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## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

The Soros Foundation-Moldova (SFM) 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 cultural policy, judiciary reform, public administration and good governance, independent media and access to information, civil society and public health.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

A combination of a deep economic crisis and two parliamentary elections during one year marked by civil protest and riots and by bitter political struggle bordering on civil war, put Moldova in a very dramatic situation in 2009. The Moldovan government violated human rights and the rule of law in its response to public protests following elections. The beatings and unwarranted arrests of civilians by unidentified police officers led to deliberate acts of repression.

As an immediate response to the human rights violations, the Law Program of the foundation established a Crisis Group composed of Moldova's leading human rights activists and lawyers to identify and professionally document all cases of ill-treatment. In the course of its research, the Crisis Group created a unique database of 674 cases of persons taken into police custody on suspicion of participation in April demonstrations. In order to properly analyze the data collected by the Crisis Group, the Program sought assistance from an independent international human rights expert, who assisted the group in drafting the report **"Entrenching Impunity: Moldova's Response to Police Violence during Post-elections Demonstrations"**. The report was disseminated to various stakeholders and was used as an advocacy tool for human rights defense and promotion of the urgent need for reforming the democratic institutions in the country.

Another major initiative of the year was the assessment of the current status of the criminal justice in Moldova conducted by the Law Program. The project aimed to reveal how the criminal justice system currently functions, what criminal justice statistics are collected by state institutions and the manner in which these statistics are used by policymakers and senior managers in determining the criminal justice policy and practice. The report **"Criminal Justice Performance from a Human Rights Perspective"** was released on December 2. The report seeks to clarify to what extent the Moldovan criminal justice meets the new priorities and objectives of a democratic rights-based criminal justice system, to uncover what problems remain and what problems may have arisen as a result of reforms. The report makes recommendations towards the further reform of the Moldovan criminal justice system.

The foundation continued to support and mobilize civil society to address other critical issues in the country, including efforts to keep public institutions accountable, promote good governance in the public sphere and engage with the local and central government to achieve policy change for the public good. This was achieved through various activities and I would like to highlight at least some of the most successful ones.

The Public Administration and Good Governance Program continued the Local Government Watch-dog Project with a view to stimulating civic participation in monitoring one of the most important areas of public interest -- the public finance management, and keeping local governments accountable for their actions. Due to the successful results achieved in 2008, the NGOs participating in the first round were awarded grants to continue their local budget monitoring activities that were adjusted to local peculiarities based on the experience gained during the previous year. The activities of the projects were also extended geographically from 7 to 14 localities from Moldova.

The Public Health Program made a notable contribution to the development and implementation of health related policies with a special focus on inclusion and human rights in identified specific fields such as palliative care for terminally ill people; protection and promotion of the rights of injecting drug users, including IDUs living with HIV/AIDS; deinstitutionalization of children with mental disabilities. In the latter area, the Public Health Program of the foundation promotes social inclusion of people with mental disabilities by supporting the development of community-based alternatives to institutionalization and by actively engaging in policy based advocacy.

The Media Program, in cooperation with partner organizations, continued to advocate for the development of the national audiovisual service through improvement of legislation in the field and through public control of legislation implementation in the broadcast area. Also, for the last several years, the foundation has placed an increased emphasis on strengthening the regional broadcasters based on standards and responsible and professional editorial practices. This complex program included a series of

activities of continuous training, systematic monitoring, technical assistance, technological upgrading and direct support for the production of news and programs of community interest. 11 local radio stations (including 2 stations from Transnistria) and 13 TV stations formed regional networks that carried out joint activities, experience exchanges as well as exchange of audio/video programming aimed to expand and diversify the broadcast for the benefit of the rural audience.

The new government has a huge task in front of it - to reform the country and rebuild its democratic institutions. The political crisis has not been overcome yet and 2010 is going to be no less a challenge than 2009, facing either new elections or amendments to the Constitution. Whatever the developments, the foundation will continue to participate actively in the process of democratization of the country.

*Victor URSU*  
*Executive Director*

## **EDUCATION INITIATIVES**

### **List of Acronyms**

AFP	Academic Fellowship Program
CRC	Curriculum Resource Centre
EAC	Educational Advising Centre
HESP	Higher Education Support Program
OSI	Open Society Institute
ReSET	Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching

### **Merit Scholarship Program**

[www.eac.md](http://www.eac.md)

The Educational Advising Center (EAC) received partial financial support from the Soros Foundation-Moldova for the organization of the Merit Scholarship Program-2009, carried out by EAC under the aegis of the Council of Rectors of the Republic of Moldova. This initiative was co-financed by Moldova Agroindbank and ORANGE Moldova. 176 applications were submitted within the 2009 contest, out of which 50 students from 10 universities were awarded Merit Scholarships. First degree scholarships were awarded to 5 students; second degree scholarships - to 16 students; and third degree scholarships – to 29 students.

SFM's contribution: \$3,000

### **Academic Fellowship Program**

<http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus/afp>

Eleonora DUPOUY, Associate Professor, Technical University of Moldova, AFP Moldova Country Coordinator

In 2009, four partner departments from state universities in Moldova benefited from the AFP support including the World History Department, *Ion Creangă* State Pedagogical University; the Social Work Department, State University of Moldova; the Psychology Department, State University of Moldova; the International Law and Law of Foreign Economic Relations Department, State University of Moldova.

AFP department faculty members contributed to the implementation of the curriculum reform-oriented projects aimed at the development of new Master's degree programs and new courses and modernization of subject-area content at the Bachelor's degree level. They organized workshops and roundtables on innovative approaches to teaching, student assessment methods, research methodology and requirements to Master's theses, raising efficiency of practical field works of students.

AFP also offered support for the development of department book collections, for attending international conferences and participation in OSI/HESP faculty development programs (CRC sessions, HESP ReSET, Course Development Competition); organized inter-regional discipline groups meetings. In 2009, the HESP-AFP offered curriculum and professional development of partner departments through activities structured in two projects:

- Changing the Philosophy of Teaching and Learning at the Department of Psychology, State University of Moldova;
- Toward a New History of Social Space: Implementing Innovative Teaching/Research Methods and Disciplinary Areas within the Revised MA Curriculum.

Beginning with September 2009, the Academic Fellowship Program in Moldova is administered directly by OSI-Budapest.

Total AFP expenditures: \$21,261

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **Participation in the UN Youth Leadership Summit**

Grantee: National High School Debate League (NHSDL)

Project manager: Iulia MOLDOVAN

Summary: The project supported the participation of a group of 12 high school students from Chişinău in the UN Youth Leadership Summit, which took place in July, in New York City. The summit represented one of the stages of the Global Competition which was organized by the United Nations with the purpose of involving youth in debates on current issues the society is facing and in finding solutions to them. The young leaders were trained to be engaged in debating and looking for solutions to the most serious global problems, thus having the opportunity to express themselves on topics regarding poverty reduction, global health, global warming and other current issues.

\$18,679

### **Youth Action Fund**

Grantee: Youth Development Center (YDC)

Project manager: Corneliu CIRIMPEI

Summary: The Youth Action Fund (YAF) represents a program initiated by the Open Society Institute in 2008 with the goal to identify and support youth initiative groups that can mobilize and influence a big number of peers in order to promote the ideals of an open society. This program is being simultaneously implemented in several countries: Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Lithuania, Nepal, Serbia and Uganda.

The Youth Action Fund supports the following types of activities:

- Skill development and peer education events—open, participatory workshops and trainings, whose content is provided by youth participants;
- Activism aimed to raise awareness and address open society issues – youth campaigns, youth mobilization projects;
- Media related projects aimed at increasing the flow of information or uncovering issues not addressed in the mainstream media;
- Innovative projects aimed at sensitization of human rights.

Applications to this Program are submitted via an online application system at [www.soros.org/youth](http://www.soros.org/youth). Their evaluation is done by a group of 3 experts. The implementation of this program in the Republic of Moldova is facilitated by the YCD that is responsible for the promotion of the program and monitoring of the projects that are approved for funding. During 2009, 72 requests for funding coming from groups from different regions of the country were submitted to the Youth Action Fund. The following six projects were approved for funding:

„**The Citizen**”, administered by Victoria IVANCIOGLU, Cahul. The purpose of the project was to conduct an awareness campaign on human rights and civic education in rural localities from three raions of the southern region of Moldova.

\$ 5,770 (OSI funds)

„[www.ialovenionline.md](http://www.ialovenionline.md)”, administered by Andrei HÎNCU, Ialoveni. The purpose of the project was to create a website which will serve as an information resource for the community and a useful tool in stimulating the civic attitude of the youth from the raion of Ialoveni.

\$3,420 (OSI funds)

„**A Day for Health**”, administered by Vitalie LAZĂR, Nisporeni. The purpose of the project was to promote environment protection in Nisporeni, by involving youth from community in relevant activities.

\$3,000 (OSI funds)

„**Civic Journalism**”, administered by Alla CAZAC, Bender. The project aimed to create and strengthen the capacities of a group of young journalists from Bender.

\$1,852 (OSI funds)

**„Privesc.eu”**, administered by Radu CHIVRIGA, Chişinău. The purpose of the project is to improve access to information of the population from the Republic of Moldova by broadcasting online the most important events from the country, such as live transmissions from Parliament and Government sessions, as well as by organizing video debates on current issues.  
\$12,904 (OSI funds)

**„Be a Volunteer, Be the Change”**, administered by Mihaela ROTARU, Sîngerei. The project goal is to create and develop a network of young volunteers and involve them in community actions.  
\$1,600 (OSI funds)

Program administration expenditures: \$25,000 (SFM funds)

***„Meet Europe in Denmark” Project***

The project was implemented with financial support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. Its purpose was to promote cultural exchanges between youth by organizing a study visit to Denmark for 30 Moldovan high school students in their last year of study.

The study visit took place during October 3-11. The Moldovan high school students had the opportunity to get familiar with social, academic and political life of Denmark. The group of students had the chance to attend, along with their Danish peers, the lessons of one of the best gymnasiums from Copenhagen; to involve in discussions with students from prestigious universities and famous Danish journalists; to visit the legislative body of Denmark and learn how the constitutional monarchy functions; to involve in many other activities which helped them feel the pulse of the Danish democracy.

Upon their return home, the participants shared their experience gained in Denmark by implementing individual projects. Thus, they organized workshops and made presentations for their lyceum colleagues and teachers on issues related to the European education system, democracy and lifestyle in Denmark; published articles in local newspapers; organized photo-exhibitions and carried out a study visit to the Chişinău Municipal Council.  
\$45,392

## **CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM**

### **Vision:**

An open and democratic society in which essential rules of civil society function effectively including respect for human rights, free association, freedom of opinion and initiatives, separation of public and private spheres, as well as public influence and control over the state and its institutions

### **Objectives:**

- to increase the legitimacy of nongovernmental organizations by improving the level of their transparency and visibility in front of their constituents and decision-makers
- to strengthen the capacities of nongovernmental organizations by developing their abilities in applying advocacy methods and techniques efficiently
- to support the transfer of knowledge, abilities and experiences from more experienced national nongovernmental organizations to local NGOs
- to support campaigns led by NGOs on major areas of interest related to democracy, human rights and quality of life in Moldova
- to promote the values and practices regarding non-discrimination

### **Context:**

The Civil Society Program, in the framework of the „Strengthening the Nongovernmental Sector in Moldova” project, co-funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, continued to offer support for the development and strengthening of NGO groups involved in influencing public policies and solving community problems in partnership with other organizations. In 2009, the program began to implement two new program areas aiming at the improvement of NGOs’ transparency and image and at promoting non-discriminatory principles and practices in the Republic of Moldova.

NGO coalitions were supported financially through the award of five grants covering the following subjects: harmonization of the legislative framework on copyright and related rights through an access to information perspective; promotion of efficient policies on the protection of the archaeological heritage; promotion of organic agriculture by adjusting the national legal framework to EU requirements; improving the education process related to child’s rights of students from 10 schools from the rayon of Cahul; involvement of nongovernmental organizations in activities designed to develop efficient cooperation mechanisms between civil society and local and central public authorities.

The program also focused on encouraging the creation and development of partnerships among nongovernmental organizations at local and national level. Other six partnership initiatives were supported in 2009 having the following priorities: strengthening partnerships among organizations, which offer psychological and social rehabilitation services and implement harm reduction programs; relaunch of the network of community organizations from the northern and southern parts of the country; establishing and strengthening strategic partnerships among youth nongovernmental organizations; development of palliative care services in the rayon of Taraclia; training a group of professional parental assistants from the town of Ungheni who are to offer professional parental assistance to children in risky situations.

During June-October, a group of 10 nongovernmental organizations from different regions of the country including Cahul, Ialoveni, Ungheni, Drochia, Făleşti, Teleneşti, Basarabeasca and Hînceşti, were offered assistance in their organizational development. The NGOs’ development needs were assessed by five consultants commissioned by SFM who made recommendations for NGOs’ institutional improvement. As planned, each organization was awarded a grant of \$5,000 to develop its own strategy; carry out an external audit; adjust its statutes and other internal documents to current legal amendments; develop a fundraising strategy; develop the capacities of the personnel; carry out other relevant activities in accordance with the needs assessment results.

The Civil Society Program implemented a new model of dialogue between NGOs and different society actors by carrying out five Civil Society Cafes which represented an interactive way of debating on topics, such as: the civil society role in the development of local democracy and protection of citizens’ rights;

efficient cooperation between nongovernmental organizations and media; promotion of civic culture: a priority of nongovernmental organizations; the role of the nongovernmental sector in the regional development process; NGOs' transparency: challenges and future prospects. The Cafes offered space for a dynamic discussion forum among different categories of society representatives: nongovernmental organizations, local and central public authorities, media, education institutions and decision-makers.

By the end of the year, a new initiative aimed at fighting discrimination was launched. It included an open call for proposals and two other activities. In order to promote the values and practices regarding the discrimination phenomenon, the Civil Society Program planned to cooperate with the nongovernmental organizations active in fighting discrimination and promoting equality principles. Following its objectives, the program initiated the development of an opinion poll on discrimination in Moldova and hired a consultant from Romania to assess the capacities and development needs of the organizations involved in fighting discrimination and to develop a capacity development program to be implemented in 2010.

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### **List of Acronyms**

LPA	Local Public Authorities
NHSDL	National High School Debate League
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
SC Program	Civil Society Program
SFM	Soros Foundation-Moldova
Sida	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
UPPA	Urgent Professional Parental Assistance

## **SUBPROGRAM 1: PROMOTING NGO TRANSPARENCY AND VISIBILITY**

The objective of this subprogram was to foster the increase in the transparency and visibility level of nongovernmental organizations from Moldova. The funds used for this purpose were administered through grants and operational projects.

### **Operational projects:**

#### **Civil Society Cafe „NGO Transparency: Challenges and Future Prospects”**

The purpose of the event was to identify through debates the best solutions for encouraging NGOs' transparency and promoting their image in front of different representatives of the society, including decision-makers. The Civil Society Cafe model represented a new dynamic framework for discussion involving 34 representatives of nongovernmental organizations. The following subjects were addressed during the discussion: why nongovernmental organizations are considered non-transparent; how NGOs' transparency can be increased; internal and external factors that compromise the image of organizations and ways of promoting the image of nongovernmental organizations in the community.

\$300

#### **Civil Society Cafe „Efficient Cooperation between NGOs and Media”**

The event took place in June and was carried out in partnership with the National Council of Nongovernmental Organizations from the Republic of Moldova. The purpose of the CS Cafe was to bring into discussion aspects related to the image of nongovernmental organizations promoted by media and disseminate positive practices of cooperation between NGOs and media in Moldova. Representatives of nongovernmental organizations and well-known representatives of Moldovan media attended the Civil Society Cafe. The participants debated on subjects related to the image of civil society in media, how NGOs can provide quality news for media, and how to develop an efficient relationship between representatives of the third sector and media institutions.

\$1,600

#### **Development of a Brochure on NGOs' Success Stories**

The objective of developing this brochure is to increase the positive image of nongovernmental organizations by promoting their success stories. The collection of stories will be disseminated to local and central public authorities, nongovernmental organizations and other interested parties. The success stories will represent different areas of NGO activity: human rights, civic behavior and public participation, education and research, social services for vulnerable categories, environment, economic and social development and others.

Project now in progress.

\$10,000

### **Grants:**

#### **Civil Society Cafe „Promotion of Civic Culture: a Priority of Nongovernmental Organizations?”**

Grantee: CONTACT-Soroca Regional Center for Assistance and Information

Project manager: Svetlana CALINIAC

Summary: The purpose of the event was to identify ways of encouraging NGOs to involve actively in the process of citizens' democratic education, with the participation of other community representatives, such as local public authorities, schools, local media, and others. The discussions were held among representatives of nongovernmental organizations, decision-makers from schools, local public authorities and media from the rayon of Soroca.

\$1,000

#### **Civil Society Cafe „The Role of the Nongovernmental Sector in the Regional Development Process”**

Grantee: CONTACT-Bălți Regional Center for Assistance and Information

Project manager: Vladimir GHIȚU

Summary: The purpose of this activity was to define the role of nongovernmental organizations in identifying priority issues at regional level, creating partnerships with local public authorities, and in

attracting and managing efficiently external funding for solving problems at the regional level. Thirty representatives of nongovernmental organizations, local public authorities and local media participated in the discussions carried out during the CS Cafe. The results of the discussions were disseminated through local information sources.

\$1,000

**Civil Society Cafe „The Role of Civil Society in Developing Local Democracy and Protecting Citizens' Rights”**

Grantee: CONTACT-Cahul Regional Center for Assistance and Information

Project manager: Silvia STRELCIUC

Summary: The participants attending the event identified solutions and ways of promoting the interaction between civil society and other representatives of the community in bringing their contribution to the development of local democracy. Representatives of nongovernmental organizations, political parties, trade unions, local public authorities and media from the rayon of Cahul attended the Civil Society Cafe.

\$1,000

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: \$14,900

## **SUBPROGRAM 2: STRENGTHENING NGO CAPACITIES IN ADVOCACY**

A training of trainers program was carried out during November-December for the representatives of Moldovan nongovernmental organizations. The training program was conducted by four trainers representing the Romanian Training Institute from Bucharest with a rich experience in training and advocacy activities. As a result of an open call, 16 representatives of local and national nongovernmental organizations active in different fields were selected to participate in the training program. The training program took place in several stages:

- Module I: November 28-December 1
- Module II: December 10-13
- Final workshop: December 14

The objective of the training sessions was to enrich the participants' theoretical and practical knowledge about advocacy methods and techniques, as well as knowledge and skills on moderating and delivering training sessions and using social networks as advocacy techniques.

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: \$ 27,854

### **SUBPROGRAM 3: AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION**

The purpose of this subprogram was to support activities involving nongovernmental organizations in fighting the phenomenon of discrimination by engaging in carrying out awareness campaigns and monitoring discriminations cases.

#### **Survey of the Phenomenon of Discrimination in the Republic of Moldova**

The survey intends to study the social perception on discrimination and identify under which forms this phenomenon is mostly manifested in the Moldovan society. During the survey, the following aspects will be considered: social perception of the most discriminated groups, minority acceptability, social self-perception on discrimination, perceptions of ethnic groups, sexual minorities, HIV-infected persons and persons with mental or physical disabilities. The project will be carried out in several stages: implementation of the Delphi method to determine the main categories and indicators for the survey; carrying out the opinion survey on discrimination by a specialized company; carrying out three focus groups in order to discuss the survey results; developing the analytical report on the survey results which will include recommendations on the strategy for fighting discrimination for different categories of stakeholders.

\$34,000

#### **Assessment of the Capacities and Needs of Nongovernmental Organizations Active in Fighting Discrimination**

The purpose of this initiative is to conduct an evaluation of the capacities and needs for the development of a group of nongovernmental organizations which have discrimination issues on their agenda and which will become partners within the activities implemented in this area by SFM during 2010. The assessment will be carried out by a consultant from Romania with relevant experience in the field of human rights and discrimination. Based on the assessments' results, a capacity building program on promoting the principles of equality and diversity will be developed and implemented.

\$19,000

#### **For Diversity - Against Discrimination**

Grantee: National Roma Center

Project manager: Nicolae RĂDIȚĂ

Summary: The project will promote ethnic diversity in the Republic of Moldova and increase access to justice by taking to court cases of Roma discrimination and informing Roma people about their fundamental rights and liberties. The project will include the following activities: a roundtable organized on International Roma Day where a report on Roma rights infringements and discrimination cases will be presented; a set of activities to promote Roma culture, such as, an exhibition of Roma children's drawings, Romani cuisine, song and dance performance; public debates on non-discrimination and diversity issues held in Chișinău.

Project now in progress.

\$25,000

Total Subprogram 3 expenditures: \$78,000

#### **SUBPROGRAM 4: STRENGTHENING THE NONGOVERNMENTAL SECTOR IN MOLDOVA**

During 2006-2009, the Civil Society Program, with the financial support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and the Soros Foundation-Moldova, carried out the project „Strengthening the Nongovernmental Sector in Moldova”. Its purpose was to increase the level of civil society influence on democratic changes at the community, institutional, social and public level. It included an open call for proposals with two components, as well as capacity building activities for the nongovernmental organizations involved in advocacy activities.

##### Objectives:

- to develop the abilities and capacities for implementing efficient advocacy activities of at least 20 NGOs
- to develop at least five advocacy coalitions, within which NGOs could analyze problems, formulate solutions and undertake joint reform efforts
- to support the transfer of knowledge and experience from most experienced national NGOs to at least 50 local NGOs
- to support the campaigns led by NGOs on major areas of interest related to democracy, human rights and quality of life in Moldova
- to include NGOs from the Transnistrian region in the information flow and activities specific to the civil society in Moldova

The components of this subprogram for 2009 were:

- Grants for advocacy projects
- Grants for partnership projects

#### **Grants for Advocacy Projects**

##### **Advocacy for Improving the Law on Copyright and Related Rights**

Grantee: Association of Librarians from the Republic of Moldova

Project manager: Mariana HARJEVSCHI

Summary: The project goal is to assess the law on copyright and related rights from the access to information perspective and submit recommendations for improvement which would reflect the needs of an efficient functioning of libraries from the country. At the same time, an awareness campaign on informing the librarians about the new legal amendments will be carried out. The grantee will translate the European manual of librarians on copyright and related rights and disseminate it to the libraries affiliated to the Association; a separate webpage dedicated to copyright will be created on the Association's website; an iPod emission on copyright and libraries activity within the legal parameters will be developed and seminars with interested stakeholders will be carried out.

Project now in progress.

\$25,000

##### **Policy on Protecting the Archeological Heritage: Between Reality and Need**

Grantee: National Association of Young Historians from Moldova

Project manager: Sergiu MUSTEAȚĂ

Summary: The project will promote efficient policies on protecting the archeological patrimony by improving the relevant national legal framework. The draft law regarding the protection of the archeological heritage and the draft national strategy will be developed with the purpose of including the cultural-historical and archeological patrimony among the long-term national priorities. The project plan includes the analysis and assessment of archeological patrimony policies, meetings with government and parliament representatives, discussions on current issues in the field, as well as a public awareness campaign.

Project now in progress.

\$22,375

### **Promoting Organic Farming by Adjusting the National Legal Framework to EU Requirements**

Grantee: ProRuralInvest Public Association

Project manager: Viorel GHERCIU

Summary: The project seeks to promote organic farming by offering support for developing specific regulations regarding the labeling and packaging of organic products according to 834/2007 EU Regulation. During project implementation, three demonstration sites from Orhei, Anenii Noi and Cantemir will be used as an experiment for growing organic products according to the new regulations; three information seminars will be organized for agricultural producers; study visits to Cluj and Vatra Dornei will be organized; a webpage on organic farming in the Republic of Moldova will be developed. Also, seminars on the new requirements of 834/2007 EU Regulation will be carried out that will target farmers interested in this initiative.

