

2008 Annual Report

Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan

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ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan (SFK) is an international non-governmental private foundation striving to create the conditions to build an open society in Kyrgyzstan, by supporting the development of public institutions and initiatives in all spheres of social life.

The values of an open society are as follows: freedom and diversity of opinions in all spheres of life; a developed state governed by the rule of law; opportunities for all members of society to equally participate in the development process.

The Foundation was established by the Open Society Institute (Open Society Institute), headed by George Soros, the international financier and world famous philanthropist and is part of an international network uniting national Soros Foundations in 31 countries and two regional foundations operating in an additional 27 countries.

The Foundation began its activities in the country in 1993, and was officially registered with the Ministry of Justice of the KR in late 1995.

The Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan consistently supports civil initiatives in various areas, such as law, education and economic reforms; support to the mass media, NGOs and academicians; promoting initiatives in the area of public policy, health and culture. Since the Foundation began working here the country has received over 56 million dollars in grants for civil initiatives.

The Foundation's activities are governed by the strategic decisions and recommendations of the SFK Supervisory Board and the Open Society Institute, and are implemented in close cooperation with partners from government institutions, NGOs and international organizations.

In 2008-2009, the SFK is implementing program activities in seven main directions: legal reform; education; support to the mass media and youth initiatives; access to public healthcare services; promoting transparency and accountability in the budgetary sector; and the East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program.

Dear friends!

This is a report on the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan activities in 2008. The previous year was notable for the spread of the global financial and economic recession, and the associated severe hardships that have affected all countries and regions.

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In conditions that require new approaches from all civil society institutions, the Foundation has undergone reorganization and we have reviewed our programs, organizational structure and management. Despite this reorganization, the new phase of the Foundation's activity is based on the same values - an open society and equal opportunities for each and every person.

The need to reorganize was conditioned by the fact that the Foundation has been working in Kyrgyzstan since 1993 and having accumulated extensive experience over the last fifteen years. At a certain point it became necessary for the Foundation to review its role and areas in which would work in the future.

As a result, the Foundation is continuing its programs on legal and education reforms, public healthcare, support to the mass media and the East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program. In addition, the Foundation has launched two new directions of work that are based on previous activities: support to youth initiatives and programs on budget transparency and public accountability.

In **the education sector**, the Foundation further promoted and developed the National Curriculum, a key document in improving the quality of education at state level. This year the curriculum was reviewed by international experts and a workshop was held aimed at aligning it as a concept paper for the development of the educational system by experts in Kyrgyzstan. As a result, the above-mentioned document was submitted to the Kyrgyz Academy of Education and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Foundation also provided support to higher education reform. The concept of higher education reform developed by professional expert groups was discussed at a national forum, which included the government. In addition, the expert groups supported by the Foundation have prepared methodological material on modernizing the state education standards, including two guidelines on introducing competency standards and internal quality assessment systems, which were disseminated among educational institutions.

Grants were given to make Keremet Koch, a series of animated educational programs for younger children, organize the Evergreenia children's educational camp and institutional development of the Step by Step international program in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Thanks to the Open Society Institute's Scholarship Program administered by the Foundation, this year 39 students and teachers from Kyrgyzstan have successfully completed post-graduate master's, doctoral and research programs at universities in the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and Hungary.

The Foundation's **Bishkek Resource Center** funded jointly with the US State Department has provided free advisory services on education abroad to hundreds of Kyrgyz students and applicants, held educational fairs in three cities of the country and given visiting lectures and workshops for more than 3,000 people, as well as providing training for educational NGOs on the use of educational information technologies.

In the 2008-2009 academic year the **Academic Fellowship Program in Central Asia (AFP CA)** funded by the Open Society Institute and implemented in partnership with the Foundation,

is supporting 40 local and 11 foreign teachers at the American University of Central Asia, Tajik National University and several universities in Mongolia.

As part of its **Law Program**, the Foundation held innovative training on the international practice of jury trials for a group of judges. In addition, a training project on how to apply international law in civil and political rights areas has been launched for a group of attorneys and lawyers. The program has provided legal support and medical and psychological assistance to female prisoners, as well as legal advice to labor migrants from Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia who work in Russia.

In continuing initiatives on reforming the system of legal assistance at public expense, a series of articles prepared by experts, was published. As regards humanizing criminal policy in the KR, four introductory workshops for lawyers and a workshop for judges were held by the program and its partners. In the course of the workshops practical application of the legislative changes aimed at humanizing criminal policy was properly addressed.

As part of the annual tender under the program, which in 2008 prioritized the right of access to information, monitoring human rights in closed institutions and protecting the rights of marginalized groups, grants were awarded to 8 socially relevant initiatives implemented by NGOs striving to protect human rights.

Together with the Association of Civil Society Support Centers, a two-year project to promote the development of electoral processes in the Kyrgyz Republic funded by the European Union was successfully completed. At the final stage, 30 roundtables and 60 training courses were held across the country. The project prepared training material and monitored the local government elections in October 2008 and organized a study tour to Brussels for a group of Central Election Commission members to give them a detailed understanding of electoral legislation in EU countries.

By the end of the year, the Foundation with financial assistance from the EU had launched an extensive project to combat domestic violence against women, which will improve the legal mechanisms to prevent violence.

The Mass Media Support Program held a final workshop to summarize the results of the two Foundation projects that have promoted the development of investigative journalism and improved the efficiency of management in pilot mass media in the country. In addition, the program has allocated funds for a public debate on Internet regulation and supported the mass media self-regulatory institution – the Commission for Complaints Against the Mass Media - whose work helps create proper mechanisms to ensure freedom of speech and respect for human rights in this area and also resolves disputes about information.

Under the new Foundation's **Youth Program**, field research was conducted into youth NGOs and informal youth associations in the regions. A coordination meeting of youth NGOs was held to discuss further improving their efficiency and consolidating their efforts. The Program successfully held a Youth Initiatives tender and awarded grants to six innovative projects implemented by NGOs for young people.

As part of another new **Budget Transparency and Public Accountability Program**, orientation training was held for NGOs striving to improve budget transparency that covered the following topics: strategic and organizational development and access to budget information. In order to consolidate the efforts of the government and civil society in further implementing the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), a wide-ranging consultative meeting of the Supervisory Board members, the Secretariat, independent experts and NGOs was held and a study tour to

Azerbaijan for organizations striving for budget transparency and EITI was also organized. The Program awarded grants to conduct a large-scale public opinion poll on budget transparency.

Under the **Public Health Program**, the Foundation organized a number of key educational activities to protect the rights of marginalized patients and training on organizational development and fundraising, procedures for filing country applications to the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and procurement and deliveries in the healthcare sector. An English-Russian phrasebook on harm reduction was published for activists from the harm reduction programs in order to help them communicate better with foreign partners.

