHIV through increased access to qualitative social support services in Comrat and other districts from the South of the country including Ceadir Lunga, Taracilia, Basarabeasca, and Cimişlia. A total number of 172 PLHIV beneficiaries and 277 relatives were reached with care and support services. The NGO offered such services as: medical counselling and social assistance, referral services, ARV adherence counselling, peer to peer consultancy, psycho-social support, self-support groups, referral to the Community Center, psycho-social assistance to family members, information seminars for PLHIV, etc.

€24,728

Access of PLHIV to Support and Care in the Transnistrian Region
Grantee: Triniti NGO, Răbniţa
Project manager: Irina GALACENCO
Summary: The project aims to improve the quality of life of PLHIV from Răbniţa and Camenca through increased access to qualitative psycho-social services. A total number of 122 PLHIV beneficiaries and 129 relatives were reached with care and support services in 2011. The services provided to PLHIV included medical counselling and social assistance, referral services, peer to peer consultancy and self-support groups for PLHIV.

€22,540

Support and Care Services to PLHIV from Tiraspol and Slobozia
Grantee: Zdorovoe Buduschee NGO, Tiraspol
Project manager: Roman SANDU
Summary: The project aims to improve the quality of life of PLHIV from Tiraspol and Slobozia through increased access to qualitative psycho-social services. A total number of 906 PLHIV beneficiaries and 202 relatives were reached with care and support services. The organization provided the following services: medical counselling and social assistance, referral services, peer to peer consultancy, psychological support, self-support groups for PLHIV, and information seminars with the target group.

€37,790

Mission plus (Misiunea Plus)
Grantee: Miloserdie NGO, Bender
Project manager: Maria TURCAN
Summary: The project aims at improving the quality of life of PLHIV from Bender and the suburbs through increased access to qualitative psycho-social services. A total number of 158 PLHIV beneficiaries and 130 relatives were covered with services during 2011. The range of activities implemented by the organization included medical counselling and social assistance, referral services, ARV adherence counselling, peer to peer consultancy and psycho-social support.

€17,276

Psychological and Social Support and Care for PLHIV from the South of Moldova
Grantee: Speranţa Vietii (Hope of Life) NGO, Cahul
Project manager: Nicolai COL
Summary: The project aims to improve the quality of life of PLHIV through increased access to qualitative psycho-social services. The geographical coverage of the project includes Cahul, Vulcâneşti, Leova and Cantemir districts. The services provided to PLHIV include medical and social assistance, referral services, peer to peer consultancy and self-support groups. During 2011 the organization covered with care and support services 83 PLHIV beneficiaries and 88 relatives. €17,021

Ensuring Universal Access of PLHIV to Psycho-social Support
Grantee: Viaţa Nouă (New Life) NGO in partnership with the Mamele pentru Viaţă (Mothers for Life) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Ruslan POVERGA
Summary: The project aims at improving the quality of life of PLHIV from Moldova through increased access to qualitative psycho-social services. It covers such areas as Chisinau, Anenii Noi, Ialoveni and Soroca including penitentiary institutions #1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18. A total number of 380 PLHIV beneficiaries and 348 relatives were reached with care and support services. The organization provided such services as: medical and social counselling, referral services for PLHIV released from prisons, peer to peer consultancy, psycho-social support, self-support groups for PLHIV, and information seminars for the target group. €79,805

Support and Care Services to PLHIV in Transnistrian Prisons
Grantee: Zdorovoe Buduschee NGO, Tiraspol
Project manager: Roman SANDU
Summary: The project aims to improve the quality of life of PLHIV by offering psycho-social support and consultancy mostly in terms of ARV adherence in three penitentiary institutions in Transnistria, namely: Prison #1 in Glinoe, Prison #2 and #3 in Tiraspol. To date, a cumulative number of 69 PLHIV were reached with care and support services. The organization provided the following services in the prisons: medical and social counselling, peer to peer consultancy, psychological support, information activities for PLHIV relatives, including information seminars with the target group. €22,250

Support and Care for PLHIV from the Central Region
Grantee: Centrul Regional pentru Politici Comunitare (Regional Center for Community Policies) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Alexandr CURAŞOV
Summary: The project pursuits the goal of facilitating the development and increasing the quality of self-support groups for PLHIV in Moldova, as part of psycho-social support to people living with HIV/AIDS. The project has a national coverage. During 2011, a total number of 117 monitoring visits were conducted by the regional coordinators. Alongside this, around 16 regional technical and planning working group meetings were held. The purpose of the regional technical working groups was to bring together support group coordinators, to share findings from regular monitoring visits, to exchange best practices, to plan together for the upcoming events and to discuss about the situation of different support groups in the region. €9,972

Grants to NGOs Meant to Ensure Proper Operations of Four Regional Centers
Regional Social Community Center to Provide Specialized Support to PLHIV
Grantee: Respiraţia a Doua pentru Oamenii în Etate şi Inactivi din Bălţi (Second Breath for the Elderly and Inactive People) NGO, Bălţi
Project manager: Irina BAICALOV
Summary: The project strives to increase PLHIV’s access to specialized qualitative services in the municipality of Bălţi and other districts in the north of Moldova including Briceni, Donduşeni, Drochia, Floreşti, Ocniţa, Rîşcani, Singerei, Soroca, Făleşti, Șoldăneşti, Edineţ, Otaci, and Glodeni. The main goal of the project is to improve the quality of life of PLHIV and to ensure their integration into the society. A total number of 3913 services were provided within the Centre, out of which 2435 specialized consultations and 1478 referral services. The Center offered a wide range of services to PLHIV including medical consultancy, psychological support, social counselling, peer to peer
assistance, assistance in obtaining identity documents, and referral to public services provided by public institutions.

€34,626

**Regional Social Community Center to Provide Specialized Support to PLHIV**

**Grantee:** *Biaz Gul NGO, Comrat*

**Project manager:** Svetlana GHEORGHEIEVA

**Summary:** The project aims at increasing access of PLHIV to specialized qualitative services in the south of Moldova. The project covers 9 regions including Comrat, Ceadir-Lunga, Vulcănești, Taracia, Basarabasca, Cimișlia, Cantemir, Leova, and Cahul. The Regional Community Center provided care and support services to PLHIV, such as: peer to peer counselling, support groups, "social club" activities, referral services, ART compliance, psychological support, etc. Other activities were focused on informing the public from the regions covered by the project about the services offered by the Center. A total number of 1409 consultations were offered within the Centre to PLHIV and their relatives, out of which 1159 specialized consultations and 250 referral services.

€37,140

**Regional Social Community Center to Provide Specialized Support to PLHIV**

**Grantee:** *Zdorovoe Budusche NGO from Tiraspol*

**Project manager:** Xenia POSTOLACHI

**Summary:** The project aims to increase the access of PLHIV to specialized qualitative services in the eastern part of Moldova and to improve the quality of life of PLHIV and ensure their integration into the society. The Center provided a full range of services to people infected/affected by HIV/AIDS including information services, initial assessment of beneficiaries’ needs, peer to peer counselling, psychological support, ARV adherence counselling, medical consultations, self-support groups, "green line" consultations, referral services, and food parcels distribution to PLHIV, etc. A total number of 3067 consultations were offered within the Centre, out of which 2941 specialized consultations and 126 referral services.

€33,870

**Regional Social Community Centre to Provide Specialized Support to PLHIV**

**Grantee:** *Credința (Faith) NGO, Chisinau*

**Project manager:** Ludmila UNTURA

**Summary:** The project aims at increasing the access of PLHIV to specialized qualitative services and to improve the quality of life of PLHIV and ensure their integration into the society. The Center provided a wide range of services to PLHIV including medical consultancy, psychological support, social counselling, peer to peer assistance, referral services and school for patients, etc. A total number of 9339 consultations were offered at the Center to PLHIV, out of which 8382 specialized consultations and 957 referral services.

€57,052

**Grants to Support PLHIV and Children Infected and Affected by HIV/AIDS with Food Parcels and Stationary Supplies**

The goal of this project activity was to provide food parcels to PLHIV and HIV/AIDS infected/affected children in order to secure adequate nutrition, to promote ARV treatment adherence and to sustain healthy levels of physical activity and a good quality of life.

**Grantee:** *Respirația a Doua pentru Oamenii în Etate și Inactivi din Bălți (Second Breath for the Elderly and Inactive People) NGO, Bălți*

**Project manager:** Irina BAICALOV

**Summary:** A total number of 897 food parcels were distributed to 263 PLHIV and 24 HIV infected children in 2011 and other 24 HIV infected children received clothes and stationary supplies for school.

€38,660

**Grantee:** *Credința (Faith) NGO, Chisinau*

**Project manager:** Ludmila UNTURA

**Summary:** The NGO distributed 1578 food parcels to 387 PLHIV and 199 children infected/affected with HIV/AIDS, other 28 HIV infected children received clothes and stationary supplies for school.
Grantee: Zdorovoe Buduschee NGO, Tiraspol
Project manager: Xenia POSTOLACHI
Summary: The NGO distributed 1149 food parcels to 364 PLHIV and 110 children infected/affected with HIV/AIDS, other 21 HIV infected children received clothes and stationary supplies for school. €44,470

Grantee: Biaz Gul NGO, Comrat
Project manager: Svetlana GHEORGHIEVA
Summary: The NGO distributed 280 food parcels to 81 PLHIV and 10 children infected/affected with HIV/AIDS, other 10 HIV infected children received clothes and stationary supplies for school. €12,900

Other Grants

Strengthening the Health Care Service Providers’ Capacities in HIV/AIDS through E-learning
Grantee: Master in Public Health Association in partnership with the School of Public Health Management
Project manager: Oleg LOZAN
Summary: The project goal is to strengthen the capacities of health care service providers in HIV/AIDS through e-learning. To this end, a modern distant learning web system and the curriculum for continuous training for the Medical University in HIV/AIDS were developed. During 2011, 130 persons attended the incipient training in e-learning. Additionally, the NGO carried out several training courses for family doctors and infectious diseases doctors from the public health system, on May 18-21 (40 participants), and on May 25-28 (52 participants).
€173,603 total amount, out of which €72,833 for 2011

Strengthening the National League of PLHIV
Grantee: National League of PLHIV PA, Chisinau
Project manager: Igor CHILCEVSCHI
Summary: The main goal of the project was to strengthen the capacities of the National League of PLHIV from Moldova. In achieving this goal, the League carried out various activities including seminars and workshops for a number of 196 members of the League on such topics as: “Fundraising and Procurement”, “Developing and Improving the Service Quality of Self-support Groups”, “NGO Management”, “National Program on Control and Prophylaxis of HIV/AIDS and STDs, 2011-2015 – Priorities and Realities”, “Non-medical Services for PLHIV”, “Psycho-social Assistance for HIV Infected Children and Their Families”, “Monitoring and Evaluation”. Also, in order to improve the language skills of the members of the League in communication with the public authorities, donors, NGOs and other potential partners and stakeholders, the League of PLHIV organized Romanian and English language courses for 202 persons.
During 2011, the National League of PLHIV printed out 42,412 information materials, which were used in their advocacy activities and at special events.
€135,594

Grants for Events Organized on Special Occasions (World Aids Day, Candlelight)

Candlelight

Grantee: Vis-Vitalis NGO, Ungheni
Project manager: Igor OBADĂ
Summary: The objective of the campaign was to prevent unhealthy and risky behaviour (especially sexual behaviour) by promoting a healthy life style among youngsters from Ungheni and to fight stigma and discrimination of PLHIV. The objectives of the project were achieved through such activities as: wallpaper competition for high-school students, a commemoration march, distribution of brochures and leaflets, etc.
€495
Grantee: Tinerele Femei-Cernoleuca (Young Women - Cernoleuca), Cernoleuca NGO, Dondușeni
Project manager: Tatiana COJOCARU
Summary: The objective of the campaign “I Care and I Do Get Involved!” was to raise public awareness of the youth from Dondușeni and Soroca on stigma and discrimination that are faced by PLHIV in Moldova and to increase knowledge about the HIV infection among the young population in the given regions.

€475

Grantee: Şansa Plus (Chance Plus) NGO, Bălți
Project manager: Sergei DAMASCHIN
Summary: The NGO conducted a series of events with the objective to inform and raise public awareness about the problem of HIV/AIDS in the municipality of Bălți and to consolidate the efforts in an effective approach towards diminishing stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV in Bălți.

€480

Grantee: Respiraţia a Doua pentru Oamenii în Etate şi Inactivi din Bălţi (Second Breath for the Elderly and Inactive People) NGO, Bălți
Project manager: Irina BAICALOV
Summary: The objective of the campaign was to raise public awareness about the problems that are faced by PLHIV in Moldova. The activities such as the “Red Ribbon” and a roundtable with the stakeholders were carried out in the region of Dondușeni.

€500

Grantee: Miloserdie (Charity) NGO, Bender
Project manager: Maria ȚURCAN
Summary: The project main goal was to inform and raise public awareness on HIV/AIDS and to consolidate the efforts to diminish stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV in the Bender region. The objectives of the project were achieved through such activities as: information seminars with high-school students and young people, a memorial flower bridge over the river Nistru, “The March of Tolerance” and an informative motorcycle-racing activity.

€500

Grantee: Biaz Gul NGO, Comrat
Project manager: Alexandr ZAVRICICO
Summary: The project main goal was to inform and raise public awareness about the problem of HIV/AIDS in the region of Comrat and to consolidate the efforts in an effective approach towards diminishing stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV in Comrat, Ceadîr-Lunga and Vulcănești. The objectives of the project were achieved through such activities as: information seminars with students, dissemination of informational materials among students and young people, the “Red Ribbon” activity, launching balloons and others thematic activities.

€437

World AIDS Day

Grantee: Generaţia Ta (Your Generation) NGO, Drochia
Project manager: Nelea IURCOL
Summary: The project main goal was to increase responsibility for personal health and to promote tolerance and ethical behavior toward PLHIV, especially among young people on HIV/AIDS in the districts of Drochia.

€492

Grantee: Tinerele Femei-Cernoleuca (Young Women - Cernoleuca) NGO, Cernoleuca
Project manager: Tatiana COJOCARU
Summary: The objective of the activities was to increase the knowledge about the HIV infection among young population and medical personnel in the region of Dondușeni. To this end, the following activities were organized: information seminars with high-school students, a seminar with the medical personnel from the Dondușeni regional hospital, a round-table with the participation of people living with HIV/AIDS from Dondușeni, a talk-show on the local television, dissemination of brochures and leaflets and some other activities.
Grantee: **Centrul de Sănătate Prietenos Tinerilor, Tineri pentru tineri (Youth Friendly Health Center, Youth for Youth), Cimişlia**  
Project manager: Svetlana MOROZ  
Summary: The project main goal was to educate teenagers on taking responsibility for their own health by being informed about the consequences of a risky behavior. The following events were organized: a Flash-Mob activity in the main square in the town of Cimişlia, thematic TV programs and dissemination of brochures and leaflets, a roundtable with medical assistants from the polyclinics of Cimişlia.  
€500

Grantee: **Feme-ia (Women) NGO, Glodeni**  
Project manager: Nadejda SCRIPNIC  
Summary: The project aim was to inform and raise community awareness with regard to HIV/AIDS and to strengthen efforts in fighting HIV in the district of Glodeni. Thus, the following events were organized: an information seminar for high-school students, a Flash-Mob activity “Show your Support”, fundraising for HIV positive children from Glodeni region and a social theater.  
€500

Grantee: **Viaţa Nouă (New Life) NGO, Pas cu Pas (Step by Step) Branch, Cahul**  
Project manager: Svetlana CIOBANU  
Summary: The project pursued the aim to inform and raise community awareness on HIV/AIDS and to consolidate the efforts in diminishing stigma and discrimination towards PLHIV in the Southern region. To this end, a series of events were organized, including an informative session for the soldiers from the local military division, thematic activities at three discotheques in Cahul, a thematic concert, an activity with the media.  
€500

Grantee: **Biaz Gul NGO, Comrat**  
Project manager: Svetlana GHEORGHEIEVA  
Summary: The objective of the campaign was to raise public awareness of the population in the field of HIV/AIDS and promote tolerance and ethical behavior towards PLHIV. To this end, the following activities were organized: information seminars with university students, thematic activities at the discotheque in Comrat, an advocacy event at the VCT point in Comrat.  
€500

All the Soros Foundation-Moldova’s grantees under Round 8th, GFATM project “Care and Support for People Living with HIV”, participated or organized events related to the **Candlelight and Word AIDS Day**:

**Participation in International Events**

In 2011, 23 members of the League of PLHIV and representatives of NGOs which are implementing the project “Care and Support for PLHIV” participated in international events. The participation in international events of the members of the League has the purpose to establish new relations and opportunities for collaboration with partner NGOs from Eastern Europe, to learn from best practices and to contribute to developing a wider network of PLHIV.

**Participation of the representative of the League in the international conference “HIV in European Region – Unity and Diversity”, Estonia, May 25-27**  
Grantees: Alexandr CURAȘOV, Alexandr BIURICOV, Veaceslav TONCOGLAZ, Luminita RADU, Irina BAICALOV, Alexandr ZAVRICICO, Veaceslav MULEAR, Irina BELEVTOVA, Artur BUFNEAC  
€8,512

**Participation in the training course in “Psycho-Social Care, Support, Education and Protection of Children and Adolescents Infected and/or Affected by HIV/AIDS”, Israel, May 1-20**  
Grantees: Tatiana ȘCARUBA and Galina PRAVIȚCHI  
€986

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Participation in the workshop “Developing Leadership amongst Adolescents Affected by HIV/AIDS”, Ukraine, May 28-31
Grantees: Ludmila UNTURA and Pavel CHILCHEVSCHI
€590

Participation in “International Conference of Youth Organizations from CIS, HIV Prevention among Youth and Students”, Belorussia, September 29-30
Grantees: Andrei CASPAROV, Andrei VACARCIUC and Corina BRATUNOVA
€354

Participation in "MDG 6 Forum for Eastern Europe and Central Asia to Combat HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and other Diseases", Russia, October 10-12
Grantees: Ruslan HAIBULIN, Irina GALACENCO, Roman SANDU, Alexandr CURASOV, Irina BAICALOV, Corina BUNIC
€5,661

Participation in the conference “Getting out of the Margins in Europe – Changing Realities and Making the Difference” Ljubljana, Slovenia, December 12-14
Grantee: Denis MARUHA
€234

Local Training Courses

Training Courses for Social Assistants in the Field of HIV/AIDS
In 2011, 6 training sessions were carried out for 158 social assistants from different districts of the Republic of Moldova. All the trainings took place in Chisinau, at the Labor Institute on the following dates: 17-18 February (24 participants), 11-13 May (29 participants), 13-15 July (24 participants), 5-7 October (25 participants), 16-18 November (25 participants) and 14 -16 December (28 participants).
€14,434

Training Courses for the medical staff of the Republican Council for Medical Expertise of Vitality and the Republican Center for Rehabilitation
In 2011, two training courses were organized for a total number of 66 participants. The trainings took place in Chisinau, at the Labor Institute, on 26 -28 April and 8 -10 June.
€3,795

Workshop for Social Assistants in Software and Identification of the Needs for the Development of the National Database regarding the Beneficiaries' Register on Social Support
The needs assessment workshop was held in Chisinau, at the Labor Institute, on 22 – 23 September. A total number of 38 persons attended the workshop.
€1,073

Capacity Building Workshop for Social Protection System Workers in HIV/AIDS/STI
During March 10 -12 and December 16 -17, in Vadul lui Vodă, 47 representatives from the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family and members of the Technical Working Group of the CCM on TB/HIV/STI on "Social Assistance and Protection for People Affected by TB/HIV" were trained in strategic planning, M&E and international best practices in HIV/AIDS.
€6,817

Training Courses for Narcological Service Providers in ARV and OST Therapy
In 2011, two training sessions were carried out for 44 representatives of the narcological service. The two trainings took place in Vadul lui Vodă, at the IT Relax Hotel on 18 -20 July and 20 -22 July.
€6,172

Training in HIV/AIDS of the Staff of Summer Camps
During May 17 - 20, within the Labor Institute, Chisinau, four training sessions (one day each) in HIV/AIDS were organized for the managers and staff representatives of summer camps. A total number of 89 persons attended the training sessions in HIV/AIDS.
€2,022
Trainings sessions „Professional Foster Care for Children Infected/affected by HIV/AIDS within the Social Service System”
During February 24-25, March 3-4, November 29-30, and December 1-2, within the Labor Institute in Chisinau, four training sessions were organized for 86 professional foster parents. The participants were trained in providing professional care to children, including children infected/affected by HIV/AIDS.
€6,039

Training course on “Developing and Improving the Service Quality of Self-support Groups”
During March 24-25, in Chisinau, at the Vila Verde Hotel, a total number of 39 coordinators of self-support group, representing 10 NGOs, attended the training.
€3,056

Other Activities:

National Conference on HIV/AIDS
On December 5-7, the National Conference on HIV/AIDS was organized in Chisinau, at the Republican Palace. More than 150 local participants and 7 international participants attended the conference including state and international institutions’ representatives from Ukraine, Romania and Russia, academia, and representatives of NGOs active in the field of HIV/AIDS. The works of the Conference unfolded under the slogan: ZERO NEW INFECTIONS, ZERO STIGMA AND ZERO AIDS-RELATED DEATHS. The Conference concluded by signing a Resolution.
€33,974

Assessment of the Socio-economic Status of PLHIV
In February 2011, the research on the socio-economic status of PLHIV was launched. The Soros Foundation-Moldova recruited a short term national consultant to develop the methodology of the research, whereas the CBS-Axa Centre of Sociological Investigation and Marketing Research was selected to carry out the interviews in the field. The questionnaires were applied on a sample of 300 HIV positive people. In-depth interviews were conducted on a sample of 20 PLHIV. Additionally, in order to assess the opinion of key stakeholders, five focus groups were conducted with different categories of participants including representatives of the field of education, public health, social assistance, employers and NGOs. The preliminary results and the recommendations set forth based on the study on “Socio-economic Assessment of the Status of PLHIV in Moldova” were presented at the National HIV/AIDS Conference in December 2011.
€14,009

Development of the Quality Standards for the Regional Community Social Centers
The Minimum Quality Standards for services provided within the Regional Community Centers were developed based on the Framework Regulation for the establishment and operation of the Regional Community Centre. The document will be presented for review and debate at the TWG on “Social Assistance and Protection for People Affected by TB/HIV” of the National Coordination Council on HIV/TB and will be submitted to the government for approval.
€1,232

Development of the Framework Regulation for the Establishment and Operation of a Regional Community Centre
The Soros Foundation–Moldova hired a national consultant to provide technical assistance to NGOs in developing and finalizing the internal regulation documents based on the Framework Regulation for the establishment and operation of a Regional Community Centre.
€1,012

Organizing Summer Camps for Children Infected/Affected by HIV/AIDS alongside Learning Activities for Their Parents
All in all 350 persons, out of which 239 children infected/affected by HIV / AIDS, and 111 parents and tutors participated in two summer camps. The specialized summer camps for children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS were organized in several shifts. Information mini-seminars on HIV/AIDS were organized for parents and tutors.
€41,309
Support to the National Working Group of the National Coordination Council on TB/HIV/STI
The Technical Working Group (TWG) of the National Coordination Council on TB/HIV/STI on “Social Assistance and Protection for People Affected by TB/HIV” was established based on the decree # 12-P, issued on January 14, 2010, by the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family, in order to facilitate cooperation between the main stakeholders. In 2011 six sessions of the TWG were held on 25 January, 3 March, 23 May, 1 July, 24 August and 23 December.