Project now in progress.

\$25,000

### **Improving Children's Knowledge about Their Rights**

Grantee: INTECO Public Association

Project manager: Victoria MATVEEV

Summary: The project aim is to improve the education of children regarding their rights by introducing an innovative method of teaching child's rights in 10 schools from the rayon of Cahul. To achieve this aim, relevant training will be offered to 10 deputy school directors and 200 teachers; an awareness campaign on child's rights will be carried out through photo exhibitions, radio and TV reportages; specific regulations and materials on teaching children's rights in schools will be developed. Thus, as a result of this project 5 000 high school students from Cahul will be informed about their rights and obligations, according to the UN Convention on Child's Rights.

Project now in progress.

\$25,000

### **NGOs' Involvement in Promoting the 2009-2012 Strategy on Civil Society Development**

Grantee: *Young and Free* Resource Center

Project manager: Antonia FONARI

Summary: The project will promote amendments to the law on public associations regarding their public utility status; will create a cooperation model between nongovernmental organizations and local public authorities and will raise the visibility of the National Council of Nongovernmental Organizations from the Republic of Moldova.

Project now in progress.

\$25,000

### **Grants for Partnership Projects**

#### **Strengthening Partnerships among Organizations that Provide Psychological and Social Rehabilitation Services and Implementing Harm Reduction Programs**

Grantee: Union for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Harm Reduction from the Republic of Moldova

Project manager: Ala IAȚCO

Summary: The project included: meetings addressing the issue of strengthening partnerships among organizations which provide rehabilitation services and implement harm reduction programs; a roundtable with the participation of representatives from the Republican Narcology Dispensary; development of training modules for the personnel involved in activities of rehabilitation centers; two study visits; development of standards regarding psychological and social assistance and harm reduction programs.

\$7,950

#### **Relaunch of the Activity of the *Comunitas Nord* Network of Community Organizations**

Grantee: CONTACT-Bălți Regional Center for Assistance and Information

Project manager: Vladimir GHIȚU

Summary: The project goal is to strengthen the role and capacities of the nongovernmental sector from the northern region of the country regarding its involvement in regional development; establishing partnerships and participation in the decision-making process at the regional level. The project will update

the database of community organizations from the north of the country, will develop the *Communitas Nord* electronic newsletter, will carry out three study visits to developed communities, and will organize three regional meetings in order to identify the main issues the organizations face.

Project now in progress.

\$7,995

### **Relaunch of the Activity of the *Comunitas Sud* Network of Community Organizations**

Grantee: CONTACT-Cahul Regional Center for Assistance and Information

Project manager: Silvia STRELCIUC

Summary: The project seeks to strengthen the role and capacities of the nongovernmental sector from the southern region of the country regarding their contribution to the regional development process.

The project will update the database of community organizations from the north of the country, will develop the *Communitas Sud* electronic newsletter, will conduct three study visits to developed communities, and will organize three regional meetings in order to identify the main issues the organizations face.

Project now in progress.

\$7,994

### **Establishing and Strengthening Partnerships among Youth Organizations**

Grantee: *Positive Youth* Public Association

Project manager: Anna PLĂCINTĂ

Summary: The project aim is to create and strengthen partnerships among youth organizations from different regions of the country. The grantee will organize four regional roundtables in order to identify the main problems and common issues with organizations having the same mission; organize a summer school addressing tolerance and partnership initiatives, involving youth from nongovernmental organizations working with different categories of young people; and develop a common strategic plan for future actions.

Project now in progress.

\$7,987

### **“Help Me Today”**

Grantee: Social Alternatives Public Association

Project director: Mariana CROITORU

Summary: The project intends to train a group of professional parental assistants; identify children in risky situations and offer them emergency professional parental assistance; organize monitoring site visits. The project sustainability will be ensured by the Department of Social Assistance and Family Protection of the Ungheni Rayon Council which will take over the emergency professional parental assistance service by funding it from the local budget.

Project now in progress.

\$8,000

### **Development of Palliative Care Services in the Rayon of Taraclia**

Grantee: *Angelus-Moldova* Philanthropic Medical and Social Foundation

Project manager: Victoria CONDRAT

Summary: The project team will implement palliative care services for patients with incurable and terminal cancer disease. For this purpose, the grantee will offer special training assistance for the team of „Angelus-Taraclia” organization on providing patients from Taraclia and their families with socio-medical services. Also, a socio-medical survey and an awareness campaign oriented to increasing public tolerance towards project beneficiaries will be carried out.

Project now in progress.

\$7,472

### **Grants for Organizational Development**

During June-October, the Civil Society Program implemented activities aimed at offering support for institutional development of nongovernmental organizations from different regions of the country. The initiative was part of the „Strengthening the Nongovernmental Sector in Moldova” project, funded by the

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. As a result, 10 nongovernmental organizations from Cahul, Ialoveni, Ungheni, Drochia, Fălești, Telenești, Basarabeasca and Hîncești benefited from this project.

**Grantee: Association of Veterans and Pensioners from the rayon of Ialoveni**

Project manager: Valentina CARCHELAN

Summary: The project activities were focused on determining the structure of the Association and defining the peculiarities of its governing and executive bodies; developing a new draft of the statutes according to new legal requirements and discussing it with the members of the Association, before being approved by the General Assembly. During the Forum of the Young Pensioners carried out within this project, important subjects such as the legal provisions on pensioners' situation and other relevant issues regarding the organization's constituents were discussed.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Gaudeamus Public Association**

Project manager: Rodica CUCEREANU

Summary: The grantee benefited from legal advice, as well as assistance in developing the internal and external documentation of the organization. As a result, the organization's constitution papers and internal documentation were adjusted to current legal provisions regarding the activity of nongovernmental organizations. The personnel of the NGO participated in trainings on leadership and team building, project writing and fundraising. The grantee also developed its strategy and an action plan for the next three years.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Support and Hope Public Association**

Project manager: Maria CALCHEI

Summary: The project included activities on institutional development and capacity building of the personnel of the organization. A strategic plan, a fundraising strategy and internal regulations were developed; the activity of the organization was assessed by an external audit company. As a result, the quality of organization's activity was improved, the accountability of the personnel increased and, overall, the NGO's transparency improved.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Artizana Public Association**

Project manager: Constantin OLTEANU

Summary: The grantee implemented capacity building activities aimed at improving the management of the organization and promoting its image in the community and region. Strategic plans for the next few years, internal regulations, as well as the website of the organization were developed during the project implementation.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Consult-Nord Public Association**

Project manager: Constantin BÂNDIU

Summary: The project consisted of a set of activities including: updating the strategy of the organization for the next two years; developing the fundraising strategy; developing and implementing the plan for improving the organization's image in the community. The NGO was also assessed by an external audit company.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Ișcălenii Public Association**

Project manager: Margarita ROTARI

Summary: The following results were achieved during the project implementation: the strategy of the organization was developed; the Board of the NGO was created and the responsibilities among the Board, the President and the Executive Director of the organization were clearly defined; the statutes was adjusted to the new legal changes regarding the activity of public associations and registered at the office

of the local public authority; a fundraising plan was developed. The implementation team gained knowledge on efficient organizational management.  
\$5,000

**Grantee: Multifunctional Center for Education, Information and Culture**

Project manager: Maria FURDUI

Summary: The project objective was to improve the management of the organization and help it become an important actor in the Telenești community by addressing the information and training needs of its constituents. In order to achieve the project objective, capacity building activities on NGO management, project writing and fundraising were provided to the main personnel of the NGO; the organization's strategy for 2010-2012 was developed; two study visits to more experienced nongovernmental organizations were organized and an information campaign about organization's activities was carried out.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Caroma-Nord Public Association**

Project manager: Rodica FRECĂUȚEANU

Summary: The project was designed to improve the management of the organization and the relationship between the NGO and other representatives of the community. For this purpose, the following activities were implemented: workshops on drafting the strategic plan for the next two years; adjusting the statutes to the new legal changes regarding NGO activity; providing the personnel of the organization with trainings in strategic planning; conducting an external audit of the organization.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Avântul Public Association**

Project manager: Vera SCRIPNIC

Summary: The project activities focused on developing the strategy and action plan of the organization; providing training for 12 members of the NGO on fundraising and project writing; learning about best practices by organizing two study visits to more experienced nongovernmental organizations with a similar mission.

\$5,000

**Grantee: Голубка Public Association**

Project manager: Raisa VORONIUC

Summary: The project included the following priorities: development of the organization strategy for the next two years; adjusting the statutes to the new legal provisions regarding the activity of NGOs; strengthening the capacities of the personnel on project writing and fundraising; promoting the image of the organization by means of information materials and TV programs.

\$5,000

## **OTHER INITIATIVES**

### **International Conference „Low Vision – Theory and Practice”**

Grantee: Society of Blind Persons from the Republic of Moldova

Project manager: Larisa CELAN

Summary: The purpose of the project was to organize an international conference aimed at facilitating the creation of an education network in Eastern Europe that will support people with visual impairment. More than 100 scientists and practitioners in the field of general and special education, correctional psychology, ophthalmology and social assistance from different scientific centers and universities participated in the conference. The participants represented different countries: the Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and Moldova.

\$10,000

### **International Conference „Transfer of Innovations in the Agriculture in the Context of Climate Change and Sustainable Development”**

Grantee: *AGROinform* National Federation of Agricultural Producers from Moldova

Project manager: Iurie HURMUZACHI

Summary: A conference on agriculture was organized which was attended by agricultural producers, representatives of the scientific community and relevant public institutions. The conference took place on November 11-13 and gathered together 220 participants from different regions of the country aimed at facilitating the transfer of innovations in agriculture and diminishing the negative effects on climate change and ensuring its sustainable development.

\$5,150

### **Regional Symposium „ Quality Assurance in Training Psychologists in Universities of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine”**

Grantee: Ion Creangă Pedagogical State University

Project manager: Ion NEGURĂ

Summary: The purpose of the event was to develop efficient techniques and strategies for assuring the quality of training psychologists within universities, in line with the requirements of the Bologna process. The program of the symposium included two sessions where the reports and scientific works of the participants were presented and discussed. The participants exchanged experience on the training curriculum for psychologists and identified strategies and monitoring techniques. The event was attended by deans, chairs of departments and other relevant representatives from Ion Creangă Pedagogical State University, State University of Moldova, Free International University from Moldova, Alecu Russo State University from Bălți and universities from Iași, Cluj-Napoca, Brașov, Timișoara, Galați, Cernăuți, Ismail and Odesa.

\$452

### **Launch of the Study „Moldova. At the Crossroads”**

The study was launched in Chișinău on October 23, by the Soros Foundation Romania with logistic support of the Soros Foundation-Moldova. It analyzes, through the Romanian authors' point of view, the political situation and media in Moldova during the first half of 2009, before early parliamentary elections. The study was developed within the „Bridging Moldova” program of the Soros Foundation Romania and was written by the following authors: Ioana AVĂDANI, Ștefan CÂNDEA, Marian CHIRIAC, Cristian GHINEA and Sergiu PANAINTE. The study „Moldova. At the Crossroads” was launched within a public event where representatives of civil society, diplomatic missions, political parties, nongovernmental organizations and media were present.

\$240

Total Subprogram 4 expenditures: \$232,399

Total Civil Society Program expenditures: \$369,568

## **EMERGENCY FUND**

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. The Fund will provide up to \$100 million over the next two and half years.

In 2009, Moldova benefited from financial support from this fund for the following projects:

### **Better Opportunities for Youth and Women**

Grantee: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Project manager: Viorel ALBU

Summary: The project will contribute to diminishing unemployment among youth, migration and human trafficking, by creating new jobs for vulnerable groups represented by graduates of boarding schools and orphanages, women and children in vulnerable situations, as well as victims of human trafficking. The project will support setting up enterprises, identify jobs for project beneficiaries, and offer vocational training services. It is expected that 2100 persons will benefit from the socio-economic integration services. Additionally, support will be offered to Social Rehabilitation Centers created by UNDP during the last few years, in order to ensure their financial sustainability. Project activities will be implemented in partnership with local and central public institutions, nongovernmental organizations, private sector and international organizations. A two-year financial support was offered for the implementation of this project. Project now in progress.

\$800,000 (financed from the 2010 EF budget)

### **Supplementary Scholarships for Youth from Socially Vulnerable Families**

Grantee: Educational Advising Center

Project manager: Angela MUȘET

Summary: The project will be implemented during the next 3 years and will provide support for youth from socially vulnerable families in order to facilitate their access to university education. The project is expected to have the following results: 380 young people from socially vulnerable families will benefit from scholarships; 272 students will get training on specific professional development needs; at least 10 nongovernmental organizations and businesses will benefit, during summer time, from the services offered by project beneficiaries. Besides the scholarship program, the grantee will carry out information and training activities which will help the participants define their career paths. The project will be implemented in partnership with universities, nongovernmental organizations and private sector.

Project now in progress.

\$659,101 (financed from the 2010 EF budget)

### **Involvement of Social Orphans in Community Development**

Grantee: National High School Debate League (NHSDL)

Project manager: Iulia MOLDOVAN

Summary: The project will offer better opportunities for social orphans and will facilitate their integration within communities; will develop the vulnerable youth's positive values, life skills and will raise the awareness of communities on the situation of social orphans. The target group of this project is children aged 12-18, mainly from rural areas, where the situation of youth is very difficult. NDHSL will involve socially vulnerable youth in debate club activities which will develop their skills in leading an active and qualitative way of living.

Project now in progress

\$24,930

## ***EAST EAST: PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS PROGRAM (EE: PBBP)***

### **Vision:**

An efficient partnership between Moldova and countries of the world, in particular from Central and Eastern Europe, promoting cooperation and identifying regional and global experiences, expertise and innovative practices to facilitate problem-solving of issues of major public concern the new democracies face

### **Context:**

The majority of the initiatives implemented in 2009 within the EE: PBBP were based on the previous strategy and were developed in collaboration with the most representative NGOs, think tanks, media and public institutions from Central and Eastern Europe, and former soviet countries, gradually promoting considerable changes throughout the region. In a long-term perspective, the contacts and communication established with NGO and expert community from the region contributed to keeping the Moldovan society on the right track and overcoming isolation from the European community and its agenda.

Undoubtedly, 2009 will remain in Moldova's history as an important step on its way towards European integration, the whole year being marked by the general elections campaigns held in April and then repeatedly in July. These developments surely marked the behavior of major social actors, including the civil society community. Before the elections, the European institutions expressed their concern about the functioning of democratic institutions in Moldova and conditioned the talks on a future agreement with Moldova by ensuring free and fair parliamentary elections. The events that followed the April elections raised major concerns about the real status of democracy in Moldova and functioning of its institutions. The political crisis shook seriously the foundations of the rule of law. Accusations of electoral fraud and large use of administrative resources by the communist government could not be avoided, generating street riots and major political tensions. These were followed by a campaign of intimidation of civil society, independent media and opposition parties, which generated wide disparities in the society, the security of citizens being jeopardized. The early parliamentary elections held in July resulted in bringing to power a new pro-democratic government and a complex process of power transfer started in Moldova. However, a real reconciliation within the society will be ensured only through the implementation of far-reaching democratic reforms and a clearly defined European integration path for the Republic of Moldova. The experience of the new EU member states serves as a guiding force in fulfilling this strategic purpose.

Taking into account this complex social-political context established in Moldova, the EE: PBB Program reacted promptly and in the most efficient way by offering to the Moldovan public access to the EU expertise and experience concerning efficient transformation strategies and ensuring a stronger visibility of the Republic of Moldova on the international arena. To this end, the EE:PBBP contributed to empowering the Moldovan civil society in searching appropriate solutions for overcoming the political crisis by supporting initiatives to help internationalize the post-electoral situation from Moldova, breaking informational barriers imposed internally and internationally by authorities and establishing alternative channels of communication, especially through counterparts from the new EU member states that are perceived as a porta-voce of the Moldovan civil society abroad. This was confirmed by the public debates on the post-electoral crisis in Moldova and its future European prospects held last June in Warsaw. This initiative involved experts, journalists, opinion-makers and non-governmental activists and aimed at exchanging opinions and formulating proposals for policymakers to address EU-Moldova relations more constructively and to stimulate a broader public awareness and debates about Moldova's relations with Europe.

The study visit of EU journalists to Moldova, organized on July 26-31, was another relevant initiative with a significant impact. It offered them an opportunity to meet various political actors, NGO and expert community representatives and to monitor the electoral process before, during and after the elections. This project contributed to raising the attention and increasing the awareness in EU media institutions and the public in EU member states about the political developments in Moldova, supporting civil society in Moldova in its efforts to ensure free and fair electoral processes and increase Moldova's visibility in the international media.

Another important issue addressed within the program concerned the young generation, its role and place within the society which, in comparison to adults, carries significant differences in views, perceptions and attitudes, being educated in a new environment based on European values. The most pressing issue that young people face at the beginning of their independent life is the difficulties they encounter in identifying an appropriate environment within society to favor the development of their skills and abilities. Thus, the initiatives supported within the program offered the possibility to familiarize Moldovan NGOs with the Czech, Polish, Romanian, and Ukrainian experiences in involving NGOs and local administrations in social, educational and charitable activities of local communities and to exchange ways of engaging young people and senior citizens in creating and sustaining active local communities. At the same time, these initiatives contributed to strengthening collaboration among NGOs, LPAs and local employment officials with a view of facilitating communication and coordination of joint activities aimed at youth career building and youth employment, increasing job placement among youth and identifying new tools for meeting the challenges of a globalized job market.

The impact of the global financial and economic crisis was felt in Moldova already in 2008; the country survived only due to considerable remittances sent by labor migrants to their families. The further pauperization of a considerable part of the population has the tendency to transform into a new threat to societal security, generating instability not only in Moldova but also in the region. Therefore, issues referring to opportunities for strengthening economic transformation and growth that would generate an increase in the quality of citizens' life were addressed within the program, by offering Moldovans the possibility to learn from other countries' experience such as the Czech Republic and Romania on how to overcome poverty consequences and to make Moldova become attractive to foreign investors and to raise their interest in opening new businesses and new job offers.

Not less important was maintaining on the program agenda the trilateral initiatives that addressed problems and difficulties the neighboring countries including Moldova, Romania and Ukraine are trying to solve together. Through these initiatives, implementing organizations jointly addressed issues concerning societal security threats for the entire region, searching solutions for the Transnistrian conflict settlement, engaging minorities in building confidence within society, and learning from the Romanian experience on how to use efficiently the ENPI opportunities or the European funds that Moldova and Ukraine strive to access. In this respect, strengthening the Moldovan-Ukrainian relations to which civil society from both countries can contribute efficiently is considered to be the most relevant. For that purpose, a roundtable discussion was held in Kyiv in December that involved experts from both countries, but also from the EU member states that are open to support the European integration efforts of both countries. The discussions succeeded in sharing unbiased and reliable sources of information between Moldova and Ukraine and within the region, building respectful and supportive attitudes between the two countries in their common move toward EU integration, contributing to raising public awareness in new EU member states on the challenges, needs and difficulties the Eastern neighbors face.

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### **List of Acronyms**

AVI	Association of International Volunteering
BCI	Business Consulting Institute
ENPI	European Neighborhood Policy Instrument
LPA	Local Public Administration
NCCAP	National Center for Child Abuse Prevention

## **SUBPROGRAM 1: HOSTING AND BILATERAL/TRILATERAL PROJECTS**

### **Developing Entrepreneurial Activism in Youth: Moldovan and Estonian Experiences**

Organizers: Junior Achievement-Moldova and Junior Achievement Estonia

Project director: Marina SCLIFOS, Program Director, Junior Achievement-Moldova

Time and place: November 2008 – October 2009, Estonia and Moldova

Summary: An initiative for high school teachers and students, parents and business representatives aimed to assist students and young professionals to acquire first-hand experience and expertise in pursuing innovative business ideas to develop entrepreneurship in youth, to contribute to capacity and skills development of young entrepreneurs, and to improve educational tools for engaging youth in business initiatives based on Estonian experience.

\$12,710

### **Entrepreneurship Centers – an Innovation Aimed to Reduce Unemployment**

Organizers: *Third Millennium Generation* from Făleşti, Moldova, Education for Democracy Foundation from Warsaw, and Public Center *Etalon* from Ivano-Frankovsk, Ukraine

Project director: Viorica HAREA, President, *Third Millennium Generation* from Făleşti

Time and place: April 2008 – February 2009, Poland and Ukraine

Summary: An initiative for representatives of nongovernmental organizations working with young people designed to provide training in establishing entrepreneurship centers in Ukraine, Moldova and Russia based on Polish experience. It also envisaged engaging schools, employers and local authorities in entrepreneurship and local community development in disadvantaged regions and promoting public awareness about innovative solutions to challenges of local community development.

\$328

### **Local Activity Centers: Stimulating Community Engagement in Positive Social Development**

Organizers: Center for Local Activity Support from Poland and *Millenium* Institute of Study in Development from Moldova

Project director: Vitalie CÎRHANĂ, Director, *Millenium* Institute of Study in Development from Moldova

Time and place: February – May, Poland and Moldova

Summary: An initiative for local community activists and non-governmental organizations in Poland and Moldova aimed to share experiences in local community activism, specifically in setting-up and running Local Activity Centers, a type of public institution in Poland that supports initiatives of non-governmental organizations aimed to engage with local administrations in social, educational and charitable activities and to exchange methods of engaging young people and senior citizens in creating and sustaining active local communities.

\$14,978

### **Civil Society Organizations in ENPI Programming**

#### **(Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania)**

Organizers: CONTACT National Assistance and Information Center for NGOs in Moldova

Civil Society Development Foundation, Romania, Bukovynian Center of Reconstruction and Development, Ukraine

Project director: Sergiu NEICOVCEN, Executive Director, CONTACT Center

Time and place: February – October, Romania, Ukraine, and Moldova

Summary: An initiative for civil society representatives from Romania, Moldova and Ukraine aimed to raise the level of awareness about ENPI in Moldova and Ukraine in order to improve the quality of the consultation process on ENPI programming and to build capacity of civil society organizations for influencing and monitoring ENPI programming, based on Romanian experience.

\$11,581

### **Advancing Economic Cooperation in the Context of European Integration**

Organizers: *Expert-Grup* Independent Analytical Center, Moldova, and Romanian Academic Society from Bucharest

Project director: Ana POPA, Head of Department, *Expert-Grup*

Time and place: May – December, Romania and Moldova

Summary: An initiative for experts and representatives of non-governmental organizations from Moldova and Romania, designed to assess the current status of economic relations between Moldova and Romania and the policy environment for cooperation; to highlight obstacles to cooperation and identify relevant policy options and instruments to overcome these obstacles and to contribute to the development and sustainability of partnership relations between Romania and Moldova in the context of European integration.

\$9,466

### **From Manipulation of History to Building a European Education: Lessons from Neighbors**

Organizers: Association of Young Historians of Moldova and 2000+ Educational Center from Bucharest, Romania

Project director: Sergiu MUSTEAȚĂ, President, Association of Young Historians of Moldova

Time and place: July – December, Moldova

Summary: An initiative for history teachers, public servants acting in education, and civil society actors organized to debate the role of politics and its impact on history as a school subject during the past two decades in post-communist states; to facilitate public discussions on reconsidering the role of history in post-communist societies; to identify new opportunities for developing European education methodologies in Moldova through studying experiences from Romania, Bulgaria, and Ukraine.