The Foundation supported the production and presentation of four professional reports on the observance and monitoring of rights of patients from marginalized groups and facilitated mental health research and the monitoring of NGO activities on protecting sex workers' rights. A report on budget transparency in the mental health area was also prepared.

The Program provided additional grants to support important initiatives on community-based psychiatric care; advocating for the rights of drug users in the public health settings and preventing deaths due to drug overdoses. The Foundation's support enabled the partners and activists from specialized NGOs to attend a conference in Moscow on HIV/AIDS related problems in Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the regional advocacy workshop for organizations working on budget monitoring.

Jointly with GRM International UK, a partner organization, the Foundation continued the successful implementation of the **CARHAP** Program on HIV/AIDS prevention funded by the British Government. The Program resulted in changes being made to the existing harm reduction procedures applied by the Government of the KR and the rehabilitation of drug users in prisons. Harm reduction amongst other high risk groups outside prisons has been recognized as an example of best practice and was included in the new global HIV/AIDS prevention strategy of the British Government. In May 2008, the activities of the project on methadone substitution therapy were featured in a documentary by BBC World, which compared the experiences of Kyrgyzstan and Uganda.

The Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program facilitated the implementation of three international projects aimed at promoting mutual cooperation between national and cultural associations of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan; sharing experiences with young leaders from Kyrgyzstan through meetings with political leaders, government officials, businesses and civil sectors of Poland; studying innovative practices in Russia and Lithuania on developing new methods for maintaining the common property of homeowners' associations; as well as uniting efforts of partner organizations striving for patients' safety in Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Poland.

The current and future success of the Foundation is impossible without the support of the friends and partners with whom we are working to build a democratic society in the country, where the main priorities would be human rights, development of a free economy and respect for the right of every citizen to a decent life. We will work with them through grant programs and collaboration with all partners to achieve the goals set out in the Foundation's mission.

I wish you every success in developing a democratic, open society in Kyrgyzstan.

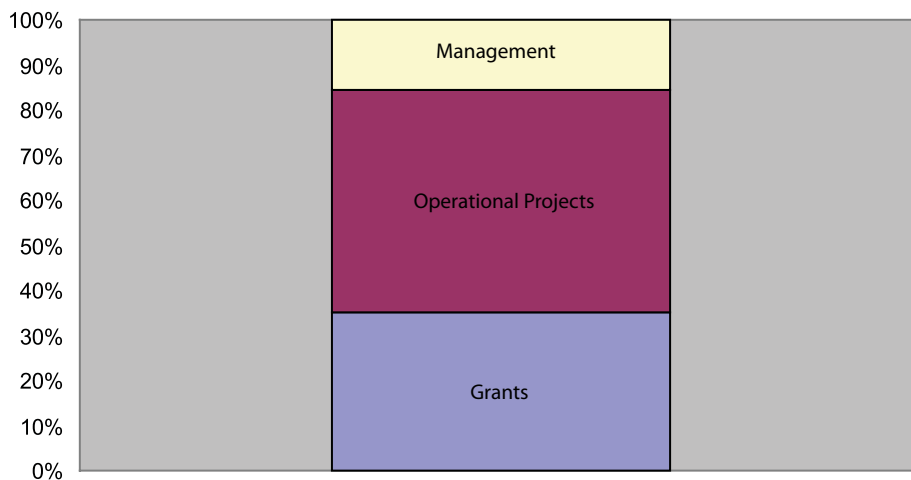
Best regards,
Ulan Ryskeldiev, Chair, Supervisory Board,
Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

In 2008, under its new strategy, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan continued to implement programs on legal and education reform, public health, mass media support and East-East and the Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program. In addition, new programs to support youth initiatives, budget transparency and public accountability were launched. In 2008, the Foundation completed the programs on public governance, art and culture and support to NGOs, as well as information, women's and ethnic programs.

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The total 2008 budget of the Foundation amounted to USD 2,575,237



The Management category includes the cost of general administrative management. The Foundation's budget is split into a grant component and operational projects implemented directly by the Foundation's programs. The latter category also includes administrative costs of the program staff.

In 2008, the Foundation paid 8,364,884 soms in Social Fund charges, income and other taxes. A total of USD 56 million has been awarded as grants to the country during the 15 years of the Foundation's operation.

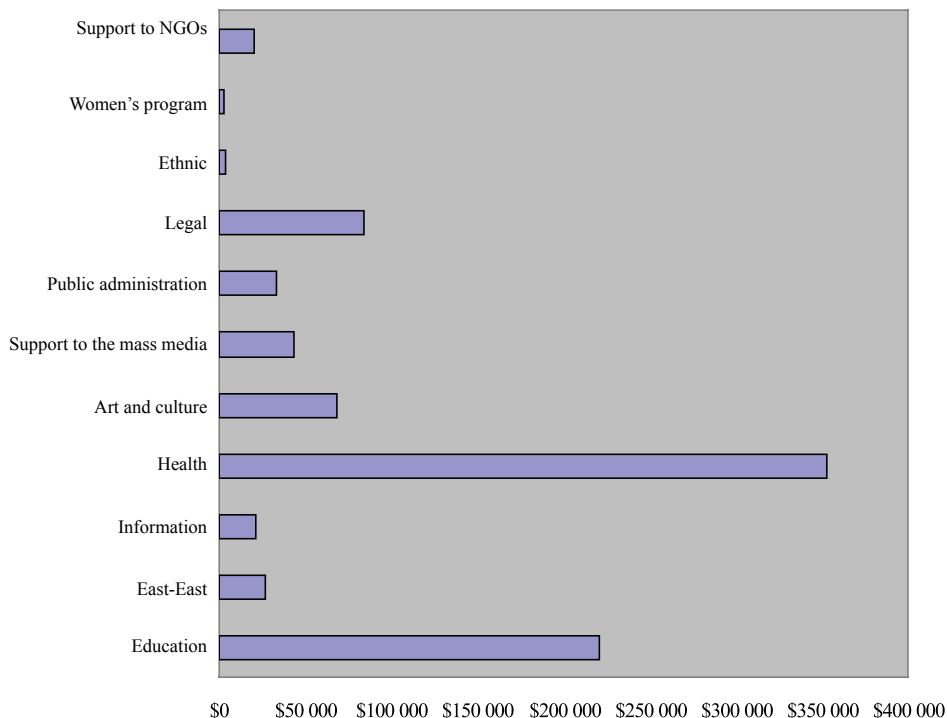
Budget breakdown by programs (US dollars)

Programs	Budget, USD
Education	486,638
Budget transparency	82,624
Law program	537,272
Support to the mass media	87,005
Public health	644,512
Youth program	94,785
Art and culture	74,355
East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program	34,670
Public administration	44,168
Other programs (women's, ethnic, economic reform and other)	84,058
Total:	2,170,087

The Foundation's program budget amounted to USD 2,170,091. The budget for legal and public health programs includes funding from the European Union and DFID.