€800

Publishing Informational Materials to Support IEC Activities of NGOs
In order to support IEC activities of NGOs, a total number of 156,000 informational materials were published and disseminated to NGOs, Soros Foundation-Moldova’s grantees under GFATM, round 8.

€18,074

Grants to NGOs Aimed to Support TB Patients and Their Family Members

Early Detection and Prevention of TB Cases Spread in the Orhei District
Grantee: Adolescentul (The Teenager) Education and Rehabilitation Center for Teenagers, Orhei
Project manager: Svetlana ROMANOVA
Summary: The project aimed at increasing the treatment success rate of TB patients in the district of Orhei by promoting early case detection and increasing the DOT adherence.
During 2011, the NGO provided services to 810 beneficiaries (183 TB patients and 627 people who are at a higher risk of TB infection). The organization also provided the following services: informing the community about the TB infection through various means of information, counselling and specialized counselling (psychological and social assistance) for TB patients and people who are at a higher risk of TB infection (contacts and injecting drug users) as well as educational and communication activities.
At the same time, in collaboration with the Carlux NGO, the project team offered social support to all TB patients from the district of Orhei (social support of 92 EUR, food parcels for TB patients to promote treatment adherence and reimbursement of transportation expenditures to the people with TB) from the GFATM funds.

€11,540

TB Prevention, Early Identification and Treatment for Risk Groups in Bălți
Grantee: Tinerii pentru Dreptul la Viață (Youth for the Right to Life) NGO, Bălți branch
Project Director: Ală IAȚCO
Summary: The main objective of the project was to increase the treatment success rate of IDUs TB patients from Bălți by raising the number of early detected and treated cases from the risk groups. The NGO signed a LoU with the Department of Phthisiopulmonology from the Bălți Municipal Hospital with the purpose to facilitate the access of NGOs’ beneficiaries to diagnosis and treatment.
During 2011 more than 392 people, IDUs from Bălți (including 51 TB patients) benefited from the services provided within the project and namely: peer to peer counselling, physiological support, TB counselling before and after TB detection including for the increase of TB treatment adherence, support groups for TB patients, counselling by means of a free telephone line, referral and accompanying to the medical institution and information activities.

€10,640

Community Involvement for Improvement of TB Control Program in the Transnistrian Region
Grantee: Health-social Programs NGO, Bender
Project manager: Vitalie MOROŞAN
Summary: The project goal was to decrease TB mortality and morbidity in the Transnistrian region by reducing the rates of treatment defaults and facilitating the active method of TB detection. During 2011, 47 TB patients from socially vulnerable groups received DOT at home. More than 844 people from high risk groups benefited from information services by means of the social theatre. The project also organized 9 information sessions, attended by 262 people from the Transnistrian region with high TB incidence.
In addition, the project team, in collaboration with the Carlux NGO, offered social support to all TB patients from the Transnistrian region (social support of 92 EUR, food parcels for TB patients to promote treatment adherence and reimbursement of transportation expenses to the people with TB from the GFATM funds.

€16,426

Reducing TB Morbidity and Mortality in Moldova
Grantee: Pentru Prezent și Viitor (For Present and Future) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Cristina MORARU
Summary: The project aimed at decreasing TB mortality and morbidity in the Republic of Moldova by promoting early case detection and increasing the DOT adherence for TB patients from Chisinau. The organization provided the following services: counselling and specialized counselling (psychological and social assistance) for TB patients and people who are at a higher risk of TB (contacts and injecting drug users) information, education and communication activities. A total number of 526 beneficiaries, out of which 294 -TB patients, was covered with services in 2011. Besides, the project team, in collaboration with the Carlux NGO, offered social support to all TB patients from Chisinau (social support of 92 EUR, food parcels for TB patients to promote treatment adherence and reimbursement of transportation expenditures to the people with TB) from the GFATM funds.

€18,790

Support and Training of TB Patients
Grantee: Asociația Națională a Bolnavilor de Tuberculoză din Republica Moldova SMIT (Societatea Moldovei împotriva tuberculozei), (National Association of TB patients from Moldova “SMIT” (Society against Tuberculosis in Moldova), Bălți
Project manager: Oxana RUCŞINEANU
Summary: The project aimed at improving the life quality of TB patients and reducing the spread of infection among people with a higher risk of TB. A total number of 105 TB patients from Florești in the out-patient treatment phase, and 139 people with a higher risk of TB were covered by the following services: peer to peer consultancy, information, education and communication, as well as referral services.

€15,860

Together against Tuberculosis
Grantee: Speranța Terrei (Hope of the Terra) NGO, Bălți
Project manager: Feodora RODIUCOVA
Summary: The purpose of the project was to increase the TB treatment success rate among TB patients from Bălți and Rîșcani, Glodeni, Fălești and Singerei districts. During 2011, 91 people from Bălți and Rîșcani benefited from the following services: Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) at home during the out-patient treatment phase, support groups for TB patients and their family members, medical and psychological counselling, access to rehabilitation treatment. In collaboration with the Carlux NGO, the project team offered social support to all TB patients from Bălți, Rîșcani, Glodeni, Fălești and Singerei districts (social support of 92 EUR, food parcels for TB patients to promote treatment adherence and reimbursement of transportation expenditures to the people with TB) from the GFATM funds.

€20,762

Don’t be Indifferent
Grantee: Cuget (Reflection) NGO, Fălești
Project manager: Mariana COVALCIUC / Eugenia MOISEI
Summary: The Project had the goal to promote civil society and volunteers’ participation in decreasing TB mortality and morbidity in the district of Fălești. In order to meet this objective, a network of support groups was established in 32 villages from the district of Fălești. In 2011 a total number of 48 TB patients and 176 people with a higher risk of TB infection benefited from such services and activities as: information, education, counselling and social support, provided by the members of the support groups.
Effective TB Control through Multilateral Social Partnership
Grantee: Consens (The Consensus) NGO, Singerei
Project manager: Ludmila PROCIUC
Summary: The project aim was to consolidate efforts in order to ensure the TB control. In 2011 the project provided the following services: psychological assistance and peer to peer consultancy to 317 beneficiaries from the district of Singerei, as well as information, education and communication activities (100 TB patients and 217 family members).

Consolidating the DOT Treatment in the Penitentiary Institutions of the Republic of Moldova
Grantee: CARLUX NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Lilian SEVERIN
Summary: The goal of the project was to consolidate the DOT treatment in the penitentiary institutions of the RM. In 2011, 192 TB patients (100% out of imprisoned TB patients in the penitentiary institutions # 13 and # 16) benefited from counselling and daily food product support. At the same time, information, education and communication services were offered to the prisoners, non-adherent to the anti-TB treatment.

Together for a Society without TB
Grantee: Asociația Națională a Bolnavilor de Tuberculoză din Republica Moldova SMIT (Societatea Moldovei împotriva tuberculozei), (National Association of TB patients from Moldova "SMIT" (Society against Tuberculosis in Moldova), Balti
Project manager: Oxana RUCȘINEANU
Summary: The main objective of the project was to reduce the stigma and discrimination of TB patients and increase the support of the society in solving the problems of TB patients by creating local partnerships. To fulfil the given objective, the project team organized 4 roundtables with the participation of LPA, representatives of medical and social institutions from Ocnița, Edinet, Donduşeni and Soroca. Besides, the project staff participated jointly with the personnel of the Department of Phtisiopulmonology of the Balti Municipal Hospital in the public debates on the draft of the Government's decision regarding the approval of the Regulations on coercive temporary hospitalization of TB patients. Also, the project team organized peer to peer information sessions for 305 hospitalized TB patients in 5 TB institutions in Moldova, including the Republican Phtisiopulmonology Institute, Municipal Phtisiopulmonological Hospital from Chisinau, Phtisiopulmonological Hospital from Vorniceni, Department of Phtisiopulmonology of Balti Municipal Hospital and the Phtisiopulmonology Department of the Floresti District Hospital.

TB Control with the Involvement of the Clergy from the Diocese of Ungheni and Nisporeni
Grantee: Diocese of Ungheni and Nisporeni
Project manager: Valeriu MUSTEĂȚĂ
Summary: The project goal was to increase the assistance of the representatives of the Diocese from Ungheni and Diocese from Nisporeni in TB control in the region. For this purpose, 6 information sessions for the representatives of the Orthodox Church were organized. During the information sessions with the participation of the representatives of Orthodox Church from the Diocese, around 180 clergymen were informed about the medical aspects of TB and the theological means of support for TB patients and their family members.

Mobilizing the Orthodox Church to Prevent TB in Moldova
Grantee: Centrul Regional pentru Politici Comunitare (Regional Center for Community Policies) NGO, Chisinau
Project manager: Rodica IVTODI
Summary: The aim of the project was to enhance awareness of TB among the clergy and to increase the assistance from the Orthodox Church in TB prevention. In 2011, 38 information sessions with the participation of 988 clergymen from the Orthodox Church were organized. In November 2011, the
organization launched a call for proposals aimed at supporting social centers within the Orthodox Church that would organize activities aiming at providing support to TB patients and their families.

€48,320

**Trainings for NGOs Active in TB Control**

Two trainings on “Involvement of civil sector in TB control” were organized for 50 participants in Chisinau in the period of March 1-3 and October 18-20.

€4,203

**Trainings on Community Involvement in TB Control for Volunteers**

During 2011, 10 trainings in “Community Involvement in TB control” were held for volunteers from NGOs active in the field on March 29-30, Orhei, (21 participants); April 5-6, Chisinau, (16 participants); April 12 -13, Bălți (16 participants); May 17 -18 , Făleşti (16 participants), May 24 -25, Florești (25 participants); June 7 -8, Bălți (16 participants); June 28-29, Chisinau (15 participants); July 26-27, Singerei (24 participants), November 30 - December 1, Chisinau (24 participants); December 20 -21, Chisinau (11 participants).

€6,302

**Information Sessions on TB for Members of the National League of PLHIV**

Seven information sessions on TB were organized for the members of the League of PLHIV: on March 31 in Chisinau; on May 20 in Chisinau; on June 8 in Bălți; on September 8 in Chisinau; on September 29 in Comrat; on October 13 in Bălți; on October 27 in Ribnita. A total number of 129 persons attended the information sessions.

€685

**Other Activities**

**Publication of Information on TB in the Church Newspapers**

The column „Your Health and Theology” was created and maintained in issues # 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the church newspaper “Altarul Credinței” and in the December edition of the church newspaper “Misionarul” (Annex IX). The column contains information of medical character, as well as theological aspects of health, diseases in general, and tuberculosis in particular.

€1,160

**Development and Publishing Informational Materials on TB in Collaboration with the Leaders of the Orthodox Church**

The following informational materials were developed and published:
1. "Ce trebuie să știm despre Tuberculoză" (What Should We Know about TB), (a guide for clergy). Content: medical and theological chapter. 2,000 copies, bilingual version (Romanian/Russian);
2. Carte de rugăciuni, destinată persoanelor bolnave. (Book of Prayers,) 10,000 copies (7,000 - in Romanian and 3,000 – in Russian);
3. Calendar bisericesc cu informații despre TB. (A church calendar with information about TB) 3,000 copies (Romanian);
4. "Ce trebuie să știm despre Tuberculoză" (What Should We Know about TB), (a guide for communities). 5000 copies (3,000 – in Romanian and 2,000 – in Russian). The booklet contains wet wipes, individually wrapped - 5,000 units

€3,963

During 2011, the Public Health Program team participated in various workshops, conferences, local, national and international training courses. The participation in these activities aimed at increasing the capacities of the program team and also at contributing to the development and implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Policies. The following events were attended by the representatives of the Public Health Program:

Training in “Evaluation of HIV Surveillance, and Data Use and Reporting”, organized by WHO in collaboration with Andrija Stampar School of Public Health Medical School, University of Zagreb, Croatia;

Regional conference on “Regional Dialogue: Eastern Europe & Central Asia” organized by the Global Commission on HIV and the Law, held in Chisinau;
International conference on “HIV in European Region – Unity and Diversity”, organized by the Estonian National Institute for Health Development, held in Tallinn, Estonia;

Workshop on „Accessing and Using the UNAIDS e-platform”, organized by UNAIDS, in Chisinau;

Workshop on “Advocacy and Communication”, organized by the Soros Foundation-Moldova, held in Chisinau;

Training course in “Integrated Medical Management of HIV/AIDS Infection”, organized by the PAS Centre, held in Vadul lui Vodă;

Regional forum “MDG6 Forum for Eastern Europe and Central Asia to Combat HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and other Diseases”, held in Moscow, Russia;

1st MAF Roundtable in Moldova (MDG Acceleration Framework) jointly organized by UNDP and WHO, held in Chisinau;

Workshop on „Evaluation of the HIV/AIDS National Monitoring and Evaluation System”;

Workshop on “Validation of Data Triangulation Conclusions”;

Training course in “AIDS Info Platform”, organized by the UNAIDS;

Training course in “Mental Health and Addiction in Prison”, financed by UNODC, Council of Europe and Pompidou group;

Training course in “Development of the Pre/Post Counselling Referral Guide for HIV and Hepatitis B and C ”, organized by the PAS Center.

The Public Health Program representatives were involved in the debates on the Amendment of the Law on HIV/AIDS, organized by the AIDS Centre Moldova; a representative of the Public Health Program (PHP) from the Soros Foundation-Moldova participated as a national facilitator during the Joint Assessment of the National AIDS Program; PHP representatives participated as members in several technical working groups of the National Coordination Council TB/HIV/STDs, such as TWG on "Social Assistance and Protection for People Affected by TB/HIV", "Harm Reduction/Vulnerable Groups", "Communication and Prevention of HIV/AIDS/STI", "Treatment and Care of People Infected with HIV/AIDS/STI", "Monitoring and Evaluation of TB/AIDS" (mixed group). Also, the PHP representatives facilitated the visit of the international assessment commission for the evaluation of the National AIDS Program and co-organized the work visit of the GFATM Portfolio Manager.

During 2011, the Public Health Program coordinated the activity of the Technical Working Group "Vulnerable Groups" of CCM on TB/HIV.

In order to ensure a successful implementation of the activities of grant beneficiary organizations, the Harm Reduction Sub-program purchased and disseminated goods/consumables (syringes, alcohol wipes, etc.) in the amount of 113,183 USD (funded by a third party). In 2011, the program received from PCU and donated to PHP’s grantees condoms in the value of 26,047 USD.

Expenditures for publishing informational materials: 1,984 USD and 35,220 Euro
Monitoring and evaluation activities implementation costs: 22,741 USD and 10,494 Euro
Other related costs: SFM/OSI NY – 12,790 USD and third party funding – 47,527 USD and 145,021 Euro

Total Harm Reduction Subprogram expenditures: SFM/OSI NY – 98,962 USD and third party funding – 575,798 USD and 1,499,586 Euro

Public Health Program administration expenditures: 25,933 USD
Total Public Health Program expenditures: 1,840,150 USD and 1,499,586 Euro
CULTURAL POLICY PROGRAM

Vision:
A decentralized, democratic and modern cultural sector in Moldova, based on a legal framework aligned with European standards, implementing new models of cultural activity and promoting collaboration between decision-makers, cultural stakeholders and the related segment of civil society.

Context:
The mission of the Cultural Policy Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova (SFM) is to contribute to the development of an open, participatory, pluralistic society, based on democratic values. In order to achieve this goal, the Cultural Policy Program organizes, supports and finances activities intended to strengthen the cultural sector and cultural policies.

The Program targets several important aspects of cultural and artistic processes in Moldova related to the promotion of ambitious, sustainable, decentralized and modern cultural policies. In order to achieve this goal, the Foundation established a partnership with the European Cultural Foundation, based on a systemic and complex approach to strengthening human resources. Within this partnership, four comprehensive projects are being implemented:

- Pilot-project “Visions on the Cultural Policy for Moldova: from Changes to Sustainability” (January 2008 – June 2012)
- „Reinforcing Moldova’s Development Capacities by Strengthening Its Cultural Sector” (project, financially supported by the MATRA program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, ECF and OSF) (October 2007 – June 2012)
- TANDEM: Cultural Managers Exchange Ukraine - European Union - Moldova (implemented by the European Cultural Foundation, MitOst, the Centre for Cultural Management Lviv, Soros Foundation-Moldova, Culture Action Europe, and financially supported by the European Commission and Robert Bosch Foundation). (November 2010 – June 2012)
- “The Cultural House – a Model of Strengthening the Local Community through Civil Partnership”, a project implemented by the Soros Foundation–Moldova with the financial support of the European Cultural Foundation. (November 2011 – December 2012)

List of Acronyms
ECF European Cultural Foundation
NGO Non-governmental Organization
SFM Soros Foundation-Moldova

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PROJECT 1: VISIONS ON THE CULTURAL POLICIES FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: FROM CHANGES TO SUSTAINABILITY

Within the pilot-project launched in 2007 by the Soros Foundation-Moldova in partnership with the European Cultural Foundation, the Netherlands, a series of activities were carried out:

- Roundtables and public debates aimed at involving civil society in identifying and promoting strategic ideas concerning the cultural development of Moldova (2008);
- An international conference and expert group meetings oriented towards increasing the awareness of the stakeholders from the culture field about current problems (2008);
- Development and implementation of new cultural strategies aimed at improving the legal framework, cultural decentralization, supporting the implementation of new models of cultural activity and fostering collaboration between decision-makers, cultural stakeholders and the related segment of civil society (2008);
- The Congress of the Representatives of Culture from the Republic of Moldova (December 12, 2009);
- The book “Visions on the Cultural Policy for the Republic of Moldova: from Changes to Sustainability” was edited and published (2009);
- A three-day international conference entitled “The Cultural Policy of the Republic of Moldova in the Transition Process: Experience, Challenges, Sustainability, Future Prospects” which gathered representatives of the cultural sector, public administration, policy-makers, local and international experts, businessmen and representatives of other important social fields (2009);

During 2010-2011 the activities were concentrated on content editing, translation in three languages (Romanian, English and Russian) of the textual materials for the informational portal www.cultura.md. The content covers the following fields: cultural policies, cultural heritage, visual arts, music, theater, cinema, and choreography.

$4,934 – ECF budget
PROJECT 2: REINFORCING MOLDOVA’S DEVELOPMENT CAPACITIES BY STRENGTHENING ITS CULTURAL SECTOR

Development of the Guide “Arts and Culture in the Republic of Moldova”
Coordinator: Irina GRABOVAN
In 2011, the process of text and visual materials preparation, translation and editing for the Guide “Arts and Culture in the Republic of Moldova” continued. The deadline for completing and publishing the guide was extended until the end of July 2012.
$2,012 – ECF budget

Participation in the conference "Development of the Cultural Offer in Rural Area" held in Bucharest, Romania, on 24 March
The Soros Foundation–Moldova awarded a travel grant to support 30 people from the cultural field working in the rural area to participate in the conference "Development of the Cultural Offer in Rural Area" held in Bucharest, Romania, on 24 March, at the invitation of the Intercultural Institute from Timișoara.
$4,776 – ECF budget and $4,975 - SFM/Core budget
PROJECT 3: TANDEM: CULTURAL MANAGERS EXCHANGE UKRAINE - EUROPEAN UNION - MOLDOVA (November 2010 – June 2012)

In November 2010, the Soros Foundation–Moldova launched the TANDEM cultural cooperation project. The project is implemented by a consortium of organizations which includes the European Cultural Foundation (Amsterdam), MitOst (Berlin), Culture Action Europe (Brussels), Centre for Cultural Management (Lviv) and Soros Foundation–Moldova.

The purpose of the project is to offer local cultural organizations a good platform for cultural collaboration and experience exchange with their European fellows. The aim is to defy and overcome the stereotypes which exist on both sides of the border and benefit from more projects through cultural cooperation.