\$18,473

### **Russia and Its Neighbors, 2009**

Organizers: Center for East European Policy Studies, Latvia and Foreign Policy Association (FPA), Moldova

Project director: Radu VRABIE, Program Coordinator, FPA

Time and place: June – December, Latvia, Moldova, Lithuania, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, and Ukraine

Summary: An initiative designed for experts, analysts, decision-makers, journalists and non-governmental organizations aimed to engage and promote a broad discussion of regional foreign policy issues among countries of the former Soviet Union; to present analyses of the geopolitical context of foreign policy implications for these countries; to support a network of analysts and opinion-makers to bring innovative perspectives and approaches to bear on the geopolitical context of foreign relations.

\$9,667

### **Moldova after the Elections: Closer to EU or Drifting Apart?**

Organizers: Stefan Batory Foundation and Soros Foundation-Moldova (European Initiatives Program and EE: PBB Program)

Project director: Ana COREȚCHI, Program Director, Soros Foundation-Moldova

Time and place: June 3-4, Poland

Summary: An initiative for experts, journalists, opinion-makers and non-governmental activists designed to exchange opinions and assess regionally the impact of the April elections in Moldova; to formulate recommendations for policymakers to address EU-Moldova relations; to stimulate a broader public awareness and debates about Moldova's relations with Europe.

\$6,012

### **Think Tanks' Cooperation for Societal Security (Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania)**

Organizers: Institute for Public Policy of Moldova, Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning from Romania and Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation from Kyiv, Ukraine

Project director: Oazu NANTOI, Program Director, Institute for Public Policy, Moldova

Time and place: July 2, Moldova

Summary: An initiative for analysts and researchers from Moldova, Romania and Ukraine aiming to evaluate threats to societal security in Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine and to identify common approaches and specific solutions for Romania, Moldova and Ukraine based on EU experience. It envisaged opportunities for developing an assessment of the mechanisms, necessary reforms and updates to ensure societal security in Moldova and Ukraine, utilizing Romania's position as a member of the EU. The public policy paper developed through the joint effort of the trilateral expert team was presented publicly in Chișinău, Bucharest and Kiev to relevant authorities and civil society

representatives. The final roundtable held in Chişinău offered an opportunity to discuss about new societal security threats that emerged in the region after the Georgian events of 2008.

*Financial support for this project was granted by OSF-London directly to IPP-Moldova*

### **Efficient Institutional Reaction to Combating Intolerance and Extremism in the Black Sea Region (Public Partnership Promotion in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania)**

Organizers: Institute for Public Policy of Moldova, Institute for Public Policy from Bucharest, Romania and *Pylyp Orlyk* Institute for Democracy from Kyiv, Ukraine

Project director: Oazu NANTOI, Program Director, Institute for Public Policy of Moldova

Time and place: June, Ukraine

Summary: An initiative aimed to formulate a regional approach to overcoming intolerance and extremism in the Black Sea region; to monitor institutional reaction to extremism in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine; to identify potential common sources; to propose viable local and regional solutions, including recommendations to EU policy and international bodies; to promote civil society engagement in overcoming intolerance and extremism.

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### **Better Understanding of the Political Crisis in the Post-electoral Moldova Study Visit of EU Journalists to Moldova**

Organizers: Independent Journalism Center from Moldova in collaboration with the EE: PBBP of the Soros Foundation-Moldova and Stefan Batory Foundation

Project director: Irina IURCISIN, Program Coordinator, Independent Journalism Center

Time and place: July, Moldova

Summary: An initiative for the representatives of international media aimed to foster long-term relations and cooperation among journalists in Moldova and EU countries; to draw attention and increase awareness in EU media institutions and the public in EU member states about political developments in Moldova; to support civil society in Moldova in its efforts to ensure free and fair electoral processes in the parliamentary elections and to increase Moldova's visibility in international media.

\$17,196

### **Best Practices in Local Government Development in Ukraine and Prospects for Their Implementation in Moldova**

Organizers: Institute of Political Education from Ukraine and BCI Business Consulting Institute (BCI) from Moldova

Project director: Mihail ROŞCOVAN, Director, BCI

Time and place: September – November, Moldova, Ukraine

Summary: An initiative for the representatives of civil society organizations, public servants and local authorities from Ukraine and Moldova aimed to exchange experience and best practices in local development and problem solving associated with the rehabilitation, welfare and viability of small and medium-sized cities; to promote partnerships between governmental and non-governmental sectors that will contribute to building a responsible self-governance; to promote public initiatives to increase citizens' participation in decision-making; and to identify innovative and sustainable models for an efficient local governance.

\$8,099

### **Community Joint Efforts for Youth Employment**

Organizers: *Făclia* Community Association for Children and Youth from Ungheni, CMC Business School from the Czech Republic and Social Alternatives from Romania

Project director: Angela CIOCÎRLAN, President, *Făclia* Association

Time and place: November – December, Czech Republic, Romania, and Moldova

Summary: An initiative aiming to strengthen collaboration among NGOs, LPA representatives and local employment officials to facilitate communication and coordination of joint activities for a sustainable youth career building and youth employment; to analyze the legal framework of youth employment and job placement; to develop recommendations for the areas that need improvements; to analyze opportunities to reduce unemployment and increase job placement among youth; and to identify new tools and methods to meet the challenges of a globalized job market.

\$18,731

**Acceleration of Societal and Economic Transformation of the Republic of Moldova**

Organizers: *Expert-Grup* Independent Analytical Center, Moldova and *CzechINVENT* Agency, Czech Republic

Project director: Valeriu PROHNIȚCHI, Director, *Expert-Grup*

Time and place: October – December, Moldova, Czech Republic, Moldova

Summary: An initiative of local civil societies aimed to provide regional and local self-governing bodies in Moldova with know-how in regional economic development and infrastructure (industrial zones) using methodologies developed in the Czech Republic in industrial zone development programs in the 90s and to stimulate new economic activities in Moldova that could contribute to creating new jobs and opportunities for local community development and sustainability.

\$17,642

**Productive Learning: An Alternative to Traditional Education**

Organizers: *Pro-Didactica* Educational Center from Moldova and *2000+* Educational Center from Romania

Project director: Viorica GORAȘ-POSTICĂ, Project Coordinator, *Pro-Didactica* Educational Center

Time and place: April 2008 – November 2009

Summary: A project designed for experts in education reform from Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova aimed to enhance the quality of cooperation among educational experts in their efforts to support processes of development of educational methodologies; to promote a new concept in the educational field for young students with disabilities in order to respond to their educational needs and interests; to compare models of Productive Learning curriculum developed in participating countries.

\$3,508

**Moving towards EU Integration: Uniting the Efforts of Moldovan and Ukrainian Civil Societies**

Organizers: EE: PBB Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova and International Renaissance Foundation from Ukraine, in partnership with the *Pylyp Orlyk* Institute for Democracy from Ukraine

Project director: Denis CENUȘA, Coordinator of [www.europa.md](http://www.europa.md) website

Time and place: December 15-16, Ukraine

Summary: An initiative aimed to promote dialogue among civil society organizations and activists from Ukraine and Moldova by facilitating access to unbiased and reliable sources of information between Moldova and Ukraine and within the region; to contribute to building respectful and supportive attitudes between Moldova and Ukraine in their common move toward EU integration; to raise public awareness in new EU member states about the challenges, needs and difficulties the Eastern neighbors face.

\$3,697

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: \$152,088

## **SUBPROGRAM 2: PARTICIPATING PROJECTS**

In the framework of this subprogram, financial support is provided for participation of Moldovan experts in events organized by the EE: PBB Program and supported by Open Society Foundations/Institutions from Central and Eastern Europe. Participants are recommended either by the hosting event organizer or by the Soros Foundation-Moldova.

### **Projects and Prospects for Cooperation in Eurasia**

Alexandru BALTAG, member, European Movement from Moldova  
Victor CHIRILĂ, Program Director, Foreign Policy Association from Moldova  
February 24-27, Vilnius, Lithuania  
\$1,552

### **Prevention and Assistance to Abused Children: Enhancing Regional Cooperation**

Svetlana HARAŞ, Program Coordinator, National Center for Child Abuse Prevention  
Aliona STEPAN, Project Coordinator, Child Rights Information Center from Moldova  
February 24-27, Almaty, Kazakhstan  
\$1,569

### **Human Rights Education in Practice!**

Alina SECRIERU, Vice-president, AVI Moldova  
Carolina SECRIERU, member, AVI Moldova  
Valeria CELAN, volunteer, AVI Moldova  
Corina COJOCARU, volunteer, ASIST Association for Students and Youth Initiatives Support  
March 23-29, Poznan, Poland  
\$2,888

### **Youth Common Policies for a Sustainable Development**

Vera ȚURCANU, President, National Youth Council from Moldova  
Viorel BABII, Coordinator, National Youth Resource Centre  
Elena CULAI, President, AIESEC Chişinău  
Margarita KOTENKO, Secretary, National Youth Council from Moldova  
Alexandru MUSTEAȚĂ, volunteer, *Făclia* Regional Youth Resource Centre, Ungheni  
April 27-30, Iaşi, Romania  
\$397

### **Additional Possibilities Provided within the Eastern Partnership Initiative for European Integration of Ukraine and Eastern Partners**

Alexandru OPRUNENCO, Program Director, Expert-Grup  
Victor CHIRILĂ, Program Director, Foreign Policy Association from Moldova  
Ana COREȚCHI, EE: PBB Program Director, Soros Foundation-Moldova  
April 27-28, Kyiv, Ukraine  
\$588

### **Transforming Conflicts in the Black Sea Region. Spring Peace Academy 2009**

Daria MANDZIUC-DEDCOVA, Project Coordinator, CONTACT Center, Chişinău  
May 11-22, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
\$118

### **The Riga Network: Isaiah Berlin Centenary**

Tamara CARAUŞ, expert in multicultural and philosophy issues  
June 1-5, Riga, Latvia  
\$684

### **Youth Common Policies for a Sustainable Development**

Vera ȚURCANU, Coordinator, National Youth Council from Moldova  
Viorel BABII, Coordinator, National Youth Resource Center from Moldova  
September 5-8, Suceava, Romania  
\$158

### **Prevention and Intervention: Overcoming Child Abuse**

Daniela POPESCU, President, NCCAP  
Svetlana HARAZ, Coordinator of Prevention Program, NCCAP  
Viorica ADASCALIȚA, Coordinator, *AMICUL* Center for Psychological and Social Assistance of Children and Families  
Tatiana CATANĂ, lawyer, national expert in the field of child abuse  
October 25-29, Warsaw, Poland  
\$2,336

### **NATO's Strategic Concept: Romanian Approach as a Regional Approach**

Tatiana BUSUNCIAN, Director, Pro Marshall Center of the Republic of Moldova  
Oazu NANTOI, Program Director, Institute for Public Policy  
Stela POPA, journalist, *Vocea Basarabiei* Radio Station  
Ion ROTARI, lecturer, Institute for International Relations from Moldova  
October 23, Bucharest, Romania  
\$1,988

### **Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Rights - Related Work in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine**

Mihaela COPOTȚ, Executive Director, *HomoDiversus Pro* Association, Chișinău  
Natalia MAZUR, member, *HomoDiversus Pro* Association, Chișinău  
Mariana ȚURCAN, consultant, *GenderDoc-M* Association, Chișinău  
Nadine CHILIANU, Coordinator of support group for trans-gender persons, *GenderDoc-M* Association  
Natalia ESMANCIUC, Program Coordinator, *GenderDoc-M* Association  
October 22-26, Timișoara, Romania  
\$1,636

### **Culture and Urban Development**

Ghenadie ȘONTU, President, *ARS DOR* Association  
October 26-28, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
\$120

### **Eastern European and Asian Organizations for Patients' Rights and Safety**

Ștefan SAVIN, Program Coordinator, Center for Health Policies and Studies, Chișinău  
Natalia MARDARI, expert, Institute for Human Rights from Moldova  
November 18-22, Skopje, Macedonia  
\$1,613

### **Standardization of the Palliative Care Curriculum in Nursing Schools**

Elena STEMPOVSCAIA, President, Hospice Palliative Care Association  
Tatiana ZATÎC, Head, Department for Individual Services and Primary Medical Assistance, Ministry of Health from Moldova  
Elena TRIBOI, Head, Teacher Training Department, National College of Medicine and Pharmacy; national trainer in palliative care  
Elena BEDICOV, Head, Department for Surgical Studies, National College of Medicine and Pharmacy  
Angela BARONCEA, Head, Teacher Training Department, National College of Medicine and Pharmacy  
Vera LOGHIN, Deputy Head, Teacher Training Department, National College of Medicine and Pharmacy  
Ludmila SANDUȚA, methodologist, Teacher Training Department, National College of Medicine and Pharmacy; national trainer in palliative care  
Larisa PALAMARI, medical assistant, Institute of Oncology; national trainer in palliative care  
Maria MOGOREANU, physician, Hospital of the Ministry of Health, national trainer in palliative care

Ludmila POSTICĂ, national trainer in palliative care  
Stela GLADEI, teacher, National College for Medicine and Pharmacy  
Angela CAPCELEA, Program Coordinator, Public Health Program, Soros Foundation-Moldova  
November 18-20, Brasov, Romania  
\$1,501

**Black Sea Fellowship Program**

Aliona SÂRBU, lecturer, Cahul State University; president, Center of Public Integrity from Cahul  
Svetlana ROGOV, MBA student, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova  
January 17–29 and February 1-12, 2010, Sofia, Bulgaria  
\$1,426

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: \$18,574

Total EEPBB Program expenditures: \$211,246

## ***PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM***

The Public Health Program's mission is to advance the health and human rights of marginalized persons through building the capacity of civil society leaders and strong involvement of NGOs in health policy development.

The Program goals are:

- to support the development and implementation of health related policies committed to inclusion and human rights in identified specific fields
- to build sustainable organizations and strengthen civil society leadership

The main Program results achieved during the reporting period are presented below:

- 18 trainers of trainers in palliative care were trained by a team of international experts in the field; they were certified by the Ministry of Health.
- A training course was organized for 10 national trainers in palliative care in methadone use in pain control.
- The round-table "Methadone in Pain Management for Patients with Cancer—Current Status and Future Prospects" with participation of an international expert was organized at the Ministry of Health.
- Two national conferences in palliative care were organized: "Palliative Care in the Republic of Moldova" and "Palliative Care for Pediatricians".
- The project "Mobile Multidisciplinary Palliative Care Team within the Oncology Institute" continued to be implemented.
- A group of professionals participated in the regional conference "Curriculum Development in Palliative Care for Nurses".
- The Palliative Care Services Regulations were developed by the Ministry of Health representatives in partnership with palliative care providers (NGOs); the Regulations were approved by the Ministry of Health.
- The Standards for Psychological and Social Assistance for Drug Users as well as for Harm Reduction for Drug Users were developed and approved by the Ministry of Health.
- An assessment of the system of drug provision and access to substitution treatment medication was carried out. The assessment results were presented to stakeholders.
- The implementation of the project "Community for All" continued. As a result of the project team's efforts, 21 children and youth with disabilities from the Orhei residential institution for boys with mental disabilities were moved back to their communities and were integrated into their biological families. 23 persons referred to the project by the Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family were assisted to continue living with their families.
- The implementation of the project "Inclusive Education-Equal Chances for Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)" continued. Due to the NGO's and local public authorities' efforts, the psychological-pedagogical service at the local level was created and approved. The services for 2010 will be funded by local public authorities. The service including children's evaluation, ongoing support and teachers' continuous education is seen as an advocacy tool for safeguarding children's with special educational needs rights.

- During 2009, the Soros Foundation-Moldova (SFM) continued to act as a facilitator for the NGO/GO coordinating HIV/AIDS prevention activities in vulnerable groups based on the harm reduction strategy, as well as community based care for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), by managing grants from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, cooperating effectively with the Ministry of Health's Project Coordinating Unit for TB/AIDS Program (PCU).

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### List of Acronyms

FSW	Female Sex Workers
GFATM	Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
IDUs	Injecting Drug Users
LGBT	Lesbians, Gay, Bisexuals and Transgender Community
MDR	Multidrug Resistant
MoH	Ministry of Health
MSM	Men having Sex with Men
MSPFC	Ministry of Social Protection, Family and Child
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
PCU	Project Coordination, Implementation and Monitoring Unit Moldova Health Sector Project
PHP	Public Health Program
PLWHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS
SFM	Soros Foundation-Moldova
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
TB	Tuberculosis
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Program on HIV and AIDS
WHO	World Health Organization

## **SUBPROGRAM 1: MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES**

(In collaboration with the Mental Health Initiatives, OSI-Budapest)

The Mental Health Initiatives (MHI) subprogram seeks to ensure that people with mental disabilities (mental health problems and/or intellectual disabilities) are able to live as equal citizens in the community and to participate in society with full respect for their human rights. The Mental Health Initiatives Program promotes social inclusion of people with mental disabilities by supporting the development of community-based alternatives to institutionalization and by actively engaging in policy based advocacy.

The following activities and projects were financed within this subprogram:

### **Grants**

#### **Inclusive Education – Equal Chances for Children with Special Educational Needs**

Grantee: *Femeia și Copilul – Protecție și Sprijin (The Woman and Child - Protection and Support)* Public Association)

Project manager: Alexandra GRĂJDIAN

Summary: The aim of the project is to strengthen the achievements obtained in inclusive education, in the districts of Criuleni and Dubăsari through institutional development of inclusive pilot schools in the area of assistance of children with disabilities; to disseminate the experience acquired in schools with inclusive experience in other educational institutions; to support the process of learning; to protect the rights of children with disabilities.

\$53,826

#### **Early Intervention for Children with Mental and Physical Disabilities in the Republic of Moldova**

Grantee: *Voinicel* Center of Early Intervention

Project manager: Silvia BREABIN

Summary: The main goal of the project is to promote early intervention for children with mental and physical disabilities in the Republic of Moldova through providing services in early intervention, by setting up mobile teams, organizing children's integration activities, changing public opinion towards children with mental and physical disabilities and conducting capacity building for specialists in the field.

\$43,897

#### **Working Group in Deinstitutionalization of Children with Mental Disabilities from Orhei Residential Institution for Boys with Severe Mental Disabilities**

Grantee: Keystone Human Services International Moldova Association

Project manager: Ludmila MALCOCI

Summary: The aim of the project is to support the working group established under the aegis of Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family in the process of deinstitutionalization of children with mental disabilities from Orhei residential institution.

\$1,392

#### **Participation in the Global Conference in Inclusive Education, Salamanca, Spain, October 21-23**

Beneficiaries: Liliana GHERMAN, Angela CAPCELEA, Alexandra GRAJDIAN

\$4,028

Other expenditures (program operational/administration costs): \$8,611

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: \$112,549

## **SUBPROGRAM 2: PALLIATIVE CARE INITIATIVE**

(In collaboration with the International Palliative Care Initiative, OSI-New York)

Palliative Care is an active and complex therapy for patients who are terminally ill and their families. Its goal is to achieve the best quality of life available to the patient by relieving suffering and controlling pain and symptoms.

The goal of the Program is to promote and integrate palliative care into the national health system.

The following projects and activities were financed within this subprogram:

### **Grants**

#### **Mobile Palliative Care Team Service in the Oncology Institute**

Grantee: Oncology Institute

Project manager: Vadim POGONET

Summary: The project aims at sustaining the activity of the Mobile Multidisciplinary Palliative Care Team which provides services within the Oncology Institute and advocates for palliative care policies.

\$20,065

#### **Development of Palliative Care in the Republic of Moldova**

Grantee: National Society Hospice-Palliative Care

Project manager: Elena STEMPOVSCAIA

Summary: The project aims at advocating for and developing palliative care services in the Republic of Moldova and building the capacities of the National Society Hospice-Palliative Care.

\$29,567

#### **Training of National Trainers in Palliative Care (grant addition)**

Grantee: National Society Hospice-Palliative Care

Project manager: Elena STEMPOVSCAIA

Summary: The additional activity aims at organizing a two-day training course for 10 national trainers in using methadone in pain control.

\$ 2,310

#### **National Conference in Palliative Care for Pediatricians, November 6**

Grantee: Angelus Moldova Medical-Social Foundation

Project manager: Valerian ISAC

Summary: The project aims to raise the capacity of pediatricians in palliative care. 100 pediatricians, representatives of the Ministry of Health, and NGOs active in the palliative care field, participated in the event.

\$3,308

#### **Participation in the XI European Association in Palliative Care Congress, Vienne, May 7-10**

Grantees: Elena STEMPOVSCAIA, Vadim POGONET, Victoria MONUL, Ludmila POSTICA

\$4,541

Other expenditures (program operational/administration costs): \$5,872

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: \$65,663

### **SUBPROGRAM 3: LAW AND HEALTH INITIATIVES**

(In collaboration with OSI- New York)

The Law and Health Initiatives aims to foster collaboration among legal, human rights, medical, and public health practitioners to promote the use of legal remedies as a creative tool to advance public health.

The following activities and projects were financed within this subprogram:

#### **Grants**

##### **Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Injecting Drug Users in HIV Prevention and Treatment**

Grantee: Moldovan Institute for Human Rights

Project manager: Vanu JEREGHI

Summary: The project aims to protect and promote the rights of injecting drug users, including IDUs living with HIV/AIDS.

\$45,000 including \$15,000 from the Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, OSI- Budapest

##### **Human Rights Protection of People Living with HIV/AIDS in the Republic of Moldova (grant addition)**

Grantee: Moldovan Institute for Human Rights

Project manager: Vanu JEREGHI

Summary: The addition was aimed at institutional capacity building in order to better address the needs of target groups.

\$7,947

##### **Working Group on Disability Established under the Aegis of Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family**

Beneficiary: Community for All Moldova

Summary: The project funded the activity of a legal consultant in social field whose task is to develop the normative/legislative framework concerning community support services.

\$12,000

#### **Operational projects**

##### **Human Rights in Patient Care: A Practitioner's Guide**

Summary: The idea of the project is to capture the current status of the law and legal practice in the field of human rights in patient care in the Republic of Moldova with the contribution of an interdisciplinary working group composed of legal and medical experts and to develop and publish a Practitioner's Guide. The Guide will contain reviews of diverse constitutional provisions, statutes, regulations, by-laws, and orders applicable to patients and health care providers and categorizes them by right or responsibility. If adequately implemented, current laws have the potential to address pervasive violations of rights to an informed consent, confidentiality, privacy, and non-discrimination.

\$21,101

**Study Visit of Judy OVERALL, Law and Health Initiative Program consultant**, in order to assist the members of the working group in developing the Human Rights in Patient Care Practitioner's Guide

\$1,627

Other expenditures (program operational/ administration costs): \$7,667

Total Subprogram 3 expenditures: \$80,342

#### **SUBPROGRAM 4: MEDIA AND HEALTH INITIATIVES**

(In collaboration with OSI- New York)

The Media and Health Initiatives subprogram aims to increase public awareness about health issues by facilitating interaction between media and public health NGOs. The overall program goals also include improving the capacity of public health NGOs to utilize media and communicate effectively with the public.

##### **Grants**

##### **Changing Public Perception of Harm Reduction Programs and Drug Consumers in the Republic of Moldova**

Grantee: Union of Organizations Operating in the Field of Harm Reduction

Project manager: Ala IAȚCO

Summary: The project aims to ensure the sustainability of Harm Reduction Programs by changing public perception of drug consumers among local public authorities and service providers.