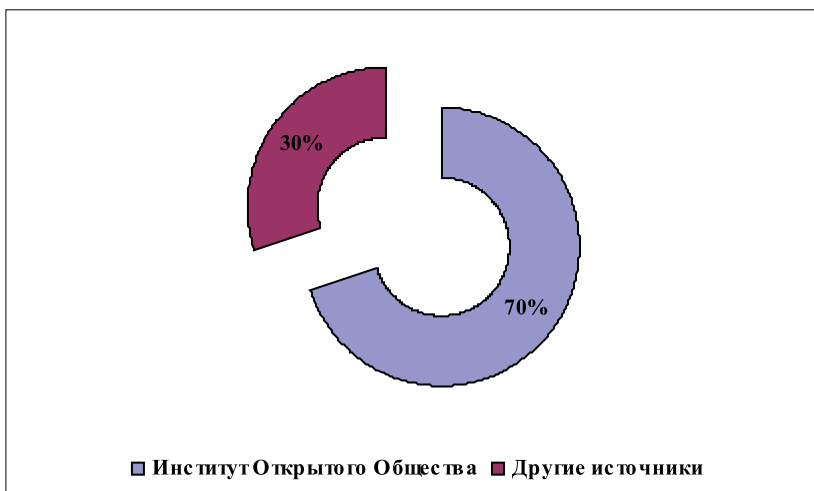
The SFK's 2008 grant budget was USD 875,819; a total of 114 grants were awarded. In 2008, the majority of grants awarded by the Foundation were under the public health, education and legal reform programs.

Breakdown of the 2008 grants budget by programs



In 2008, the activities of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan were funded by the Open Society Institute (New York), UK Department for International Development, European Union and the U.S. State Department.

Sources of funding



EDUCATION REFORM PROGRAM

Valentin Deutchman, Director of the Education Reform Program
Nazira Turarova, Coordinator of the Education Reform Program

MISSION

Promoting education reform by involving stakeholders

FINANCIAL INFORMATION



The Promoting the development of a National Curriculum in the Kyrgyz Republic Project

The National Curriculum is a framework document declaring the goals of education and transforming them into concrete achievements of students at each stage (education standards).

Implementation of the curriculum standards requires a grading and state control system, which is fundamentally different from the existing one. This control system is implemented at all levels (class, educational institution, and the educational system as a whole). The project goal is to help develop and promote the basic education reform concept (content, staffing, grading system, funding and management) in accordance with the requirements of a changing world.

The Program's major objectives for 2008:

External expert appraisal of the National Curriculum

Promoting the National Curriculum at national level

February - April: External expert appraisal of the national curriculum. Experts: E. Y. Kogan, PhD Physical and Mathematical Sciences and V. A. Prudnikova, Candidate of Educational Science. The main objectives of the appraisal: describing possible risks when introducing the curriculum and the integrity and completeness of the proposed curriculum model.

May 19 - 20, Bishkek, the Ministry of Education and Science of the KR. The Framework National Curriculum: Arrangements for introducing it workshop involving E. Y. Kogan, PhD Physical and Mathematical Sciences and

V. A. Prudnikova, Candidate of Educational Science, experts from the Privoljski Education Development Institute of the Russian Federation.

Workshop Participants: I. S. Boldjurova, Minister of Education and Science of the KR; A. G. Ivannikov, Deputy Minister; representatives of the Committee for Education, Science, Information and Youth Policy of the JK of the KR; experts; developers of the draft Framework National Curriculum; the Kyrgyz Academy of Education; ADB Second Education Project; the World Bank Rural Education Project; representatives of the donor community, educational institutions and businesses.

The purpose of the workshop was to agree the Framework National Curriculum as a concept paper on education system development in the Kyrgyz Republic with experts of the Kyrgyz Republic.

September, Bishkek Presentation of the National Curriculum to the Kyrgyz Academy of Education in order to finalize the external expert appraisal and get formal feedback.

October, Bishkek Submission of the National Curriculum to the Board of the Ministry of Education and Science of the KR for approval .

November – December, Bishkek, Further development of the basic curriculum.

December, Bishkek, A planning meeting of the program experts. Participants: experts, members of the expert committee. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Promoting the National Curriculum for 2009 Project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

USD 12,757

GRANTS

Support to the Educational Initiatives Public Association (PA): Summer Camp for Children – the Evergreenia Republic Project.

Project Manager - A. P Ivanov. The Evergreenia Republic is a model of a democratic state with its own legal framework, economic and educational system, and social security program. The project is unique as it has been created by children aged 13 -18 years old. The Evergreenia Republic Project helps develop and improve the ability to make independent choices and take decisions in a democratic state.

GRANT

USD 30,000

Multimedia PA: Keremet-Koch Children's educational program Project. .

Project Manager - Gulira Aytimbetova. Keremet-Koch is a series of animated educational programs for younger children aged 2 to 6 in the Kyrgyz language

GRANT

USD 15,000

Support to Educational Initiatives PA: The Step by Step International Education Program.

Project Manager – A. P Ivanov. The goal of the project is the further development and institutionalization of the Step by Step Program through creating new program modules; mobilization of program resources and ensuring sustainability through building partnerships within the country and with foreign partners.

GRANT **USD 56,000**

Participation of Mr. A. P. Ivanov, Chairperson of the Support to Educational Initiatives PA, in the young people's Bar Camp in Istanbul, Turkey.

GRANT **USD 950**

Center for Step by Step Educational Initiatives: Step by Step International Education Program. Project Manager - Mira Yakubova.

GRANT **USD 8,382**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **USD 169,221***

* Including administrative costs of the program

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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Elmira Shishkaraeva, Regional Manager, Academic Fellowship Program in Central Asia and Mongolia

Nazik Manapaeva, Regional Coordinator

Gerelmaa Amgaabazar, Country Coordinator, Mongolia

Program website: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus_areas/afp

In 2004, the Open Society Institute's Higher Education Support Program launched the Academic Fellowship Program (AFP) to support the reform of higher education institutions in South-Eastern Europe, former Soviet Union countries and Mongolia.

The Academic Fellowship Program focuses on the following:

- Support to the reform-oriented social and humanitarian departments aimed at improving the curricula and teaching methodologies;
- The Returning Scholars Fellowship Program supports talented scholars who, after earning a master's or other postgraduate degree abroad, seek university positions and academic careers in their home countries and facilitates their further academic development.