In 2011, the TANDEM project carried out the following activities:

Preparatory meetings of the Soros Foundation–Moldova’s local implementation team with the representatives of the selected Moldovan organizations.

Before the kick-off meeting of the representatives of organizations from Moldova and the European Union, the Soros Foundation–Moldova’s local implementation team organized two meetings on the preparation and clarification of issues related to the next steps for the representatives of the selected Moldovan organizations. They were held on March 17 and April 4. The discussed issues included:
- Questions and answers on the next selection stage;
- The communication method between the Moldovan and European organizations;
- The best way of presenting the Moldovan organizations on the first day of the European participants’ working trip on held 10 April;
- Organization of trips for the European guests to Moldovan participants’ offices;
- Organization of a cultural program in Chisinau for the European guests.

The kick-off meeting between the cultural managers of the European and Moldovan organizations selected to participate in the 2nd project stage

The meeting held on April 10-15, kicked-off the cooperation between the cultural managers of the organizations from the European Union and Moldova. The kick-off meeting was held on April 10 and introduced the participants during a joint Swedish-style dinner in one of Chisinau restaurants. On April 11, the Soros Foundation–Moldova hosted in its office 49 participants, representing 18 Moldovan organizations, including the Transnistrian ones, and 17 European organizations. The meeting aimed at familiarizing the participants with the features of the cultural activities carried out by the host and invited organizations.

The event agenda included the following activities:
- Presentation of the project and the implementation team;
- A brief presentation of the cultural background of Moldova;
- Pecha Kucha’s presentations of the Moldovan organizations;
- Pecha Kucha’s presentations of the European organizations;
- A multimedia “Bazaar” of the Moldovan and European organizations with cultural elements, interpretations, traditional cuisine specific to each country/organization;
- Trips for the European organizations to the offices of the local organizations, including those from the rural area and Transnistria;
- A cultural program (Laundry Theatre, National Opera, Puzzle Up ChisiNow Exhibition at the Zemstva Museum, a trip to Mileştii-Mici Winery);
- Consolidation of the newly created Tandems.
Call for proposals for TANDEM projects
Following the meeting of the organizations from the EU and Moldova held during April 10-15, an announcement was made on the submission of applications during May 1 – June 16 for TANDEM project proposals with concepts on cultural projects to be implemented by the newly created partnerships.

Selection of the winner TANDEM teams
The Moldovan organizations, in partnership with the European ones, submitted 12 projects within the call for TANDEM project proposals. According to the project, seven best Tandems were to be selected. Out of 12 applications, the following projects were selected:

**TANDEM 1**
Organization from Moldova: A. Șciusev Art School for Children, Chisinau
Coordinator: Tatiana FIODOROVA
Organization from the European Union: Academy of Art in Katowice, Poland
Coordinator: Leslaw TETLA
Title of the project: „Spaces for Shaping Social Attitudes”
Genre: Visual arts, architecture

**TANDEM 2**
Organization from Moldova: „Casa Părintească (Parents’ House)”, Călărași
Coordinator: Ghenadie ŞONŢU
Organization from European Union: Balestra Berlin, Germany
Coordinator: Silvana de HILLERIN
Title of the Project: „Eclectic Line”
Genre: Fashion Design

**TANDEM 3**
Organization from Moldova: „Casa Părintească (Parents’ House)”, Călărași
Coordinator: Ghenadie ŞONŢU
Organization from the European Union: NGO Totaldobze / Art Center, Riga, Latvia
Coordinator: Odrija FISERE
Title of the project: „Symbiosis”
Genre: Visual arts, music, multimedia

**TANDEM 4**
Organization from Moldova: German Cultural Centre ACCENTE, Chisinau
Coordinator: Nicoleta ESINENCU
Organization from the European Union: Dresden State Theatre, Germany
Coordinator: Christof BELKA
Title of the project: „Freedom 2.0”
Genre: Performing arts

**TANDEM 5**
Organization from Moldova: German Cultural Centre ACCENTE, Chisinau
Coordinator: Nora DOROGAN
Organization from the European Union: Röda Sten, Göteborg, Sweden
Coordinator: Corina OPREA
Title of the project: „Temporary Status”
Genre: Visual arts

**TANDEM 6**
Organization from Moldova: KSAK Centre for Contemporary Art, Chisinau
Coordinator: Lilia DRAGNEVA
Organization from the European Union: Les Ateliers du Vent, Rennes, France
Coordinator: Alain HÉLOU
Title of the project: „Babel Cabaret”
Genre: Visual arts
TANDEM 7
Organization from Moldova: Moldova Young Artists Association Oberliht, Chisinau
Coordinator: Vladimir US
Organization from the European Union: Le Generateur, France
Coordinator: Lore GABLIER
Title of the project: “Spaces for Shaping Social Attitudes”
Genre: Visual arts, architecture

Meeting of the Winner TANDEM Teams EU-MD and EU-UA in Brussels. The Trip of TANDEM Partners to Partner Organizations from Europe for Placements
Following the call for TANDEM project proposals, 7 winner projects were selected out of 7 planned by Moldova and 17 winner projects out of 18 planned by Ukraine.
All the 24 Tandems were invited to Brussels to be trained on future challenges. At the same time, after the training, the TANDEM partners from Moldova and Ukraine visited the offices of partner European organizations during a ten-day visit.
The Brussels trip schedule included the following subjects and activities:
- Clarification of residents’ expectations and objectives;
- Intercultural communication training;
- Signing partnership and grant agreements;
- Guide-accompanied tour of the European Parliament;
- Workshop on the “European Union and the Eastern Neighborhood Countries” held by Dr. Katarzyna PEŁCZYŃSKA-NAŁĘCZ, Center for Eastern Studies;
- Workshop on “Cultural Policies and the European Union” held by Ilona KISH, Culture Action Europe;
- Discussions on various topics with the participation of the invitees from relevant European institutions;
- Considering possible EU financing opportunities, having Fiona DEUSS FRANDI (EACEA), Frederic VARENNE (DEVCO), Cristiana TORRES (DEVCO), and Sabine BORNEMANN (CCP) as speakers.
- Visit to the European cultural networks (CAE, IETM, CREA.RE, RESEAU des arts a Brussels, Eurocities);
- Intercultural investment-related aspects;
- Case studies;
- TANDEM web page;
- Individual consulting among the TANDEM participants and the project team.

Wrapping-up the Residents’ Results and Reflection on the Gained Experience
After the ten-day visit of Moldova/Ukraine partners to one of the European organizations, the tandems returned back to Brussels for one day - on October 1, for a wrap-up meeting on the residents’ results and reflection on the gained experience. Then a period of individual work between the partners followed. During that period of time, the Moldovan and European partners arranged numerous details on implementing their TANDEM projects during the following year.
The next activity planned for 2012 will include a meeting of the EU-MD TANDEM teams in Chisinau and the investment to be made by their European partners in the Moldovan organizations.

Meetings of Consortium Partners to Plan the Next Activities
Because the TANDEM project is a pilot one, two meetings of the consortium partners were planned. They were to take place during a key period for further project implementation: on March 1-2, in Berlin and on July 1-5, in Istanbul. The Soros Foundation–Moldova’s team participated in the decision-making via a video-conference held on Saturday and Sunday, July 2-3, 2011.
The project will continue until June 2012.

Total project expenditures: $20,168 – ECF budget and $20,882 – SFM/Core budget
PROJECT 4: THE CULTURAL HOUSE – A MODEL OF STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH CIVIL PARTENERSHIP

The project aimed at setting up models for reorganizing cultural houses into centers that provide cultural services to the population based on partnership and cooperation between cultural institutions, organizations representing the civic sector and public administration institutions.

The reorganization of the cultural houses’ operation implies, first of all, that the operational strategy of these institutions should be based on the cultural needs of the community. A cultural house should be involved in resolving the actual issues of the population, which could be provided through an effective management and a stable partnership. Ultimately, such an institution is able to initiate cultural projects, support civic initiatives, and help increase the citizens’ standards of living.

This is a two-year project. The individuals selected to participate in the project will attend a training course in cultural entrepreneurship consisting of four sessions and a study visit abroad to learn about the experience of other countries. Afterwards, the beneficiaries will develop project proposals for reforming the cultural houses they represent. SFM will award implementation grants for the best project proposals.

Call for Proposals for Institutions Interested to Participate in the Project
On November 8, the call for participation in the project was announced. At the same time, during the whole month, the project team visited most of the district centers. Those visits aimed at providing additional information and answering questions.

The receipt of applications was open until December 30th. Until the deadline, 55 applications were received. The call results and the following activities under this project can be found on the SFM web page www.soros.md.

$116 – ECF Budget
MEDIA PROGRAM

Vision:
Moldova – a country with a free information market serving not only as a general human value but also as an indispensable tool for economic and social progress.

Context:
The most serious problems in the media field are related to the need to improve public information, to implement functioning mechanisms of public oversight, and to create an information environment adjusted to the standards of societies with established democratic traditions.

In 2011, the Media Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova supported civil society initiatives aimed at monitoring the compliance with the legal provisions in the operation of the Teleradio-Moldova Public Broadcasting Company (NPIA) and its Board of Observers, as well as the regulatory institutions in this field and amending the Audiovisual Code. To this end, the Media Program established effective partnerships with the Association of Electronic Press, the Board of Observers of the Teleradio-Moldova NPIA and the Coordinating Council on the Audiovisual. Independent experts and non-governmental organizations were supported to facilitate the reorganization of the Teleradio-Moldova NPIA. The management of Teleradio-Moldova and the Board of Observers of Teleradio-Moldova had enough openness and interest in cooperation, including in setting up mutually advantageous cooperation agreements between the NPIA and the private producers sector.

The process of developing the new draft of the Audiovisual Code initiated in 2010, continued under the aegis of the Association of Electronic Press. However, the plans and expectations were not fully met due to the political instability. Each election round blocked the activity of the public-private group engaged in the code development for several months. In addition, the project started with the intention to amend the current code, however, its review proved that too many adjustments would have to be made (around 60% of the current law); therefore it became obvious the need to develop a new audiovisual law. Despite this, the first public debate on the new draft law took place towards the end of 2011.

Throughout 2011, the Media Program further supported local media and other initiatives aimed at developing the domestic audiovisual through projects on enhancing the media sector, in-service training, systematic monitoring, consulting, technical upgrade, direct support for producing news and programs of community and public interest, etc.

The local broadcast media was also largely assisted during the electoral campaign for the Local General Elections held in June 2011. All the regional TV network members organized political debates in the Romanian and Russian languages, with the participation of electoral candidates and presented quality informational products to voters. The projects under the Program on Support to Regional Media were funded in cooperation with the Government of Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

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List of Acronyms:
APEL Association of Electronic Press from Moldova
AIP Association of Independent Press
Sida Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
BCC Broadcasting Coordinating Council
EC European Council
ECHR European Court of Human Rights
IJC Independent Journalism Center
BO Board of Observers
NPIA National Public Institution of Audiovisual
RPIA Regional Public Institution of Audiovisual
NCRF National Council for Radio Frequencies
MIARM Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova
SFM  Soros Foundation-Moldova
NMP  Network Media Program
CCA  Coordinating Council on the Audiovisual
SUBPROGRAM 1: SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT LOCAL MEDIA

The Media Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova implemented the component "Enhancing the Regional Broadcast Media Network’s Capacity to Report on Issues of Community and Public Interest" of the "Improving Good Governance in Moldova through Increased Public Participation" Project during 4 December 2009 – 31 January 2012. The Project was implemented with the financial support of the Government of Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and the Soros Foundation-Moldova. The main goal of the project is to mainstream democratic values in society by enhancing the local TV and radio stations’ network which will ensure access of the community audience to information of local, regional and national interest and will broaden the public and social dialogue space.

To achieve the Project general objective, the following activities were implemented:
- Network membership updated
- The technical functionality of Network member stations was improved by providing additional equipment needed to achieve the new objectives
- The informational product of the Network member stations was diversified by involving local journalists in the work of the Central Production Studio, which provided to the local audiences greater access to local and country-wide information.
- The Network members received training in producing community interest radio/TV news and programs and interactive talk-shows on current issues for community audience.
- An exchange of programs via the Network, mutual transfer of experience and other cooperation forms between the local stations were organized.
- The activity of Network members was monitored.
- The trends of voluntary professional association of local/regional broadcasters were supported.
- The participatory journalism within the Network and the spirit of community democratic participation was promoted. This project area aims at supporting the regional broadcast media’s intention to facilitate citizen dialogue by conducting various types of public sittings/meetings/events with the participation of community audience).

Currently, the Radio/TV network comprises 13 radio stations and 17 TV stations, including 2 internet TV stations from Transnistria as follows:

**Radio network:** Radio Orhei (Orhei), Plus FM (Şingerei), Radio Media (Cimişlia), Bas FM (Basarabeasca), Radio Albena (Taraclia), Radio Jelannoe (Ribniţa), Radio Novaia Volna (Bender), Radio Prim (Glodeni), Flor FM (Floreşti), Canal-X FM (Briceni), Impuls FM (Şoldăneşti), Triumf FM (Călăraşi) şi Euronova FM (Ungheni).

**TV network:** Canal X (Briceni), AVM (Edineţ), Impuls TV (Şoldăneşti), Studio-L (Căuşeni), Albasat (Nisporenii), Bas TV (Basarabeasca), NTS (Taraclia), TV Prim (Glodeni), Flor TV (Floreşti), Art TV (Strâşeni), TV Euronova (Ungheni), TVD (Donduşeni), Aiin Aciic (Ciadîr-Lunga), ATV (Comrat), Triumf TV (Călăraşi), Dnestr TV (Bender) şi Lik TV (Ribniţa).

Throughout 2011, in compliance with the project strategy, the radio and TV stations selected for participation in the project benefited from a comprehensive training program, systematic consulting, exchange of experience and audiovisual programs, as well as direct support (grants). The direct support provided through grants for the production of news and radio/TV programs of community interest, covered four components:
- partial coverage of production costs of news and community interest programs aimed to be exchanged within the network;
- in-house training facilitated by a professional local expert;
- radio and TV network meetings;
- support to organize and facilitate citizen journalism (TV stations);
- technological upgrade.

**GRANTS FOR LOCAL RADIO AND TV STATIONS**

In 2011, 11 local radio and 15 local TV stations (including 2 radio and 2 TV stations from Transnistria) benefited from the following direct support:
Radio Network:

Grantee: Radio Prim from Glodeni, Megan TV JSC
Project manager: Arcadie MAICAN, director
$7,900

Grantee: Plus FM from Singerei, Inforustic Ltd
Project manager: Ştefan SOLTAN, editor-in-chief
$11,700

Grantee: Radio Orhei from Orhei, Media Sfera Ltd
Project manager: Tatiana DJAMANOV, director
$8,368

Grantee: Radio Media from Cimişlia, Pro Media Ltd
Project manager: Andrei BARGAN, director
$7,388

Grantee: Radio Albena from Taraclia, Urania FM Ltd
Project manager: Vasilii CASSA, director
$7,900

Grantee: Bas FM from Basarabeasca, LV-Topal Ltd
Project manager: Vladimir TOPAL
$7,900

Grantee: Flor FM from Floreşti, Flor TV Ltd
Project manager: Valeriu POSTOLACHI, director
$7,900

Grantee: Canal-X FM from Briceni, Canal-X Ltd
Project manager: Piotr CONDRAŢCHII, director
$7,250

Grantee: Impuls FM from Șoldănești, Impuls TV Ltd
Project manager: Victor SOFRONII, director
$3,850

In 2011, two new radio stations were included into the radio/TV network: Triumf FM and Euronova FM. Both of them benefited from the following direct financial support for successful integration into the network and startup activities as required by project.

Grantee: Triumf FM from Călăraşi, ML-COM Ltd
Project manager: Margareta LISANOV, director
$5,730

Grantee: Euronova FM from Ungheni, TV-EURONOVA Ltd
Project manager: Efim BARDAN, director
$5,730

TV Network:

Grantee: Bas TV from Basarabeasca, LV-Topal Ltd
Project manager: Vladimir TOPAL, director
$16,897

Grantee: NTS from Taraclia, Urania FM Ltd
Project manager: Vasilii CASSA, director
$16,908
Grantee: *TV Prim* from Glodeni, Megan TV JSC  
Project manager: Arcadie MAICAN, director  
$16,928

Grantee: *Art TV* from Străşeni, Art Club Ltd  
Project manager: Dumitru TRIBOI, director  
$16,953

Grantee: *Albasat* from Nisporeni, Albasat Ltd  
Project manager: Efim BARDAN, director  
$16,908

Grantee: *Studio-L* from Căuşeni, Studio-L Ltd  
Project manager: Ghenadie LUPACESCU, director  
$16,953

Grantee: *Impuls TV* from Şoldăneşti, Dalan Ltd  
Project manager: Victor SOFRONI, director  
$16,908

Grantee: *Euronova* from Ungheni, TV Euronova Ltd  
Project manager: Efim BARDAN, director  
$16,908

Grantee: *Canal-X* from Briceni, Canal X Ltd  
Project manager: Piotr CONDRAŢCHII, director  
$16,908

Grantee: *AVM* from Edineţ, AVM Ltd  
Project manager: Vladimir GUMENIUC, studio manager  
$16,908

Grantee: *Flor TV* from Floreşti, Flor TV Ltd  
Project manager: Valeriu POSTOLACHI, director  
$16,908

Grantee: *ATV* from Comrat, Bizim Aidinik Ltd  
Project manager: Elizaveta ROTARI, director  
$16,908

Grantee: *Aiin Aciic* from Ciadîr-Lunga, Aiin Aciic Ltd  
Project manager: Liubovi CASÎM, director  
$18,103

Grantee: *TVD* from Donduşeni, SERVTv Ltd  
Project manager: Victor CIUMAC, director  
$16,908

Grantee: *TRIUMF TV* from Călăraşi, ML-COM Ltd  
Project manager: Margareta LiSANOV, director  
$18,468

Total costs: $338,090, including $325,460 - Sida funds and $12,630 – SFM/core funds

**Operational projects**

**Audience Research Survey of Regional Radio and TV Network Member Stations**

An audience research survey of regional radio and TV network member stations was conducted in January 2011. The survey conducted by CBS AXA aimed to estimate the existent and potential
audience of local radio and TV stations and have the radio and TV programs evaluated by the community audience. The survey was conducted in 190 localities in the Northern, Central and Southern regions by interviewing 4,293 people. Focus-groups consisting of opinion leaders from local communities sought to gather data on the following aspects: general audience, preferred stations, reasons for their preference, perception of local TV and radio stations, evaluation of their activities, suggestions on improving their operation, etc.

The community inhabitants were asked to give answers on the following subjects:
- Preferred media;
- Quality of the signal transmission of local TV stations;
- The way local TV stations are accessed (air/cable);
- Duration of watching local TV stations during the week and in the week-end;
- Type of programs and news in which the public is interested;
- The degree of interest in various topics;
- The level of trust in regional broadcasters;
- Community expectations from program content grid.

The audience research survey was extremely useful in setting out the strategy for developing the regional radio and TV network member stations during the second year of project implementation. $23,512 – Sida funds

**Diversification of Regional Broadcasters’ Program Content Grid by Upgrading the Webpage for News and Programs Exchange among the Network Members**

The webpage for news and program exchange among the network members is a cooperation tool highly appreciated by the regional broadcasters. It allows them to easily diversify their program grid by sharing news and programs with the network peers from the whole country. As a result, over 50% of the programs broadcasted by a local TV/Radio station are taken over by the peers from the regional broadcast media network. The exchange enables them to maintain the diversity and a high number of broadcasted programs and low production costs. To increase the speed with which the audiovisual products are accessed and taken over via the exchange webpage, a monthly connection to high-speed Internet and maintenance services for the central server were provided.

$1,962 – Sida funds

**Systematic Network Meetings and Technical Assistance to Regional Broadcasters**

In 2011, systematic network meetings were held in Chisinau (9) and regionally (9). The agenda of the network meetings included the presentation and discussion of the results of monthly monitoring and of the evaluation of stations’ activities, listening to/watching news and topic programs proposed for exchange within the network, joint development of optimal solutions for network functioning, training sessions to fill in the gaps identified during the programming monitoring.