\$ 21,543

##### **Development and Implementation of a Health Monitor in the Republic of Moldova**

Grantee: Center for Health Policies and Studies

Project manager: Ștefan SAVIN

Summary: The project aims at the development of a health monitoring mechanism to ensure an on-going monitoring of the situation in the health system. The project objectives include: to develop and conduct a regular opinion poll; to conduct regular analysis of public sector policies and investments in the field of health care sector; to perform periodic analysis of existing documentation related to health care.

\$16,425

##### **Participation in international events:**

##### **Participation in the OSI Seminar on Patient Advocacy for Palliative Care in Cancer Care, Budapest, Hungary, June 29-30**

Beneficiaries: Elena STEMPOVSCAIA, Vadim POGONET, Victor CERNAT, Liliana GHERMAN, Angela CAPCELEA

\$2,245 (financed by OSI)

##### **Participation in the OSI Seminar on Self-advocacy Video Testimonials, Zagreb, Croatia, November 5-6**

Grantee: Natalia RAILEANU

\$930 (financed by OSI)

##### **Participation in the OSI Seminar on Introduction to Campaigning to Stop Torture in Healthcare, Denham Grove, UK, January 18-19, 2010**

Beneficiaries: Ion GUZUN, Vanu JEREGHI, Liliana GHERMAN

\$2,983 (financed by OSI)

Total Subprogram 4 expenditures: \$37,968

## **SUBPROGRAM 5: HARM REDUCTION**

(In collaboration with OSI- 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 vulnerable groups: intravenous drug users (IDUs), female sex workers (FSWs), men having sex with men (MSM), prisoners, truck drivers, migrants, etc. As a partner facility of the Ministry of Health, the Soros Foundation-Moldova is playing the role of an NGO facilitator in implementing HIV/AIDS and STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) control among vulnerable groups, as well as care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The project draws on the financial support of the Global Fund aimed at fighting AIDS, TB and Malaria.

As a result of an open call for proposals launched in 2008 by the Project Coordination, Implementation and Monitoring Unit Moldova Health Sector Project (PCU), the Soros Foundation-Moldova signed with PCU two contracts for the implementation of the following projects „ Providing Community Outreach to Vulnerable Groups Project” and „Providing Care and Support for PLWHA”. The Soros Foundation-Moldova continued to administer financial resources from the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria for 2008-2009 providing support to projects implemented by governmental and non-governmental organizations based on the Harm Reduction strategy, participation in conferences, seminars and workshops for project staff and stakeholders and development of Harm Reduction policies.

### **Grants:**

#### **Changing Public Perception of Harm Reduction Programs and Drug Users in the Republic of Moldova**

Grantee: Union of Organizations Operating in the Field of Harm Reduction

Project manager: Ala IAȚCO

Summary: The project aims to ensure the sustainability of Harm Reduction Program by changing public perception of drug consumers among local public authorities and service providers.

\$1,147

#### **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 IAȚCO

Summary: The project aims to develop the regulation of Harm Reduction services and training modules; to organize workshops for service providers involved in Harm Reduction projects; to design and maintain the Harm Reduction Component within the [www.aids.md](http://www.aids.md) site.

\$6,750

#### **Human Rights Protection of People Living with HIV/AIDS in the Republic of Moldova (grant addition)**

Grantee: Moldovan Institute for Human Rights

Project manager: Vanu JEREGHI

Summary: The grant addition aimed at building the institutional capacities of the Moldovan Institute for Human Rights in order to better address the needs of the target group while implementing activities financed by GFATM, Round 8.

\$7,947

#### **Protecting and Promoting the Rights of Injecting Drug Users in HIV Prevention and Treatment (co-funding)**

Grantee: Moldovan Institute for Human Rights

Project manager: Vanu JEREGHI

Summary: The project aims to increase the access of IDUs to legal assistance and to promote the rights of IDUs, including IDUs living with HIV/AIDS.

\$15,000

### **Increasing Access to HIV Prevention Activities among IDU Detainees from Transnistria**

Grantee: *Carlux* Public Association, Chişinău

Project manager: Vitalie MOROŞAN

Summary: The goal of the project is to ensure access to HIV prevention for the IDUs from Transnistrian penitentiaries.

\$25,100

### **Publication of Harm Reduction Standards**

Grantee: Republican Narcology Dispenser

Project manager: Mihai OPREA

Summary: The grant was offered for the publication of two national standards: Standard for Psychological and Social Assistance for Drug Users and Standard for Harm Reduction for Drug Users, each document being published in 200 copies.

\$1520

### **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 provided by the project aim at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS among IDUs from Orhei, Rezina and Şoldăneşti (348 IDUs by the end of 2009 in Orhei and 152 IDUs by the end of 2009 in Rezina, and 70 IDUs in Şoldăneşti). The project services are focused on rendering needle exchange, distributing condoms, antiseptics and informational materials and promoting lower-risk behaviors and health education services. The project supports specialized consultations, counseling sessions, and psychological and social reintegration of the above-mentioned target groups.

\$20,650

### **HIV/AIDS and SITs 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 (199 beneficiaries, 12 of them being IDUs) and carrying out social reintegration activities. The services provided by the project include consultations, counseling and information sessions, needle exchange and distribution of condoms.

\$6,470

### **HIV/AIDS and STIs Prevention among FSWs from Bălţi within the Framework of the Harm Reduction Strategy**

Grantee: *Tinerii pentru Dreptul la Viaţă (Youth for the Right to Life)* NGO, Bălţi branch

Project manager: Ina BIRIUCOVA

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 FSWs (257 beneficiaries among FSWs including 34 IDUs from Bălţi municipality and 74 FSWs including 14 IDUs from Ungheni), by organizing social reintegration and harm reduction activities including needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials, specialized consultancy and professional training for social reintegration.

\$23,000

### **Prevention of HIV/AIDS among IDUs in the Framework of the Harm Reduction Program**

Grantee: *Pentru Prezent şi Viitor (For Present and Future)* NGO, Chişinău

Project manager: Nina TUDOREANU

Summary: The organization implements project activities in partnership with the National Applied and Research Center for Preventive Medicine, AIDS Center and *Cu Gîndul la Viitor (Thinking of Future)* NGO, Căuşeni. The project aims at reducing the spread of the HIV/AIDS epidemics and STIs among 2685 IDUs from Chişinău (882 IDUs covered by *Pentru Prezent şi Viitor* NGO and, respectively, 1803 IDUs covered

by AIDS Center) and 74 IDUs from Căușeni, by rendering needle exchange services; distributing condoms, antiseptics, informational materials; providing counseling services; organizing social inclusion activities.

\$43,980

#### **Prevention of HIV/AIDS and STIs among FSWs in Chișinău**

Grantee: *Reforme Medicale (Medical Reforms)* NGO, Chișinău

Project manager: Alexei LEORDA

Summary: The services provided by the project aim at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS among FSWs (535 beneficiaries, including 61 IDUs). Project services are focused on rendering needle exchange, distributing condoms, antiseptics and informational materials, promoting lower-risk behaviors and providing health education services. The project offers specialized consultations, counseling sessions, psychological and social reintegration services to the target group.

\$24,260

#### **Fighting HIV/AIDS in Penitentiaries. Continuation of Activities Based on the Harm Reduction Strategy. Extension of Project to Penitentiary # 3 from Leova**

Grantee: *Proiecte Inovatoare în Penitenciare (Innovative Projects in Penitentiaries)* NGO, Chișinău

Project manager: Larisa PINTILEI

Summary: The project aims at covering inmates from the entire penitentiary system with HIV/AIDS and STI prevention activities. Project services are focused on needle exchange in 7 penitentiaries, as well as on distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials for detainees from the entire penitentiary system.

\$22,100

#### **Fighting HIV/AIDS in Penitentiaries. Implementation of a Pilot Project Based on the Harm Reduction Strategy in Penitentiary # 11 from Bălți**

Grantee: *Proiecte Inovatoare în Penitenciare (Innovative Projects in Penitentiaries)* NGO, Chișinău

Project manager: Larisa PINTILEI

Summary: The project aims at the extension of HIV/AIDS and STI prevention activities for detainees from the eighth penitentiary-- # 11 from Bălți.

\$3,148

#### **HIV/AIDS/STIs Prevention among IDUs in Bălți, Ungheni, Fălești and Glodeni**

Grantee: *Tinerii pentru Dreptul la Viață (Youth for the Right to Life)* NGO, Bălți branch

Project manager: Ina BIRIUCOVA

Summary: : The organization implements activities in partnership with *Vis Vitalis* NGO, Ungheni and *Împreună să Salvăm Viitorul (Save the Future Together)* NGO, Fălești, covering Bălți, Ungheni, Fălești, and Glodeni regions. The main objective of the project is to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS and STI prevalence among IDUs in the municipality of Bălți - about 3710 IDUs, Ungheni – 577 IDUs, Fălești and Glodeni – 538 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 counseling sessions.

\$51,010

#### **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, Dondușeni

Project manager: Tatiana COJOCARU

Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with *Alcoolism și Narcomanie (Drug and Alcohol Addiction)* NGO, Soroca, covering Dondușeni, Tîrnova, Otaci, Ocnîța, Edineț, Rîșcani, Briceni, Soroca, Drochia and Florești regions. The project aims at lowering the risks associated with intravenous drug use (172 IDUs from Dondușeni, Tîrnova, Otaci, Ocnîța, Edineț, Rîșcani and 795 IDUs from Soroca, Drochia, Florești).The organization provides needle exchange, information materials, condoms and antiseptics, STI prevention, including HIV/AIDS prevention and carries out other harm reduction activities.

\$24,787

### **„ Loving Differently, Loving Safely”. Phase III**

Grantee: *GENDERDOC-M* Information Center NGO, Chişinău

Project manager: Olesia BUCŞANU

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 men having sex with other men. Project services are focused on rendering lubricants, condoms, hygienic gloves and informational materials.

\$8265

### **Palliative Care Services and Social Support to PLWHA in Bălţi**

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

Project manager: Irina BAICALOVA

Summary: The project aims at rendering palliative care services to people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as at providing support to affected persons (PLWHA relatives and friends), including HIV prevention activities, development of the adherence to ARV therapy. The project covers 462 people living with HIV/AIDS and 216 family members.

\$20,704

### **Providing Psychological and Social Support to PLWHA**

Grantee: *Credința (Faith)* NGO, Chişinău

Project manager: Ludmila UNTURA

Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with *Societate, Om, Sănătate, Viitor (Society, Person, Health, Future)* NGO, Chişinău. The project aims at providing PLWHA with psychological support, non-medical care and fighting against PLWHA stigma and social exclusion, providing support to affected persons (PLWHA relatives and friends) including HIV prevention activities, development of the adherence to ARV therapy and peer counseling. The project covers about 1184 people living with HIV/AIDS and 85 family members.

\$22,990

### **Providing Psychological and Social Support to PLWHA**

Grantee: *Zdorovoe Budushee (Healthy Future)* NGO, Tiraspol

Project manager: Ludmila ANDROPOVA

Summary: The project aims at providing PLWHA and their relatives with psychological support and at fighting against stigma and social exclusion by providing social support to PLWHA and assistance for affected people (friends, relatives of PLWHA). The project offers HIV prevention services and peer counseling and contributes to developing adherence to ARV therapy. The project covers 162 PLWHA.

\$8,500

### **Social Counseling - a Component of Psychological and Social Support for PLWHA**

Grantee: *BIAZ GUL* NGO, Comrat

Project manager: Alexandru ZAVRICICO

Summary: The project aims at providing PLWHA and their relatives psychological support and fighting against stigma and social exclusion of PLWHA. The project covers 88 PLWHA and 287 family members.

\$10,244

### **HIV/AIDS Prevention in Tiraspol**

Grantee: *Zdorovoe Budushee (Healthy Future)* NGO, Tiraspol

Project manager: Ludmila ANDROPOVA

Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with *NOUIN* NGO, Tiraspol. The main objective of the project is to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS among IDUs (380 people covered by *Zdorovoe Budushee* NGO, and respectively, 406 people covered by *NOUIN* NGO) in Tiraspol and Slobozia, by carrying out and strengthening activities based on the Harm Reduction Strategy including needle exchange, distribution of condoms, antiseptics and informational materials, self-support groups, specialized consultancy and counseling sessions.

\$16,180

### **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 IDUs from Chişinău by offering them the substitution therapy with methadone. By the end of 2009, the cumulative number of beneficiaries was 192 persons.

\$20,000

### **Substitution Treatment with Methadone in Penitentiary Institutions**

Grantee: Department of Penitentiary Institutions, Ministry of Justice

Project manager: Victor VOVC

Summary: The project offers substitution therapy with methadone to opiate drug users from penitentiaries. The treatment is provided in Brăneşti, Pruncul, Cricova, Soroca and Rusca penitentiaries. The number of permanent beneficiaries reached 28 by the end of 2009.

\$15,400

### **Extension of the Substitution Therapy for Injecting Drug Users into the Medical Institutions of the Department of Penitentiaries (Penitentiaries # 11 and # 13)**

Grantee: Department of Penitentiary Institutions of the Ministry of Justice

Project manager: Victor VOVC

Summary: The project aims at the extension of the substitution therapy with methadone for the opiate drug users from penitentiaries # 11 and # 13.

\$10,000

### **Substitution Therapy with Methadone for IDUs from Bălţi**

Grantee: Municipal Clinic Hospital from Bălţi

Project manager: Eduard NENESCU

Summary: The project aims at mitigating the negative medical and social consequences of drug use among IDUs from Bălţi by offering them the substitution therapy with methadone. The number of permanent beneficiaries reached 50 by the end of 2009.

\$7,615

### **HIV/AIDS Prevention among Migrants**

Grantee: *Societate, Om, Sănătate, Viitor (Society, Person, Health, Future)* NGO, Chişinău

Project manager: Silvia STRATULAT

Summary: The project aims at providing HIV/AIDS and STI informational, educational and communication activities among migrants traveling through the Leuşeni and Sculeni customs checkpoints, as well as migrants traveling to CIS countries, through the Northern Railway Terminal and Chişinău Airport.

\$16,327

### **HIV/AIDS/STI Prevention among Truck Drivers in Chişinău and Bălţi**

Grantee: *Reforme Medicale (Medical Reforms)* NGO, Chişinău

Project manager: Alexei LEORDA

Summary: The organization implements activities in partnership with the *Tinerii pentru Dreptul la Viaţă (Youth for the Right to Life)* NGO, Bălţi branch. The services provided by the project aim at reducing the incidence of HIV/AIDS and STIs among truck drivers in Chişinău and Bălţi (7180 persons from Chişinău, and respectively, 327 persons from Bălţi), including distribution of condoms and informational materials.

\$18,000

### **Developing Self-support Groups for IDUs in Regions**

Grantee: *Viaţa Nouă (New Life)* NGO, Chişinău

Project manager: Ruslan POVEGA

Summary: The project aim is to form self-support and initiative groups for IDUs in Bălţi, Soroca, Ungheni, Comrat, Anenii Noi and Chişinău with a view to rehabilitating and reintegrating socially intravenous drug users.

\$15,740

**Advocacy for Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Drug Users (Substitution Therapy with Methadone) in Transnistria**

Grantee: *Carlux* Public Association, Chişinău

Project manager: Lilian SEVERIN

Summary: The goal of the project is to obtain political commitment for the implementation of the program of substitution therapy with methadone for IDUs from Transnistrian penitentiaries by conducting advocacy activities.

Financed from 2008 budget

**Social Support and Improvement of Adherence to ARV Treatment**

Grantee: Centre for Health Policy and Studies

Project manager: Ecaterina DAMIAN

Summary: The project provides social support to PLWHA by reimbursing travel costs to patients who undergo ARV therapy and who live outside Chişinău.

\$31,971

**Increased Access of IDUs to Rehabilitation Services and Psychological Assistance within the Rehabilitation Center**

Grantee: Republican Narcology Dispenser

Project manager: Mihai OPREA

Summary: The goals of the project are to reduce and improve the behavioral, intellectual and emotional disorders caused by abuse of psycho-active substances; to increase the professional level of staff directly involved in social rehabilitation within the Rehabilitation Center; to develop and approve the Guide "Psychological and Social Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts"; to design and implement an e-form register (database) of beneficiaries.

\$96,765

**Evaluation of the Substitution Therapy with Methadone Program in Moldova by the International Expert, Emilis Subata, Head of the Centre for Addictive Disorders, Vilnius, Lithuania**

\$6,944

***Local and International Events***

**Roundtable on the Availability, Appropriateness and Quality of Harm Reduction Supplies Procured under the Global Fund Financing in Armenia, Georgia, Russia and Tajikistan, Chişinău,**

April 6-7

\$7,948

**Training Course in Palliative Care for People Living with HIV/AIDS, Labor Institute, Chişinău, May 28-30**

\$3,658

**Conference on Harm Reduction in Prison: the Moldova Model, including launch of the report, Chişinău, July 21-23**

\$22,963

**Training Course in Clinical, Psychological and Social Aspects of Substitution Therapy with Methadone for Patients with Opioid Addiction Syndrome, with participation of an international expert, Chişinău, November 26**

\$1,248

**Participation in the 3rd Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference, Moscow, Russia, October 28-30**

Grantees: Svetlana ROMANOVA, Tatiana COJOCARU, Luminiţa RADU, Olesea BUCŞANU, Ecaterina ROTARU, Ala IAŢCO, Alexei LEORDA, Alina TACMELOVA, Vanu JEREGHI

\$6,688

**Participation of Representatives of the Department of Penitentiary Institutions in the Health in Prison Conference, Madrid, Spain, October 29-31**

Grantees: Larisa PINTILEI, Veaceslav TONCOGLAZ, Victor VOVC, Ilona BURDUJA  
\$7088

During 2009, 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 National HIV/AIDS Policies: National M&E System, research methods in HIV surveillance within the vulnerable groups, Mid-term Review of the National AIDS Program, validation and prognoses on HIV/AIDS, monitoring of stigma and discrimination of PLHA in the Republic of Moldova, as well as facilitating the communication between program beneficiaries and GFATM. During 2009, the Public Health Program coordinated the activity of the Technical Working Group, vulnerable groups of CCM.

**Other Activities**

To ensure the efficient implementation of activities of grant beneficiary organizations within the Harm Reduction Program consumer goods including syringes, condoms, alcohol pads, etc. were purchased in the total amount of \$89,422 (third party funding). Syringes were received in-kind and distributed in the total amount of \$20,268.

Expenditures for the publication of informational materials: \$18,912

Expenditures for the monitoring and assessment of implemented activities: \$20,202

Other related subprogram expenditures: \$67,953 (SFM/OSI-NY – \$9017 and third party funding - \$53,936)

Total Subprogram 5 expenditures: \$857,813 (SFM/OSI-NY: \$127,335 and third party funding: \$730,478)

Total Public Health Program expenditures: \$1,238,563

## **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 inefficient economic reforms in Moldova have a negative impact on cultural and art institutions. Over the past few years, neither the state nor the market economy mechanisms could ensure financing of this field at the minimum level necessary to continue the cultural and artistic process.

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 overall goal of 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, two comprehensive projects were initiated: the pilot-project entitled "Visions on the Cultural Policy for Moldova: from Changes to Sustainability" (January 1, 2007 – September 30, 2009) and „Reinforcing Moldova’s Development Capacities by Strengthening Its Cultural Sector” (October 1, 2007 – December 31, 2010). The second project is financially supported by the MATRA program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and partially by OSI.

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### **List of Acronyms**

ECF	European Cultural Foundation
NACU	National Association of Creative Unions
SFM	Soros Foundation-Moldova

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

The pilot-project launched by the Soros Foundation-Moldova in partnership with the European Cultural Foundation, the Netherlands, aimed to develop a future vision on the cultural policy of Moldova and a practical development plan for the cultural sector at the national and local levels.

Objectives:

- to draft an initial policy vision and concrete practical measures for the cultural development in Moldova, which are collected, conceived and commonly accepted by all leading stakeholders in the cultural field
- to set up a task force comprising cultural managers and decision-makers who will promote the current needs and interests of the cultural sector and advocate for them at all relevant policy levels
- to develop training and capacity building programs and tools, gradually serving all relevant stakeholders in Moldova's cultural sector
- to build up a group of culture professionals as local trainers/consultants/experts who shall develop and implement future training and consulting programs in Moldova, which among others, shall serve the professionalization of cultural managers dealing with strategic planning, organizational development, fundraising, etc., but also shall address the training needs of cultural administrators in the provinces and executives at all decision-making levels
- to build up the web portal [www.culture.md](http://www.culture.md)

The project components are as follows:

### **The web portal [www.culture.md](http://www.culture.md)**

In 2009, the selection and collection of textual and graphic materials in the fields of cultural policies, cultural heritage, visual arts, music, theater, cinema, and choreography continued. The team of coordinators responsible for this task included: Victoria TCACENCO, Marcel CHISTRUGA, Alfrida COROLIOVA, Sergius CIOCANU, Emilian GALAICU-PĂUN, and Irina CIOBANU-SUHOMLIN. Also, the editing process of the information continued in partnership with the Deeplace Company, selected in an open-based competition. The collaboration efforts with the Deeplace Company were aimed at debating and adjusting the web portal structure; editing of the last version of the web site map; participation in the training organized by Deeplace on future web content management, usage of advertising resources and other issues pertaining to the web portal functioning. The Deeplace Company presented two different versions for the home page design and offered comments, recommendations aimed at improving the design of the web portal.

### **Congress of the Representatives of Culture from the Republic of Moldova, December 12**

The first Congress of the Representatives of Culture was organized by the National Association of Creative Unions (NACU) and the Center for Cultural Policies. About 700 delegates from across the country representing Creative Unions, public and private cultural institutions, and cultural administrators from all the regions of the country, non-governmental organizations from this field, local and foreign guests participated in the Congress.

The most serious cultural problems were addressed within the Congress, including the revision of the role of culture in the Moldovan society; the relationship between power and culture; the revitalization of the cultural movement in the country; the reform of culture financing; artist's status and some others. The Congress summarized the national debates on cultural issues carried out in November, in Chişinău, Bălţi and Cahul and established the main directions in the further development of the cultural sector.

The Coordinating Council was elected consisting of 15 representatives of Creative Unions. The Resolution adopted by the Congress was voted unanimously and was presented to the Parliament for review.

### **Publishing of the Book: “Visions on the Cultural Policy for Moldova: from Changes to Sustainability”**

Coordinator: Victoria TCACENCO

Print-run – 500 copies; volume – 140 pages; languages: Romanian, English, Russian; ARC Publishing House.

The book “Visions on the Cultural Policy for the Republic of Moldova: from Changes to Sustainability” was edited and published with the support from the Soros Foundation-Moldova and ECF, Amsterdam, and aims to pave the ground for the capacity building process in the cultural sector of the Republic of Moldova. The book reflects the results of a series of activities carried out within the pilot-project. They include:

- organization of five round-tables, with representatives of performing art, visual art, literature, cultural industries and houses of culture
- organization of 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.

The debates and discussions held within thematic workshops generated innovative ideas aimed to support the development of public policies. They represent the first attempt in bringing together artists and officials of cultural institutions to develop efficient and viable strategies based on the key role culture plays in changing the social and economic climate of the country.

The book was distributed among Congress (held in December) delegates.

Project 1 expenditures: \$ 23,719

### **PROJECT 2: REINFORCING MOLDOVA’S DEVELOPMENT CAPACITIES BY STRENGTHENING ITS CULTURAL SECTOR**

In 2009, the Soros Foundation-Moldova continued the implementation of the project “Reinforcing Moldova’s Development Capacities by Strengthening Its Cultural Sector”, which started in September 2007 and will last until December 2010. The Project is implemented in partnership with the European Cultural Foundation and is financed by the MATRA program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and OSI.