The program is implemented through collaboration with partner departments that are supporting local AFP teachers and invited foreign professors. In Central Asia and Mongolia, the AFP is implemented in collaboration with the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and the Open Society Forum in Mongolia). In the 2008-2009 academic year the AFP is supporting 40 local and 11 foreign teachers from the following departments/programs in the region:

- Anthropology, American University of Central Asia
- International and Comparative Politics, American University of Central Asia
- Law, American University of Central Asia
- Psychology, American University of Central Asia
- Sociology, American University of Central Asia
- Social and Cultural Anthropology, School of Social Sciences, National University of Mongolia
- Economics, School of Economic Sciences, National University of Mongolia
- Public Health School, Health Science University of Mongolia
- Social Work, Mongolian State University of Education
- International Economic Relations, Tajik National University.

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

USD 135,013*

* Including administrative costs of the program

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Rakia Rustemova, Program Administrator

The program provides the opportunity for postgraduate studies at universities in the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and Hungary. The programs are implemented based on competitions and are open to all interested persons.

The programs give an opportunity to get master and doctoral degrees or conduct non-degree researches.

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OSI / FCO CHEVENING / UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AND UNIVERSITY OF YORK

Within the Scholarship Scheme the following options are available:

- Nine-month Research Scholarships at the University of Oxford for postgraduate research contributing towards a doctoral degree in the candidate's home institution;
- One-year Scholarships for a Master's degree at the University of Oxford in the Social Sciences, Humanities or Environmental Sciences;
- Twelve-month scholarships to read for an MA in Political Philosophy (The Idea of Toleration) at the University of York.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department	University
Isaeva	Aiganysh	12 months	Sociology	University of Oxford

\$ 3 675*

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, testing, visa arrangements, flight tickets, as well as the cost of summer school and a one-week orientation in Istanbul, Turkey

OSI / FCO CHEVENING / UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

The scholarships are for one-year taught postgraduate programmes leading to the award of the Master Degree in Social Sciences and Humanities in the University of Edinburgh.

ГРАНТЫ

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department	University
Asilbekova	Gulnar	12 months	Comparative Public Policy	University of Edinburgh
Ismailov	Adylbek	12 months	Policy Studies	University of Edinburgh
Kasymova	Aigul	12 months	Nationalism Studies	University of Edinburgh
Kubatbekov	Kylych	12 months	Comparative Public Policy	University of Edinburgh
Tashybekova	Bermet	12 months	Nationalism Studies	University of Edinburgh
Tulebaeva	Baktygul	12 months	Social Anthropology	University of Edinburgh

\$ 20 393*

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, testing, visa arrangements, flight tickets, as well as the cost of summer school in Istanbul, Turkey.

OSI / FCO CHEVENING / UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Since 2007, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan has had a new scholarship program providing fellowships for 12 months Master degree at the University of Leeds in Social Sciences and Humanities.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department	University
Saipidinova	Nargiza	12 months	International Political Economy	University of Leeds
Sharshenova	Aizhan	12 months	International Studies	University of Leeds

\$ 3 552*

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, testing, visa arrangements, flight tickets, as well as the cost of summer school in Istanbul, Turkey.

OSI / HANSARD SOCIETY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The program is open only to graduates of the OSI/FCO Chevening scholarship program.

This is a three-month program consisting of four parts. The first part is an academic course delivered by a professor from the UK, which aims to help students understand how British policy is formed. The second part is practical work in ministries, charitable institutions, scientific research centers or the Parliament of Great Britain. The third part is writing a dissertation on the topic of the student's choice. The fourth part is attending lectures delivered by well-known British politicians, including former ministers, political journalists, peers and instructors.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study
Duishebaeva	Lira	3 months

\$ 1 098*

* Including the cost of flight tickets.

OXFORD COLLEGES HOSPITALITY SCHEME

The program has been implemented in Kyrgyzstan since 2007 and is intended for Kyrgyz scientists who wish to work with the resources in the libraries of the University of Oxford, or to cooperate with colleagues from the university. Preference is given to candidates either with a postgraduate degree(s) or those working on a specific project (for example, writing a book or developing a new course of lectures). Scholarships are awarded for one-month studies in any field available at the University of Oxford.

ГРАНТЫ

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department	University
Jumaliyeva	Anar	1 month	Public Health	University of Oxford
Kurbanaliev	Abdikerim	1 month	Mathematics	University of Oxford

* Including the cost of visa arrangements, flight tickets.

SOCIAL WORK MASTERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Program is designed to provide training in social work to implement reform, create policy and foster the development of social work in Kyrgyzstan. The Program also introduces students from the participating countries to colleagues from other regions of the world and encourages cross-national dialogues among professional communities. Fellows are placed at Columbia University (New-York, USA, www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw) or Washington University (St. Louis, USA, www.gwbweb.wustl.edu) for a two-year graduate program in social work.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department	University
Latipova	Kanykey	2 years	Social Work	University by Washington
Nasritdinov	Nail	2 years	Social Work	University by Washington
Cholponbayeva	Nazgul	2 years	Social Work	Columbia University

SOCIAL WORK FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Since 2008, a component for university teachers has been included to the Faculty Development Fellowship Program.

\$ 6 630*

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, testing, visa arrangement, flight tickets, as well as the cost of summer school in Istanbul, Turkey.

OSI / CNOUS / FRENCH EMBASSY

The program is administered by the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and the French Embassy in Kyrgyzstan. It provides fellowships for one-year Master Degrees in Social Sciences and Humanities in French universities.

ГРАНТЫ

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department	University
Kaikieva	Asel	12 months	Economic theory	University of Grenoble II
Mamadiyarov	Iliias	12 months	International relations	University of Lyon III
Oboskanova	Meerim	12 months	Political sciences	University of Strasbourg

A 2008 Summer School was organized in Istanbul, Turkey aimed at preparing students to study in France (academic writing skills, practical consultations). Finalists of the OSI / CNOUS / French Embassy program from the four participating countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) were invited. This is a two-week course delivered by lecturers and experts from the French educational system.

\$ 7 972*

- * Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, testing, flight tickets, as well as the cost of summer school in Istanbul, Turkey.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This is a non-degree program, which is aimed at improving the academic careers of university teachers. It creates innovative approaches to reform curriculum and supports the development of regional and international institutional cooperation and joint projects. The scholars of the Program will study one semester at a university in the U.S., where they will exchange experience with foreign colleagues, and one semester at a university in their home country. Renewals for up to two additional years are possible.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department	University
Tegizbekova	Jyldyz	2 years	Law	Washington University
Tokobaev	Daniyar	2 years	Political sciences	Rutgers University

\$ 16 233 *

- * Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, visa arrangements, flight tickets, as well as the cost of summer school in Istanbul, Turkey and one week orientation in Budapest, Hungary.

GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM

The program provides partial funding for qualified students enrolled in doctoral programs (PhD) in Social Sciences and Humanities at accredited universities in Europe, Middle/Near East, Asia, Australia and North America.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	University
Botoeva	Gulzat	United Kingdom	University of Essex
Jaylobaeva	Kanykey	United Kingdom	University of Edinburgh
Orozbaev	Temirbek	Germany	University of Heidelberg
Antonina	Santalova	United Kingdom	University of Oxford
Satybaldiyeva	Elmira	United Kingdom	University of Kent
Shalpykova	Gulnara	United Kingdom	University of Nottingham

\$ 461*

- * Including the cost of newspaper advertisements and postage.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY (BUDAPEST, HUNGARY; MASTER AND DOCTORAL STUDIES)

The University offers scholarships for Master and Doctoral studies in Social Sciences and Humanities. The Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan provides consultations on the admissions process of this university, sends the documents to Budapest, and administers the entrance examinations.

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, testing and postage.

CURRICULUM RESOURCE CENTER (CRC) UNDER THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY (BUDAPEST, HUNGARY)

The CRC is a Center of the Central European University (CEU) designed to support university teachers from Eastern Europe and former Soviet countries. The program aims to overcome the shortage of materials for developing curriculum. As part of the program, topic sessions are organized jointly with the CEU departments and programs and provide the CEU's approach to teaching specific disciplines and new methodologies for developing courses in these disciplines. The resources of the CEU and relevant departments can be used; in addition, workshops are held on course development and teaching methodology.

ГРАНТЫ

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Department
Constantz	Ludmila	01-07.2008	Economy
Sydygaliev	Mirbek	01-07.2008	Law
Baetov	Ayaz	01-07.2008	Law
Makkambay	Urmat	9-16.02.2008	Political sciences
Tolonova	Feruza	8-16.03.2008	Gender research
Mamasalieva	Tinatin	31.03-4.04.08	Sociology
Rahmanzhanova	Asel	4-12.10.2008	Gender research
Torobaeva	Asel	11-19.10.2008	Mass media
Anarkulova	Ainagul	8-16.11.2008	European contractual law
Myrsalieva	Nurzat	8-16.11.2008	European contractual law
Ruslan	Rakhimov	15-23.11.2008	Anthropology
Bayalieva	Gulzat	15-23.11.2008	Anthropology

\$ 16 079*

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, execution of documents and flight tickets.

WORKING WITH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS ALUMNI

The Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan seeks to maintain contacts with Scholarship programs alumni. The grantees, who have completed their studies under the program and returned to Kyrgyzstan, give lectures to explain how to participate in Scholarship competitions. The alumni reception was organized in October 2008.

ИТОГО ЗА 2008

\$ 82 897

THE BISHKEK RESOURCE CENTER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM (BRC)

Anara Djamasheva, BRC Coordinator
Elena Tatarkova, BRC Assistant

The Bishkek Resource Center is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan (USD 10,000) and Open Society Institute (USD 2,740).

The program provides material on education abroad, ensures free access to information resources and coordinates the work of educational NGOs in Osh, Karakol and Naryn.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES:

- Advising all interested persons on education and scientific research in the U.S. and European universities;
- Providing information on educational programs, including specialized programs in western universities, through individual and group consultations and mailing lists;
- Helping students apply to U.S. universities;
- Providing literature (catalogues, brochures, magazines and newsletters) on education in foreign countries;
- Collaborating with universities in the United States: holding teleconferences between students from Kyrgyzstan, and the University of Missouri, USA (Missouri University of Science and Technology), etc.;
- Establishing contacts with educational institutions in Kyrgyzstan in order to inform them about the opportunities for education in the United States;
- Conducting outreach lectures/workshops in educational institutions and NGOs in Bishkek and in all the regions on topics relating to education and scientific research abroad. In 2008, 1,647 people attended outreach lectures;
- Providing orientation for those leaving to study in the U.S. or going on specialized programs;
- Conducting annual Educational Fairs. In 2008, educational fairs were held in Osh, Karakol, Naryn and Bishkek, which were attended by 1,538 people;
- Administering the award of vouchers for free TOEFL examinations for outstanding students. In 2008, 15 vouchers were awarded to students who have applied to U.S. universities. Vouchers for TOEFL examinations were provided by the Educational Testing Service (ETS);
- The Center participated in the global Virtual Consulting Project; the Program Coordinator is in charge of the Student Visa Component;
- Administering the Opportunity Grant Program by providing grants to Kyrgyz students who independently apply to study in American universities. In 2008, the Program provided financial support to 26 students from the KR. The Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State. Grants were awarded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the US Embassy in Kyrgyzstan.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Grant from the U.S. State Department - USD 21,533; Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan - USD 10,000; total USD 31,533.

March 20 - June 30, 2008 – a grant from the Regional Coordinator for Eurasia to support educational advisory services.

GRANT **\$1 190**

December 15-19, 2008 – a grant from the Open Society Institute (OSI) to conduct Effective use of technological innovations in education training for education experts. Participants: staff of the Bishkek Resource Center and educational NGOs based in Osh, Karakol and Naryn.

GRANT **\$2 740**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$ 35,463***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Bishkek Resource Center Mass Media Support Program

Marina Sivasheva, Program Director
Almira Dooronbekova, Program Administrator

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The mission of the program: develop the information space to ensure implementation of the rights to freedom of speech and expression and access to information, as a precondition for building an open society in Kyrgyzstan.

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM:

Reforms in the mass media sector

Helping find a balanced solution to regulating the Internet by preventing restrictions on the freedom of speech and access to information.

Development of a mass media self-regulatory institution

Support to a mass media self-regulatory institution in order to increase social responsibility amongst journalists for the material they publish and develop high standards of conflict resolution in the mass media sector without involving any judicial or law enforcement bodies.

A wrap-up workshop on the Development of investigative journalism in the mass media of Kyrgyzstan and the Efficient management of the mass media Projects

Open Kyrgyzstan Project

To improve the quality of publicly important decisions taken by authorities using civil society expertise in the Kyrgyz government system, ensuring feedback to and increased awareness of interest groups in adopted decisions using modern communications technologies.

Projects under the Program:

1. REFORMS IN THE MASS MEDIA SECTOR

The Internet and the law grant project

The project's goal is to create the conditions for public discussions on Internet regulation.

Implementing organization – Civil Initiative on Internet Policy Public Association

GRANT

\$2 583

2. DEVELOPMENT OF A SELF-REGULATORY BODY

Promoting the creation of a self-regulatory body grant project

The project's goal is to increase the effectiveness of the mass media self-regulatory body and promote professional ethical standards of journalism that would raise the social responsibility of all those involved in dealing with information and people's trust in the mass media.

Implementing organization: Center for Information Law PA

GRANT **\$16 198**

3. WRAP-UP WORKSHOP ON THE: DEVELOPMENT OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM IN THE MASS MEDIA OF KYRGYZSTAN AND EFFECTIVE MASS MEDIA MANAGEMENT PROJECTS.