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In addition, the Radio/TV network technical coordinator, Sergiu TUDOS, regularly visited the radio and TV stations to provide project-related consulting and technical assistance.  
$17,656 - Sida funds

**Training for Regional Journalists in Producing Talk-Shows at Local TV and Radio Stations**  
During January 10-16, 2011, over 50 managers, journalists and operators of the regional TV and radio stations attended the training on professional principles and facilitation skills for talk-shows and topic programming. The training was organized in Bulgaria in partnership with the Sofia-based Center for Media Development and was facilitated by media managers and renowned journalists from Bulgaria: Nina ALEXANDROVA, Dilian STOYANOV, Dimitar KONSTANTINOV and Dmitri ISKRENOV, who were assisted by Moldovan trainers.  
$27,445 – Sida funds

**Training on “Role of Civic and Citizen Journalism in Managing a Regional TV Station”**  
During May 7-14, 2011, 41 managers, journalists, and operators of the regional TV stations attended the training on civic and citizen journalism. Trainers Yevhen HLIBOVYTSKYY (Media Consultancy and Training Center, Ukraine) and Georgi KURTEV (Media Development Center, Bulgaria) focused on the importance and the correct application of civic and citizen journalism principles. The experts emphasized its key features: amateur journalism with both a positive impact (the ability to freely disseminate one’s own opinions) and a negative one (a few well-documented materials); a mass activity, which leads to wider coverage of an event, but also to more “informational noise”; extremely high speed with which the news is reported allowing to learn about certain events before communicated by the traditional media; the relationship among the users of a social network; feedback on what is reported, even though they often divert from the subject that had stirred up the discussion; the wide use of the Web 2.0 virtual platform, firstly by the citizens, non-journalists; the emerging and geographically increasing number of blogs and bloggers; rocketing of a range of diversified topics, once unimaginable, in the information flow; the “contamination” of professional journalism with topics and issues once neglected or marginalized; heterogeneity of participants in the act of communication, and the effects of socialization of communities that are unknown to each other or do not have a common place of residence, etc. At the same time, because it was before the June 2011 local elections, local journalists received several training sessions on fair, objective and impartial coverage of elections campaigns in the broadcast media. In addition, the stations’ managers received valuable information about the main strategic principles of administering, developing and managing a successful TV/Radio station.  
$32,066 – Sida funds

**Contest for Promoting Civic and Citizen Journalism by Regional TV Stations**  
During September 1 –October 31, 2011, the Soros Foundation-Moldova organized the “Promoting Civic and Citizen Journalism” contest for regional Radio/TV network member stations, with the following nominations:  
- Nomination category: “Promoting Citizen Journalism”. Only TV stations participated in this section;  
- Nomination category: “Promoting Civic Journalism”. Only TV stations’ production teams participated in this section;  
- Nomination category: “Promoting Citizen Activism”. Only citizens nominated by TV stations participated in this section. Each station could nominate up to 3 participants in a contest category.  
The contest winners were:  

**Beneficiary:** Bizim Aidinic Ltd (ATV, Comrat)  
**Awards:** Promoting Citizen Journalism – 1st degree award

**Beneficiary:** Aiin Acic Ltd (Aiin Acic, Ceadir-Lunga)  
**Awards:**  
Promoting Citizen Journalism – 2nd degree award
Promoting Citizen Activism:
Ghenadii VILKOV – 1st degree award
Nicolai CROITOR – 2nd degree award

Beneficiary: Dalan SRL (Impuls TV, Șoldănești)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Journalism – 3rd degree award
Promoting Citizen Activism:
Marina MOLDOVANU – 1st degree award
Ludmila MATERINCA – 2nd degree award

Beneficiary: Flor-TV SRL (Flor TV, Florești)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Journalism – 1st degree award:
A. POSTOLACHI, journalist
V. FROLOV, montage
Promoting Citizen Activism:
Alexandru RAȚĂ – 1st degree award
Anastasia GROSSU – 3rd degree award
Doina OSTROV – 3rd degree award

Beneficiary: LV-Topal SRL (Bas TV, Basarabeasca)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Journalism – 2nd degree award:
L. TOPAL, main editor
D. TARAN, correspondent
V. BUCEĂȚCHI, cameraman
A. TERZINOV

Beneficiary: Canal-X SRL (Canal X, Briceni)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Journalism – 3rd degree award
P. CONDRAȚCHI, editor
C. DODU, reporter
A. DODU, cameraman
A. MEDVEȚCHI, live broadcasting cameraman

Beneficiary: AVM SRL (AVM TV, Edineț)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Activism:
Igor NEPEIVODA – 1st degree award
Iachim VASILE – 3rd degree award

Beneficiary: Urania FM SRL (NTS, Taraclia)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Activism:
Leonid MIHOV – 1st degree award
Gheorghe GAIDARJI – 3rd degree award
Nadejda PASLARI – 3rd degree award

Beneficiary: SERVTV SRL (TVD TV, Dondușeni)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Activism:
Vitalie KРИMINSCHII – 2nd degree award
Constantin CATLABUGA – 2nd degree award

Beneficiary: TV-Euronova SRL (Euronova TV, Ungheni)
Awards:
Promoting Citizen Activism:
Ion NEGRU – 2nd degree award
$9,750 - Sida funds

Training in Civic and Citizen Journalism in International Media Practices
During May 7-14, a training course was organized for all Moldovan regional radio stations, which was attended by 13 managers and reporters. The features of citizen journalism promotion at a local radio station and the importance of mainstreaming this form of collaboration with citizens in Moldova were discussed, as well as the principles and professional standards for correct, objective and impartial coverage of elections campaigns in the broadcast media, which were extremely useful for the local journalists because it was held before the June 2011 local elections. In addition, the stations’ managers received valuable information about the strategic principles of administering, developing and managing a successful regional radio station.
The training participants, divided into teams, developed a set of rules for interaction with citizens eager to practice journalism. The presentation and review of the developed materials enabled writing a model variant, valid for any media institution that cares for cooperation with active community members for the common good – topic diversification and increased promptness with which the information products are offered to communities. The training was led by Yevhen HLIOBOVYTSKY (Media Consultancy and Training Center, Ukraine) and Georgi KURTEV (Media Development Centre, Bulgaria).

$9,952 – Sida funds

Training of Accountants and Project Managers in Grants Financial Management, Accounting and Internal Control within the Organization
On July 19, a training course in grants financial management, accounting and internal control within the organization for accountants and project managers was held. The training agenda included the following topics:
- Financial management of the organization/entity: basic principles;
- Principles of auditing organizations/entities;
- Internal control within the organization;
- Documented evidence of expenditure: salaries, transportation, travel expenses, fuel consumption records, etc.;
- Grant accounting.
The training was facilitated by Tatiana PRISACARI, a renowned financial management specialist; it was attended by about 40 participants.

$842 – Sida funds

Coordination, Expert Review and Monitoring Activities
The coordinating and monitoring team selected through a public contest coordinated project activities, network operation and provided a whole range of assistance to network members with minimum involvement in its management.

Implementation team members:
Ion BUNDUCHI, Radio/TV network coordinator/expert
Sergiu TUDOS, Radio/TV network technical coordinator/expert
Marcel CHISTRUGA, consultant in direction and video shooting

Radio/TV programming monitors:
Vasile STATE, TV network programming monitor
Ludmila BARBA, TV network programming monitor
Dorina OSIPOV, Radio network programming monitor

The selected coordinating and monitoring team assisted the project activities in:
- Identifying topics and organizing training for regional broadcast network media members;
- Developing and organizing meeting agendas and network meetings;
- Monitoring the broadcasted audiovisual products and providing feedback;
- Providing technical assistance tailored to the individual needs of each station;
- Assisting in identifying, selecting, procuring and using the technical equipment for news and program production.

$53,618 – Sida funds
**Assistance, Consulting and Monitoring Activities for Enhancing the Association of Regional Broadcasters’ Activity**

The Association of Regional Broadcasters is a structure absolutely vital and necessary to its members for a better positioning in the Moldovan audiovisual market and for protecting the rights and interests of the regional audiovisual institutions. By uniting all regional broadcasters under one association, they became a force which could neither be neglected nor easily manipulated or influenced. These risks have higher relevance especially to small independent stations which are vulnerable from the economic point of view. Because of the major role of the Meridian Association in ensuring the independence of the regional TV and Radio stations, the focus was made on enhancing the Association’s capacity to manage and support the regional broadcast network media.

To achieve this objective, a number of actions were carried out, among which:

- Developing the 2011-2013 strategic plan for the network development;
- Organizing a training course in partnership with Press Now Amsterdam for the association management, during which a review of its organizational capacity and recommendations were made, and an action plan for its further development was drafted.
- The website [www.canalregional.md](http://www.canalregional.md) was created aimed at promoting the Association and broadcasting the audiovisual products of its members.
- The Chisinau-based Central Production Studio was set up which will meet the informational needs of the Association members.

$10,697 – Sida funds

**Support for the Chisinau-based Central Studio of the Regional Broadcast Network Media**

The Chisinau-based Central Studio was created to meet the informational needs of the regional stations through the production of programs and news in Chisinau which are offered free of charge to the network members via the exchange webpage created and included in the regional broadcast grid. Throughout the year, the Central Studio produced for network members at least one report a day and talk-shows with the participation of experts, decision-makers, representatives of non-governmental organizations and ordinary citizens. A number of talk-shows entitled “Waterline” was dedicated to the Transnistrian conflict and were hosted by Oazu NANTOI, expert in Transnistrian issues, and Grigori VOLOVOI, director of the Novaia Volna Radio and of the Internet TV Dnestr TV from Bender. The reports and talk-shows produced by the Central Studio were broadcasted by the regional network member stations and posted on the webpage [www.canalregional.md](http://www.canalregional.md) of the Association of Regional Broadcasters.

On December 9, the first Telemarathon Program in Moldova took place with the support of the Central Production Studio. This type of long-span thematic program with nationwide coverage is new for the Moldovan media sector. The first edition was focused on discrimination. This subject was analyzed in light of local realities from different regions of the country. The program entitled “Say NO to Discrimination” lasted for five hours and a half and was conducted by connecting 17 regional TV stations, which broadcasted it LIVE on almost the whole country. Representatives of 23 NGOs from the whole country, 7 embassies and numerous citizens from all the regions of Moldova took part in the Telemarathon program. The Telemarathon was hosted in the Romanian and Russian languages. The production of this unique program was possible due to the Chisinau-based Central Studio’s modern technical equipment and the professional team that manages the studio activity.

In addition, the Chisinau-based Central Studio provided professional resources and hosted the journalists and operators for several days to learn from professionals and improve their journalistic and technical skills of producing news and programs. A grant of $7,560 was awarded to the MERIDIAN Association of Regional Broadcasters from Moldova for upgrading the studio and arranging the film set, as an additional support to the launching of the Telemarathon Program within the regional broadcast network media and the Open Day at the Chisinau-based Central Production Studio.

$96,655 – Sida funds and $6,828 - SFM/core funds

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: $612,495
**SUBPROGRAM 2: SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA IN TRANSNISTRIA**

The aim of this subprogram was to coordinate, monitor and assist the Transnistrian stations in producing community-interest news and programs.

The coordinating and monitoring team, selected through a public contest, coordinated the project activities on building the capacity of independent media outlets from Transnistria and the cooperation between the network members on the both banks of the Nistru River. The consultants hired by the project assisted the Transnistria network members – the radio *Novaia Volna* from Bender and *Radio Jelannoe* from Ribnita, and the Internet TV stations *Dnestr TV* from Bender and *Lik TV* from Ribnita. The efforts of the Transnistrian radio and TV stations to integrate into the regional broadcast network media and in the Association of Regional Broadcasters and to actively participate in the production of audiovisual programs to be exchanged via network were continuously supported. In 2011, the directors and production teams of the Transnistrian stations and other network members benefited from training and hand-on seminars, monthly review and planning meetings, access to the platform for audiovisual program exchange via the network, contests, technical and professional consulting in public and community interest news and program production.

To support the implementation of the activities dedicated to Transnistrian media, the project team helped it to:
- Identify the specific topics and attract journalists from Transnistria in conducting training for regional radio and TV network members;
- Shape agendas and involve the Transnistrian journalists in conducting of and participation in the meetings of the radio and TV network;
- Monitor the audiovisual products broadcasted on Transnistrian radio stations and Internet TV stations and provide feedback;
- Provide consulting tailored to the individual needs of each station;
- Assist in identifying, selecting, procuring and using the necessary technical equipment for news and program production.

$15,361 - Sida funds

**Grants to Transnistrian radio and TV stations**

**Radio Network:**

Grantee: *Radio Jelannoe* from Ribnita, Teleradio Company LIK Ltd  
Project manager: Elena SUHODOLISKAI, director  
$8,740

Grantee: *Novaia Volna* from Tighina, Novaia Volna LIK Ltd  
Project manager: Grigori VOLOVOI, director  
$8,740

**TV Network:**

Grantee: *Lik TV* from Ribnita, Teleradio Company LIK Ltd  
Project manager: Elena SUHODOLISKAI, director  
$17,449

Grantee: *Dnestr TV* from Tighina, Novaia Volna LIK Ltd  
Project manager: Grigori VOLOVOI, director  
$43,277

Total: $78,206, including $39,486 Sida funds and $38,720 – SFM/core funds
Setting up the Vzgilead Independent Periodical Publication in Transnistria
The closing down of the periodical newspaper Novaia Gazeta led to a sorely felt gap in the independent written media environment in the Transnistrian region. In these conditions, the director of the Novaia Volna Radio and of the Dneestr TV Internet TV (members of the regional broadcasters’ network), Grigoriy VOLOVOI, requested a grant to create a new independent publication in Transnistria. The grant was awarded in November 2011 to launch the publication and release the newspaper during the first four months of 2012.
$9,980 – SFM/core funds

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: $103,547
SUBPROGRAM 3: **IMPROVE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR MEDIA OPERATION**

**Grants**

**Developing the Broadcasting Sector in Moldova by Improving the National Legal and Regulatory Framework in This Area**

Grantee: Association of Electronic Press of Moldova (APEL)

Project manager: Ion BUNDUCHI

The Foundation supported the activity of a public-private group on the development of a new draft of the Audiovisual Code. The three electoral campaigns (the Referendum, the early Parliamentary Elections held in 2010 and the general local elections held in 2011) delayed the process. Throughout 2011, the draft was developed and went through the expert review by the Council of Europe, OSCE and the European Union of Broadcasters. Its first public debate was held on October 25 and 26. The working group has reviewed the wording of the law taking into account the proposals put forward by the experts and the round-table participants. Another public debate is planned for the nearest future. The specialized Parliamentary Committee has committed to take over the draft law as a legislative initiative.

At the same time, as part of the work on the audiovisual law, within the Coalition for free and fair elections, APEL put forward suggestions on the improvement of the draft regulations for reflecting the electoral campaign by the media in 2011. The recommendations were discussed at the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) meeting and approved by the majority as part of the new CEC Regulations on covering the electoral campaign by media. As a result, media outlets benefited from a more permissive regulations compared to the previous one. APEL experts, who had worked on developing the new Audiovisual Code, also reviewed, at the CCA’s request, the draft Strategy for a Nationwide Coverage of Moldova with broadcasting programs developed by the CCA (the previous strategy ended in 2011).

The project was implemented during 2010-2011 with funds from the previous year budget.

**Support for the Implementation of the Service for Internet Traffic Measurement within the Audit Bureau of Circulations and Internet (BATI)**

Grantee: Audit Bureau of Circulations and Internet

Project manager: Stanislav POPOV

BATI completed the first stage of implementing the internet traffic measurement service (ITMS), and respectively, the profile of on-line users, which ended up with the development and approval of technical regulations for measuring the web sites’ ITMS. To achieve this goal, a consultative and training partnership was set up with the Romanian Audit Bureau of Circulations (BRAT). The methodology and standards were developed and technical regulations were approved. The technical solution providers were identified and partnerships were established, financial and technical offers were evaluated, the software was designed and tested under the approved regulations.

The regulations approved by the BATI are pinpointed by the methodologies successfully used in Romania, which were slightly adjusted to the Moldovan market needs and technical capabilities of the involved stakeholders. The system was tested on www.protv.md web page.

The implementation of the aforementioned activities enabled the launch of the professional service for verification and objective review of the quality and quantity indicators for online media products and their popularization to attract a higher number of new interested members in the BATI Association.

$3,408 – SFM/core funds

Total Subprogram 3 expenditures: $3,408
SUBPROGRAM 4: STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE

Grants

Establishing a Public Broadcasting Service in Moldova by Improving its Internal Normative and Operational Framework
Grantee: Association of Electronic Press of Moldova (APEL)
Project manager: Ion BUNDUCHI

Partner relationships were established with the national public broadcaster management under the project. The Company’s normative and operational framework were completed with new documents, and the implementation team gained additional skills in conducting expert review, developing and analyzing the documents governing the National Public Broadcaster’s operation.

The Project implementation team reviewed:
- the draft 2011 Tasks Book seeking its alignment with the 2010-2015 Strategy for the company development, including the new organizational chart and the new staff list;
- draft Regulations on internal monitoring of company’s programs and its three annexes;
- draft job descriptions for company employees;
- draft professional employees’ performance review and self-assessment forms for company employees.

APEL experts put forward recommendations on the improvement of all the documents that underwent expert review. A new draft Regulations on internal monitoring of company’s programs and three annexes to it were developed. APEL experts developed and put forward a new sample job description and a new draft professional performance review form. The legislation on the National Public Broadcaster’s operation was completed with a number of documents of a better quality.

The alternative draft documents developed by APEL experts were approved by the Board of Observers and became working tools. For the first time, it became possible for the company management to conduct professional employees’ performance review based on scientific criteria and consequently, to use an effective management tool. The draft 2011 Tasks Book was approved by the Board of Observers and endorsed by the Broadcasting Coordinating Council. The company monitoring service has an adequate methodological framework to conduct the broadcasting analysis and to achieve credible results. At the first stage of restructuring the company subdivisions – restructuring of the news and topical programs departments, certain suggestions and recommendations made by the APEL were taken into account. The organizational chart of this TV department reunites all the services engaged in news production and broadcasting under the same “roof”; also the staff list was improved by optimizing the working standards.

$9,966 – SFM/core funds
The grant was awarded in October 2010; the project activities being carried out during November 2010 – March 2011.

Support the Creation of the National Public Radio and Television Service
Grantee: Association of Electronic Press of Moldova (APEL)
Project manager: Ion BUNDUCHI

Project objectives: support the Teleradio-Moldova NPIA management through monthly thematic programming monitoring; help diversify the programs of the Teleradio-Moldova NPIA through equitable and transparent procurement of products from independent producers; support the creation of the first Moldovan ombudsman of the Teleradio-Moldova NPIA and deepen the partnerships between the civil society and the national public broadcaster.

During 10 months, the Teleradio-Moldova PBC underwent broadcasting topical monitoring: radio and TV programs for children, teenagers and young people; news and topical programs, electoral shows, including educational ones, and talk-shows, electoral advertising; broadcasting in minority languages; the program cycle Microfonul actual – at Radio Moldova and the program cycle Bună dimineața – at Moldova 1 TV; the program cycles Radiomatinal and Radiomagazin socio-cultural – at Radio Moldova, and the program cycle Mesageri and social-economic programs (5 cycles) – at Moldova 1 TV; the program cycles O melodie pentru tine and La vatra jocului – at Radio Moldova, and cycles Moldoveni de pretutindeni and Ai nostri în lume – at Moldova 1 TV. All the monitoring reports were disseminated to direct beneficiaries; they were presented by the team members and discussed both in the monitored production teams and during the Board of Observers’ public meetings.

During July 11-12, a National Conference “Ombudsman of the Public Radio and Television” was held, which was attended by two European experts: Dominique BURG, host at Radio France Internationale and Tarmu TAMMERK, ombudsman of the Estonian Broadcasting Corporation. A public debate was held
on the need to set up the ombudsman position at the *Teleradio-Moldova* NPIA to increase the company’s trustworthiness. The company’s key staff who is decisive in creating the ombudsman for public radio and TV service, participated in the conference. Because the ombudsman institute is needed, but its specifics and operation is almost unknown in Moldova, MPs, ombudsmen, BCC members, RPIA *Teleradio-Gagauzia* management, Press Council members (who intend to introduce such a position), and the chair of the Association of Regional Broadcasters were also invited to the conference. Following a public debate, a draft job description for this position was developed, and the costs for it were budgeted in the 2012 Tender Book. In 2012, the Board of Observers will debate publicly and approve the internal regulations on the ombudsman position and will hire a person for this position on competitive basis. A two-day conference with the participation of international experts and a round-table addressed the issue of the *Teleradio-Moldova* NPIA and the independent producers. A working group (APEL together with the Company’s legal service) developed a draft Regulations on procurement of audiovisual programs from independent producers, which was approved by the Board of Observers of the *Teleradio-Moldova* NPIA.

$79,000 -SFM/core funds

**Support to the NPIA *Teleradio-Moldova* in Diversifying the Program Service through the Procurement of Audiovisual Products from Independent Producers**

SFM provided a grant of $30,060 to the *Teleradio-Moldova* to conduct a public tender under the new Regulations on procurement /co-production of audiovisual programs from independent producers.

$30,060 -SFM/core funds

**Travel grant**

*A fact-finding visit by members of the Board of Observers of the *Teleradio-Moldova* NPIA to Prague, Czech Republic, during 20-25 November*

Members of the Board of Observers of the *Teleradio-Moldova* visited the Czech Republic to get familiar with the experience of the supervisory councils of the Czech public broadcast services and of the Czech Public Television and Radio managers. During the visit, the BO members met with members of the Czech Public Television and Radio Supervision Council and with the Czech Public Television and Public Radio top management. They discussed the experience of the Czech peers in separating, in practical terms, the powers of the supervisory bodies from the ones of the managerial bodies, the relationship between the legislative authority of the State (Parliament) and the NPIA supervisory councils, because the public radio is separate from the television in the Czech Republic, as well as the pros’ and cons’ of separating these institutions; the financing of the public audiovisual institution, advertising broadcasting and sponsorship of programs (shows); and the relationship with independent producers (40% of the Czech broadcast grid is procured from independent producers), etc.

$5,858 – SFM/core funds

Total Subprogram 4 expenditures: $114,918

Program administration expenditures: $46,966, including 11,915 audit costs

Total Media Program expenditures: $881,334
GOOD GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

Vision:
Increased transparency, accountability, effectiveness and efficiency of the government at central and local level in line with European standards

Context:
- procrastinated political instability
- an enhanced political dialogue in negotiating the European integration agenda but weak progress in implementing domestic reforms
- improved transparency in decision-making but low transparency in public finance management and in fighting corruption
- low accountability of public officials to the public
- weak capacity of civil society to perform high impact advocacy activities to keep the government accountable for its actions

Priority Areas:
- Transparency and accountability
- Effective and efficient governance

In view of enhancing the transparency and accountability of the governance, the GGP focused on supporting civil society to monitor government actions in key areas, including public finances, anti-corruption and EU integration agenda.