#### **Seminar “Cultural Heritage and Resources. Rural Development and Cultural Tourism. Creative Industries”, June 29 – July 3, Ivancea (groups I and II)**

The seminar focused on issues related to the development of the cultural heritage of the Republic of Moldova including cultural tourism, its impact and capitalization of cultural heritage in economic and social development; rural tourism and living cultural heritage; cultural heritage management; tourism development based on the cultural heritage of the system: problems and solutions. A working visit was organized to Orheiul Vechi, where stakeholders met with local government representatives. Gheorghe POSTICĂ presented the strategies on the development of Orheiul Vechi. The conversations/personal reflections on the topic “What I have learned today to be put in practice” were moderated by Corina RĂCEANU, Victoria TCACENCO and Irina GRABOVAN. Lilia DRAGNEV presented the INVASIA-KSAK project and 8 working groups made presentations based on two case studies “Orheiul Vechi” and “Banat Region: Cultural Tourism Strategy.”

Instructors: Corina RĂCEANU (Romania), Antonio RUSSO (Spain), Daniela JELINCIC (Croatia), Veaceslav REABCINSCHI (Moldova), Claudia CRĂCIUN (Moldova), Victoria TCACENCO (Moldova), Irina GRABOVAN (Moldova).

Guests: Gheorghe POSTICĂ, PhD, Director of the Institute of History and Political Science of the Free International University of Moldova.

65 participants – representatives of cultural institutions, ECF, SFM, local government.

\$ 22,354 (including \$ 19,887 - MATRA funds and \$ 2,467 - OSI funds)

**Seminar “Lobbying Activities and Advocacy. Networks. Regional/International Cooperation. Culture and the European Union”, October 6-9 (group I)**

Objectives:

- to strengthen NGOs’ lobbying capacities needed in the cultural field in order to influence policy makers and also to advocate for democratic changes in Moldovan legislation concerning cultural field (tax regulations, fiscal measures, financing mechanisms, special laws and legal framework for self-employed persons)
- to prepare participating NGOs (and a wider group of civil society representatives involved in this special training) for professional implementation of the planned advocacy campaign
- to initiate participants into European and international cultural cooperation: main stakeholders, trends, networks, cultural priorities of the European Union, European information resources

The draft version of the book “Strategic Planning for Cultural Organizations” written by Lidia VARBANOVA was presented within the seminar.

Trainers: Victoria TCACENCO (Moldova), Veaceslav REABCINSCHI (Moldova), Irina GRABOVAN (Moldova), Lidia VARBANOVA (Canada), Daniela JELINCIC (Croatia).

32 participants, including representatives of local cultural institutions and ECF.

\$ 7,297 (including \$ 7,247 - MATRA funds and \$ 50 - OSI funds)

**Training of Trainers (Local Trainer Evaluation and Supervision Meeting), February 10-13**

The training was led by foreign trainers including Ewa BRACHA, Andriy KRUPYAK, Corina RĂCEANU, and Gijbertus JANMAAT with the purpose of evaluating and consulting local trainers including Veaceslav REABCINSCHI, Claudia CRĂCIUN, Victoria TCACENCO, and Irina GRABOVAN.

\$ 3,749 (ECF funds)

**Local Debates, February – September**

Five round-tables were organized in the fields of performing arts, visual arts, literature, cultural industries, houses of culture which aimed at involving local and central authorities and professionals from houses of culture in discussions about the status of the cultural act at community level. The current situation of houses of culture and their role in the development of cultural policies at national level were also discussed.

The following topics were covered:

- the role of local communities in the cultural process
- objectives and implementation mechanisms of local cultural policies
- the current situation of houses of culture in the Republic of Moldova
- the role of houses of culture in the protection, development and preservation of cultural heritage
- strengthening the relationship between central state institutions and local public authorities in the cultural field
- financing of houses of culture, funding mechanisms and sources
- decentralization of cultural institutions and the role of houses of culture in solving community problems

15-33 persons, including representatives of the Ministry of Culture of RM, local and foreign experts, representatives of houses of culture, etc. participated in each round-table. The experts prepared a report for each field based of the presented information which was included in the final debate report, which served as the main resource for the book “Visions on the Cultural Policy for Moldova: from Changes to Sustainability”.

\$ 2,772 (ECF funds)

**Publishing of the book “Strategic Planning for Cultural Organizations” by Lidia VARBANOVA**

The book aims to support managers of cultural sectors, directors of cultural organizations, members of district councils, policy makers and project coordinators who need a step by step guidance in understanding the theory, the process of development and application of strategic plans in cultural organizations either subsidized by state, commercial or non-for-profit. The draft version of the book was sent to participants for review within the seminar “Lobbying Activities and Advocacy. Networks. Regional/International Cooperation. Culture and the European Union” which took place on October 6-9

(group I) and the seminar “Public Relations. Civic Interaction. Cooperation of Civil Society, PR and Interaction with Media” which took place on December 8-11 (group II).  
Project participants’ opinions will be taken into account when editing and publishing the final version of the book.

**Seminar “Public Relations. Civic Interaction. Cooperation with Civil Society. PR and Interaction with Media”, December 8-11 (group II)**

Presentations were made on subjects related to cooperation between civil society and the media: lobbying: instruments and mechanisms; art in public spaces; public relations of the departments of culture: objectives and activities; establishing strategic partnerships; relations with media: goals and forms (interviews, press-releases, round-tables, press conferences), etc.  
The participants formed working groups, developed and submitted press-releases about the seminar and drew up a draft PR plan for the departments of culture. The homework was thoroughly reviewed and the team of trainers offered advice on the development of cultural policies and organization of public debates. It is noteworthy that the case study method and practical examples used by trainers were highly appreciated by all seminar participants. The seminar concluded with the presentation of the draft version of the book written by Lidia VARBANOVA entitled “Strategic Planning for Cultural Organizations”.

Trainers: Corina RĂCEANU (Romania), Claudia CRĂCIUN (Moldova), Veaceslav REABCINSCHI (Moldova), Paul SPANJAARD (Netherlands).

32 participants, including representatives of local houses of culture, local and foreign trainers, ECF representatives.

\$ 12,393 (MATRA funds)

Project 2 expenditures: \$ 48,565

**OTHER INITIATIVES: PUBLISHING OF THE ALBUM-BOOK “THE HISTORICAL CENTER OF CHIȘINĂU”**

Project manager: Boris GANGAL, director, SIT Architecture, Cultural Heritage, and Design Center

The grant was offered to the SIT Architecture, Cultural Heritage and Design Center which published the album-book, entitled “The Historical Center of Chișinău” in partnership with the ARC Publishing House.

The study of the urban historical background addressed within this project is a major issue for the urban development strategy. The study offers important information for professionals in this field, local public administration, related government institutions, and the population of the city in general.

The database created within the project was posted on the site [www.monument.sit.md/](http://www.monument.sit.md/) and has been open for the public since January 2007. The website contains numerous photos and graphic design and presents the history and current situation of each of the 973 historic buildings listed in the register of historic monuments of the capital, approved by the Chișinău City Hall in 1996.

The publishing of the album is aimed at increasing the practical value of its content as follows:

- local public administrations and government institutions will obtain an efficient instrument of accountability, control and development of the historic heritage in the capital
- the published material represents a complete database which can be used while reviewing and updating the Municipal Register of monuments of national and municipal importance.

Print-run – 1000 copies; volume - 416 pages; language – Romanian.

The print-run of the album will be distributed as follows: 50%- will be donated to relevant institutions and to co-funders and 50% - will be sold.

\$ 10,000

Total Cultural Policy Program expenditures: \$91,944

## **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 operational mechanisms of public opinion, and to create an information space adjusted to the standards of the societies with established democratic traditions.

During 2009, the Media Program contributed to the strengthening of regional broadcasters based on standards and responsible and professional editorial practices. This complex program included a series of activities of continuous training, systemic monitoring, technical assistance, technological upgrading and direct support for the production of news and programs of community interest. 11 local radio stations (including 2 stations from Transnistria) and 13 TV stations formed regional networks that were supported to carry out cooperation activities, experience exchange and exchange of audio/video programming aimed to expand and diversify the broadcast for the benefit of rural audience.

The local broadcast media was also supported during the two parliamentary elections campaigns. Practically, for the first time in the history of the Republic of Moldova, all regional TV network members organized political debates in Romanian and Russian languages, with participation of all electoral candidates thus presenting relevant information to voters. Furthermore, the Media Program supported civil society initiatives aimed at monitoring the compliance with the legal provisions in the functioning of public audiovisual and regulatory institutions in this field, adjustment to European standards of the whole legal framework of the audiovisual, protection of the freedom of expression and monitoring the legal provisions on defamation in the press, transparency and principles of pluralism and diversity in media in the transition process to digital television. During the reporting period, the Media Program established effective partnerships with the Independent Press Association, the Electronic Press Association, the Coordinating Council on Audiovisual and media institutions. An essential part of activities were financed in cooperation with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, OSI-London, and Press-Now (the Netherlands).

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### **List of Acronyms**

APEL	Electronic Press Association from Moldova
CCA	Coordinating Council on Audiovisual
CO	Council of Observers
EC	European Council
ECHR	European Court of Human Rights
IJC	Independent Journalism Center
IPA	Independent Press Association
NPIA	National Public Institution of Audiovisual
RPIA	Regional Public Institution of Audiovisual
MIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
NCRF	National Council for Radio Frequencies
NMF	Network Media Fund
OSI	Open Society Institute
SFM	Soros Foundation - Moldova
Sida	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

## **SUBPROGRAM 1: SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT LOCAL MEDIA**

The general objective of Subprogram 1 is to ensure the functionality of an extensive network of independent local radio and TV stations which by means of cooperation should improve, in terms of quantity and quality, community interest programs offered to the public.

### **Strengthening Independent Broadcast Media**

The “Strengthening Independent Broadcast Media” project, launched jointly with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), co-financed by the NMP, OSI-London and Press-Now (the Netherlands), was the most comprehensive project in the media field during the reporting period. The project is a component of a broader program designed to strengthen civil society in the Republic of Moldova (May 1, 2006 – September 30, 2009).

In order to achieve project objectives on strengthening the radio and TV networks, the project included the following activities:

- training in the field of production of news and radio/TV community interest programs, video, editing, etc.
- monitoring activities of network members
- on-site technical assistance in radio/TV management, news and community interest programming, video, etc.
- ensuring the functionality of regional radio and TV networks in order to foster cooperation, exchange of experience and exchange of audiovisual programs between network members.

Due to the financial support offered by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, the TV network was expanded by adding another station – “Art TV” from Strășeni. The inclusion of this TV station in the project and its participation in network activities allowed for the widening of the coverage area (the central area being the least covered by the TV network) and the diversification of topics and issues addressed by the network.

The network of local stations, which was established within this project, included 11 radio stations and 13 TV stations, as follows:

Radio network: *Radio Sănătatea* (Edineț), *Radio Orhei* (Orhei), *Radio Sîngera* (Sîngera), *Vocea Basarabiei* (Nisporeni), *Radio Media* (Cimișlia), *Bas FM* (Basarabeasca), *Radio Albena* (Taraclia), *Univers FM* (Cahul), *Radio Prim* (Glodeni), *Radio Jelannoe* (Rîbnița), *Radio Novaia Volna* (Bender).

TV network: *Canal X* (Briceni), *AVM* (Edineț), *Sor TV* (Soroca), *Impuls TV* (Șoldănești), *Studio-L* (Căușeni), *Albasat* (Nisporeni), *Media TV* (Cimișlia), *Bas TV* (Basarabeasca), *STV-41* (Taraclia), *Eni Ai* (Comrat), *TV Prim* (Glodeni), *Flor TV* (Florești), *Art TV* (Strășeni).

In compliance with project strategy, radio and TV stations selected for participation in the project, benefited from a complex training program, systematic consulting, experience and broadcasting exchange as well as direct support (grants). The direct support for the production of news and radio/TV programs of community interest covered 4 components:

- technical and technological support including a minimum set of modern production and broadcasting equipment and Internet connection, network and domain server maintenance necessary for the functioning of the network website
- partial coverage of production costs of news and community interest programs aimed to be broadcast and exchanged within the network
- in-house trainings moderated by a professional local expert
- radio and TV network meetings

### **Grants:**

In 2009, 9 radio stations and 13 local TV stations benefited from the following direct support:

**Radio network:**

Grantee: *Radio Prim* from Glodeni, Megan TV JSC  
Project manager: Arcadie MAICAN, director  
\$ 3,120

Grantee: *Radio Sănătatea* from Edineț, Center for Health Education and Health Promotion  
Project manager: Vasile SOFRONIE, director  
\$ 2,520

Grantee: *Radio Univers FM* from Cahul, Timpuri Noi Ltd  
Project manager: Mihai MIRON, director  
\$ 2,520

Grantee: *Radio Sîngera*, Information Public Association from Sîngera  
Project manager: Victor MOCANU, director  
\$ 3,120

Grantee: *Radio Orhei* from Orhei, Media Sfera Ltd  
Project manager: Tatiana DJAMANOV, director  
\$ 2,520

Grantee: *Radio Media* from Cimișlia, Pro Media Ltd  
Project manager: Andrei BARGAN, director  
\$ 3,120

Grantee: *Vocea Basarabiei* from Nisporeni, Emico Ltd  
Project manager: Veceaslav ȚIBULEAC, director  
\$ 2,520

Grantee: *Radio Albena* from Taraclia, Urania FM Ltd  
Project manager: Vasilii CASSA, director  
\$ 2,517

Grantee: *Bas FM* from Basarabeasca, LV-Topal Ltd  
Project manager: Vladimir TOPAL  
\$ 3,117

**TV Network:**

Grantee: *Bas TV* from Basarabeasca, LV-Topal Ltd  
Project manager: Vladimir TOPAL  
\$ 3,720

Grantee: *STV-41* from Taraclia, Urania FM Ltd  
Project manager: Vasilii CASSA, director  
\$ 7,704

Grantee: *TV Prim* from Glodeni, Megan TV JSC  
Project manager: Arcadie MAICAN, director  
\$ 4,320

Grantee: *Art TV* from Strășeni, Art Club Ltd  
Project manager: Dumitru TRIBOI, director  
\$ 4,320

Grantee: *Media TV* from Cimișlia, Pro Media Ltd  
Project manager: Andrei BARGAN, director  
\$ 4,320

Grantee: *Albasat* from Nisporeni, Albasat Ltd  
Project manager: Efim BARDAN, director  
\$ 3,720

Grantee: *Studio-L* from Căușeni, Studio-L Ltd  
Project manager: Ghenadie LUPACESCU, director  
\$ 3,720

Grantee: *Impuls TV* from Șoldănești, Dalan Ltd  
Project manager: Victor SOFRONI, director  
\$ 4,320

Grantee: *Sor TV* from Soroca, Mar-Sor Ltd  
Project manager: Emilia BOBEICA, director  
\$ 3,718

Grantee: *Canal-X* from Briceni, Canal X Ltd  
Project manager: Piotr CONDRAȚCHI, director  
\$ 4,320

Grantee: *AVM* from Edineț, AVM Ltd  
Project manager: Victor CIUMAC, director  
\$ 3,720

Grantee: *Eni Ai* from Comrat, Eni Ai Ltd  
Project manager: Vladimir LAZAREV, director  
\$ 3,720

Grantee: *Flor TV* from Florești, Flor TV Ltd  
Project manager: Valeriu POSTOLACHI, director  
\$ 4,320

Total grants: \$ 81,016

**Study visit of local broadcasters from Moldova to Ukraine for experience exchange and establishing partnership relations with radio/TV stations (Cernăuți, Kiev, Lvov) and for participation in the XV International Exhibition in the field of broadcasting, May 14-22, Kiev**

Project manager: Simion LAZAREV, director, *Eni Ai*, Comrat

Summary: A group of managers from local radio/TV stations undertook a study visit to Cernăuți, Kiev and Lvov, for experience exchange and establishing partnership relations with radio/TV stations from Ukraine, organized in cooperation with the National Broadcasters' Association of Ukraine. The study visits were organized to the headquarters of the National Broadcasters' Association, The Electronic Press Association, *Cernăuți*, *Bucovina*, and *TV Lvov* TV stations, etc. This visit contributed to establishing partnership and cooperation relations with neighboring TV stations, as well as exchange of management experiences of regional stations in advertising strategy, news department functioning, analysis of partnership experiences between national audiovisual councils and audiovisual institutions. The station managers had also the possibility to visit the XV International Exhibition in Broadcasting (May 14-22) which in fact represents the main yearly forum of professionals in the broadcasting industry of Ukraine.

Participants: 16 managers from local radio/TV stations  
\$ 8,721

## Strengthening Regional Radio and TV Networks

### Grants

The project is a component of the project “Enhancing the Regional Broadcast Media Network’s Capacity to Report on Issues of Public and Community Interest” (a part of the project “Ensuring Good Governance in Moldova through Increased Public Participation”) implemented by SFM with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), December 2009 – January 2012.

The project targets support for TV stations through technological upgrading necessary for community interest programming (interactive broadcasts, TV debates etc.) including new production equipment and Internet fiber connection that will help ensure optimal conditions for news and program exchange between network member-stations.

The 11 local TV stations benefited from the following grants additions:

Grantee: *Bas TV* station from Basarabasca, LV-Topal Ltd  
Project manager: Vladimir TOPAL  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *NTS* station from Taraclia, Urania FM Ltd  
Project manager: Vasiliu CASSA, director  
\$ 17,076 (including \$5,000 from 2008 budget)

Grantee: *TV Prim* station from Glodeni, Megan TV JSC  
Project manager: Arcadie MAICAN, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *Art TV* station from Strășeni, Art Club Ltd  
Project manager: Dumitru TRIBOI, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *Albasat* station from Nisporeni, Albasat Ltd  
Project manager: Efim BARDAN, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *Studio-L* station from Căușeni, Studio-L Ltd  
Project manager: Ghenadie LUPACESCU, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *Impuls TV* station from Șoldănești, Dalan Ltd  
Project manager: Victor SOFRONI, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *Canal-X* station from Briceni, Canal X Ltd  
Project manager: Piotr CONDRAȚCHI, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *AVM* station from Edineț, AVM Ltd  
Project manager: Victor CIUMAC, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *Flor TV* station from Florești, Flor TV Ltd  
Project manager: Valeriu POSTOLACHI, director  
\$ 7,186

Grantee: *TVD* station from Donduşeni, SERVTV Ltd  
Project manager: Victor CIUMAC, director  
\$ 13,057

Total grants: \$ 89,810

## **Strengthening Regional Media**

### **Grants**

13 local TV stations benefited from grants to cover production costs of 18 electoral and post-electoral debates and technological upgrading. The stations were to plan, broadcast and supply the network with at least 3 post-electoral debates. *AVM* (Edineţ), *Canal-X* (Briceni), *Albasat TV* (Nisporeni), *Impuls TV* (Şoldăneşti), *Bas TV* (Basarabasca), *TV NTS* (Taraclia), *Art TV* (Străşeni), *TV Prim* (Glodeni), *Flor TV* (Floreşti), *Studio-L* (Căuşeni) were granted support for purchasing video cameras for debate filming in the studio. The project was implemented by the Soros Foundation-Moldova, with financial assistance from NMF, OSI-London.

Grantee: *Bas TV* station from Basarabasca, LV-Topal Ltd  
Project manager: Vladimir TOPAL  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *NTS* station from Taraclia, Urania FM Ltd  
Project manager: Vasilii CASSA, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *TV Prim* station from Glodeni, Megan TV JSC  
Project manager: Arcadie MAICAN, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *Art TV* station from Străşeni, Art Club Ltd  
Project manager: Dumitru TRIBOI, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *Media TV* station from Cimişlia, Pro Media Ltd  
Project manager: Andrei BARGAN, director  
\$ 2,043

Grantee: *Albasat* station from Nisporeni, Albasat Ltd  
Project manager: Efim BARDAN, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *Studio-L* station from Causeni, Studio-L Ltd  
Project manager: Ghenadie LUPACESCU, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *Impuls TV* station from Şoldăneşti, Dalan Ltd  
Project manager: Victor SOFRONI, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *Sor TV* station from Soroca, Mar-Sor Ltd  
Project manager: Emilia BOBEICA, director  
\$ 2,043

Grantee: *Canal-X* station from Briceni, Canal X Ltd  
Project manager: Piotr CONDRATCHI, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *AVM* station from Edineț, AVM Ltd  
Project manager: Victor CIUMAC, director  
\$ 7,220

Grantee: *Eni Ai* station from Comrat, Eni Ai Ltd  
Project manager: Vladimir LAZAREV, director  
\$ 2,043

Grantee: *Flor TV* station from Florești, Flor TV Ltd  
Project manager: Valeriu POSTOLACHI, director  
\$ 7,220

Total grants: \$ 78,329

### **Operational projects**

#### **Workshop „ Thematic Programs at Local Radio and TV Stations” January 18-26, Bulgaria**

The training was conducted by foreign experts including Nikolay CHAVDAROV, Konstantin KISSIMOV, Georgi KOURTEV, Ognian ZLATEV ( Bulgaria), assisted by local experts: Ion BUNDUCHI, Marcel CHISTRUGA and Sergiu TUDOS.

The program focused on current issues of the pre-electoral period in Moldova, such as coverage of electoral campaign in the media, organization of electoral debates, political advertising, interview techniques, video editing, and development of TV reportages. The analysis of the pre-electoral political debates with parliamentary candidates from Bulgaria, studies on news editing, news selection and broadcast, analysis of experiences of other TV stations, such as: *BBC*, *Nova TV* and others, helped local TV stations from Moldova better prepare for an efficient electoral media campaign and strengthened their institutional capacity. Each theoretical training module was followed by practical examples and exercises. For a higher efficiency, the participants were divided in the following working groups: debates participants and presenters, producers, journalists/moderators, cameramen, sound editors, political candidates and TV viewers. The program highlight was the presentation of the spots developed during the training and the political debate to which all the participants to the training contributed.

Participants: 44 representatives of regional TV stations from Moldova  
\$ 28,093

#### **Training "Local Television during the Election Campaign: Lessons Learned and Lessons to be Learned " August 3-8, Bulgaria**

The six-day training course was conducted by the following foreign experts: Denitsa SACHEVA, Georgi KOURTEV, Kaloyan STOEV and experts from Moldova: Marcel CHISTRUGA, Ion BUNDUCHI, and Sergiu TUDOS. During the training, representatives of local TV stations viewed and analyzed electoral debates produced and broadcast at the following stations: *Impuls TV*, *Șoldănești*, *Sor TV*, *Soroca*, *Bas TV*, *Basarabeasca*, *STV-41*, *Taraclia*, *Studio-L*, *Căușeni*, *Flor TV*, *Florești*, *Media TV*, *Cimișlia*, *AVM*, *Edineț*, *Eni Ai*, *Comrat*, *TV-Prim*, *Glodeni* and *Albasat*, *Nisporeni*. A joint discussion of the quality of debates (including the moderator's presentation) was carried out and practical suggestions and recommendations were formulated for stations in relation to: awareness of stations regarding the legal provisions of electoral campaign reporting, necessary adjustments of the studio where debates are shot, and strategies for attracting the audience. A number of other issues were covered including: regulation framework during electoral campaigns for TV stations from Moldova and Bulgaria, economic and financial activity during electoral campaigns, PR, technical aspects, electoral campaigns planning. All of the above were followed by concrete practical examples.