The goal of the workshop is to monitor the effectiveness of operational projects on investigative journalism and effective mass media management in Kyrgyzstan.

During the wrap-up workshop, project teams made individual presentations on project activities and reported on the practical use of skills gained under the project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$7 081**

OPEN KYRGYZSTAN PROJECT

The project's goal is to ensure access to and transparency of publicly significant decisions made at central and local levels.

- Promoting the quality of publicly significant decisions;
- Publicizing publicly important events that take place in the capital and in the regions;
- Ensuring the sustainability of the project

Overall, the project aims to help create a stakeholders' coalition (NGOs, think tanks and donor-funded projects) to promote and lobby for the interests of civil society and strengthen cooperation with them in order to assess the impact of transparency and open access to publicly significant problems and decisions.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$25 000**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$87 005***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

YOUTH PROGRAM

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Ulan Shabynov, Program Director
Baglan Mamaev, Program Coordinator

Mission of the Program: helping Kyrgyz young people become actively involved in the life of civil society by giving equal support to young people and promoting open society principles amongst them.

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM:

1. Youth Initiatives

Support to youth initiatives aimed at promoting alternative and innovative ways of solving problems and supporting youth NGOs, whose activities are aimed at involving them in civil society development processes.

2. Consolidating the efforts of youth NGOs, informal youth associations and young leaders and promoting the establishment of a national youth network

Promoting the effectiveness of youth organizations by coordinating their efforts and information exchange.

3. Studying the activities of young people's NGOs and informal youth associations in the regions

Studying the activities and initiatives implemented by young people's NGOs and informal youth associations in the regions; identifying problems that arise in the course of their work and determining development prospects.

4. A tender for individuals from the Youth Action Fund

Identify, help and support small groups of young people, who can mobilize and influence large numbers of their peers in order to promote the values of an open society.

ACTIVITY 1: YOUTH INITIATIVES

Youth initiatives grant tender

The purpose of the tender is to support youth initiatives aimed at promoting alternative and innovative ways of resolving problems and supporting young people's NGOs, whose activities are aimed at involving young people in the civil society development process.

Winners:

Support to education initiatives (Bishkek) PA: Youth Civil Journalism Club Project. The project goal is to involve socially active young people in the process of formulating their problems; developing ways of resolving them; discussing scenarios and risks for Kyrgyzstan's development through the creation of a virtual communication platform using new media technologies.



Project Manager: S. Makarov

GRANT **\$7 300**

Leadership (Karakol) Youth Volunteer Organization: The We are all equal! project. The goal of the project is to increase the participation of 50 children from socially marginalized groups (orphans and neglected children) in developing democratic values of society and in the activities of the country through a series of training courses in Karakol and Aksu.

Project Manager: S. Bondareva

GRANT **\$7 712**

Education Network (Bishkek) Association of Educational Institutions: Creating on-line and electronic newsletters on young people's professional orientation and employment project. The goal of the project is to promote the personal and professional growth and employment of young people and improve their competitiveness through increasing access for young people to local and regional communications and information resources in order to provide employment opportunities.

Project Manager: G. Duyshebaeva

GRANT **\$7 506**

Young Leaders of Naryn (Naryn) PA: Youth school for local leaders - 2009. The goal of the project is to build the capacity of 23 young leaders from rural areas by providing them with new skills, knowledge and information and getting them to participate in practical activities and information exchange between young leaders from Naryn city and Naryn Oblast.

Project Manager: N. Omurzakov

GRANT **\$5 905**

Space (Talas) Youth Center PA: Young Leaders School project. The goal of the project is to develop the leadership potential of young people in Talas Oblast to enable them to actively participate in resolving social problems and in youth programs and initiatives.

Project Manager: T. Asranov

GRANT **\$7 994**

Youth of Osh (Osh) PA: Young People's Bank Project. The goal of the project is to mobilise and involve young people in the development of their region (Osh city) and resolve locally emerging problems in the course of a year by getting them to organise themselves into initiative groups and improve their skills in designing and implementing social projects.

Project Manager: A. Toktosheva.

GRANT **\$8 000**

TOTAL TENDER VALUE **\$ 44 417**

INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP FOR NGOS AWARDED GRANTS UNDER THE YOUTH INITIATIVES TENDER

Goal: to train six grantees to effectively implement their submitted projects by getting each team to discuss them; develop media and monitoring and evaluation plans and training on current SFK grant procedures.

Participants: 2 people from each organization — Project Coordinator and Accountant

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 2,993
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 47 410

ACTIVITY 2: CONSOLIDATING THE EFFORTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S NGOS, INFORMAL YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS AND YOUNG LEADERS AND HELPING THEM SET UP A NATIONAL YOUTH NETWORK.

Coordination Meeting: Youth in Kyrgyzstan: raising the effectiveness of young people's NGOs

Goal: To improve the effectiveness of youth organizations through coordinating joint efforts and information exchange.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 5 256
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ACTIVITY 3: STUDYING THE ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S NGOS AND INFORMAL YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS IN THE REGIONS.

Goal: Studying the activities and initiatives implemented by young people's NGOs and informal youth associations in the region; identifying problems that arise in the course of implementing the activities and determine future development prospects.

Anastasia Khozyainova, an independent researcher and Director of the Afghanistan Public Policy Research Organisation, was invited under the Open Society Institute's Youth Initiative Program to, along with the Program Officer, visit Talas, Jalalabat, Osh and Batken Oblasts in order to identify youth organizations and informal youth movements in the regions to learn about their activities, initiatives, challenges and development prospects. In addition, information about the SFK's new Youth Action Fund tender for young leaders, activists and youth informal groups was circulated.

The report of this survey is posted on the website: www.soros.kg.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 4 054
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ACTIVITY 4: YOUTH ACTION FUND

The purpose of the tender: Identify, facilitate and support small groups of young people, who can mobilize and influence large numbers of their peers in order to promote the values of an open society. The Open Society Institute created the Fund as a flexible mechanism for providing small grants and other support to encourage innovative youth initiatives that comply with the Open Society Institute's mission.

From September to December 2008, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan helped promote the tender via the printed media and by distributing flyers and posters describing the terms of the tender.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 1 000
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$ 94 789*

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Law Program

Ruslan Hakimov, Program Director
Saida Manieva, Program Coordinator
Emil Konulkulov, Program Administrator
Aida Bazarkulova, Program Assistant

Program mission: contribute to the construction of an open society based on the principles of respect for human rights, rule of law, democratic values and strengthening legal institutions in Kyrgyzstan.



MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM:

1. Human rights

Ensuring an integrated approach in addressing human rights-related problems; the development and institutional adoption of national and international human rights protection mechanisms; respect for human rights principles in the daily life of society and promoting human rights protection movements.