A comprehensive two-year project on budget transparency implemented by Expert-Grup was launched in July. Its aim was to evaluate the level of budgetary transparency using the Open Budget Index methodology, to create a participatory framework between governmental institutions and civil society, and to monitor the implementation of the Court’s of Accounts decisions and its activity. By the end of 2011, an informal Participatory Framework was set up with 15 NGOs and media institutions and several public events were organized to facilitate a better communication between governmental institutions involved in the budgetary process and civil society organizations.

At local level, the project monitoring the Chisinau and Bălți municipal budgets revealed the lack of transparency in public finance management and related decision-making. In 2012, another project will be implemented through the local media network of the Association for Independent Press focusing on promoting and stimulating good practices of citizens’ involvement in decision-making regarding local budgets and investigating improper management of public money.

To inform the internal and external public on the main developments of the EU-Moldova relations and stimulate public debate on this issue, the GGP continued to support the monitoring of EU-Moldova relations within the Eastern Partnership, conducted by ADEPT and Expert-Grup. Also, to reflect the view of civil society, a progress report was submitted to the European Commission to be fed into its annual country progress report. A similar activity is envisaged for 2012. In the reporting year, the GGP continued supporting its multi-annual projects: the Public Opinion Barometer and www.europa.md information portal.

A report monitoring the National Anti-Corruption Strategy implementation in four public institutions produced by Transparency International showed that the existent legal framework for preventing corruption does not function well. It also revealed that the compulsory character in implementing anti-corruption policies does not apply to subordinated state institutions with the highest corruption risk.

Several new projects aimed at promoting transparency and accountability and fighting corruption through innovative approaches were launched in 2011. The Program worked in partnership with the OSI Information Program on a comprehensive initiative to promote transparency and accountability using IT tools. The GGP offered support to www.privesc.eu portal that aims at fostering the transparency of the decision-making process through live on-line transmission of the sessions of the Parliament, Government, the Municipal Councils of Chisinau and Balti and the regional Assembly of the Gagauz autonomy. Another project that fell into this area was www.alerte.md portal that offers Chisinau citizens an on-line instrument to report various social problems directly to local authorities, automating and streamlining the process of petitioning. To
support the anti-corruption efforts in Moldova using modern technologies, an online platform for reporting corruption cases will be created to encourage citizens to report corruption related offences on a „corruption map“. The portal will offer a comprehensive anti-corruption resource including journalistic investigations of the reported corruption cases.

To strengthen the government’s capacity to respond to Moldova’s current challenges by formulating coherent and realistic policies, the GGP supported a series of independent policy research studies. The research in the area of aviation was instrumental in preparing the negotiations for signing the Common Aviation Area agreement between EU and Moldova on October 26, 2011, while the study on personal data protection contributed to improving the state policy in the field and was used as a source of reference in drafting a new law on personal data protection adopted on July 8, 2011. A research on the Bologna Process implementation in Moldova and a comprehensive review of the conflict of interest cases and the regime of incompatibilities in public service at local level were initiated in 2011 and will be presented to the public at the beginning of 2012 with relevant expert recommendations.

Through a grant offered to UNDP, the Program provided support for the de-bureaucratization of access to information about urban regulations in the Chisinau municipality. As a result, full, instant online information delivery related to the zoning regulation, land use and land ownership is posted on the City Hall web page which is open to the public. The project contributed to implementing the objectives of the Chisinau City Anti-crisis and Economic Stabilization Action Plan for 2010-2012, drafted with the support of UNDP, LGI/OSI and SFM.

To foster training of knowledgeable and skilful professionals through an improved quality of European studies, an academic fellowship project administered jointly in Moldova and Romania in partnership with the Soros Foundation Romania, contributed to creating a community of 28 faculty members and managers from Moldova teaching European studies who strengthened their teaching skills and improved their management practices using innovative methods. The Program will also contribute to educating young political and civil society leaders in line with European and open society values by offering support to the 2012 edition of the school of young political leaders organized by ADEPT.

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List of Acronyms

ADEPT Association for Participatory Democracy
GGP Good Governance Program
IDSI Viitorul Viitorul Institute for Development and Social Initiatives
LG Local Government
CPA Central Public Administration
LGI/OSI Budapest Local Government Initiative/Open Society Institute Budapest
NGO Nongovernmental organization
OSI Open Society Institute
OBI Open Budget Index
SFR Soros Foundation Romania
TI Transparency International
UNDP United Nations Development Program
SUBPROGRAM 1: TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Objectives:
- Enhanced capacity of civil society to monitor government actions in key areas including public finances, CPA reform and EU integration agenda
- Increased public knowledge and understanding of EU and European integration process

Grants:

Monitoring Transparency and Promoting Public Control on the Budgetary Process in Moldova
Grantee: Expert – Group
Project Director: Valeriu PROHNIŢCHI
Summary: The project aim is to evaluate the level of budgetary transparency using the Open Budget Index (OBI) methodology; to create a participatory framework and facilitate a better communication between governmental institutions involved in the budgetary process and the public; to organize events to discuss the budgetary process-related-documents and boost public control over the public budget through monitoring the implementation of the Court’s of Accounts decisions and its activity. By the end of 2011, an informal Participatory Framework was set up with 15 NGOs and media institutions willing to be part of the project. Several public events to facilitate a better communication between governmental institutions and civil society were organized. A public discussion on the 2012 Fiscal and Budgetary Policy between government representatives (Ministry of Finance) and civil society organized by the project team resulted in extending the debate for another week to allow the Moldovan civil society to comment on the proposed policy. Several proposals on taxation of SMEs, dividends, and some other issues formulated at the roundtable were considered in the final version of the Policy. An analytical note on the 2012 draft budget and a summary report on the audits carried out by the Court of Accounts in the third semester of 2011 were issued and presented in a public event, raising important issues and generating debates in the media.
$98,719

Promoting Best Practices in Monitoring the Decision-Making Process at Local Level
Grantee: Association for Independent Press
Project Director: Petru MACOVEI
Summary: The project aimed at monitoring the Chisinau and Bălți municipal budgets implemented in 2011, revealed the lack of transparency in public finance management and related decision-making processes. Under the pressure of the monitoring group, the Chisinau budget was posted on the official city hall portal. Several monitoring reports with relevant recommendations were released and submitted to local authorities. At the end of 2011, another grant to promote transparency of decision-making through civic engagement and monitoring public money at local level was awarded to the Association of Independent Press. The project will be implemented at national level through local media and will focus on promoting and stimulating good practices of citizens’ involvement in decision-making regarding local budgets and in investigating improper management of public money.
$49,585

EU-Moldova Relations: Monitoring the Progress within the Eastern Partnership Framework
Grantees: ADEPT Association for Participatory Democracy, Expert – Grup Analytical Think-tank
Project Directors: Igor BOŢAN, Valeriu PROHNIŢCHI
The Program continued to support the periodic Monitoring of the EU-Moldova Relations within the Eastern Partnership through a grant awarded to ADEPT and Expert-Grup. It remains to be the most comprehensive report monitoring EU-Moldova relations informing the internal and external public on the main developments, and stimulating public debate on this issue. In December 2011, a progress report was submitted to the European Commission to be fed into its annual country progress report. A similar activity is envisaged for 2012 as well. The project implementation team will issue quarterly monitoring reports on RM-EU relations entitled “Euromonitor”, as well as a semi-annual magazine with the title “Government and Democracy: European Prospects” and several public policy studies in relevant sectors.
Grant to ADEPT: $38,921
Grant to Expert-Grup: $39,693

Supporting the Implementation of the National Strategy for Fighting and Preventing Corruption
Grantee: Transparency International Moldova
Project Director: Lilia CARASCIUC
The grantee, co-funded by SFM, monitored the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy. Since the Government delayed adopting the new Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan, the TI monitored the implementation of permanent measures for preventing corruption in four public institutions. The practice showed that the existent legal framework for preventing corruption does not function well because of the lack of an efficient implementation mechanism and failure to sanction officials for non-compliance with the anti-corruption policies. The report also revealed that the compulsory character in implementing anti-corruption policies does not apply to subordinated state institutions with the highest corruption risk. The report was made public and covered in the media. It was submitted to the monitored authorities, the Parliament and the Prime Minister's office with relevant recommendations.

$16,720

**Ensuring Transparency of the Decision-making Process of Central and Local Authorities**
Grantee: *Privesc EU*
Project Director: Radu CHIVRIGA
To ensure the transparency of decision-making, starting in November 2011, a live on-line transmission of all the sessions of the Parliament, Government, Municipal Councils of the Chisinau and Bălți municipalities and the regional assembly of the Gagauz autonomy will be provided for a 10-month period on the [www.privesc.eu](http://www.privesc.eu) website.

$9,990

[www.alerte.md](http://www.alerte.md)
Grantee: Media Point
Project Director: Mihai LUPAȘCU
The project aims to solve a number of social problems in Chisinau by automating and streamlining the process of communication between the public and authorities. A modified version of FixMy Street portal, co-funded by the OSI Information Program, offers Chisinau citizens an on-line instrument for reporting various social problems directly to local authorities and the possibility to track the response /action of the related authorities.

$9,830

**Zero Tolerance for Corruption**
Grantee: Center of Journalist Investigations (CJI)
Project Director: Cornelia COZONAC
To support the anti-corruption efforts in Moldova using modern technologies, an online platform for reporting corruption cases will be created to encourage citizens to report corruption related offences to be later displayed on a „corruption map”. The portal will represent a comprehensive anti-corruption resource that will include related information, legislation, investigative articles, etc. In view of increasing transparency in fighting corruption, the CJI will monitor the actions undertaken by authorities related to the reported cases and post them on the electronic map. The project also envisages launching a series of journalistic investigations of the reported corruption cases.

$54,920

**Travel Grant for Participation in the Ministerial Conference of the Community of Democracies. July 1, Vilnius**
Grantee: Alex OPRUNENCO, Expert-Grup
Summary: Through this travel grant, the participation of a civil society representative in the Ministerial Meeting of the Community of Democracies was ensured. Alex OPRUNENCO presented a civil society view on the recent political and socio-economic developments in Moldova after the official report presented by the government representatives.

$1,357

**Operational projects:**

**Evaluation of the Central Public Administration Reform (CPAR)**
In April 2011, the second CPAR independent monitoring report evaluating the progress achieved in the period of October 2009 - November 2010, was presented to the public and main stakeholders. Similar to the first report presented in 2010, it stated a limited progress in implementing the reform. The experts recommended repealing the 2005 CPA Reform Strategy as an outdated document since most of the
reform objectives were substantially amended or substituted over time, and to develop a new document and clearly define its concept and objectives.

$27,158

The Civic Initiative for a Clean Parliament (CIPC), “Meet Your Candidate!”
The four lawsuits initiated by the electoral candidates within the third edition of the „Meet Your Candidate!” campaign launched on the eve of the November 2010 snap Parliamentary elections went slower than initially envisaged. By mid 2011 the interdiction to distribute the leaflets with a list of candidates who had not met the integrity criteria was repealed. The first court’s trial decision was delivered in November 2011. It declared that CICP had not trespassed against the honor and dignity of the electoral candidate through publishing the information in the leaflets. The foundation and the CICP members decided not to distribute the remaining edition at the end of 2011 as the information would be outdated and would confuse the public. Instead, the Initiative will make public the developments related to the lawsuits in all the four cases, thus making electoral candidates accountable for limiting the access of citizens to information about electoral candidates.

$3,194

Mixed Projects:

Round-table “IT for Transparency”
In the framework of Moldova ICT Summit 2011, the GGP organized a session on “IT for Transparency”. The session provided a forum for civil society and IT developers to share best practices, solutions and initiatives on promoting transparency and accountability through ICT. In organizing this event, the GGP collaborated, based on a grant contract, with the Association of ICT Companies (ATIC), the official organizer of the Summit. As a follow up of the session, a grant competition was announced in partnership with the OSI Information Program to support projects aimed at promoting transparency, accountability and civic engagement using IT tools. Within this competition two grants described above were awarded.

Total budget: $8,128
Grant budget: $5,808
Grantee: Association of ICT Companies (ATIC)
Project Director: Ana CHIRIȚĂ
Operational budget: $2,320

www.europa.md Info Portal
During 2011, the GGP supported operationally the www.europa.md portal, a unique online information resource in Moldova focused strictly on EU and EU integration topics. To ensure a better development of the portal in future and make it more attractive to the public, by the end of the year, the portal was handed over to the Association for Foreign Policy for further administration, giving them financial support for this purpose.

Budget: $30,224

Grant budget: $16,400
Grantee: Foreign Policy Association
Project director: Victoria BOIAN
Operational budget: $13,824

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: $388,439
SUBPROGRAM 2: EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE

Objectives:
- Improved quality of public services in the Chisinau municipality
- Independent policy analysis provided to government stakeholders to support Moldova’s European agenda
- Increased government’s knowledge and understanding of public opinion through testing public opinion periodically on a broad range of social issues
- Enhanced quality of the European Studies at universities to ensure a knowledge-based European integration process

Grants:

Information Bulletin in the German Language “Moldau Wirtschaftsnachrichten”– a Step towards European Integration
Grantee: IDIS Viitorul
Project Director: Liubomir CHIRIAC
Summary: To foster foreign investments in Moldova, four quarterly editions of an information leaflet in the German language on Moldovan economic and business development “Moldau Wirtschaftsnachrichten” will be issued and distributed to potential investors and researchers in the German speaking community.
$8,975

School of Young Political Leader – Promoter of European Values
Grantee: ADEPT Association for Participatory Democracy
Project Director: Igor BOŢAN
The Project will contribute to educating young political and civil society leaders in line with European and open society values. 40 representatives of political parties, civil society and the media will develop knowledge and skills in the field of good governance, political dialogue, art of debates and related issues.
$19,792

Travel Grant for participation in a Briefing with Miroslav LAJCAK, Special EU Representative for 5+2 Negotiations Format for Solving the Transnistrian Conflict. March 23, Brussels
Grantee: Galina ŞELARI, Director of the Center for Strategic Research and Reforms
Summary: The goal of the meeting was to bring an input on the Transnistrian conflict within an informal briefing.
$1,065

Operational Projects

Policy Support Research
In 2011, the GGP supported a series of independent policy research studies. Five studies on the issues relevant in the context of negotiating a new Moldova-EU agreement initiated in 2010 were issued in 2011 on the following subjects: the insurance market; the financial market; telecommunication services; cooperation within the Common Security and Defence Policy; personal data protection. The research studies offered an independent review and expert recommendations for further development of these sectors. They are currently used as reference sources to foster reforms in the related fields. The research on Personal Data Protection launched in June 2011 already contributed to defining the state policy in the field. The study was highly appreciated by the National Center for Personal Data Protection and was used as reference in drafting a new law on personal data protection. The Law adopted on July 8, included some of the recommendations formulated in the research, such as strengthening the competences of the Center; tightening requirements for the Center’s management; clarifying provisions on storing personal data, personal data register, etc.

The two studies in the area of aviation launched by the Program in 2010 and 2011 were used as basis for the policy the government adopted in this sphere. The research was instrumental in preparing the negotiations for signing the Common Aviation Area Agreement between EU and Moldova on October 26, 2011. The new policy has opened Moldova’s airspace to competition creating opportunities to developing the freight market. The prices are expected to go down up to 30 per cent already in 2012, including through bringing low cost operators to the market.
A research on evaluating the results of the *Bologna Process Implementation in Moldova* was conducted and will be presented in February 2012.

In the context of the decentralization reform launched by the government and consolidation of local autonomy, the Program commissioned a comprehensive research study on the *Analysis of the Conflict of Interest Relations and the Regime of Incompatibilities in Public Service at Local Level* aimed at developing policy recommendations to improve the current situation. The research will be finalized by April 2012.

$84,700

**Public Opinion Barometer (POB)**
To check citizens' perception of socio-political events, two editions of POB were released in 2011. The poll checks Moldovan citizens' perception with regard to a large spectrum of issues including their electoral and political expectations; socio-economic situation of the country and foreign policy issues; most trusted institutions and main information sources; etc. The spring edition included an additional component on the Chisinau municipality in the context of the June local elections.

$27,396

**Technical Assistance and Expertise for LGs IV**
The project launched in 2010 was finalized in 2011. The capacities of 70 public servants from the Chisinau City Hall and its five District Subdivisions were strengthened in various fields including computer usage, legal and secretariat training, and English language, with the view of improving the quality of public services.

$6,425

**Translating and Publishing Books on EU Topics**
In 2011 the last book of a series of 12 books on various EU related topics was translated and published. Each translated book was published in 500-1000 copies and distributed to all public libraries, public and academic institutions, as well as to NGOs that operate in this field.

$12,153

**Mixed Projects:**
**European Studies Fellowship Program**
To increase the quality of European Studies in universities thus fostering training of knowledgeable and skillful professionals, an academic fellowship project administered jointly in Moldova and Romania, in partnership with the Soros Foundation Romania, was successfully implemented. As a result, a community of 28 university professors and managers from Moldova teaching European studies was created, who strengthened their skills in teaching European studies and improved their management practices using new innovative methods through study visits to Romanian universities and field institutions. The project also involved representatives of two Moldovan think-tanks active in education policies and a representative of the Ministry of Education.

$34,351

**Study Visits on Curriculum Development in the Field of European Studies**
Place: Romania, Cluj-Napoca, Babes Bolyai University
Date: April 11–17
Grantees:
Mihai HACHI, faculty member, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (AESM)
Iacob COCOȘ, faculty member, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova AESM

$478

Place: Romania, Bucharest, National School of Political and Administrative Sciences
Date: May 2–8
Grantees:
Vasile ANDRIEȘ, faculty member, State University of Moldova (SUM)
Irina TEUT, faculty member, Moldova State Agricultural University
Viorica ȚÎCU, faculty member, Free International University of Moldova

$766

Place: Romania, Oradea University
Date: May 2–8
Grantee: Ion BURUIANĂ, faculty member, Moldova State Institute of International Relations
$282

Place: Romania, Bucharest, National School of Political and Administrative Studies
Date: May 9–15
Grantees:
Natalia LOBANOV, faculty member, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (AESM)
Vladimir RUSU, faculty member, Bălţi State University
Cristina BANCU, faculty member, State University of Moldova (SUM)
$660

Grantees:
Oleg BUGA, faculty member, University Perspectiva INT
Grigore BALTAG, faculty member, Moldova State Agricultural University
Lilia PÎNZARI, faculty member, Bălţi State University
$712

Place: Romania, Bucharest, Academy of Economic Studies
Date: May 16–22
Grantees:
Oleg BUGA, faculty member, University Perspectiva INT
Grigore BALTAG, faculty member, Moldova State Agricultural University
Lilia PÎNZARI, faculty member, Bălţi State University

Grantees:
Oleg BALAN, Deputy Rector, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the RM
Arina KRAUDAN, Deputy Rector, Perspectiva INT University
Gheorghe NEAGU, Deputy Rector, Bălţi State University
Ludmila TIHONOV, Dean, Free International University of Moldova
Nicolae TURCANU, Dean, Technical University of Moldova
Veaceslav PÎNZARI, Dean, Bălţi State University
Vasile GUTU, Dean, Moldova State Institute of International Relations
Valentina TEOSA, Head of Department, State University of Moldova (SUM)
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Olgă SÎRBU, Head of Department, Moldova State Agricultural University
Oleg CASIAIDI, Head of Department, Stefan cel Mare Police Academy
Boris CHISTRUGA, Head of Department, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova
Igor ŞEVCENCO, Dean, Cahul State University
Nadejda VELIŞCO, Head of Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education
Anatol GREMALSCHI, Programs Director, Institute for Public Policy
Cornel CIUREA, Expert, Viitorul Institute for Development and Social Initiatives
$4,617

Donors’ Partnership:

Debureaucratization of the Access to Information on Urban Regulation of Land Relations in the Chisinau Municipality
Through a grant offered to UNDP, the Program provided support for the debureaucratization of access to information on urban regulation of land relations in the Chisinau municipality. As a result, full, instant online information delivery related to zoning regulation, land use and land ownership, the baseline information on
urban certificates and a comprehensive, free of charge on-line availability of all GIS database related to the City General Urban Plan and Zoning Regulation is available for citizens at https://map.chisinau.md (instead of currently required 15-30 day-period after a written demand). The project is in line and contributed to implementing the objectives of the Anti-crisis and Economic Stabilization Action Plan 2010-2012 for Chisinau, developed with the support of UNDP, LGI/OSI and SFM.

$50,000

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: $244,857

Program administration expenditures: $53,190
Total Public Administration and Good Governance expenditures: $686,486
**JUSTICE PROGRAM**

**Mission**

The Program promotes legal reforms based on human rights, legal accountability, social inclusion and good governance.

**Context**

The April 2009 events and the unfairness of the related criminal investigations and court decisions have highlighted a number of serious gaps in the field of human rights protection in Moldova. The justice system is unable to effectively protect people against abuse and human rights organizations lack capacities to effectively monitor and report cases of major human rights violations, as well as to advocate for changes. Therefore, the Program revised many of its approaches and besides intense advocacy and monitoring initiatives, got involved in or initiated a number of operational programs aiming to increase respect for human rights in the justice delivery sector. The Program addressed a number of key areas, crucially important for the rights, justice and future of democracy and rule of law, including judicial and other justice sector actors’ accountability and human rights performance, legal empowerment of people and their effective access to justice, and capacity development of civil society to effectively monitor and advocate for human rights.

The Soros Foundation-Moldova was the only non-governmental organization that joined the working group for the development of the governmental Strategy for Justice Reform. The overall objective of the Strategy is to build an accessible, efficient, independent, transparent, and professional justice sector, accountable to the public and consistent with European standards. The Program promoted the insertion in the Strategy of a special pillar on observance of human rights in the justice sector and of the state obligation to develop access to justice for disadvantaged groups based on the models and policies developed by the Soros Foundation-Moldova within its pilot projects.