Participants: 31 representatives of regional TV stations from Moldova  
\$ 21,970

## **Training Sessions (in-house training) on Radio/TV Programming, Broadcast Automatization, Radio/TV News Editing**

Radio/TV network members benefited from 50 in-house training sessions held at 11 radio stations and 12 TV stations, including 2 radio stations from Transnistria, during January 1– September 30.

**Radio:** *Radio Albenă*, Taraclia, (October 26); *Radio Univers FM*, Cahul, (March 16-20, July 20-26); *Radio Orhei*, Orhei, (April 21-30, September 19-22); *Radio Bas FM*, Basarabeasca, (March 17-19, April 29-30, September 05-07, September 17, September 22-24); *Radio Singera*, Singera, (March 21-25, September 22-27), *Radio Sănătatea*, Edineț, (May 25-31, October 11-14); *Radio Vocea Basarabiei*, (February 09-15, March 17-19, October 20-26 and October 26-29); *Radio Media*, Cimișlia, (September 02-04), *Radio Jelannoe*, Rîbnița, (February 20-22, February 27 – March 02); *Radio Novaia Volna*, Bender, (May 04-13, September 28-30), *Radio Prim*, Glodeni, (June 15-22, 07-12, September 01-08).

**TV:** *Canal X*, Briceni, (March 17-18, August 18-20); *AVM*, Edineț, (March 10-25, 23-25, March 31 - April 03); *Impuls TV*, Șoldănești, (October 03-07); *Flor TV*, Florești, (September 19-21), *Albasat*, Nisporeni, (March 09-15, April 13-19, September 14-20, 24-26); *TV Prim*, Glodeni, (April 06-13, July 13-19, August 15-22, 17-21); *Media TV*, Cimișlia, (September 5-17); *Bas TV*, Basarabeasca, (February 19-22); *Studio-L*, Căușeni, (May 04-05, August 18, September 02-04); *Eni Ai*, Comrat, (July 12-13, September 07-09); *STV-41*, Taraclia, (September 21-24); *Art TV*, Strășeni, (October 14-16).

The in-house trainings were led by local trainers, highly qualified professionals, who were selected on an open competition basis: Ion BUNDUCHI - programming, radio/TV management; Sergiu TUDOS - programming, radio/TV management; Valentina URSU - programming, radio/TV management; Vasile STATE - programming, radio management; Petru BOGATU - programming, radio/TV management; Marcel CHISTRUGA - video; Ludmila BARBA – programming, TV management.

## **Network Meetings**

The network meetings were systematically organized in Chișinău (8), and outside the capital (10). Participant radio and TV stations exchanged ideas based on their experience and as a result, creative, and technical and management teams developed professionally. The meetings focused on the discussion of monitoring outcomes and analysis of the activity of the stations, viewing of news and thematic programs supplied to the network, drafting of solutions and recommendations. For more efficiency, the meetings were organized in a zone format as well: Central Group (4 stations), Northern Group (5 stations) and Southern Group (4 stations).

### **Radio network**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Period</b>
Soros Foundation-Moldova	March 13-14
<i>Univers FM</i> , Cahul	April 28-29
Soros Foundation-Moldova	June 26
<i>Radio Sănătatea</i> , Edineț	August 26-27
<i>Radio Orhei</i> , Orhei	September 29-30

### **TV network**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Period</b>
Soros Foundation-Moldova	February 09
<i>Albasat</i> , Nisporeni	March 05
Soros Foundation-Moldova	March 06
Soros Foundation-Moldova	March 11
Soros Foundation-Moldova	March 29-30
<i>Eni Ai</i> , Comrat	June 05-06
Soros Foundation-Moldova	June 12
Soros Foundation-Moldova	July 07
<i>Flor TV</i> , Florești	July 18
<i>Eni Ai</i> , Comrat	July 28

<i>Art TV</i> , Strășeni	September 11
<i>Impuls TV</i> , Șoldănești	September 18
<i>STV-41</i> , Taraclia	September 25-26

\$ 1,886

### **Network Experts, Consultants and Coordinators**

Experts from Chișinău travelled to local stations on a monthly basis for monitoring and technical assistance in radio and TV management and radio and TV news and community interest programming, from concept to broadcasting. The coordinators organized the activity of local radio and TV networks, monitored the exchange of broadcast within networks, organized monitoring visits on site, and offered assistance and technical consulting.

The team of experts and consultants included:

Ion BUNDUCHI, expert/ radio and TV network coordinator  
Sergiu TUDOS, expert/ radio and TV network technical coordinator  
Tatiana BUNDUCHI, TV program exchange monitoring coordinator  
Marcel CHISTRUNGA, expert/consultant in video filming  
Mariana TACU, TV program exchange monitoring expert  
Virgiliu MARGINEANU, expert/consultant  
Octavian COSTAS, expert/consultant

\$ 30,154

### **Maintenance of the Network Webpage and Broadcast Exchange in the Network**

Radio and TV stations agreed about exchanging news and programs in the network via the webpage <http://bt.community-media.md>. This mechanism for broadcast exchange facilitated cooperation between/among member-stations and increased the broadcasting volume of each station.

In general, the number of news and programs of community concern increased considerably. If in 2007, the 11 TV stations supplied the network with 181 news and 37 programs of community interest, and benefited from 296 news and 22 programs, in 2009, the 13 TV stations supplied the network with 370 news and 113 programs of community interest, and benefited from 1050 news and 270 programs respectively. In 2009 local radio stations offered to the network 314 news and 179 programs of community concern and downloaded 760 news and 426 programs, respectively.

\$ 7,448

### **Inventorying the Equipment Granted for Use to Local TV and Radio Stations**

The local expert, Sergiu TUDOS, travelled to local TV and radio stations and conducted the inventory of the equipment purchased by the Soros Foundation-Moldova and offered to media institutions for use. Activities included: assessing the situation on site; filling out report sheets for equipment in use and report sheet processing.

\$ 968

### **Improving the Activity of Local TV Stations during the Parliamentary Elections Campaign**

The project objective was to strengthen the media in Moldova by supporting local audiovisual institutions and ensuring a correct and unbiased information of the electorate, an impartial coverage of the election campaign and information of the public so that they could exercise their right to vote in a conscious way.

Project components:

#### **Meeting organized by the Soros Foundation-Moldova in partnership with Regional Media Association of Local Broadcasters on the topic: “Electoral Candidates. Local Televisions: Opportunities for Cooperation during the Election Campaign-2009” February 16, Chișinău**

Moderator: Ion BUNDUCHI

The meeting was organized by the Media Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova in partnership with Regional Media Association of Local Broadcasters in the framework of the project “Strengthening Good

Governance through Independent Media Development Support” implemented by SFM with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency.

The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate dialogue between local televisions from Moldova and electoral candidates for parliamentary elections of April 05, 2009, thus providing voters with accurate and comprehensive information. The need for organizing this meeting derived from the right to vote consciously.

Covered topics included: organization of electoral debates on local televisions, selection of debate topics, communication between broadcasters, etc.

Electoral debates were organized at almost all local TV stations throughout the country for the first time in the history of the Republic of Moldova elections. Guided by Chişinău experts, stations compiled a media-kit for each electoral candidate, comprised of: filming schedule, coverage area maps of each station, business offer for electoral advertising during the electoral period, scenario of electoral debates, etc.

49 participants, including directors of local TV stations, representatives of all participating political parties in the parliamentary elections of April 5, 2009, representatives of the Central Electoral Committee, Coordinating Council on Audiovisual, representatives of non-governmental organizations (Eurasia Foundation, IPA, APEL, etc.) representatives of the local media.

### **Electoral Debates at Local Television Stations**

Summary: The project was carried out with support from the Soros Foundation-Moldova in the framework of the project “Strengthening Civil Society in Moldova (2006-2009)” financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Soros Foundation-Moldova, NMP, OSI-London, and Press-Now (the Netherlands).

For the first time in the history of elections in Moldova, 12 local TV stations organized debates with representatives of electoral candidates for parliamentary elections of April 5, 2009. TV debates were organized in Chişinău during March 29-30, 2009, and were broadcast by 12 TV stations. During March 14-30, 2009, experts and consultants made visits to the 12 TV stations during pre-electoral debates. After an intensive period of trainings and preparations (2 trainings, 4 operational TV network meetings, individual consultations and ongoing communication with experts from Chişinău), and setting-up a Coordination and Specialized Assistance Center for election campaign activities in Chişinău, TV stations developed editorial programs and strategies on election campaign, drafted internal regulations, broadcasting schedules and debate agendas. All electoral candidates were offered equal chances to present their electoral programs to the public.

\$ 19,992

### **Development of Post-electoral Programs for 13 Regional TV Stations**

Project manager: Ion BUNDUCHI, TV network coordinator

The project was funded by NMP, OSI-London. It aimed to strengthen the regional media from Moldova during Early Parliamentary Elections of July 29, 2009. The radio and TV networks were set up within the project “Strengthening Civil Society in Moldova (2006-2009)” implemented with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and Soros Foundation-Moldova, co-financed by NMP, OSI-London, and Press-Now (Netherlands). Before parliamentary elections, regional TV stations produced electoral debates with all electoral candidates and exchanged these programs in the network. Additionally to electoral debates held outside Chişinău, a series of programs were produced in the studio set up on the premises of the Filmmakers’ Union during the early parliamentary elections.

The series entitled “Electoral Programs: Anti-crisis Solutions for the Republic of Moldova” was broadcast by the TV network. The series comprised 20 programs – 10 in Romanian and 10 in Russian, 30 minutes each, broadcast twice per day by 13 local TV stations. Electoral candidates participated in debates in the same order they had been registered by the Electoral Committee (1 representative on behalf of each of the ten candidates). On July 24 and 25, 2009, within the Chişinău studio, two final debates between electoral candidates were recorded and broadcasted via the TV network (in Romanian and Russian languages) entitled “Building Political Consensus and Society Consolidation: Solutions Offered by Electoral Candidates”.

During the post-electoral period, a series of programs were shot, with invitation of experts, political analysts and MPs of the newly elected Parliament. In the period September 10 – December 13, 2009, 18 TV programs were recorded in Romanian and Russian languages with the participation of the following invitees: Corina FUSU, deputy, Chairperson of Parliamentary Committee on Culture, Education, Research, Youth, Sports, and Media; Vlad FILAT, Prime-Minister; Vitalie NAGACEVSCHI, MP; Ion PLESCA, MP; Constantin CHEIANU, writer; Iurie CIOCAN, secretary, CEC; Victor MUNTEANU, Director of Law Program, SFM; Corneliu GURIN, expert ADEPT; Viorel FURDUI, expert, IDIS „Viitorul”; Eugen STIRBU, President, CEC; Cristina COJOCARU, expert, ADEPT; Iana SPINEI, expert, Transparency International Moldova; Ion MANOLE, „Promo Lex”, Moldova; Natalia BELIȚER, expert, Ukraine. The following invitees participated in TV debates: Vladimir TURCAN, MP, CPRM; Alexandru TANASE, MP, Minister of Justice; Arcadie BARBAROȘIE, Executive Director, IPP; Anatol PETRENCU, MIA; Corina FUSU, MP, LP; Ina SUPAC, MP, CPRM.

Seven programs entitled “A Vote for Culture” in support and amendment of legislation in culture were produced.

The project aimed to gradually involve regional TV stations in administrating the Chișinău studio. They were involved in the organization and direct participation during the production stage, network exchange, and broadcasting of materials in the capital. The studio team included: Mircea CHISTRUGA (director), Nicolae POGOJA (video operator), Vlad DRUC (video operator), Sergiu TUDOS (technical expert), Ion BUNDUCHI (editor and moderator), and Tatiana BUNDUCHI (moderator).

\$ 21,670

#### **Final Evaluation of the Project “Strengthening Independent Broadcast Media”**

The final evaluation of the project “Strengthening Broadcast Independent Local Media” implemented during May 2006 - May 2009 was conducted by “Caraseni” IE (report of 15.06.2009). The terms of reference included drafting the evaluation methodology, analysis of project documentation, organization of interviews and on-site visits to regional radio and TV stations, evaluation of the organizational environment at stations and progress of the team engaged in project implementation. All the data was compiled in a final report which was accompanied by concrete conclusions and recommendations.

\$ 3,616

#### **Seminar “Digital Television: Promises and Challenges”, December 19, Chișinău**

Coordinator: Iuliu GHEORGHICIUC

According to the time frame approved during the Regional Radio-communication Conference from Geneva, analogical broadcasting in Moldova is to be ceased and transition to digital television is to be completed by June 17, 2015. It is foreseen that the Audiovisual Code will be amended to include chapter IX, entitled “Implementation of Digital Television”.

The seminar aimed to acquaint representatives of regional TV stations with different technical and organizational aspects related to the transition to digital television. The seminar was conducted by national experts, including Veaceslav PASCAL, technical director at “Radio communication” JSC and Evghenii SESTACOV, deputy director, NCRF. Representatives of regional TV stations were informed and consulted on different technical and organizational issues pertaining to the transition to digital television. The training concluded with recommendations for project extension.

Moderator: Ion BUNDUCHI, director APEL

Participants: 22 representatives of 13 local TV stations

\$ 6,250

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: \$ 339,923

## **SUBPROGRAM 2: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE**

### **Grants**

#### **Development of the Public Broadcasting Service**

Grantee: Electronic Press Association

Project manager: Alexandru DOROGAN, President

The purpose of the project implemented by APEL during December 2009-September 2010 is to foster the development of the national audiovisual service through improvement of legislation in the field and through public control of legislation implementation and participation of civil society in the democratization of the Moldovan society.

Project objectives:

- to analyze the implementation of the Audiovisual Code; to evaluate the current situation in the field; to study functional European models of regulations and development in the audiovisual field which would allow for the identification of obstacles that impede the development of the national audiovisual field based on democratic principles
  - to develop proposals on amendment of audiovisual legislation
  - to organize public debates on legislation amendments in the audiovisual field
  - to organize two national conferences where implementation of the legislation in force will be analyzed
  - to advocate for changing amendments into legislative initiatives
  - to increase transparency of processes in the development of the audiovisual in the Republic of Moldova
- \$ 91,166 (including \$29,808 from 2008 budget)

#### **Operational Projects**

**Seminar “Implementing Digital Television in the Republic of Moldova” November 18-19, 2008**

**Chişinău**

\$ 78 (translation expenses)

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: \$ 61,436

### **SUBPROGRAM 3: LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Grants**

##### **Freedom of Expression and Defamation: Legal Provisions and Real Practices**

Grantee: Independent Press Association

Project manager: Petru MACOVEI, deputy director IPA

The project implemented by the Independent Press Association between June 2009 - April 2010 aims at contributing to the democratization of the society through improvement of legislation, implementation of practices and legal provisions on freedom of expression and defamation.

Project objectives:

- to increase the resistance capacity of the media towards arbitrary application of legislation on freedom of expression and defamation
- to increase the capacity of legal bodies for investigating cases on freedom of expression and defamation in compliance with ECHR jurisprudence
- to increase media capacity for adequately informing the public by learning about and observing the legal framework referring to freedom of expression and defamation
- to enrich and diversify the experience of civil society in monitoring media obstruction cases; to analyze the legal framework, make proposals for amendments and set up cooperation relations between representatives of civil society and legal bodies in order to achieve common objectives
- to consolidate cooperation between representatives of civil society and legal bodies in order to achieve common goals

Activities:

- collection and systematization of information referring to legal cases against media institutions and journalists where the legislation on freedom of expression and defamation was applied
- development of a study, based on collected materials, aimed to reveal the extent to which the way defamation cases are handled corresponds to national and European legislation
- organization of two two-day meetings in Bălți (for the Northern region) and in Comrat (for the Southern region) with participation of European and national experts, representatives of local and central institutions (justice, media) and civil society.
- raising awareness about legislation on freedom of expression and defamation infringements and legislation monitoring.

A group of experts was set up made up of: Janeta HANGANU, lawyer, Associate Bureau of Lawyers "Hanganu, Tanase & Partners"; Doina COSTIN, lawyer/coordinator, IJC; Iulian BALAN, lawyer, Associate Bureau of Lawyers "Hanganu, Tanase & Partners"; Ion BUNDUCHI, deputy director, APEL; Petru MACOVEI, deputy director, IPA.

Experts agreed on the structure and content of the study "Freedom of Expression and Defamation: Legal Provisions and Real Practices" and began to gather and analyze information (soliciting information on 54 court cases, selecting court cases examined by ECHR, consulting European legislation, visiting court chancelleries, interviewing 56 national media institutions, etc.)

Due to the large amount of work, IPA modified the initial agenda and re-scheduled for 2010 the publishing of the study (300 copies), regional meetings in Bălți and Comrat with national journalists and foreign experts and disseminating the information about the study to the public.

\$ 40,571

##### **Monitoring the implementation of the Audiovisual Code of the Republic of Moldova (extension of the project carried out during July 1-August 31, 2009)**

Grantee: Electronic Press Association of Moldova

Project manager: Alexandru DOROGAN, President

Summary: During the period of April 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009, APEL implemented the project „Monitoring the Implementation of the Audiovisual Code of the Republic of Moldova” financed by SFM. The main objectives of the project were:

- monitoring the compliance of activities of CCA, CO of NPIA, administrative bodies of NPIA, CO of RPIA to national legislation and EC Recommendations
- analysis of practices of CCA, CO of NPIA and RPIA during the election campaign for parliamentary elections of April 5, 2009
- analysis of practices of CCA, CO of NPIA and RPIA during the election campaign for the People’s Assembly of UTA „Gagauz-Yeri” and the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- analysis of the monitoring results after comparing legal provisions with concrete actions and assessment of the degree to which they comply with the law
- raising national and international awareness on the non-compliance with the legal provisions of the Audiovisual Code and EC Recommendations

Due to the early parliamentary elections held in Moldova, it was considered necessary to extend the project and continue to monitor the way the supervising authorities (CCA, CO of NPIA and CO of RPIA) exercised their duties during the electoral period, and the way the electoral process was reflected by public radio and TV broadcasters, taking into consideration the legislation and professional norms.

The activity of NPIA Teleradio-Moldova and RPIA Teleradio-Gagauzia was monitored. The content of news and programs in which electoral candidates participated, the way electoral debates were organized and carried out, the way electoral advertising was broadcast were analyzed.

The new monitoring element of early parliamentary elections consisted in the analysis of news, headlines and topics of broadcast programs which seriously breached the norms. The monitoring report was posted on the official webpage of the Association.

\$ 8,897

Total Subprogram 3 expenditures: \$ 49,468

## **SUBPROGRAM 4: SUPPORT FOR MEDIA DEVELOPMENT IN TRANSNISTRIA**

### **Grants**

#### **Strengthening Independent Broadcast Media**

Within the project “Strengthening Independent Broadcast Media”, launched jointly with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), co-financed by the NMP, OSI-London, and Press-Now (the Netherlands), and implemented during the extension period (May – September 2009), the following stations from Transnistria benefited from direct support:

Grantee: *Radio Jelannoe* from Rîbnița, LIK Tele-Radio Company Ltd  
Project manager: Alexandr SESTOPAL, director  
\$ 3,120

Grantee: *Radio Novaia Volna* from Bender, Novaia Volna Tele-Radio Company Ltd  
Project manager: Grigorii VOLOVOI, director  
\$ 3,120

#### **Establishing a Video Production Station within LIK Tele-Radio Company from Rîbnița**

Grantee: *LIK* Tele-Radio Company from Rîbnița

Project manager: Alexandr SESTOPAL, Director of *LIK* Tele-Radio Company from Rîbnița

The purpose of the project implemented during December 1, 2009 – November 30, 2010 is to set up a TV studio at the *LIK* Tele-radio Company from Rîbnița and to extend its activity by producing qualitative TV news and programs, which will be exchanged within the TV network and broadcast by regional TV stations from the Republic of Moldova. In order to achieve this goal, it is planned to purchase and install the necessary equipment and software and to set up a creative team that will work directly on programming (1 reporter, 1 operator and 1 editor).

The *LIK* Tele-radio Company commits to produce and supply the network with two news bulletins per week and a monthly community interest program starting with the fifth month of the project implementation. All programming will be exchanged with local and regional TV stations via the network and Internet.  
\$ 24,610

Total Subprogram 4 expenditures: \$ 30,850

Total Media Program expenditures: \$ 563,765

## **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

### **Vision:**

An efficient, modern and transparent public administration system and strong civil society organizations that keep the government accountable for its actions

### **Context:**

- weak capacity of civil society to perform monitoring and advocacy activities, and thus, to keep the government accountable for its actions
- a low degree of transparency in the work of public administration at local and national level
- lack of a real government commitment to advance the central public administration reform
- poorly trained public officials unable to face current challenges
- poor knowledge and public interest for public finance management
- political crisis and new developments that emerged after the parliamentary elections
- a deepening economic crisis impact on the country

In 2009, according to its strategy, the Public Administration and Good Governance Program (PAGGP) carried out activities in the following key areas:

- Good Governance
- Transparent Public Finance

In the reporting period, the Program implemented several projects that are worth outlining. In the context of the electoral campaign, the Program initiated and implemented several projects designed to increase citizens' participation in the electoral process and to raise awareness on the importance of a well informed electoral choice, as well as to increase political parties' accountability toward the Moldovan people.

Thus, the **Civic Initiative for a Clean Parliament** was created by seven well-known local NGOs that joined efforts to conduct investigations on the electoral candidates, thus contributing to forming a more upright political class. At the same time, in the aftermath of the strongly disputed April elections and the mass irregularities that occurred in the electoral process, the Program, in cooperation with the Chişinău Municipality City Hall, created an online application that allowed citizens from Chişinău to **check the electoral lists** and to submit complaints when encountering errors.

A special edition of the **Public Opinion Barometer** was also issued to check citizens' perceptions of the consequences of the April elections and their expectations from the recurrent political changes.

**The Local Government Watchdog Activities** project was launched by the PAGGP with a view to stimulating civic participation in monitoring of one of the most important areas of public interest, the public finance management, and to keep the LGs accountable for their actions. Due to the successful results achieved in 2008, the NGOs participating in the first round were awarded grants to continue their local budget monitoring activities that were adjusted to the local peculiarities based on the experience gained in the previous year. The activities of the projects were also extended geographically from 7 to 14 localities from Moldova.

In 2009, due to the successful results of this project achieved during the previous few years, the Program continued its efforts to strengthen local authorities' capacity in providing better public services. **The Technical Assistance and Expert Support for LGs Project** contained two major components, one focusing on providing training in various priority fields identified by the public authorities participating in the project, and second - a small grants component that aimed at developing LGs' project management capacity, as well as at better addressing local community needs.

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## List of Acronyms

ADEPT	Association for Participatory Democracy
IDS <i>Viitorul</i>	Institute for Development and Social Initiatives <i>Viitorul</i>
LG	Local Government
LGI/OSI Budapest	Local Government Initiative/Open Society Institute Budapest
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
OSI	Open Society Institute
PAGGP	Public Administration and Good Governance Program
UNDP	United Nations Development Program

## **SUBPROGRAM 1: GOOD GOVERNANCE**

### **Objectives:**

- to respond to the identified needs for strengthening civil society capacity in monitoring government activity at central and local level
- to increase government capacity to respond to Moldova's current challenges by formulating coherent and realistic reform-oriented policies
- to promote the principles of transparency and accountability for all public institutions
- to encourage local and central government openness towards citizens and civil society
- to stimulate citizens' participation in the electoral process and ensure a well informed vote

### **Grants:**

#### **Improving the Petition System as a Way to Prevent Corruption**

Grantee: Transparency International Moldova

Project manager: Lilia CARASCIUC

Summary: This project focused on monitoring the implementation of anticorruption policies and support investigative journalism. The Program financed a part of the activities of this project, namely the development of two in-depth studies on the petition system in public institutions and on the conflict of interest perception in public institutions.