2. Access to justice

Reform of the state guaranteed legal aid system

Create an effective mechanism that would ensure access to justice for those individuals, who lack the means to protect their rights and legitimate interests. The mechanism will be created through a sustainable system of guaranteed legal aid (SGLA) that would adequately address the needs of the population for free state-funded legal aid.

Juries

Create an effective system for protecting human rights in the country by introducing jury trials in the judicial system of Kyrgyzstan.

3. Criminal justice reform

Penitentiary system reform

Promoting the development of the penitentiary system; compliance with minimum international standards on respect for the rights and conditions of detention of prisoners.

Public control of DIA activities in the KR

Improving the efficiency of and ensuring transparency and accountability of the Ministry of Interior (Mol) bodies to Kyrgyz society.

4. Reform of the electoral process

Help ensure transparent electoral processes in the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with international standards.

5. Preventing domestic violence against women

Create a mechanism for systematic interaction between various agencies to enhance the effectiveness of efforts to prevent violence against women.

PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAM

1. Activity: Human Rights

Specialized course for attorneys and lawyers from Kyrgyz NGOs on applying the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Optional Protocol Project

The goal of the project is to provide strong legal protection of human rights in Kyrgyzstan by applying international human rights standards at international and state levels.

This year the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan, Open Society Institute (Budapest), Youth Human Rights Protection Group and OSCE/ODIHR, held the third special course for attorneys and lawyers from Kyrgyz NGOs on the application of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol. 30 attorneys and lawyers from NGOs in Osh, Jalalabat, Issyk-Kul and Talas oblasts and Bishkek were chosen to take part in this specialized course.

As part of the course, three themed workshops have been organized this year during which, human rights in administering justice were discussed.

The course was given by international experts on the international protection of human rights. Experts and trainers from the CIS and European countries, who had already participated in previous training courses, were invited to give the course. The invited trainers were lawyers from other countries who deal with filing complaints to the Committee on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$25 900

GRANT PROJECT: SUPPORT TO HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION ACTIVITIES

Project goal: Strengthening civic monitoring of the observance of human rights and freedoms through support to human rights protection activities. The priorities of the tender in 2008 were as follows:

- the right of access to information;
- monitoring human rights observance in closed institutions;
- protecting and promoting the rights of marginalized groups.

Winners:

Child rights protection league (Bishkek) PA. Respect for children's rights to protection from torture, cruel, inhuman or humiliating treatment or punishment Project

Goal: effective protection of children from violence, torture and cruel treatment; protection of minors in children's institutions; improving the accountability of public bodies responsible for

protecting children's rights and interests; strengthening the judicial protection of children's rights by applying international law; protecting children from arbitrary detention.

Project Manager: N. U. Turdubekova

GRANT **\$10 000**

Soyuz Edineniya (Talas) PA: Free legal aid and monitoring of human rights observance in the course of investigating people detained by the Talas city and rayon police departments Project. Project goals: protecting and promoting rights of marginalized groups of the population by providing legal advice and consultations; legal education of the population in Talas oblast of the KR through holding public meetings in the Talas city and rayon police departments.

Project Manager: V. P. Milovatsky

GRANT **\$10 000**

L.M. Fomova Community Association for the Social Protection of the Population (Jalalabat): Monitoring homes for the elderly Project. Goal: To ensure observance of human rights in homes for the elderly and disabled people in Oktyabrskoye village, Suzak rayon, Jalalabat oblast.

Project Manager: L.P.Lidorenko

GRANT **\$9 995**

The Young disabled people's movement PA (Bishkek): For an equal and accessible environment to give people with disabilities a normal life Project. Goal: mobilization and integration of people with disabilities; protecting their rights in order to ensure a better understanding of the traditional concept of access to a physical environment for disabled people and to provide them with equal access to social opportunities, healthcare, education and culture, as well as employment opportunities.

Project Manager: M.R. Asangariev

GRANT **\$9 320**

Legal Initiatives Support Center (Bishkek). Project: Legal support to prisoners Project. Goal: To provide high quality legal aid to prisoners and their relatives; continue operating public waiting rooms for convicted persons and their relatives; a Legal Education Service to ensure the development, evaluation and publication of information and legal booklets.

Project Manager: D. Nizamova

GRANT **\$10 000**

Independent Human Rights Protection Group (Bishkek) PA: Monitoring trials on choosing preventive punishments Project. Goal: To promote judicial reform in the Kyrgyz Republic by improving the practice of judicial authorization of arrest. The project will publish a report, which will be discussed with the relevant state agencies. Further dialogue between state authorities and civil society will be held to improve the situation. The target group of the project includes judges, prosecutors, investigators and lawyers who are involved in the procedure for judicial authorization of arrest. The ultimate beneficiaries are accused persons on trial.

Project Manager: D. S. Sayakova

GRANT **\$9 986**

Dao Lav Oda (Tokmok) PA: Accessible City Project. Goals: to ensure respect for the rights of persons with disabilities in Tokmok in accordance with international and national legislation through monitoring and releasing monitoring results; create an accessible environment for disabled and handicapped people in order to improve the overall convenience of the urban environment for all population groups through advocacy campaigns.

Project Manager: A. E. Dubina

GRANT

\$5 670

Peace is the Light of Culture (Tokmok) PA: Access to information maintained by state agencies and local governments in Chui and Issyk-Kul oblasts using legal and administrative mechanisms Project. Goal: to provide socially disadvantaged population groups with information about current benefits when paying for utilities, medical and other services. The project will be implemented through daily consultations with this population group.

Project Manager: M. G. Kuleshov

GRANT

\$9 732

Introductory workshop under the Support to Human Rights Protection Activities tender

A workshop for NGOs awarded grants under the announced tender was held as part of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan's Law Program. The purpose of the workshop was to train the grantees in all grant procedures of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan. Project coordinators, accountants and assistants from each NGO attended the workshop. Special training on financial reporting and relevant procedures was held for accountants.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$4 283

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$78 986

2. Activity: Access to Justice

REFORM OF THE STATE GUARANTEED LEGAL AID SYSTEM PROJECT

Goal: to support the creation of an effective mechanism for access to justice for those people, who lack the means to protect their rights and legitimate interests. This goal will be achieved by setting up a sustainable state-guaranteed legal aid (SGLA) system that would adequately address the needs of the population for free state-funded legal aid based on democratic governance principles, throughout the Kyrgyz Republic.

In 2008, the draft laws On state guaranteed legal aid and On changes and amendments to the Criminal Procedural Code of the Kyrgyz Republic developed by a working group, which was formed by a Presidential Decree, were submitted to ministries and agencies of the KR on behalf of the Head of the working group from the Presidential Administration for concordance.

Subsequently, based on a special Government Resolution of the KR, On the Government of the KR's conclusion about the above-mentioned draft laws, a separate working group meeting was organized to align the draft laws with the comments and proposals made by ministries and agencies of the KR. The draft laws will be considered by Parliament in early 2009.