Legal empowerment and involvement of the poor in decision-making processes has much advanced on different governmental and donors’ agendas, mainly due to the program pilots and a variety of initiatives in this area. The program succeeded in creating and maintaining a network of 27 community based paralegals throughout the country, developing and applying a unique system of training for them, and ensuring public and donor support for further development and replication. The government agreed to take over the network within a 3 year-period, to increase it and further connect it to the newly established legal aid system.

In parallel, the Program developed and implemented a unique project which refers to capacity building of NGOs and human rights activists to proper monitor and raise the attention of major international human rights organizations on issues related to human rights violations in Moldova. A number of analytical research studies and advocacy documents were developed within the project. Afterwards they were widely disseminated through advocacy efforts within the UN Human Rights Council and the EU-RM Human Rights Dialogue mechanisms. In particular, the report submitted for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) was greatly appreciated by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and widely cited in its UPR Summary prepared for the Human Rights Council. Within this project, we managed to make irreversible the conditioning of further external support for Moldova by two essential things: human rights observance in the justice system and non-discrimination. However, due to the fact that the issues of justice sector reform and non-discrimination have been so highly politicized, the success or failure in these areas depend very much on political stability.

In 2011, the Program also initiated a large scale project that seeks to develop the media capacity to closely monitor the work of the judiciary but also to raise the attention of the donors and of the international community on a number of issues that had not been addressed in the past, such as human rights performance indicators for police activity and judicial accountability versus the independence of judges. In this regard, the Program had an intense cooperation with the Austrian Ministry of Internal Affairs, German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and the International Commission of Jurists.

To summarize, the Justice Program achieved the following results in its core areas of activity:
- the National Legal Aid Council and its territorial offices are able to adequately assess the legal aid needs, adopt appropriate policies to meet them and work within a functional legal aid management system,
- public defenders provide holistic representation and strategic litigation on a routine basis
- the peer review quality control method and quality standards of criminal legal aid were developed, tested and presented to the Moldovan Bar Association,
- the network of paralegals who provide basic legal and social services at community level gained an increasing popularity at local level,
- the need to promote legal empowerment via the paralegal service was acknowledged in several major governmental documents: the Governance Activity Program for 2011 – 2014, the National Strategy for Justice Sector Reform and the Action Plan for the Implementation of the SJSR,
- increased awareness about rights and increased participation in public life of ordinary citizens,
- improved framework for measuring police performance in Moldova, based on Austrian experience,
- recommendations for improving the quality of judiciary developed with a special focus on investigative judges,
- a network of NGOs and individuals trained in human rights monitoring techniques.

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List of Acronyms:

NLAC National Legal Aid Council
PDO Public Defenders’ Office
LARN Legal Aid Reformers’ Network
SUBPROGRAM 1: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Objective: to support the government in reforming the legal aid system in line with international human rights standards and best practices.

Operational project:

Promoting a Sustainable Legal Aid System in Moldova
Summary: The Justice Program started the implementation of this project in December 2009 for a three year-period as a priority area of its previous strategy. The project aimed to consolidate the capacity of the legal aid system for providing more accessible and qualitative legal services and advice to the poor. In particular, the project focused on strengthening the capacity of the National Legal Aid Council to analyze legal aid needs, estimate the costs and human resources needed to adequately respond to the needs and advocate for appropriate resources. The project supported PDO to develop new standards of defence focusing on holistic representation and strategic litigation. The project made advocacy for amendments to the law on guaranteed legal aid and appropriate policies to strengthen the independence and administrative capacity of NLAC. An international expert was selected to develop the peer review mechanism, which was piloted within the project by 11 Moldovan lawyers.

The major achievements of the project are the following:
- Enhanced managerial capacity of the NLAC to administer the legal aid system in the country in an effective and inclusive manner;
- An established partnership between NLAC and Scottish Legal Aid Board for sharing good experiences and coaching the NLAC;
- The case-management system for Territorial Offices of NLAC and PDO is under development and will be launched soon. Approved NLAC Decision regarding PDO funding;
- PDO developed new standards of defence focusing holistically on the client as a person and not merely the criminal law aspects of the case. Also, support to the PDO in litigating cases that expose the gaps in the criminal justice system was offered within the Project;
- The peer review quality control method and quality standards of legal aid in criminal cases were developed, tested and presented to the Moldovan Bar Association;
- An Impact Assessment of the Law on State Guaranteed Legal Aid was developed by an international expert and presented to the Government.

Total project expenditures: $128,693

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: $128,693

1 Access to Justice is one of the Program’s priority areas in the new Strategy for 2011-2012 as well.
SUBPROGRAM 2: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Objectives:
- to establish mechanisms for a continuous and professional monitoring of the criminal justice system
- to contribute to an improved framework for measuring police performance in Moldova by assisting the Moldovan Ministry of the Interior in the police reforms process
- to contribute to increased transparency and accountability within the Moldovan judicial system

Grant:

Increasing Transparency and Efficiency of the Superior Council of Magistracy of Moldova
Grantee: Legal Resources Center (LRC)
Project Director: Sorina MACRINICI
Summary: The project aims at contributing to increased transparency in the activity of the Superior Council of Magistracy of Moldova (SCM), which also represents one of the conditions for ensuring its accountability, as well as enhancing the efficiency of SCM’s activity. The project seeks to fill in the existing gap in civil society monitoring and scrutiny conducted with regard to this institution. In the long term, by creating a coherent mechanism for monitoring the SCM’s transparency and activity, it will contribute to an improved self-administration capacity of the Council, an increased confidence of judges in the SCM, and an enhanced public confidence in the justice system. The project will perform an analysis of the SCM’s activity, taking into consideration the following indicators: transparency, interaction with the media and society, efficiency of internal self-administration and administration of the judicial system. $58,000

Operational projects:

Strengthening the Moldovan System for Measuring Police Performance Based on Austrian Experience
Summary: The project goal was to contribute to an improved framework for measuring police performance in Moldova and clarifying certain practical issues that were identified during its testing. In order to achieve the proposed goal, the project identified two Austrian experts who facilitated a workshop aimed at reflecting on the Moldovan reform of police performance criteria and indicators in light of the Austrian experience of broader police reforms carried out during the last 10 years and thus to give feedback and concrete advice with regard to further steps in the Moldovan case. The workshop was organized in collaboration with the General Division of Policy Analysis, Monitoring and Evaluation of the Moldovan Ministry of Internal Affairs.
$10,520

Research on Effective Criminal Defence Rights in LARN (Legal Aid Reformers’ Network) Member Countries: Bulgaria, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova and Ukraine
Summary: The national research sought to: (1) provide a critical analysis of the criminal justice system according to the methodology used in the Project Effective Defence Rights in EU (ECDE), (2) conduct the desk review of legal acts and national publications related to the right to effective defence, (3) develop a report regarding effective criminal defence in Moldova. The project hired a local researcher and a peer-reviewer. They conducted the research in two stages: during stage one, the in-country researcher worked on the Desk Review and Critical Account and provided feedback on these two reports. During stage two, the in-country researcher conducted empirical research and then drafted a country report in accordance with a Country Report Format Document, using information from the research, the Desk Review and the Critical Account.
$10,020

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: $78,540
SUBPROGRAM 3: JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Objectives:
- to raise awareness about systemic gaps in justice delivery leading to frequent violations of the right to liberty and fair trial
- to create coherent and sustainable mechanisms for civil society monitoring of the judicial through the active involvement of NGOs and media representatives
- to promote the development of internal mechanisms for judicial accountability

Operational projects:

**Assessing the Needs of Investigative Judges in Moldova**
Summary: This project was implemented in collaboration with the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ) and aimed at assessing the needs of the investigative judge institution in Moldova. To this end, an international expert got familiar with the relevant legal sources and documents. He also had thematic meetings with magistrates and other relevant professionals, as well as justice authorities, including the Ministry of Justice, the Superior Council of Magistrates and the General Prosecutor’s Office during a working visit to Moldova. The expert developed the report based on the analysis of the information he had collected. It contains detailed recommendations both for the judicial system and for the government on ways to improve observance of the rights to liberty and a fair trial when applying preliminary measures, including pre-trial arrest within the criminal process. It was launched during a public event with the participation of representatives of the Moldovan judicial system, the representatives of human rights NGOs and the media. Aside from presenting the report, the event aimed at triggering public debates regarding the observance of human rights during the pre-trial stage of criminal proceedings, as well as at increasing the accountability of investigative judges, prosecutors and police officers on this matter.

$7,110

**Improving the Observance of the Right to Liberty and Security of Person in Moldova**
Summary: The project goal is to improve the responsibility and transparency of judges during the pre-trial phase through supporting the development of formal and informal mechanisms of judicial accountability. The project seeks to produce viable external mechanisms of judicial accountability and support public watch over the judiciary, as well as to develop efficient internal mechanisms of judicial accountability and advocate for their insertion into the judicial self-administration system. Several steps were made towards contributing to the capacity-building of local NGOs and media representatives to monitor the activity of investigative judges and report on the observance of the right to liberty and security of the person. Two experts – one lawyer and one journalist – were selected to develop the „Guidelines for NGOs and Journalists”. The Guide represents the main monitoring tool that was tested during the first comprehensive training course organized for a group of activists and journalists in the field of criminal justice and its monitoring by the civil society.

$26,451

Total Subprogram 3 expenditures: $33,561
SUBPROGRAM 4: HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING

Objective: to increase professional capacity for human rights monitoring and to strengthen analysis and reporting skills regarding human rights in a comprehensive, multidimensional and analytical manner.

Operational projects:

Improving Human Rights Documentation and Education Provided by Community-based Paralegals in Selected Rural Areas
Summary: The project aims at bridging the gap between rural communities and national human rights mechanisms, in particular the specialized human rights NGOs and the Ombudsman Office, through a number of paralegals selected from the community-based paralegals network piloted in the Project “Legal Empowerment of Rural Communities through a Network of Community-based Paralegals”, implemented with the financial support of the Swedish Government. The project seeks to facilitate the establishment of partnerships between national and rural human rights activists, which should contribute to a better identification and reporting on human rights violations and, consequently, improve human rights protection in the respective communities and nationwide. On an individual level, the members of the rural communities that will be identified by the paralegals will benefit from the project by receiving legal and other assistance provided by the NGOs or the Ombudsman Office.
The project seeks to achieve the following objectives:
- to create mechanisms for documentation of human rights violations in rural areas through connecting the community-based paralegals to national human rights protection mechanisms and services
- to improve the level of human rights respect at community level through education and awareness raising activities carried out by paralegals.
15 paralegals were selected to participate in the project.
The project was launched in December 2011 for a timeframe of 12 months.

$320

Capacitating Moldovan Human Rights Activists for Effective Human Rights Advocacy
Summary: The project aimed to capacitate a group of key human rights activists able to conceptualize and produce high quality analytical human rights reports and briefs and undertake advocacy efforts for change. The project established and capacitated the Network of Moldovan Human Rights Research Fellows (13 human rights experts) through comprehensive professional development packages including focused trainings on three major types of human rights activities (data-collection, management, analysis and monitoring, reporting and lobby and advocacy) and on two substantive areas of interest: EU-Moldova opportunities related to the human rights dialogue and the Universal Periodic Review. The professional development scheme also included three trainings in reporting cases of human rights violations, monitoring human rights observance and international advocacy. The Research Fellows were supported by mentors to develop their own tactical tools and instruments and share them with their NGOs. The fellows prepared analytical research reports and lobbying documents and presented them to the following international forums: Commission on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), Universal Periodic Review (UPR), EU-Moldova Human Rights Dialogue, and Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR). According to the rules of procedure, Moldovan civil society representatives developed alternative reports (available in English on the CESCR website - http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/cescrs46.htm) and attended several meetings with the CESCR members. The participation of the group of activists in the review of Moldova within the UPR in Geneva was preceded by a series of advocacy activities undertaken in September. In October, the group of activists was in Geneva and participated in several meetings with the delegations of UN member states and representatives of international NGOs. During the EU-Moldova Dialogue on Human Rights, five activists participated in a meeting with experts delegated by the European Commission sharing the main findings and recommendations of the analytical reports developed within the project.

$136,945

Grants within the project:

Participation in events related to the Moldovan Government’s reporting to the UN Commission on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Geneva, Switzerland, February 27 - March 3
Grantees: Cristina MARIAN, Iulia MARCINSCHI
Summary: The goal of the participation of two fellows from the Human Rights Resource Group was to present alternative reports to the CERD and concrete examples of systemic violations of human rights provided under the UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, specifically regarding the Roma ethnic group, other national minorities and certain religious groups. It aimed at achieving the following results:
- to analyze the problem of racial discrimination in Moldova within the process of alternative reporting to the CERD accomplished in a consistent manner and meeting the expectations of international institutions,
- to improve the knowledge of Moldovan human rights activists regarding the role and methods of civil society’s involvement in the process of reporting and advocating in front of UN institutions.

$2,085

Financial support for participation in events related to the Moldovan Government’s reporting to the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, May 1-6
Grantee: Tatiana CERNOMORÎT
Summary: The participation of the human rights activist aimed at achieving the following results:
- to analyze the issue of observance of the rights of people with disabilities in Moldova within the process of alternative reporting to the CESCR accomplished in a consistent manner and meeting the expectations of international institutions
- to improve the knowledge of Moldovan human rights activists regarding the role and methods of civil society’s involvement in the process of reporting and advocating in front of UN institutions.
During meetings with CESCR members, the fellow presented systemic and individual cases of violation of rights guaranteed under the International Pact on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, specifically regarding: poverty level; discrimination of sexual minorities, transgender, Roma; violation of rights of people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and people with disabilities; effects of migration and human trafficking.

$1,186

Participation of Human Rights Activists in the events related to the review of the Moldovan Government by the UN Human Rights Council within the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Geneva, Switzerland, October 9-13
Grantees and beneficiaries: Sergiu RUSANOVSCHI, Daniela VIDAICU, Tatiana CERNOMORÎT, Elena PROHNÎŢCHI, Ion GUZUN, Olimpia GRIBINCEA, Sorina MACRINICI, Natalia MARDARI, Tatiana DANILESCU, Radu DANIIL, Victor MUNTEANU
Summary: The participation of the human rights activists aimed at achieving the following results:
- to analyze the issue of human rights observance in Moldova within the events related to the hearings of the Moldovan Government within the UPR process, accomplished in a consistent manner and meeting the expectations of international institutions
- to improve the knowledge of Moldovan human rights activists regarding the role and methods of civil society’s involvement in the process of reporting and advocating in front of UN institutions.
During meetings with representatives of diplomatic missions participating in the hearings of representing states, as well as with representatives of inter-governmental agencies and NGOs, the human rights activists had the opportunity to touch upon the most pressing issues related to observance of fundamental human rights and freedoms in Moldova, including non-discrimination and issues triggered by the adoption of the law regulating this field.

$16,882

Total project expenditures: $157,098
Total Subprogram 4 expenditures: $157,418
OTHER PROJECTS

Programs financed by the Open Society Justice Initiative – OSJI/OSI/ HRGGP Network Program and administered by the Justice Program of the Soros Foundation – Moldova

Research on Effective Criminal Defence Rights in LARN (Legal Aid Reformers’ Network) Member Countries: Bulgaria, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova and Ukraine

Summary: The project sought to produce a Research on Effective Criminal Defence Rights in LARN member countries: Bulgaria, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova and Ukraine, implemented with the financial support of the Human Rights Grants and Governance Program, Open Society Justice Initiative, Open Society Institute - Sofia, Open Society Foundation - Georgia; Soros Foundation - Moldova and International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine. The project relied on the methodology developed within the project „Effective Defence Rights in the EU and Access to Justice: Investigating and Promoting Best Practices“ - a comparative study of the criminal defence systems of nine European countries funded by the European Union and the Open Society Institute, completed in 2010. An international consultant, Ed CAPE, representing the University of the West of England, was hired to conduct the research in cooperation with a local team. The research, based on the in-country reports produced in each LARN member country, was developed, and is currently being edited.

$21,896

Networking among the Newly Established Legal Aid Institutions, Policymakers and Public Defenders in Bulgaria, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia and Ukraine

Summary: The project builds on the experience of the Open Society Justice Initiative, which has created an informal network of public defenders, joined later on by legal aid managers, in the countries of its operation: Bulgaria, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia and Ukraine. Legal aid reforms are underway in all these countries, largely initiated as a result of local Soros Foundations’ advocacy and demonstrating projects, in cooperation with the Open Society Justice Initiative. The current project sought to offer a platform for a continuous exchange of experience, learning from each other and thinking together in developing further the newly created legal aid systems, involving both policymakers and legal practitioners (legal aid administrators and public defenders/private legal aid lawyers). In 2011, an effective defence research was conducted based on the agreed research plan. The in-country researchers and reviewers were paid by the local foundations, except for Lithuania and partially Bulgaria. Two project meetings were organized: one meeting in April to discuss the main findings of the desk review and critical accounts for each country, as well as the strategy for fundraising for the final presentation of the research findings, and one meeting in October to discuss the draft reports, final presentation and the feasibility and need for fundraising for network support. The website www.legalaidreform.org was updated and maintained.

$25,690

Grant awarded within the project:

Financial Support for a Moldovan Delegation to Participate in the LARN 1st Project Meeting on Effective Defense Rights in LARN Countries, Tbilisi, Georgia, April 7-10
Grantee and beneficiary: Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI, Victor MUNTEANU
$2,109

Travel Grants

Participation in the Conference “Regional Dialogue on Legal Empowerment of the Poor”, Kiev, Ukraine, July 21-22
Grantee and beneficiary: Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI, Victor MUNTEANU
$1,830

Participation in the Workshop “Designing a Research on Justiciable Events and Legal Aid Needs” Organized by the Legal Empowerment of the Poor Program, OSJI, Tbilisi, Georgia, September 22 - 23
Grantee: Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI
$1,360

Global South Development Expo, Rome, Italy, December 7–10
Grantee: Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI
$1,628
Programs implemented with the financial support of the Swedish Government

Operational project:

Ensuring Public Participation in Decision-making and Effective Access to Information
Grantee: Access-info Center for Freedom of Expression Promotion and Access to Information
Project manager: Vasile SPINEI
Summary: The project aimed at ensuring public participation in the decision-making process and effective access to public information. The project contributed to the creation of a uniform regulatory and managerial framework, applicable to all local and central public authorities, for an efficient implementation of the Law on Access to Information and the Law on Transparency in the Decision-making Process. It also developed and implemented workable procedures and mechanisms for engaging the public in decision-making. Several public awareness activities were conducted at national and local level within the Annual Days of the Right to Know, including an international conference, local-level conferences, roundtables, trainings, legal consultations and student debates. The project developed the Annual Monitoring Report covering the level of transparency of public authorities and formulated a set of recommendations, including proposals for amendments to legislation, aiming at increasing the efficiency of access to information and transparency in the decision-making process. Two important documents were developed and published: the guide for citizens “You Have the Right to Know” and a guide entitled “Public Participation”, containing practical tips for organizing and conducting the process of informing, consulting and involving the public in decision-making, comments on certain provisions in the legislation, description of the main forms, methods and participatory instruments, various aspects of communication between citizens and LPAs.
Grant addition in 2011: $4,730

Legal Empowerment of Rural Communities through a Network of Community-based Paralegals
Summary: The project aimed at contributing to the improvement of good governance in the country addressed through a network of community-based paralegals acting as local promoters of legal education, information and ultimately empowerment of the indigent and legally illiterate population. Two models of delivering the paralegal service as tools for legal empowerment were piloted within the project – social assistants trained to act as paralegals, and community members acting independently outside of the social assistance framework. 27 paralegals continued to provide primary legal service in their rural communities, with interruptions for scheduled trainings (five one-week trainings throughout the year). In parallel with the trainings, the tools for their professional development – “Citizens’ Basic Legal Guide” and “Methodological Guide for Paralegals” – were revised and updated. The project team developed the terms of reference for the national research on paths to justice conducted by Martin GRAMATIKOV, an international consultant from Tilburg University in The Netherlands and Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI, one of the local project consultants, and also member of the project team. The project developed the ToRs for a sociological company to conduct a national survey on the legal problems and needs of the Moldovan rural and urban population. The survey was conducted by the CBS-AXA sociological company and served as the main tool for developing the findings of the national research on paths to justice. The project team made constant efforts to ensure the inclusion of primary legal aid offered by paralegals in governmental policies. Project representatives participated in the working group responsible for drafting the Strategy for the Justice Sector Reform and in meetings with the NLAC, providing input into the content of the Paralegals’ Regulation.
$276,415

Grants within the project:
Study Visit to the Dutch Legal Aid Board, the Netherlands, Utrecht, October 17-21
Grantees and beneficiaries: Angela POPESCU, Ion POPUSOI, Viorica CHIRNICINII, Nicolae ILCO, Dorin RUSU, Daniela STEPLIU, Constantin BOCANCEA, Svetlana OPREA, Andrei BORZAC, Victor PUICA, Victor MUNTEANU, Marcel VARMARI, Iurie CUZA, Diana MARIAN
Summary: 10 paralegals were selected to participate in a study visit to the Dutch Legal Aid Board aimed at studying the advanced practices of providing primary legal aid within the Legal Services Counters and collecting information about the role of primary legal aid in the Dutch legal aid system.
$26,067

Total project expenditures: $302,482
Sida project administration expenditures: $6,169
Total Sida expenditures: $313,381

Justice Program administration expenditures: $39,699
Total Justice Program expenditures: $805,806
EQUALITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Vision:
An open and democratic society that respects the principles of equality and a balanced participation of women in the process of good governance.