\$20,595

#### **Delta Gagauzia II - Assisting the Gagauz Yeri Authorities in Implementing the Local Economic Development Strategy**

Grantee: Institute for Development and Social Initiatives *Viitorul*

Project manager: Liubomir CHIRIAC

Summary: During the first phase of this project, the local economic development strategy was designed in a civic participatory manner. In 2009 the Gagauz authorities received assistance in implementing the strategy and establishing the Regional Development Agency. It also aimed to promote Gagauzia with a view to attracting investments in the region. Thus, a documentary film on Gagauzia's economic potential and a tourist guide were produced within the project. The local public authorities benefited from a study visit to the city of Ungheni from Moldova. The project also contained a development support component that covered the expenses of one of the projects included in the strategy. Thus, 17 local community halls benefited from a computer and other technical devices.

\$79,425

### **Operating projects:**

#### **"Meet Your Candidate!"**

The Civic Initiative for a Clean Parliament was created by seven prominent local NGOs including *Access Info* Center for Promotion of Access to Information, *ADEPT* Association for Participatory Democracy, Association for Independent Press, Center for Analysis and Prevention of Corruption, Center for Investigative Journalism, Independent Journalism Center and Soros Foundation-Moldova, aiming at raising public awareness on the importance of a well informed electoral choice, as well as to increase political parties' accountability toward the Moldovan people. The main activity of the project consisted of conducting investigations about the political candidates of the main political parties in order to establish whether the candidates complied with the 7 integrity criteria put forward by the Initiative. In 2008 the members of the Initiative conducted preliminary talks with political parties and managed to convince most of them to collaborate. The group of investigative journalists was selected, trained and commenced the investigation work by late December 2008. In 2009, the investigation results were double checked by a group of lawyers, three reviewers, as well as the members of the Initiative. The names of the candidates found incompatible with the integrity criteria were included in a brochure that was published and largely disseminated in the entire country. The list of these candidates was also posted on the project webpage. The same activities were replicated for the early parliamentary elections held in July 2009.

\$ 97,178

### **“Check the Electoral Lists Online!”**

This project aimed at increasing citizens' participation in the electoral process. An online application was developed and posted on the Chişinău Municipality City Hall website that allowed citizens from Chişinău to check if registered in the electoral list, how many voters were registered in their residence and the address of the polling station. The application also allowed citizens to submit complaints when detecting errors in the electoral lists that were further on processed by civil servants who made the necessary adjustments. The project was implemented in partnership with the Chişinău Municipality City Hall and its Center Subdivision.

\$ 6,503

### **Public Opinion Barometer**

This is one of the most acknowledged public opinion polls in Moldova that has gained the trust of its readers during the years. The poll checks Moldovan citizens' perception with regard to a large spectrum of issues including electoral and political expectations; the impact of the economic crisis and the overall economic situation of the country; the most preferred media channels and the most trusted institutions; the main information sources and the frequency and number of books read by the interviewees; etc. In 2009, due to the turbulent political developments, three editions of the poll were conducted and presented to the general public.

\$ 42,016

### **Evaluation of the Central Public Administration Reform**

This project was started in 2008, when an international organization -- the Center for Public Policy *Providus* from Latvia, was selected to draw up the methodology for the evaluation of the public administration reform. At the same time, a group of 12 experts were selected on an open competition basis to adjust the methodology and develop the research tools. Due to the parliamentary elections and their aftermath, the interviews of civil servants were only concluded by late October. The first draft of the report was presented by the end of December 2009 and the final evaluation report will be issued and presented publicly during the first months of 2010.

\$ 61,031

### **Mixed Projects:**

#### **Technical Assistance and Expertise for LGs III**

This is the third phase of the project that aimed at strengthening public authorities' capacity to better render public services. Thus, the representatives of the Chişinău Municipality City Hall and its Subdivisions, Comrat and Cimişlia City Hall benefited from training courses in various fields, prioritized by the participating institutions, like institutional management and internal audit, public relations and transparency, fundraising and project management. In 2009, this project also contained a grants fund component. In order to strengthen public institutions' capacity in project management, the institutions that benefited from training in project management during the previous phases of the project were invited to submit project proposals, and several of them were awarded grants to implement them.

Operating budget: \$ 20,913

#### **Improving Public Involvement in the Process of Solving Problems of Local Interest within the City Hall, Center Subdivision**

Grantee: Chişinău Municipality City Hall, Center Subdivision

Project manager: Inga BOTNARU

Summary: The project aim is to stimulate civic participation in addressing local problems. A public participation office was created within the Chişinău Municipality City Hall, Center Subdivision that will foster partnerships among the Center Subdivision and local NGOs with a view to jointly developing and implementing local community projects.

\$ 4,350

**Improving Secretariat Service Quality within the City Hall, Botanica Subdivision**

Grantee: Chişinău Municipality City Hall, Botanica Subdivision

Project manager: Vladislav MEREŞEVSCI

Summary: This project aims to improve the IT infrastructure of the Botanica Subdivision of the Chişinău Municipality City Hall with a view to rendering better public services to citizens, business community and other institutions from this city area. The Botanica Subdivision's webpage will be created within this project, which will offer information regarding the services provided by the Subdivision.

\$ 3,750

**Strengthening the Information Infrastructure within the City Hall, Botanica Subdivision**

Grantee: Chişinău Municipality City Hall, Botanica Subdivision

Project manager: Vladislav MEREŞEVSCI

Summary: This project aims to improve the petitioning system within the Botanica Subdivision so as to ensure a more qualitative and time efficient review process of the petitions.

\$ 4,400

**Donors Partnership:****Chişinău Municipality Development Project**

In 2008, the PAGGP decided to join forces with UNDP with a view to implementing a Chişinău Municipality Development Project. Provided that the project was mainly financed by the UNDP and the project staff was hired particularly for this purpose, the PAGG signed a cost-share agreement, thus transferring its share of the project budget to be administered by UNDP. The PAGGP offered support for the economic crisis impact assessment component. The impact assessment report issued within this project was designed for the Chişinău Municipality City Hall and was accompanied by an Action Plan to overcome the consequences of the economic crisis in the Chişinău Municipality.

\$ 26,361

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: \$ 366,523

## **SUBPROGRAM 2: *TRANSPARENT PUBLIC FINANCE***

### **Objectives:**

- improving public finance management and increasing transparency in this field
- strengthening civil society monitoring and watchdog capacity over public authorities activities with regard to public finance management

### **Local Government Watchdog Activities**

This project was designed with a view to strengthening civil society capacity to serve as a watchdog over local government performance; to increase the level of transparency with regard to local public finance management; and to stimulate civic participation in the local budgetary decision-making process. In 2009, the NGOs that participated in the first round of the project were invited to submit new project proposals based on the experience gained during the previous year. The activities of these projects were also extended geographically, from 7 to 14 towns from Moldova being included in the project in this phase. The same implementation mechanism was respected, namely the Chişinău-based NGOs are implementing the projects in cooperation with a local partner in order to ensure a better communication with the local community. The activities of these projects will continue in 2010.

### **Grants:**

#### **“Keep the Government Accountable for the Public Money!”**

Grantee: Association for Independent Press

Project manager: Petru MACOVEI

Summary: The project aims at increasing the level of transparency of budgetary transactions at the local level with a specific focus on public procurements and at increasing people's interest in these issues by covering them in local media. This project also aims to increase local journalists' literacy in public procurement issues and to involve them in monitoring the local public administration activity in eight towns – Soroca, Ungheni, Rezina, Cimişlia, Orhei, Cahul, Bălţi and Chişinău Municipalities.

\$ 49,665

#### **Transparent Decision-making at Local Level II**

Grantee: Public Authorities Assistance Center

Project manager: Eugen HRISTEV

Summary: The goal of this project is to strengthen local NGOs' capacity in conducting watchdog activities and monitoring local budgets at different stages, thus ensuring a transparent public finance management and facilitating people's access to information of public interest. The project activities were extended to new towns, being simultaneously implemented in Nisporeni, Ialoveni and Călăraşi.

\$18,414

#### **Civic Local Initiative II**

Grantee: *Partnership for Development* National Women's Studies and Information Center

Project manager: Alexei BUZU

Summary: The project goal is to stimulate local government transparency and openness to the public, as well as to keep it accountable for its actions. During the previous year, the local community managed to significantly push the local government from Căuşeni to become more transparent to its citizens, but also to inform the local community of their rights to access information of public interest. The experience gained in the town of Căuşeni will be further on replicated in Ştefan-Vodă.

\$17,770

#### **Active Citizens – a Strong Community**

Grantee: *Cutezatorul* NGO

Project manager: Vitalie CIMPOIEŞ

Summary: The project focuses on increasing Făleşti citizens' participation in the local budgetary decision-making process, ensuring that more information on local public finance is available to the public. People's

priorities, as well as recommendations regarding a more efficient use of local community financial resources will also be put forward to LGs as a result of the monitoring process.  
\$11,567

#### **Mixed Projects:**

##### **Public Budget Monitoring**

This project aims to develop civil society's literacy regarding budgetary issues and to monitor government activity on public spending. Preparatory activities started in 2008 when a group of experts were trained in monitoring and advocacy techniques. At the same time, a guide on the budgetary process of Moldova was developed to be used by journalists and NGO representatives who tackle public finance related issues in their professional activity, as well as for academic institutions and the general public. Three NGOs were selected to monitor three different areas of the public budget, as mentioned below.

Operating budget: \$ 2,217

##### **Investigation on the Transparency and Economic Efficiency of the Road Fund Disbursement**

Grantee: Expert-Group Independent Analytical Center

Project manager: Valeriu PROHNIȚCHI

Summary: The project aims at conducting a research on the transparency and efficiency of the way the Moldova's Road Fund is used.

\$10,125

##### **Efficiency of the Public Budget in the Social and Public Health Field**

Grantee: Center for Assistance for Public Authorities

Project manager: Eugen HRISTEV

Summary: A monitoring report on the efficiency of the use of public funds in the social and public health field will be issued within this project.

\$12,300

##### **Monitoring the Local and Republican Funds for Social Support for the People in Need**

Grantee: CASE Moldova Foundation for Social and Economic Research

Project manager: Eugenia VEVERIȚĂ

Summary: The project will focus on developing a monitoring report on the use of the local and republican funds for social support of the people in need

\$ 9,000

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: \$ 131,058

### **SUBPROGRAM 3: SUPPORT TO THE DECENTRALIZATION PROCESS**

#### **Objective:**

- to contribute to strengthening financial autonomy and fiscal decentralization

This Subprogram refers to the 2008 Program Strategy. Due to the fact that the activities of this project were extended and implemented predominantly during 2009, the project is presented in this report. A group of three international experts were selected on an open competition basis in 2008 to offer technical support and expertise to the Ministry of Finance of Moldova in developing the methodology for financing undergraduate education through special destination transfers. Jan HERCZYNSKI, the experts' team leader, offered to work with two Romanian assisting-experts, Diana IANCU and Adina SIMANDAN, thus facilitating the process of communication with local stakeholders. The reports developed within this project were presented to the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Education and Youth of Moldova and other relevant institutions during a round-table that took place in September 2009. The expenditures for this project were jointly covered by the Program and LGI/OSI Budapest. The activities of this project will continue in 2010.

\$ 1,490

Total Subprogram 3 expenditures: \$ 1,490

#### **Other Activities:**

##### **South East Europe Meeting for LGI and South East Europe Soros Foundations**

The PAGG Program Director, Olesea STAMATE, took part in a regional LGI meeting in April 2009 that took place in Vienna, Austria, where the participants identified and elaborated on potential regional and /or bilateral initiatives. They also shared information on LGI's and National Foundation's strategic planning process.

\$ 389

##### **LGI/OSI Budapest Program Director's Visit to Moldova**

Adrian IONESCU, LGI/OSI Budapest Program Director, visited Moldova in November 2009 to monitor the projects financed by LGI and also to assess the needs for future LGI projects in Moldova.

\$ 576

Total Other Activities expenditures: \$ 965

Total Public Administration and Good Governance Program expenditures: \$ 517,863

## **LAW PROGRAM**

### **Vision:**

The Law Program promotes and supports the development of a democratic and open society based on human rights and rule of law principles.

### **Context:**

2009 proved to be a very challenging year for Moldova. It was marked by a deep economic crisis and two parliamentary elections followed by civil protests and riots accompanied by severe human rights infringements. Human rights violations in Moldova perpetrated by the government in the course of April post-electoral demonstrations were condemned by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and European Parliament in their resolutions which were made public on May 6 and respectively, on May 7, 2009. As both documents acknowledge, the Moldovan government violated human rights and the rule of law in its response to public protests following elections. The beatings and unwarranted arrests of civilians by unidentified police officers led to deliberate acts of repression.

The actions of certain Moldovan criminal justice stakeholders contributed to police impunity. Prosecutors present at police commissariats during and immediately after some of the worse instances of large scale police beatings repeatedly failed to act to document evidence of police torture and ill-treatment or protect vulnerable detainees from ongoing abuses. Judges held deeply flawed administrative and criminal hearings inside police commissariats while detainees were still under direct control of the officers who had beaten them, yet repeatedly failed to ask detainees about their injuries or refer them for forensic examinations.

As the Parliament elected on April 5, 2009, was dissolved because it had failed to elect the President of Moldova, early parliamentary elections took place on July 29, 2009. On August 8, four out of five political parties that passed the electoral threshold set up the Ruling Coalition "Alliance for European Integration". One of the main priorities declared by the newly constituted Parliament is to conduct a thorough, independent, and transparent investigation into the policing of demonstrations in April 2009 and into allegations of ill-treatment by police officials during apprehension and detention.

The post-electoral April events, accompanied by brutal human rights infringements, determined the Law Program to review its priorities in the area of human rights and criminal justice, and look at these issues from a different perspective. As its immediate response to the human rights violations which took place in Moldova in the aftermath of the April parliamentary elections, the Program established a Crisis Group to identify and professionally document all cases of ill-treatment. In the course of its research, the Crisis Group created a unique database of 674 cases of persons taken into police custody on suspicion of participation in the April demonstrations. In order to properly analyze the data collected by the Crisis Group, the Program sought assistance from an independent international human rights expert.

A number of gaps in the functioning of the national criminal justice system were also revealed by the post electoral events. While some of them had been predicted and included in the Program work plan in order to be addressed, others were completely new. In particular, the political dependence of the criminal justice system became evident, as well as the existence of systemic torture applied by police. In order to thoroughly analyze the identified legal and human rights gaps and propose, but also promote, viable solutions to each of them, the Program established a Criminal Justice Analytical Group.

Although the efforts undertaken to strengthen the Legal Aid system in Moldova in 2009 were considerable, showing that the Program is on the right track, the system is still weak. The public defender office had integrated well in the existing justice system and provided legal aid actively for protesters following the April events. The National Legal Aid Council is gradually integrating into the system as well, but there are still some operational difficulties which are slowing down the process. The April events have confirmed the need to promote further the concept of pro-active defense which still lacks understanding from the criminal justice decision-makers.

The April events have also confirmed the importance of Program activities related to public involvement in the decision-making process. Therefore this component will remain high on Program agenda.

The new government has a huge task in front of it - to reform the country and rebuild the democratic institutions. The political crisis has not been overcome yet and 2010 is going to be not less challenging a year than 2009 facing either new elections or amendments to the Constitution. Given this context, the Program will stay focused on both the criminal justice stakeholders and human rights NGOs, remaining flexible and ready to address new opportunities.

Specific objectives:

- to strengthen civil society capacity to monitor and implement human rights in practice and use the monitoring findings in promoting human rights friendly governmental policies
- to strengthen the government capacity to develop criminal justice policies based on human rights and good governance principles
- to support the development of justice sector institutions that facilitate equal and effective access to justice of all in need
- to build and support the legal capacity of organizations and individuals for using effectively the law in promoting and protecting the public interest and individual rights, ensuring an effective monitoring of the decision-making process and its transparency

In 2009, the Law Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova continued to apply its strategies and instruments to address three main areas: access to justice, effectiveness of the criminal justice system, and human rights monitoring.

The Law Program achieved the following results in these areas:

- The intellectual, managerial and administrative capacities of the Ministry of Justice were improved enabling it to develop further the legal aid system through the National Legal Aid Council and its territorial offices.
- The public defenders were further supported and their capacities were built.
- The major gaps, which the criminal justice system, in particular the police, prosecution and judiciary are confronting, were brought to public attention and the systemic character of these gaps were acknowledged by decision-makers.
- The documentation process of massive human rights violations which took place in the April post-electoral period was initiated and supported; the outrageous results which the documentation process had revealed were made public and the illegal character of actions performed by police, prosecutors and investigative judges against protestors were acknowledged by decision-makers.
- The legal and medical assistance of those who had suffered torture and ill-treatment in the aftermath of April post-electoral protests was initiated and supported.

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### List of Acronyms

ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
SFM	Soros Foundation-Moldova
UN	United Nations

## **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

### **Grants:**

#### **Support for the Pilot Public Defenders' Office**

Grantee: Public Defenders' Offices

Project Director: Igor CIOBANU

Summary: The project was developed as a logical continuation of similar projects implemented by the Soros Foundation-Moldova during 2006-2007 - "Creation of Public Defenders' Offices" and "Piloting Good Practices and Transfer of Knowledge within the Legal Aid Area in the Ciocana and Botanica districts, Chişinău". The Public Defenders' Office continued to provide legal aid in criminal cases for the poor. Its main goal is to contribute to the effective implementation of the Law on the State Guaranteed Legal Aid, No. 198 – XVI, of July 26, 2007, through delivering quality legal aid to the underprivileged people. The activity of the Public Defenders' Offices is aimed at creating an effective system of state guaranteed legal aid delivery in the Republic of Moldova.

Project timeframe: January-December 2009

\$ 18,000

#### **Training Program for Public Defenders**

Grantee: Public Defenders' Offices

Project Director: Igor CIOBANU

Summary: Three training sessions for public defenders were held within this project on the following topics: rhetoric; holistic and active representation based on clients' interests; organizational development and fundraising. The training sessions contributed to strengthening the professional capacity of public lawyers, developing their managerial capacity and necessary skills to promote the culture of holistic representation in the country.

\$ 19,750

#### **Strengthening the Capacity of the Legal Aid System**

Grantee: Chişinău Territorial Office, National Legal Aid Council

Project Director: Lilian DARII

Summary: The project aim is to strengthen the capacity of the National Legal Aid Council and its territorial offices for consolidating the new, accessible and non-discriminatory legal aid system according to the provisions of the State Guaranteed Legal Aid Law. During the reported period the following results were achieved:

- the concept of the legal aid quality assurance mechanism was developed;
- the methodology of collecting legal aid statistical data was developed and implemented;
- a workshop to present and debate the Strategy of the National Legal Aid Council and its territorial offices for 2010, and a national conference on the new legal aid system were organized.

\$ 63,488

#### **Contest for Private Lawyers Involved in Legal Aid**

Grantees: Victoria PALENCU, Gheorghe MACOVEI, Grigore DEMIAN, Lilia BERLĂDEANU, Marina BERNICOVA

Summary: The Soros Foundation-Moldova, in partnership with the National Legal Aid Council and the National Bar Association of the Republic of Moldova, organized a contest honoring lawyers providing quality legal aid during the pre-trial stage. The competition ran from April 1 to October 15. It involved lawyers who provide legal aid upon request in Moldova and cooperate with the National Legal Aid Council's territorial offices. Each of the winners received a grant enabling them to purchase a laptop.

\$ 4,973

**Disclosing the Archives of the Information and Security Service of the Republic of Moldova**

Grantee: National Association of Young Historians of Moldova

Project Director: Mihai TAȘCĂ

Summary: The project aims to disclose and ensure access to files from the "special archives" of the Information and Security Service of the Republic of Moldova which don't fall into the Law on the State Secrecy provisions, through a campaign which involves advocacy and strategic litigation. The project activities are part of a broader campaign which aims to promote and guarantee freedom of speech and the right to information. The project seeks to establish the content of the "special archives" pertaining to the Information and Security Service and facilitate free access to the files which do not represent a state secret, to increase public awareness regarding access to special archives of the Information and Security Service and to develop recommendations on improving related legislation.

\$ 33,441

**Operational Project:**

**Paving the Way to a Comprehensive Legal Aid System in Moldova**

Summary: The project is aimed at consolidating the new legal aid system in Moldova to ensure the provision of more accessible and qualitative legal services and advice to eligible beneficiaries. In 2009 the concept of legal aid quality assurance mechanism and the methodology of collecting legal aid statistical data were developed and implemented. During the reported period, a workshop to present and debate the Strategy of the National Legal Aid Council and its territorial offices for 2010 and a national conference on the new legal aid system were organized.

\$ 77,305

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: \$ 216,957

## **SUBPROGRAM 2: CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

### Objectives:

- to establish mechanisms for monitoring the criminal justice system's performance, including state and civil society actors
- to develop new performance indicators for criminal justice agencies
- to conduct a national victimization survey
- to carry out an analysis of practices related to pre-trial detention and other preventive measures in the country

### **Operational Projects:**

#### **Assessment of the Criminal Justice Status-Quo in Moldova**

Summary: The project aimed to reveal how the criminal justice system currently functions, what criminal justice statistics are collected by state institutions and the manner in which these statistics are used by policymakers and senior managers in determining the criminal justice policy and practice. The report ***Criminal Justice Performance from a Human Rights Perspective*** was released on December 2. This report seeks to determine to what extent the objectives of the criminal justice system are understood and used in practice by criminal justice officials and to what extent the protection of democratic and human rights is ensured in practice. The report also seeks to understand public attitudes in relation to the criminal justice system and what this means for further reform of the criminal justice system. In summary, the report attempts to understand to what extent the Moldovan criminal justice meets the new priorities and objectives of a democratic rights-based criminal justice system. The report uncovers what problems remain and what problems may have arisen as a result of the reforms. Finally, the report makes recommendations towards the further reform of the Moldovan criminal justice system.

\$ 13,265

#### **Securing a Fair and Rational Criminal Justice System for All in Moldova**

Summary: The project goal is to establish a mechanism for contributing to an increased fairness and confidence in the criminal justice system in the country by creating conditions for a more rational policymaking process with due focus on human rights. During the reporting period, a Criminal Justice Analytical Group was established to thoroughly analyze the legal and human rights gaps in the Moldovan criminal justice system and propose viable solutions to each of them. Also, the necessary sociological tools for the first ever Moldovan victimization survey were developed. By making victimization surveys a regular practice integrated in the official system, the existing gap between the official criminal justice statistics and reality is going to be significantly decreased. In addition, the research questions for assessing the pre-trial stage of the criminal process were approved by the Analytical Group. The pre-trial assessment is going to be carried out during 2010 based on the best research practices available in the region. The implementation of the aforementioned activities showed clearly that the project outputs are indeed able to contribute further to a systemic change in measuring performances of the criminal justice stakeholders.

\$ 64,459

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: \$ 77,724

### **SUBPROGRAM 3: 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.

#### **Grant:**

##### **Advocacy for Human Rights in the Context of the Crisis Associated with the April 2009 Parliamentary Elections in the Republic of Moldova**

Grantee: Moldovan Institute for Human Rights

Project Director: Ion GUZUN

Summary: The Project aimed at analyzing the observance of the right to public assembly, freedom and physical security, the right of not to be subjected to torture and inhuman treatment, and the right to a fair trial following the criminal and administrative cases initiated after the events of April 6-7, 2009. The project also aimed to reinforce the capacities of civil society for responding to mass violations of the peaceful protestors' rights and cases of mass use of torture and ill-treatments; to ensure the freedom and physical security of protestors, as well as their right to a fair trial; to influence public policies and practices enforced by relevant state institutions and make them more human rights-based. In order to achieve these objectives, the project staff provided legal aid and representation to victims of torture and people accused of being involved in the organization of the April 2009 events, and advocated for changes in the relevant public policies and practices.

\$ 72,400

##### **Travel grant awarded to Evgheni GOLOSCEAPOV, Executive Director, Amnesty International Moldova, to participate in the urgent session on Moldova organized by the European Parliament, Strasbourg, France, April 22**

\$ 978

#### **Operational Project:**

##### **Establishing a Crisis Group to Document Cases of Torture and Ill-treatment in the Aftermath of April Post-electoral Events**

Summary: In April 2009, after the parliamentary elections, Moldova was hit by a strong crisis in terms of human rights. Civil society promptly responded to mass torture applied by police forces striving for the observance of demonstrators' rights. In this context, the Law Program established a Crisis Group composed of Moldova's leading human rights activists and lawyers. The Soros Foundation-Moldova supported the Crisis Group in professional investigation and documentation of all identified cases of ill-treatment which took place in the post electoral period. The Crisis Group members monitored demonstrations and interviewed participants and detainees both in and out of custody, and collected and reviewed a wide variety of published and confidential documents and video recordings. They were assisted in their work by an independent human rights expert who reviewed their data, conducted additional interviews with victims, lawyers, and government officials in Moldova during June and July of 2009, and drafted the Crisis Group's report. In the course of its research, the Crisis Group created a unique database of 674 cases of persons taken into police custody. The Crisis Group members and the international expert held extensive meetings with Moldovan government officials to clarify government policies and practices and to learn their perspective on the government response to April demonstrations. The Crisis Group carefully collected information on victims of torture and other inhuman and degrading treatment which is designed to contribute substantially to the punishment of those who will be found guilty of torture, inhuman or degrading treatment.

\$ 24,631

##### **Human Rights Monitoring. National Needs Assessment**

Summary: The Law Program of the Soros Foundation-Moldova initiated the project "Needs Assessment and Capacity Building for the Moldovan Human Rights NGOs". The purpose of the project is to assess the capacity needs of human rights NGOs in Moldova and launch a capacity building and human rights monitoring project. Such a project aims at creating and/or strengthening the civil society groups' in-house

expertise and skills regarding conceptualizing and producing analytical human rights reports and briefs, focusing on the following fundamental freedoms: freedom of assembly and association, free speech and access to information, liberty and security of the person. In August 2009, the Law Program organized a tender for the selection of an international consultant to carry out this project. The consultant opted for a mix of evaluation and assessment methods combining research of the documentation available from selected beneficiaries and international organizations, individual and group interviews, semi-structured interviews, analysis of the responses to the questionnaires, and a focus group. The evaluation process ended with the organization of a focus group and the development of a Needs Assessment Report. The Report represents the basis for a future intervention strategy of the Soros Foundation-Moldova in this field, being generically entitled "Human Rights Monitoring Road-map".  
\$ 16,400

Total Subprogram 3 expenditures: \$ 114,409

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

### **Projects financed from the Emergency Fund**

#### **Mitigating the Impact of Economic Crisis on the Ex-detainees from the Chişinău Municipality**

Grantee: Community Justice Public Association

Project Director: Aliona COJOCARU

Summary: The project goal is to contribute to mitigating the impact of the economic crisis on the ex-prisoners living in the Chişinău municipality. The project activities were aimed at facilitating the reintegration of ex-prisoners. Former detainees were assisted in finding a proper job, in continuing education, or in participating in vocational training programs. The project also provided specialized social assistance to former prisoners, helping them to get social allowances, new IDs, and access to available community based services.

21 940 \$

#### **Mitigating the Impact of Economic Crisis on the Ex-detainees from the Cahul Municipality**

Grantee: Cahul Community Justice Center

Project Director: Svetlana BAGRIN

Summary: The project goal is to contribute to mitigating the impact of the economic crisis on the ex-prisoners living in the Cahul municipality. The project activities were aimed at facilitating the reintegration of ex-prisoners. Former detainees were assisted in finding a proper job, in continuing education, or in participating in vocational training programs. The project also provided specialized social assistance to former prisoners, helping them to get social allowances, new IDs, and access to available community based services.

22 120 \$

#### **Mitigating the Impact of Economic Crisis on the Ex-detainees from the Bălţi Municipality**

Grantee: Bălţi Community Justice Center

Project Director: Diana CIOBANU

Summary: The project goal is to contribute to mitigating the impact of the economic crisis on the ex-prisoners living in the Bălţi municipality. The project activities were aimed at facilitating the reintegration of ex-prisoners. Former detainees were assisted in finding a proper job, in continuing education, or in participating in vocational training programs. The project also provided specialized social assistance to former prisoners, helping them to get social allowances, new IDs, and access to available community based services.

21 880 \$

Total Emergency Fund expenditures: \$ 65,940

**PROGRAMS FINANCED BY THE OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE – OSJI/OSI/ HRGGP NETWORK PROGRAM AND ADMINISTERED BY THE LAW PROGRAM OF THE SOROS FOUNDATION-MOLDOVA**

**Networking among 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 by legal aid managers in countries of its operation: Bulgaria, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia and Ukraine. Legal aid reforms are under way 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 seeks to offer a platform for a continuous experience exchange, 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). The first network meeting took place in Bulgaria during October 30-31. The Moldovan delegation included Victor MUNTEANU, Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI, Igor CIOBANU, Victor ZAHARIA, Oleg ILIEȘ, and Andrei SPINEI. The current status of the legal aid in the participating countries was discussed, as well as the progress regarding legal aid reform and the role of the Soros Foundations network in promoting these reforms. The form and the content of a common website, where the existing tools and information developed by each country will be posted, were also agreed upon during the meeting.

Project timeframe: June 1, 2009-May 31, 2011.

\$ 6,178

**Financial support for Victor MUNTEANU and Victor URSU to participate in the Sub-board meeting, Budapest, Hungary, November 1**

\$ 1,630

Total OSJI/OSI/HRGGP expenditures: \$ 7,808

**Programs implemented with the financial support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)**

**Entrenching Impunity: Moldova's Response to Police Violence during the April 2009 Post-Election Demonstrations**

Summary: After the April 2009 demonstrations, the Law Program assisted in establishing a Crisis Group to begin documenting abuses against demonstrators, including police treatment of what later turned out to be close to 700 alleged demonstrators. In order to properly analyze and present the material which the Crisis Group was collecting, SFM sought assistance from an international human rights expert. The international expert reviewed the data collected by the Crisis Group, conducted additional interviews with victims, lawyers, and government officials in Moldova during June and July 2009, and drafted the Crisis Group's report for publication. The report "Entrenching Impunity: Moldova's Response to Police Violence during the April 2009 Post-Election Demonstrations" documents the response by the Soros Foundation – Moldova's to the post-election violence in April 2009. It also addresses the impact on human rights of the repressive actions by state authorities following political demonstrations. Finally, it puts forth possible ways of restoring social equilibrium and rule of law. The report was officially launched at a press conference held on October 13, 2009 in Chișinău, the first day of the UN Human Rights Committee's two-day review of Moldova's compliance with the ICCPR. The Chișinău press conference was coordinated with members of the Crisis Group present in Geneva for the review that distributed copies of the report to Committee members, included some of the report's recommendations in a joint NGO submission to the Human Rights Committee and the Committee against Torture, and organized a side event in Geneva on October 13, 2009. The report was further widely distributed to all governmental agencies mentioned in the report and their respective subdivisions, as well as to NGOs and international community.

\$ 16,536

Total Law Program expenditures: \$ 472,966

## **EUROPEAN INITIATIVES PROGRAM**

### **Vision:**

A modern, democratic and well informed Moldovan society that actively acquires EU values and supports the country's endeavors to integrate in the EU

### **Context:**

- a poorly informed public about the EU and its mechanisms
- limited public debate and understanding of various aspects of EU and EU integration
- limited progress in meeting the commitments made to EU
- the political crisis that occurred after the 2009 parliamentary elections and their aftermath threatened the idea of democratic reform and European rapprochement of Moldova. The political changes that followed give hope that Moldova will engage in more enhanced and proactive actions to fulfill its European integration commitments
- little expertise in various relevant sectors that would help Moldova reach the EU standards

In 2009, the European Initiatives Program (EIP) activities were focused on achieving the following objectives:

- to contribute to shaping policies on EU related issues by enhancing public debate and providing professional expertise in the field
- to increase awareness and improve knowledge about the EU

The Program continued its efforts to spread information and knowledge on EU and EU-Moldova relations and to support the activities of the **European Information Center** and enrich its book collection with valuable new editions. It also supported information campaigns conducted by a grantee, the Contact Center from Bălți, in high schools in the Northern region of the country.

In 2009 the IEP initiated a complex redesign of the information portal [www.europa.md](http://www.europa.md), the only online information resource in Moldova strictly focused on EU and EU integration topics. It also intensified its efforts to promote it online, but also among students and experts that tackle these issues in their professional activity.

Ten out of twelve selected **books on EU related topics** were translated, published and distributed among public libraries, public authorities, higher education institutions and NGOs. This project was initiated in 2007; however its main outcomes could only be seen in 2009. The other 2 books are to be published during the first months of 2010.

The PIE also supported the publication of the second edition of the "Cross-border Cooperation Guide", drawn up by the Business Consulting Institute experts, to be used by public authorities in designing and implementing cross-border cooperation projects with partners from the neighboring countries. The BCI also conducted regional trainings on accessing EU funds with the support of the EIP.

The PIE continued to support civil society efforts to monitor the progress within the newly created ENP mechanism -- the Eastern Partnership of EU – Moldova relations, through a grant awarded to ADEPT that aims to inform the public on the registered progress, as well as to stimulate public debate and interest for these issues.

Aiming at contributing to designing coherent policies on EU integration related issues, the PIE initiated two in-depth studies on two important subjects including the impact of the future free trade agreement with the EU on Moldova's agrifood sector and Moldova's adherence to the Energy Community. The studies will be issued during the first months of 2010 and will be used to foster public debates on these topics. They will also contain relevant policy recommendations for public officials.

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### List of Acronyms

ADEPT	Association for Participatory Democracy
BCI	Business Consulting Institute
EIP	European Initiatives Program
EU	European Union
EUMAP	EU-Moldova Action Plan
Expert-Group	<i>Expert Group</i> Independent Analytical Centre
NGOs	Nongovernmental Organizations

## **SUBPROGRAM 1: AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE**

### **Objectives:**

- spreading information and knowledge on the EU and European integration
- supporting public dialog on the advantages and challenges of the European integration process of the Republic of Moldova
- promoting European values in Moldova

### **Grants:**

#### **Publishing the Second Edition of the “Cross-border Cooperation Guide”**

Grantee: Business Consulting Institute

Project manager: Mihail ROȘCOVAN

Summary: In 2009, the second revised and updated version of the “Cross-border Cooperation Guide” was published and distributed to relevant stakeholders. The guide offers a close-up depiction of theoretical and practical aspects of the cross-border cooperation process and was designed to be used by local and central civil servants from Moldova, business community from the border regions, as well as by civil society.

\$ 9,948

#### **European Studies – Studies of the Future**

Grantee: CONTACT- Bălți Regional Center

Project manager: Vladimir GHIȚU

Summary: This project aimed to raise public awareness on the significance and challenges of the European integration process in the Northern region of Moldova through information and awareness campaigns and interactive trainings for high school teachers and students as part of history classes.

\$ 8,483

#### **European Information Center**

Grantee: Bogdan Petriceicu HASDEU Municipal Public Library

Project manager: Savela STARCIUC

Summary: The European Information Center was created in May 2007 within the Bogdan Petriceicu HASDEU Municipal Public Library. It offers access to recently published books on European integration related topics, audio and video materials and specialized magazines to the academia, researchers on EU, public servants and the general public. The activities of this project will continue in 2010.

\$ 28,867

#### **“Young Political Leaders – Promoters of European Values” Leadership School**

Grantee: ADEPT Association for Participatory Democracy

Project manager: Igor BOȚAN

Summary: The goal of this project was to contribute to the modernization of the political class and to strengthen national consensus in Moldova by educating a new generation of political and civil society leaders. 40 young people from youth organizations of political parties, NGOs and media participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the “Young Political Leaders – Promoters of European Values” leadership school that consisted of 22 weekly sessions on leadership, communication, public speech and debates. During these sessions, the participants also met governmental representatives and experts from Moldova and the EU and discussed current political, economic and social issues. The activities of this project will continue in 2010.

\$ 19,947

## **Operating Projects:**

### **Translating and Publishing Books on EU Studies**

This project aims to address the lack of comprehensive information on EU in Moldova and to increase students', researchers' and the general public knowledge in the field of EU. To this end, 4 publishing houses were selected to translate and publish 12 books on various EU related topics, as follows:

- *EU Enlargement and the Environment: Institutional Change and Environmental Policy in Central and Eastern Europe*, Joann Carmin & Stacy D. Vandever (500 copies)
- *The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice in the Enlarged Europe*, Karen Henderson (ed.) (500 copies)
- *The Economics of European Integration: Theory, Practice, Policy*, Willem Molle (1000 copies)
- *The Shape of the New Europe*, Ralf Ragowski & Charles Turner (1000 copies)
- *Politics in the European Union*, Ian Bache & Stephen George (1000 copies)
- *Agricultural Policy in Europe*, Alan Greer (500 copies)
- *The Future of Europe: Reform or Decline*, Alberto Alesina & Francesco Giavazzi (1000 copies)
- *Member States and the European Union*, Bulmer & C. Lequesne (1000 copies)
- *The EU's Transformative Power: Europeanization through Conditionality in Central and Eastern Europe*, Heather Grabbe (500 copies)
- *Economics of Monetary Union*, Paul De Grauwe (500 copies)
- *Democracy in Europe: The EU and National Politics*, Vivien A. Schmidt (500 copies)
- *Origins and Evolution of the European Union*, Desmond Dinan (1000 copies)

In 2009, the first 10 books from this list were translated and published, whereas the publishing of the other two books is envisioned for the first half of 2010. The books are distributed to all public libraries from the country, to public and academic institutions, as well as to NGOs that activate in this field.  
\$ 110,659

### **Enlarging the European Information Center's Book Collection**

In 2009, 101 books on various EU related topics were purchased from the international market and donated to the European Information Center to be used by the general public.  
\$ 9,358

## **Mixed Projects:**

### **Maintaining the www.europa.md Information Portal**

Project Coordinator: Denis CENUȘA

The www.europa.md website was created in 2006. It is the only local online information resource of news, analyses, articles and interviews exclusively on EU, Moldova's integration process and Moldova – EU relations. In 2009 the website underwent major design and content improvements with a view to strictly limiting it to EU, EU-Moldova and European integration topics. An essay contest dedicated to Europe's Day on May 9 was organized in the framework of this project; the winners received awards as mentioned below:

I prize, Vlada CIOBANU  
\$ 250

II prize, Denis COVALSCHI  
\$ 200

III prize, Victor CHIRICA  
\$ 100

Project administration budget: \$ 19,626

**Short-term Travel Grants to Romania-2010**

Summary: The goal of this project is to strengthen professional skills and knowledge in the European integration field of people activating in different fields, including academia, civil society, public servants, etc. The candidates selected by the European Integration Program Board benefited from a travel grant to participate in training programs on various EU and European integration process related topics. The project was implemented in partnership with the National Institute for Administration from Romania. Five persons benefited from travel grants in 2009 as follows:

**Community Law and European Integration**

Grantees: Sergiu GUȚU, Vladlen COJOCARU

Place: Romania, Venus, Sanquest Hotel

Date: August 3-9

\$ 2,130

**Efficiency and Effectiveness of Internal Audit for Public Entities**

Grantee: Victor POPA

Place: Romania, Neptun, Doina Hotel

Date: July 13-19

\$ 883

**Efficiency and Effectiveness of Internal Audit for Public Entities**

Grantee: Valentina CORNEA

Place: Romania, Sinaia, Sinaia Hotel

Date: April 27-May 3 / May 8-24

\$ 1877

**Aristotle Workshop**

Grantee: Otilia BABĂRĂ

Place: Romania, Sibiu, Sibiel

Date: August 23-September 23

\$ 910

Project administration budget: \$ 5,901

Total Subprogram 1 expenditures: \$ 219,139

## **SUBPROGRAM 2: MONITORING EU-MOLDOVA RELATIONS**

### **Objectives:**

- to support government's European integration efforts
- to increase public debate and knowledge on the EU and EU-Moldova relations progress within the Eastern Partnership dimension
- to stimulate think-tanks to develop intellectual products necessary for policy development in the field of European integration

### **Grants:**

#### **EU – Moldova Relations: Monitoring the Progress within the Eastern Partnership Framework**

Grantee: *ADEPT* Association for Participatory Democracy

Project manager: Igor BOȚAN

Summary: This project aims to enhance public debate with regard to Moldova's European integration policies and to contribute to improving public policies associated to the national European integration strategy. Quarterly monitoring reports on EU – Moldova relations progress, as well as various public policy studies in relevant sectors are issued within this project.

\$ 93,930

#### **Romania – Moldova Partnership for European Integration. Civil Society Contribution**

Grantee: Foreign Policy Association

Program manager: Victor CHIRILĂ

Summary: The project aims at raising awareness on the issue of Moldova's European integration among the officials from Brussels, local public authorities, think-tanks and the media. In order to achieve this goal, a partnership between two NGOs from Chișinău and Bucharest will be created: Foreign Policy Association and Romanian Center for European Policy. These two organizations will develop five reports on various topics including the current status of the EU – Moldova relations; Eastern Partnership and expectations from Moldova; the European Parliament as an instrument to foster the EU – Moldova relations; the Transnistrian conflict and Moldova's European integration aspirations; the assessment of the EU assistance to Moldova. The results of the project will be largely disseminated both in Brussels and in Chișinău. The activities of this project will continue in 2010.

\$ 16,820

### **Operating projects:**

#### **In-depth Studies on EU Related Topics**

At the end of 2009, an open call for proposals was launched with the view on selecting experts/organizations to conduct two in-depth studies on the following topics: „Moldova's Future Free Trade Agreement with the EU Impact on the Agrifood Sector from Moldova” and „Moldova's Energy Security in the Context of the Country's Adherence to the Energy Community”. The in-depth studies will be developed during the first months of 2010.

\$ 928

#### **Evaluating the „EU – Moldova Relations: Monitoring the Progress within the Eastern Partnership Framework” Project and Its Previous Phases**

In 2009, the PIE selected an expert, Iulian RUSU, on an open competition basis, to evaluate the project „EU – Moldova Relations: Monitoring the Progress within the Eastern Partnership Framework” Project and its previous phases, implemented by ADEPT in partnership with Expert – Group which had been supported financially by the PIE for several years. The final evaluation report will emphasize the strong points and the shortcomings of the projects and will propose recommendations for adjustments and improvements of project activities.

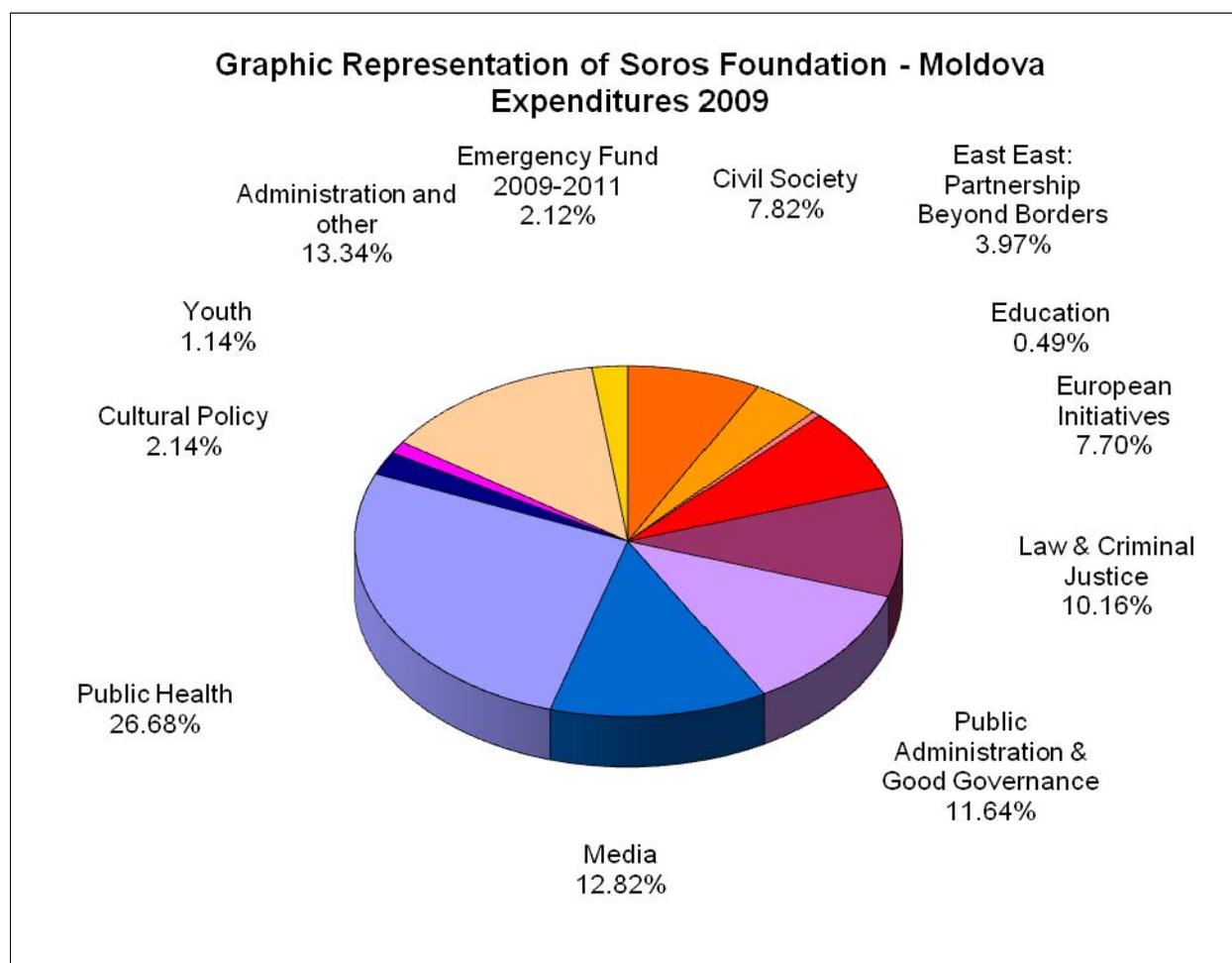
\$ 2,024

Total Subprogram 2 expenditures: \$ 113,162

Total European Initiatives Program expenditures: \$ 354,646

## 2009 EXPENDITURES

Soros Foundation - Moldova Expenditures 2009	2009 Expenditures (in US Dollars)	%
Civil Society	335,939	7.82%
East East: Partnership Beyond Borders	170,662	3.97%
Education	21,011	0.49%
European Initiatives	330,636	7.70%
Law & Criminal Justice	436,432	10.16%
Public Administration & Good Governance	500,036	11.64%
Media	550,692	12.82%
Public Health	1,146,096	26.68%
Cultural Policy	91,944	2.14%
Youth	48,991	1.14%
Administration and other	572,940	13.34%
Emergency Fund 2009-2011	90,870	2.12%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,296,249</b>	<b>100%</b>



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