Context:
In 2011 the Equality and Civic Engagement Program (ECEP) focused on activities aiming at promoting non-discrimination principles and values both through NGOs that share the same vision and direct management of operational projects. Another priority of the program was to strengthen good governance at local level by encouraging and building capacities of women from rural areas to get involved in community initiatives and participate in the decision-making process.

In view of preventing and combating the phenomenon of discrimination, a training program for 20 NGO representatives active in the promotion of human rights was conducted in partnership with the Anti-Discrimination Coalition from Romania. It aimed to impart with the participants knowledge of the criteria, types of discrimination and other related concepts, and key levers for promoting and fighting discrimination, as well as to improve their skills in developing an advocacy plan in this area. The training program was followed by an open call for proposals, which had the purpose to contribute to the prevention and reduction of discrimination and promotion of diversity through nongovernmental organizations from Moldova. Thus, eight nongovernmental organizations were supported financially to develop and carry out awareness campaigns on preventing and fighting discrimination of disadvantaged groups, develop studies, including the analysis of national legislation regarding the legal capacity of persons with intellectual disabilities or make an assessment of the implementation of the regulations regarding the protection order mechanism stipulated by the law on preventing and fighting domestic violence, and some others. In order to create a data platform regarding discrimination in Moldova, a sociological study on the population’s perception on discrimination was conducted; in line with this objective, the program coordinated the development of a research study on monitoring the coverage of different socially disadvantaged groups by five TV stations analyzed from a human rights and anti-discrimination perspective.

During the two years of the implementation of “Empowering Women to Participate in Community Life” project, funded by the Swedish Government, a group of nongovernmental organizations from rural areas increased their abilities to put women’s empowerment on the NGO and community’s agenda and also gained credibility in front of their constituents and stakeholders through training programs and awarded grants. This project area also established and developed a valuable network of women from rural areas who became promoters of gender equality and managed to reduce the stereotypes and discriminatory attitudes of community members towards women, due to the initiatives they implemented. Both the 13 NGOs and the network of 65 women who participated in the project can be considered valuable fundraising agents for their communities, since they benefited additionally from well-structured project writing trainings and project management experience. Additionally, due to the 63 awarded grants, small initiative groups of citizens were setup at local level, which learned about good governance and participation by getting involved directly in concrete projects that positively affected their lives and the life of their community. Several rural initiative groups registered as nongovernmental organizations which set as their mission promotion of gender equity and inclusion of vulnerable groups. The initiative groups led by women managed to establish long-lasting partnerships with local authorities, local schools and kindergartens, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders. Good governance principles and gender equality was promoted through all the capacity building programs carried out by the project, as well as through the projects implemented in various localities of Moldova. The quality of governance at local level and gender equality promotion were also maintained through the women who benefited from capacity building. As a result, some of them were elected in the local governments. During the local elections that took place in June 2011, 335 women, beneficiaries of the leadership development programs and those of the grants awarded to NGOs, registered to run as mayors and local councilors, out of which 114 won seats of local councilors and 12 became mayors.

Objectives:
- to empower a group of nongovernmental organizations to fight discrimination and carry out awareness raising campaigns on specific grounds and areas of discrimination;
- to develop a data-collection platform that would facilitate and complement initiatives in preventing and fighting discrimination;
- to encourage and empower women from rural communities to participate in the decision-making process and contribute to the development of their community.

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List of Acronyms:
CPD Partnership for Development Center
ECEP Equality and Civic Engagement Program
LPA Local Public Authorities
NGO Nongovernmental Organization
SFM Soros Foundation-Moldova
SUBPROGRAM 1: PROMOTING DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND PRACTICES UNDERLYING RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

Through this program component, the Equality and Civic Engagement Program aimed to support activities that would strengthen the capacities of NGOs in developing initiatives that would improve the level of public understanding of discrimination and empower civil society in promoting practices designed to diminish and prevent discrimination. Additionally, the program set the objective to develop a data-collection platform that would serve as support in the process of promoting equality and diversity.

Operational projects:

Training Techniques for Promoting Human Rights in Combating Discrimination
The ECEP in partnership with the Anti-discrimination Coalition from Romania organized and conducted a training program on anti-discrimination for the representatives of Moldovan NGOs active in promoting human rights. The training program consisted of three modules, four days each, as follows:
- Module I: “Discrimination criteria, types of discrimination and other related concepts” (February 9-13);
- Module II: “Advocacy in combating discrimination - knowledge and skills required to develop an advocacy plan” (March 10-13);
- Module III: “Limits and key levers for promoting and fighting discrimination” (April 7-10).

The training program enabled participants to understand the concept of discrimination and to become familiar with the methods and techniques for combating this phenomenon. To strengthen the knowledge acquired during the training, each of the 20 participants worked on a home assignment/concept related to the activity field of their organization, being assisted by program trainers. During 2011, the ECEP launched an open call for proposals for initiatives related to preventing and combating discrimination in which the participants had the opportunity to develop project concepts and submit them for funding to the Foundation.

$53,841

Sociological Study on the Perception of Discrimination by the Population of the Republic of Moldova
The purpose of the survey was to identify the population’s perception of discrimination and to identify the types of this phenomenon. The following activities were conducted in this regard: a Delphi research that allowed to set up the target categories of the population and basic indicators for the survey; a survey carried out on the phenomenon of discrimination in the Republic of Moldova; three focus groups organized to discuss the survey results; an analytical report of the survey which includes proposals and recommendations for the target groups. Conducted for the first time ever in Moldova, the sociological study identifies the categories of persons perceived as the most frequent victims of discrimination, the social background in which discrimination occurs, the social distance between the respondents and the groups of people who are discriminated, as well as the respondents’ personal experiences in the field of discrimination. The research results reveal that discrimination and marginalization of certain groups of people are a real phenomenon in Moldova, which has been rapidly growing during the last few years. In accordance with the public and experts’ opinion involved in this research, the most socially discriminated groups are people with mental and physical disabilities, people with a low income, HIV positive, gays and lesbians, Roma and women.

$7,240

Monitoring Research: Coverage of Socially Disadvantaged Groups by TV Channels in Moldova
The ECEP conducted a research to study the ways in which TV stations cover the following group categories: persons with disabilities, Roma, the poor, women, LGBT community, HIV positive people, from the viewpoint of human rights protection and prevention of discrimination. The survey was conducted by monitoring five television stations: Prime TV, Moldova 1, NIT, ProTV, and TV7, from January to April 2011. It assessed the frequency of materials about socially disadvantaged groups, topics and issues associated with these groups, as well as the image and role of the groups promoted by TV stations by age, educational level, occupational status and social position.

$25,266
Preparatory Stage of a Study Visit to Romania
Following the anti-discrimination training program, the ECEP launched an open call for proposals designed to support initiatives that promote the principles of equality and non-discrimination. As a result of the open competition, eight NGOs benefited from grants. In order to strengthen the capacities of the grantees, the ECE Program planned a study visit to Romania having the goal to familiarize the group of NGOs from Moldova with the activities of the Antidiscrimination Coalition from Romania and exchange good practices in this field. The study visit is scheduled for the beginning of 2012 and will last for six days. It will include visits to organizations that defend and promote the rights of victims of discrimination, meetings with media representatives that promote non-discrimination and visits to state institutions responsible for preventing and combating discrimination.

Grants on Prevention and Reduction of Discrimination for Nongovernmental Organizations in the Republic of Moldova
The Equality and Civic Engagement Program launched an open call for proposals for NGO during May 10–June 10, 2011, with the goal to prevent and reduce discrimination as well as to promote diversity. As a result of the open competition, eight NGOs benefited from grants with the maximum grant amount of $30,000. The proposals set as priorities to carry awareness campaigns on non-discrimination; develop studies, such as the analysis of national legislation regarding the legal capacity of people with mental disabilities, evaluation of the implementation of the law on domestic violence, and some others.

Free in Action
Grantee: MOTIVAȚIE Public Association
Project Director: Mariana MAFTEI
Summary: The project aims to reduce discrimination of people with mobility and physical impairments by improving their access to public institutions. Five initiative teams will be trained to monitor 50 public buildings in five different districts of Chisinau. As a result of the monitoring, an electronic map will be developed to indicate which buildings are accessible for people with mobility physical impairments. A report on the analysis of technical standards on access to buildings will be developed. Along with that, a charitable marathon with the participation of wheelchair users, local celebrities and journalists will be organized. For further sustainability, the organization will promote on the LPAs’ and other relevant institutions’ agenda the problem of access to public buildings for the wheelchair users as well as the need to allocate financial resources to solve this problem.

Combating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities through the Joint Efforts of the Media Strategy Group
Grantee: Keystone Human Services International Moldova Public Association
Project Director: Ludmila MALCOCI
Summary: The main goal of this project is to increase the knowledge and acceptance of persons with intellectual disabilities in the community as a means of diminishing the stigma and discrimination towards this group. The organization will develop two guides: one guide is designed to teach journalists how to cover topics regarding persons with disabilities and another one is designed for high school students in order to inform them and raise their awareness about the needs of people with disabilities and ways to communicate with them. A large awareness campaign will be carried out, consisting of a photo exhibition organized by children and youth with mental disabilities, a promotional calendar with pictures made by them and a social theater performance presented in 15 schools of the country.

Preventing Discrimination via Press
Grantee: Association of Independent Press Public Association
Project Director: Petru MACOVEI
Summary: The project’s main goal is to promote the rights of disadvantaged people and to strengthen the print media’s capacities for objective coverage of the information about disadvantaged persons. To achieve this goal the organization will monitor during two months the ways 20 newspapers and websites of local and national press cover the situation and rights of disadvantaged groups and minorities. Additionally, two public debates with the participation of journalists, editors and representatives of disadvantaged groups will be organized. Six monthly editions of the ACTIVE page, with a cumulative circulation of 85,000 copies on the topic of discrimination, disseminated through 20 local and national
newspapers of the Association of Independent Press Network, will be published in Romanian and Russian in order to raise awareness and to inform the public on the issue of discrimination. A contest of the best articles will be organized to encourage journalists to address properly the situation of disadvantaged and discriminated persons as well as promote their rights.

$29,988

**About Discrimination and Diversity for Everyone**
Grantee: Human Rights Center for Information and Documentation Public Association
Project Director: Veaceslav TOFAN
Summary: The project focuses on raising awareness of the population from the Republic of Moldova about personal stories of the victims of discrimination, the concept of diversity, and good practices of non-discrimination. To achieve this goal, during 12 months, the organization will publish articles as well as video and audio reports on this issue. Simultaneously, one training course on the development and implementation of the testing method used in identifying cases of discrimination will be carried out for 15 NGO and media representatives. After the training, the participants will conduct 30 tests and will document the access of different services for the most discriminated categories including people with disabilities, HIV positive persons, Roma, lesbians and gay, etc.

$29,898

**The Right to Carry out the Legal Capacity of Persons with Mental Disabilities**
Grantee: Center of Legal Assistance for People with Disabilities Public Association
Project Director: Ion CIBOTĂRICĂ
Summary: The project aim is to promote the right to legal capacity of people with mental disabilities in the Republic of Moldova. A national team of experts will work together to develop the study “Legal Capacities of People with Mental Disabilities, through the Perspective of Article Number 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities”. The study will include the analysis of national legislation in this field as well as provide specific recommendations to improve it, in accordance with international standards to which the Republic of Moldova has committed. The partners of this project are NGOs active in the area of human rights, mainly the ones that defend the interests of people with mental disabilities, as well as the representatives of Central Public Administration.

$29,926

**Non-discrimination – Online**
Grantee: Porojan Public Association
Project Director: Tatiana BORDEI
Summary: The project aims to raise awareness among high school students and teachers from the districts of Drochia, Călărași and Orhei about the issue of discrimination, especially regarding the segregation and discrimination of Roma students. To achieve this objective, high school students will benefit from lectures on tolerance and diversity as part of the civic education subject area. Students will learn about the cultural background of ethnic minorities living in Moldova, the importance of respecting ethnic values and diversity and will engage in debates on these topics. The concept of non-discrimination will be also taught during the winter university “Use your Voice against Discrimination” where a group of students will be trained on how to use cameras for shooting and filming in expressing their point of view on discrimination. At the end of the project, the participants will create a web interactive platform that will inform high schools students about cases of discrimination.

$19,948

**Assessment of the Implementation of the Protection Order as Stipulated in the 45-XVI Law in Moldova**
Grantee: Promo-Lex Public Association
Project Director: Olga MANOLE
Summary: The organization will collect information about the efficiency of the Law 45-XVI on the prevention and fighting against domestic violence. The project team will gather a group of experts who will develop an assessment report on the implementation of the law as well as provide recommendations to fill out the gaps identified in the process of the law implementation, especially with regards to the protection order.

$20,000
Journalists for Equal Opportunities and Diversity - Information and Awareness Campaign against Discrimination
Grantee: Center for Investigative Journalism Public Association
Project Director: Cornelia COZONAC
Summary: The activities of this project are meant to raise the public and decision-makers’ awareness on the problems faced by the groups of discriminated persons. To achieve this goal, 24 investigation articles on discrimination of different vulnerable groups will be published in Romanian and Russian through various sources including 15 national and local newspapers, web pages and some others. Along with that, six public debates will be organized within the Investigation Journalism Club on various topics regarding the causes leading to discrimination and the effects of stigma and discrimination on the society in general. Representatives of public institutions, civil society, experts and media will be invited to participate in these debates.
$28,885

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: $305,577
SUBPROGRAM 2: EMPOWERING WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY LIFE

The project "Empowering Women to Participate in Community Life" was implemented with the financial support of the Swedish Government during December 4, 2009 – January 31, 2012. The project aimed at strengthening good governance at local level by encouraging and developing the skills of rural women to engage in community initiatives and participate in decision-making. The project objectives of this project were achieved both by working with 13 nongovernmental organizations whose agenda included promoting gender equality and directly through 65 women with leadership potential from rural areas. Following are the project activities implemented during 2011.

Operational Projects:

Two Leadership Development Programs for Rural Women
To increase the capacities of women from communities to participate in the decision-making process at the local level and community life, the ECEP developed and carried out together with the “Partnership for Development” Center two leadership programs. The participants were selected through two open competitions. From 127 applications submitted, 43 women were selected based on the following selection criteria: a proven leadership potential; interest for professional development; motivation to participate in the program; interest to run for local elections in 2011. Each leadership development program included two stages - a core training program with three modules and a small grants program meant to support the community initiatives developed by the participants. The training modules covered topics related to civic and political leadership, participation in decision-making at the local level and provided the participants with tools for promoting change in their community. Since one of the main follow-up activities of this program was the small grants program aimed at strengthening the knowledge gained by the participants, the training program also included elements on project writing and management.

$28,811

Final Conference of the “Empowering Women to Participate in Community Life” Project
On December 13, 2011, a final project event was organized with the purpose to present the project results and its impact, share the project’s success stories and lessons learnt, and discuss future cooperation and development opportunities in the area of women’s participation in community development. The event was attended by more than 80 participants, including the beneficiaries of the three leadership development programs, nongovernmental organizations active in the field of promoting women, media and other stakeholders. The last session of this meeting was planned to evaluate the leadership development program. In this framework, the participants shared information about the changes that occurred in their personal and professional life following the participation in the leadership program, strengths and weaknesses of the program and discussed the prospects for the development of an alumni network.

$4,199

Small Grants Program for the Participants in the Leadership Development Programs
During January-September 2011, the ECEP launched four small grants competitions designed to strengthen the knowledge of the leadership development programs’ participants. As a result, 40 small community initiatives were approved for funding by the ECEP’s board (of up to $1,000 each), with a time frame of two months. During the review of the project proposals, the ECEP board considered the following criteria: how the community would benefit from the project; how the project will promote gender equality; how the applicant (participant in the leadership program) will realize her leadership potential during the project implementation as well as the potential and abilities of other women from the community; how the project will mobilize the target group; what impact the project will have on other women and how the other community stakeholders will be involved in project activities. The small community initiatives covered various topics including involvement of youth in community life, promoting a healthy life-style; promoting gender equality and human rights; involving the community in renovating public spaces (parks, etc.); promoting transparency in local decision-making and some others.

No! To Violence in Family and Society
Grantee: Tamara MACARI, Cărpinești, Hîncești
Summary: The project aimed to engage 30 volunteers in promoting a life without violence in the community of Cărpinești, Hîncești district. To achieve this result, the volunteers from the local Ștefan
Holban school learned about domestic violence and ways to deal with this problem. After the training of trainer’s program, peer educators developed 17 presentations in the local and neighboring schools about domestic violence and its negative impact. The youth was also involved in the “16 Days against Violence” campaign organized after the project was implemented.

$1,000

**We Don't Tolerate Violence**  
Grantee: Violeta POPA, Olișcani, Șoldănești  
Summary: The project was designed to reduce domestic violence among young women from the village of Olișcani, Șoldănești district, by involving 17 women in a series of trainings and individual counselling on this subject. The beneficiaries developed a strategy on preventing domestic violence in the family and community and created an internal network for protection against violence and to promote awareness in the community about the right to safety and personal integrity of persons who had been abused. The whole community was informed about the danger of domestic violence, especially in young families. The LPA approved the “Guide of Good Practices of Intervention in Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence”, drafted by project beneficiaries. The community residents are being updated on the problem of domestic violence through an informational panel that was installed in the centre of the village.

$1,000

**Spring in Children's Soul**  
Grantee: Aurelia DOSCHINESCU, Chetrosu, Drochia  
Summary: The project aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle for the children that attend the local kindergarten the village of Chetrosu from Drochia rayon. The activities included competitions, hiking, planting trees and participation in workshops about health and other issues. The parents along with their children and the kindergarten staff renovated a playground and planted 150 trees in the area of the kindergarten. Additionally, the project contributed to effective communication between parents, kindergarten staff and children.

$1,000

**Fathers in Action**  
Grantee: Elena CIUDIN, Gura Galbenei, Cimișlia  
Summary: The project engaged over 20 parents from the village of Gura Galbenei, Cimișlia, in the education of their children. The parents were informed about children's rights, responsibility of parents in promoting these rights, relational instability and domestic violence, the role of both parents in the upbringing process of their child and other relevant topics. Afterwards, all the families were involved in common activities like sport and drawing contests, and others. A group of parents involved in this project formed the “Skilful Hands” Club with the mission of promoting and protecting the children’s rights.

$1,000

**Healthy Nutrition in the Family – a Condition for a Healthy Lifestyle**  
Grantee: Maria ANDRONACHI, Brînzeni, Edineț  
Summary: The project promoted the importance of healthy nutrition among people from the village of Brînzeni, Edineț. Over 30 families attended workshops about basic nutritional needs, the impact of genetically modified products on health, and some others. A group of participants set up an initiative group that aims to promote a healthy life style in the community with the focus on the school and kindergarten.

$1,000

**Today a Student - Tomorrow a Community Leader**  
Grantee: Maria GORINCIOI, Călărași  
Summary: The project aimed to strengthen the leadership capacity of 20 women and girls from rural areas of Călărași. The project implementation team organized a series of trainings on leadership, gender equality and other topics related to personal development. The seminars were followed by a series of meetings with various stakeholders from the community, such as representatives of the local public authorities, teachers, doctors and others who were informed about the importance of gender mainstreaming. The teachers and students developed a school guide on gender which is to be used in the curriculum of optional courses.

$1,000
A Woman with Disabilities - Leading with Her Abilities  
Grantee: Tatiana GOLOȘCIC, Bulboaca, Anenii Noi  
Summary: The project developed the abilities of 15 people from the village of Bulboaca, Anenii Noi, to raise awareness about the life of persons with disabilities and to inform the community about their rights. In this regard, two trainings in photo-voice acquainted participants with various techniques of shooting, analyzing the photos, writing the caption of the photo, etc. As a result, the participants learned methods of expressing themselves through photography and of covering the problems of people with disabilities. They also organized two exhibitions in the community. A lot of the photographs reflected the problem of access for persons with mobility impairment to local roads and other public buildings.  
$1,000

Informed Youth - Active Youth  
Grantee: Valentina ADESPEA, Olănești, Ștefan-Vodă  
Summary: The project aimed to promote gender equality among the students from the B.P. Hașdeu School, from the village of Olănești. A group of Peace Corps volunteers taught the students about gender equality, communication, leadership and personal development. The trainees developed an awareness plan for their fellows in the field of gender equity and equal opportunities between girls and boys. Books on gender equality and personal development were purchased for the school library that includes a center for promotion of gender equality.  
$1,000

Combating Gender Discrimination in the Village of Taraclia  
Grantee: Pelaghia TRACI, Taraclia, Căuşeni  
Summary: The aim of the project was to inform the population from the village of Taraclia about gender discrimination and its impact on families. The project's beneficiaries participated in a one-day seminar on interpersonal relationships within the family in compliance with respect for gender equality. After the training, the project team organized a public competition aiming to encourage tolerance and reduce stereotypes about women. The event was attended by more than 100 families from the village of Taraclia. The project activities were advertised through informational materials, including the New Generation school newspaper.  
$1,000

In Aqua Sanitas  
Grantee: Violeta CRUDU, Cruzești, Chisinau  
Summary: The project carried out activities that raised awareness on the importance of potable water. To this end, water filters were installed in the kindergarten and the school of the village of Cruzești along with conducting awareness activities for students, teachers and parents. The main topics of the activities included the importance of water in everyday life and the harmful effects of human behavior on natural resources.  
$1,000

Learning to Protect our Rights  
Grantee: Maria VLEJU, Ghiliceni, Telenești  
Summary: The project aimed to persuade the LPA of the village of Ghiliceni from the rayon of Telenești, to respect the right of children to a healthy environment by banning tobacco products and alcoholic beverages in commercial units located near the local gymnasium and kindergarten. A Community Initiative Group consisting of parents and teachers, later registered as a Public Association of Women in Ghiliceni called Spiritual Sundays was trained in the implementation of advocacy strategies and had the chance to visit institutions that promote human rights from Chisinau. The problem was settled in a peaceful manner, through negotiation and the conviction of seven out of 13 local councilors and the mayor to adopt a decision based on the regulation proposed by the initiative group, requiring the commercial entities located near the gymnasium and kindergarten to comply with the legal framework. The regulation was signed by the owners of commercial units.  
$1,000

Parents Learn - Children Read  
Grantee: Maria FURDUI, Telenești  
Summary: The project aimed to actively involve 40 young parents from the town of Telenești in encouraging reading among kindergarten and elementary school children. Together with the project's
implementation team, the participants organized a fundraising event due to which, the library was enriched with 178 new books, board games and toys. At the end of the project, the library’s attendance rate was considerably increased. Meanwhile, the library was recognized into an ideal place for socializing and meetings for families and their children.

$1,000

Let’s Go to the Reading Room
Grantee: Iulia GROSU, Dobruşa, Şoldăneşti
Summary: The project aimed to develop the interest in reading for the students from the Alexandru Grosu School, located in the village of Dobruşa from the rayon of Şoldăneşti. The school library, which since Soviet times lacked books in Latin alphabet, was enriched with over 200 books that are required by the school curriculum. In this regard, 15 children managed to collect from the community 500 Moldovan lei and 66 books within a fundraising campaign “Give a Book for the School Library”. During the campaign, the school was visited by the writer – Iurie BADICU, who was born in Şoldăneşti and Viorica NAGACEVSCHI Foundation, both contributing to motivating children to read books.

$1,000

New Prospects for Young Unemployed Women in Ungheni
Grantee: Violeta PETRE, Ungheni
Summary: The project developed the entrepreneurial skills of 20 young unemployed women from the rayon of Ungheni. The beneficiaries were selected based on the recommendations of the Territorial Labor Office and the City Council of Ungheni. The participants learned how to develop a business plan and found out about opportunities of financial resources for their business ideas. As a result, 10 business plans were developed and promoted within a roundtable presentation attended by LPA, creditors, successful women from the community, and other stakeholders. The project concluded with a study visit to the villages of Buşila and Costuleni where the participants learnt about examples of successful businesses.

$1,000

The High School Park - Relaxation, Education and Ecological Awareness
Grantee: Mariana PURICE, Hârbovăţ, Anenii Noi
Summary: The project aimed to develop a recreational place for children from Ion Creangă High School from the village of Hârbovăţ. To raise the awareness in the community about the harmful effects of the landfill located near school, as well as the importance of a clean environment, information activities and the “International Day of Protection of the Ozone Layer” conference were conducted. Over 200 volunteers cleaned the area around the school that served as a landfill since 1993. The landfill site was planted with more than 100 seedlings of lime, chestnut, and willow trees. The new park, created and developed with the participation of the community, serves as a model of civic engagement and promotion of a clean environment.

$1,000

Good Governance through Transparency and Cooperation
Grantee: Natalia CODREAN, Visoca, Soroca
Summary: The project aimed to actively engage the youth of the village of Visoca, the district of Soroca, in the community life by developing their leadership capacities and informing them about the principles of good governance and methods of participation in local decision-making. As a result of implemented activities, 11 young students from Visoca formed the “Youth of Visoca” initiative group with the aim to promote the participation of youth in community initiatives. The participants joined in discussions with the representatives of local authorities and participated in drafting a local strategy on youth empowerment. One of the first initiatives of the group was to create a social theatre which performs on topics reflecting community problems.

$1,000

Let’s Do It, Visoca!
Grantee: Mirela HARABARA, Visoca, Soroca
Summary: The project aimed to increase women’s participation in the community life of the village of Slobozia. The project goal was achieved due to the active participation of 15 women who acquired leadership and community problem solving skills after participation in a leadership program. A Public Café entitled “Community Development - Priority for Men and Women” organized in the community gathered
together women and local authorities to identify community problems and solutions to them. Three projects in the area of sanitation, social inclusion, and environment were implemented by the women’s initiative group.

$1,000

**Life after Classes**
Grantee: Eugenia MAN, Ratuș, Criuleni
Summary: The project aimed at involving the youth from the village of Măgdăcești from the rayon of Criuleni in extracurricular activities. To achieve this result, the children were involved in a series of workshops, organized by the OWH Studio from Chisinau where they learned to create short movies that reflect the life in their community. By the end of the project, six short movies were created on the following topics: “Smoking and Drugs”, “No Alcohol”, “Contrasts of the Society We Live In”, and others. One of the movies was given an award during a youth contest “Plural plus Moldova - Migration and Diversity” organized by the International Organization for Migration in Moldova.

$1,000

**Together for a Better Life**
Grantee: Lilia ROTARU, Cușmirca, Șoldănești
Summary: The project aimed to increase the interest of 20 parents from the village of Cușmirca from Șoldănești in effective education of their children. Trainings about the role of parents in educating children, creative and efficient methods used in the education process as well as other practical and information activities were conducted. The families had the opportunity to meet the representatives of the *Alunelul* children’s magazine and to participate in the production of a short movie about successful education techniques. As a result, the parents associated into an initiative group and developed a strategy for the next six months regarding a better involvement of parents in the education of their children.

$1,000

**Together for a Nice, Modern and Comfortable City**
Grantee: Aliona BÎRNA, Ștefan Vodă
Summary: The project was designed to encourage civic participation of citizens from Ștefan Vodă. In this view, several community groups were involved in arranging a new park in front of the Maria Bieșu Art School. Fundraising events were organized by children, while the project team developed a strategy in community mobilization and used the available human resources in building the new green area in front of the school. The yard in the front of the school also includes a parking place for bicycles, bins and benches, trees, etc. The project concluded with a fair that included an exhibition of local crafts and a program designed to inform guests about the project results.

$1,000

**Women and Young People Can Help the Community**
Grantee: Eugenia IURCO, Slobozia, Ștefan Vodă
Summary: The project aimed to increase the participation of youth from the village of Slobozia in community initiatives. 20 participants were trained on engagement and project writing. The practical aspect of the training was the development of 18 project proposals that were discussed with the local mayor and presented to the community through the *World Café* activity. The participants were engaged in small community initiatives, including the planting of 200 seedlings in the “Say No to Alcohol” campaign and organization of a Christmas concert for the elderly people.

$1,000

**There is No Future without Past**
Grantee: Sofia BÂTRÎNCEA, Mărcăuți, Dubăsări
Summary: The project aimed to develop the interaction between the elderly people and the youth from the village of Mărcăuți, Dubăsări. The volunteers involved in the project visited elderly people in their households and joined in other common activities. Along with that, 15 students and 15 elderly were engaged in collecting old traditional songs and poems preserved in the community. The elderly from the community and the young volunteers participated in training about communication and community involvement in solving community problems and a better interaction between generations. A local initiative group was established in order to promote volunteering.

$1,000
For Books and Reading
Grantee: Aurica BODIU, Ștefănești, Florești
Summary: The project aimed to promote reading among the youth from the village of Ștefănești, Florești. The students and their parents participated in a series of activities that included school debates, book exhibitions, meetings with writers, and organization of fundraising activities designed to enrich the school library with useful books. Over 350 students participated in the book collection campaign, while other 10 students created the Excelsior Youth Club and published a school newspaper that included information about the project. Parents were informed within a series of workshops about ways to motivate their children to read more books.
$1,000

Through Ourselves
Grantee: Sabina BACIU-DANILOV, Văsieni, Telenești
Summary: The project aimed to increase community involvement of 25 youth from the village of Văsieni, Telenești. The group of youth was trained in a leadership program, which included sessions on how to identify and solve community problems. Following the training program, an advisory group for youth was set up and an action plan was developed. One of the first initiatives of the group was establishing benches and trash cans in the community. The advisory group negotiated with the LPA representatives the need to repair the local community club.
$1,000

The World in Your House
Grantee: Liuba IACOVLEV, Ochiul Alb, Drochia
Summary: The project’s purpose was to involve the youth from the village of Ochiul Alb in volunteering for the Hope for Tomorrow Temporary Placement for the Elderly. The project engaged 10 school students who were trained in the basics of volunteering. Afterwards, the young volunteers assisted 30 elderly in organizing social activities, including a fundraising campaign, the celebration of the “International Day of the Elderly” and a visit to a neighboring daycare Centre. A Cinema Club „The World in your House” was set up in the Centre for the Elderly, offering to its beneficiaries the opportunity to watch documentaries provided by the OWH Film Studio from Chisinau.
$1,000

Business Opportunities for Women in the Rayon of Drochia
Grantee: Maria JOSANU, Chetrosu, Drochia
Summary: The project aimed to develop entrepreneurial skills of 30 women from different villages of the rayon of Drochia. Trainings on entrepreneurship were conducted by the Organization for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprise Sector (ODIMM). The women’s group learned about business planning, labor legislation, loans and budget management and other relevant issues. After the trainings, a study visit to Chisinau was organized to visit the Exhibition of Farmers providing these women the chance to meet successful entrepreneurs and be informed about interesting business ideas. The project concluded with a roundtable and the launching of the Advisory Center for Rural Women Entrepreneurs Center. The Center was equipped with useful books on entrepreneurship, personal development and management.
$1,000

Whether Feeling Good or Not – I Am Always with My Parents
Grantee: Nelea IUCOL, Popești de Sus, Drochia
Summary: The project aimed at encouraging active participation of the parents from the village of Popeștii de Sus, Drochia, in the education of their children. To achieve this result, a target group of 10 students from Ion Creangă High School, together with their parents, were involved in seminars about methods of developing positive relationships within the family and school. The project ended with a competition between families. The most active families benefited from a study visit to Chisinau, meeting Ms. Eugenia Marin – the mother of Doina Aldea-Teoderovici - a role model for many families of Moldova. The parents initiated a group that promotes the participation of parents in a better education of their children.
$1,000

Beauty will Save the World
Grantee: Eugenia IOXA, Mândrești, Telenești
Summary: The project aimed at increasing the knowledge about culture of 30 young people from the village of Mândrești, Telenешti. The beneficiaries were offered the opportunity to get acquainted with the cultural life of Chisinau. They visited the National Opera and Ballet, Mihai Eminescu and Eugene Ionesco theaters, being able to attend the backstage rehearsals and discuss with the actors. By the end of the project, two workshops on theatrical performance were carried out by actors from Chisinau who visited the youth group from Mândrești.

$1,000

**I and My Community**
Grantee: Stela BUCUR, Dahnovici, Hâncești
Summary: The project aimed to promote youth volunteering in the village of Bobeica, Hâncești, offering 12 teenagers the opportunity to participate in trainings on volunteering and engagement in community life. After identifying the needs of their community, the volunteers organized a fundraising event. With the money they collected they bought books for the children from the Drăgușeni kindergarten. At the end of the project a center for volunteers from the village of Bobeica was created, which managed to attract more volunteers. The youth developed an action plan for the next year in order to participate more actively and efficiently in the community. One of the project’s participants was awarded the title of the best volunteer of 2011 year in the framework of the National Festival of Volunteers.

$1,000

**I Care about You, Sângerei!**
Grantee: Ludmila PROCIUC, Sângerei
Summary: The project aimed to encourage and empower 20 young people from Sângerei in solving local problems. To achieve this result, they participated in a series of seminars about methods of problem identification as well as their solving and project writing. Afterwards, 5 project concepts were developed and were presented by youth leaders during the roundtable discussion with the mayor and the local council representatives. The participants decided to build a recreational area for children from the community. To achieve this, they organized one fundraising event, developed an action plan, and learned about existing funding opportunities in the Republic of Moldova.

$1,000

**Healthy Water – Healthy Children**
Grantee: Angela ZAPOROJAN, Coloniţa, Chisinau
Summary: The project aimed to inform the citizens of the village of Coloniţa about the danger of using poor quality water in daily nutrition. Over 350 children from the community kindergarten and Gh.Ghimpu High School and their parents, received information about the consequences of using poor quality water. The students participated in a contest about the importance of water that included presentations of video materials on the importance of water for human existence. Teachers organized workshops about water quality for students in chemistry and physics labs. As a result, water filters were installed in the school and kindergarten. The school leaders produced a short documentary about water quality in the village.

$1,000

**Informed Girls Today - Protected Students Tomorrow**
Grantee: Marina MORARI, Bălţi
Summary: The project goal was to prevent abortions among young graduates from the high schools of the Bălţi municipality. With the help of the students from the Department of Education and Arts Sciences of A. Russo State University, 25 graduates from Ion Creangă, Mihai Eminescu, and B.P.Haşdeu and Lucian Blaga high schools were selected. They were trained in sexual education, prevention of abortion and protection from sexually transmitted diseases. Efforts to prevent abortions among young women were promoted by young people by raising awareness among high school graduates during two social theater performances organized in Ion Creangă High School and the Vasile Alecsandri National Theatre.

$1,000

**Involving Women in Community Life**
Grantee: Tatiana GUTIUM, Grătiești, Chisinau
Summary: The purpose of the project was to increase and strengthen the interaction between various groups of women from the village of Grătiești. To achieve this result, 15 women entrepreneurs and 35 women belonging to vulnerable groups shared their experience regarding child education, family healthcare, work habits and human rights. They also participated in a training program designed to
actively engage women in community life. By the end of the project, 15 participants decided to establish The Senate of Women from Grătieşti Club that will continue its activity in 2012.

$1,000

**All Children Have the Right to Health**
Grantee: Elena MEREACRE, Costeşti, Ialoveni
Summary: The project aimed to improve the services for rehabilitation and social reintegration of 75 children with special needs from the Courage Daycare Center from the village of Costeşti, Ialoveni. To achieve this result, the project engaged 14 workers of the Courage Center and 20 parents who have children with disabilities in rehabilitation and physical development activities. Both groups were trained in learning new special exercises for children with special needs. As a result, a playground was arranged to provide an easier access to games and leisure activities for children with disabilities.

$1,000

**Say No! to Violence**
Grantee: Tatiana GĂLĂTEANU, Giurgiuleşti, Cahul
Summary: The project aimed to inform the Giurgiuleşti community about the domestic violence phenomenon and its impact on women and men. A group of 20 school volunteers were trained in social theater and developed a performance about domestic violence. In order to facilitate the performance set, the team was equipped with a demountable outdoor stage. Simultaneously, other awareness activities on domestic violence, such as radio, leaflets, etc. were conducted. The project was carried out in partnership with Y-PEER Moldova Network who trained the youth in social theater.

$813

**Proficient Youth – a Prosperous Country**
Grantee: Nelea IUCOL, Popeşti de Sus, Drochia
Summary: The goal of the project was to create opportunities for personal development and professional orientation of 28 students from Ion Creangă High School of the village of Popeşti de Sus, Drochia. In this regard, a 4-day training course on vocational orientation was organized for the youth group. The participants met experts from various professional fields and former graduates who are studying at the universities in Chisinau, Romania, or abroad in order to share their experience. They also participated in a study visit to Bălţi, getting acquainted with the work of diary and meat factories. The teachers, who participated in the trainings, organized an optional class about students’ professional orientation that was included in the school curriculum.

$1,000

**Youth against Alcohol and Tobacco**
Grantee: Evghenia MOISEI, Izvoare, Făleşti
Summary: The project aimed to involve youth in the prevention of alcohol consumption among teenagers in the village of Izvoare, Făleşti. Twenty parents of 25 teenagers carried out awareness raising activities about the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco use, including soccer and drawing contests and other competitions. Simultaneously, a monitoring committee of 12 parents was created. The committee participated in discussions with the local council representatives and developed an action plan for continuous awareness raising in the community. As a result, the local council approved the joint work plan on the prevention and reduction of harmful addictions among teenagers, which stipulates the commitment of local commercial units to prohibit the sale of alcohol and tobacco products to teenagers. The commitment was signed by the 12 owners of local bars.

$1,000

**Women in Action**
Grantee: Ludmila ZDRAGUŞ, Ştefăneşti, Floreşti
Summary: The project aimed to increase the participation of women in community life. Fifteen active women from the village of Ştefăneşti, Floreşti were informed about the importance to promote gender equality at community level and involve women in the development of community, offering them knowledge about time management and personal finance. An initiative group was created in order to promote active women in the community. The first action organized by the beneficiaries was the cleaning of a local park through mobilization of community members. By the end of the project, the initiative group developed and discussed with the LPA a strategic plan for the next three years that involves women in various community actions.
Young Journalists for the Community
Grantee: Zinaida IGNAT, Peresecina, Orhei
Summary: The project aimed to stimulate the involvement of 22 high school students in the publishing of a school newspaper. To achieve this aim, a Club of Young Journalists was created engaging beneficiaries in a series of workshops that developed their skills in interviewing, communication, writing, and photography. The young people benefited from two study visits to Publika TV from Chisinau and to the Est Curier newspaper office from Criuleni. After the visit, the young journalists printed the first edition of the Young Journalist Club’s Newsletter which contains information about project activities. The project was developed in partnership with Peace Corps volunteers.

Grants on Women’s Empowerment to Get Engaged in Community Life and Decision-making

The purpose of the grants program was to support initiatives of nongovernmental organizations from rural communities that would seek to empower rural women to get involved actively in the public and political decision-making process at the local level. Eligible to participate in the competition were nongovernmental organizations from rural areas, outside Chisinau, that promote gender equality. Each application was requested to have a time-frame of up to maximum eight months and a budget not exceeding $12,400.

After funding 10 grants in 2010, the ECEP registered a balance of $30,271.00, which was used to fund in 2011 three new projects in the areas of empowerment of rural women to be involved in the decision-making process.

Your Decision
Grantee: Citizens with Initiative Public Association, Cantemir
Project manager: Sofia URSUL
Summary: The aim of the project was to train 24 women leaders, the representatives of „Speranţa”, „Prosperare-Lărguţa”, „Speranţa-Câiet” and „Eldorado” NGOs from the town of Cantemir and the villages of Larga, Flocoasa, and Câietu, in identifying community problems through the community organization method. The participants reinforced their knowledge and skills in community organization and in using advocacy techniques in solving community problems. Thus, among the problems addressed by the initiative groups set up within this project, the following can be mentioned: improving the services offered by the Family Medical Center in the village of Flocoasa and providing the necessary equipment, renovating the local bus station at the entrance to the village of Larga, building a children's playground in the city of Cantemir and renovating the sports hall of the village of Câietu.

A Strong Woman is an Informed Woman
Grantee: Armonie Public Association, Oxentea, Dubăsari
Project manager: Rodica BUZILA
Summary: The aim of the project was to encourage 20 active women from the village of Oxentea, Dubăsari, to get involved actively in community life and the decision-making process at local level. In addition to the skills in identifying problems in their community and finding solutions, the beneficiaries of the project acquired knowledge about using information technologies. As a result of the project activities, the Oxentea Women’s Club was established, being lately registered as the “Women’s Club - Inspiration” Public Association. The project was promoted through the newsletter Oxenteanca, Jurnal TV and the local newspaper.

Be You Club
Grantee: Pro Femeia Public Association, Ungheni
Project manager: Victoria Bernic
Summary: The project aimed to empower 25 women from the villages of Boghenii-Noi, Codrătești, Costuleni, Petrești, Pârlița and the city of Ungheni to participate in the decision-making process. To achieve this objective, a series of trainings on decision-making and methods and forms of community
organization were organized. Afterwards, the participants implemented small initiatives focused on community issues, identified as priorities. Additionally, groups of women participated in the council meetings and public debates on the topics of interest, establishing later a Women’s Club.

$9,624

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: $105,545

Program administration expenditures: $54,133
Total Program expenditures: $407,122
EMERGENCY FUND

In 2009 George Soros established an Emergency Fund to help vulnerable groups cope with the impact of the global economic crisis in twenty countries of Central and East Europe, including Moldova. This new fund supports humanitarian projects that will help people hardest hit by the crisis - especially the most vulnerable groups - and to help civil society organizations adjust to the sudden change in circumstances.

Better Opportunities for Youth and Women
Grantee: United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
Project manager: Viorel ALBU
Summary: The overall goal of the project is to promote reduced vulnerability of socially disadvantaged people facing negative social phenomena by supporting youth employment, providing career advancement opportunities, empowering individuals through their participation in enterprises development, and creating the opportunity of socio-economic integration of beneficiaries. During 2010 and 2011, the project offered assistance to 3049 beneficiaries, out of whom 2075 went through vocational training, 973 were employed, while approximately 100 new jobs were created. The project also ensured the sustainability of ten reintegration centers created during the previous years by UNDP program; at the moment nine centers are funded from the state public budget and one center is being financially supported by another donor. A National Nomenclature of Social Services was developed in the project framework, which has the purpose to help nongovernmental organizations that provide social services to access public recourses. More details about the project results can be found at the following link: http://www.undp.md/projects/op16.shtml.
$800,000 – funded from 2010 year budget

Supplementary Scholarships for Youth from Socially Vulnerable Families
Grantee: Educational Advising Center
Project manager: Angela MUȘET
Summary: The project is to be implemented during three years, starting with 2010. Its aim is to provide support for youth from socially vulnerable families in order to facilitate their access to university education. Besides the scholarship program, the grantee carries out information and training activities which help the participants define their career paths. The project is implemented in partnership with universities, nongovernmental organizations and private sector. During two open contests organized in 2010 and 2011, out of 829 students from 38 higher education institutions, 114 students benefited from scholarships of $1,500 each; 217 students won annual scholarships of $1,000 each, while other 259 benefited from annual scholarships of $600 each. The list of students who benefited from scholarships can be found at the following address: http://www.eac.md/scholarships/soros/dezavant/index.html
Project in progress
$659,101- funded from 2010 year budget

Program administration expenditures: $18,529
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