In 2008, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan was also involved in analysing the draft law and reform of the state-funded legal aid system. In particular, articles on the above topic were published in the Vechernij Bishkek, Slovo Kyrgyzstana and Komsomolskaya Pravda newspapers. The articles were written by:

1. Nurlan Berikovich Sadykov, working group expert, deputy of the Bishkek city Kenesh of the KR, Director of the Constitutional Policy Institute PA;
2. Shamaryl Yusupovich Maichiev, Director of the National Law Corporation, Chairperson of the Board, Kyrgyzi Lawyers Association, Attorney;
3. Maripa Ermekovna Seydalieva, working group member, honored lawyer of the KR, Legal Adviser, Grade 1;
4. Indira Yrysbayevna Djoldubaeva, expert of the Legal Policy Department of the Presidential Administration of the KR;
5. Gulniza Kozhomovna Kozhomova, Chairperson of The Union of Lawyers of the KR PA.

The Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan will further work in this direction by launching a pilot project in Bishkek and support to implementing the draft law. The equipment for the pilot project was bought at the end of 2008.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$14 493**

SUPPORT TO DRAFTING THE LAW ON CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION IN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC PROJECT

Goal: to support the working group in drafting laws aimed at implementing the rights of Kyrgyz citizens to participate in justice administration. In 2006, the Law Program, in partnership with the OSCE/ODIHR, was actively involved in a new direction that focused on setting up and introducing juries into the courts. Since the signing of the Presidential Decree on setting up a working group, which included a Law Program officer, methodological and technical support is being provided to drafting the law on introducing juries in Kyrgyzstan in order to comply with the Constitution of the Kyrgyz Republic and implement Kyrgyz citizens' rights to participate in the administration of justice.

In 2008, as part of the program, a five-day international workshop for Kyrgyz judges was held involving experts from Russia and Kazakhstan. During the workshop, the participants analyzed the draft laws in detail and discussed the experience of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan in organizing juries. In addition, a mock jury trial on a criminal case was organized during the workshop.

As a result of the workshop, the working group members and the Committee on Defense, Security, Law, and Judicial and Legal Reform of the KR Jogorku Kenesh, have revised the draft laws based on the experts' recommendations. In 2009, SFK will further work in this direction, namely, to revise the draft laws based on the legal expertise conclusion made by the Venice Commission and will launch a pilot project in Bishkek and Osh in Kyrgyzstan.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$9 570**

3. Activity: Criminal justice reform

SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW ON HUMANIZING CRIMINAL POLICY IN THE KR PROJECT

Goal: to support the implementation of the Law on humanizing criminal policy in the KR through training for judges and lawyers.

This year the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan, Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Judicial Training Center of the KR, Penal Reform International (PRI) and the Kyrgyz Lawyers Association, held 4 introductory workshops for lawyers and 1 workshop for judges from the Kyrgyz Republic. The new Law of the Kyrgyz Republic, On humanizing criminal policy in the Kyrgyz Republic and its practical application, were discussed during the workshops. The following experts were invited: Marat Turgunbaevich Djamankulov, Head of the Department on

Penal System Reform of the Ministry of Justice of the KR and Amir Kayumovich Shagivaliev, Head of the Department on ensuring that prosecutors attend court trials in Bishkek.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$36 935**

PUBLIC CONTROL OF MOI BODIES IN THE KR PROJECT

Goal: to improve the efficiency and ensure the transparency and accountability of Mol agencies to the Kyrgyz people by developing the concept and draft law on public oversight of human rights observance by Mol bodies in the Kyrgyz Republic and the draft law on introducing changes and amendments to the relevant regulations of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The working group established by a Resolution of the President’s Administration, in cooperation with independent experts, having considered and discussed various options of institutions for the public oversight of the Rayon Mol Bodies, adopted the Commissioner and Public Commission model. The Commissioner will work at national level and will not be accountable to any government authorities and will coordinate the activities of public commissions, which will consider citizens’ complaints against unlawful actions (inaction) by regional Mol officers violating human rights.

In 2008, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and the working group finalized the draft concepts and laws on the public oversight of human rights observance by the internal affairs bodies in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Concept and draft law on civil monitoring of human rights observance by Mol bodies in the Kyrgyz Republic will be considered by Parliament in 2009.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$3 128**

4. Activity: Electoral System Reform

SUPPORT TO CIVIL INITIATIVES IN TRANSITION PROJECT

Goal: facilitate transparent electoral processes in the Kyrgyz Republic in accordance with international standards.

The project has been implemented since 2007 by the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan (SFK) jointly with the Association of Civil Society Support Centers (ACSSC) and is funded by the European Union. In 2008, a training of trainers’ course was organized for candidates to the district electoral commissions for the 2008 local elections. The training was attended by 22 representatives of the Civil Society Support Centers from all regions of Kyrgyzstan, who will pass on their acquired knowledge by holding 60 regional training sessions for civil society. After the local elections, the FSK and ACSSC held a series of 30 roundtables at rayon level in all regions of Kyrgyzstan to discuss the results of the elections and the election process as a whole.

The project also paid special attention to building the capacity of the Central Electoral Commission of the Kyrgyz Republic by organizing a visit to Brussels, Belgium for representatives from the Kyrgyz Republic, who participated in the Fifth International Conference of Electoral Bodies on Distant voting from abroad. In addition to the conference, a separate meeting of the delegation from the Kyrgyz Republic with representatives of the Venetian Commission was organized to discuss electoral law and possible cooperation.

The final stage of the project was the National Conference at the end of 2008, where all stakeholders and actors could discuss the electoral processes in the Kyrgyz Republic and prospects for further development. The conference was attended by deputies of the Jogorku Kenesh of the KR, judges of the KR, as well as representatives of the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda, state authorities, civil society and international organizations. Mr. Sergei Kuznetsov, Legal Adviser of the Department for Elections and Referendums of the Venetian Commission

Secretariat (Strasbourg, France), who shared his experiences of the Commission and other countries in developing electoral systems, also attended.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$280 841
CONTRIBUTION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION	80% OF THE TOTAL BUDGET
CONTRIBUTION OF THE SOROS FOUNDATION-KYRGYZSTAN»	20% OF THE TOTAL BUDGET

5. Activity: Preventing domestic violence against women

DEVELOPING MECHANISMS FOR AND ENSURING THE LEGAL AND SOCIAL PROTECTION OF WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE PROJECT

Goal: creating a mechanism for systematic interaction between various agencies to ensure effective prevention of violence against women.

The project will implement basic activities to build the capacity of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies in preventing all forms of violence against women by training them, improving the legislation of the KR in preventing violence against women, monitoring the protection orders system under the Law of the KR on Social and Legal Protection from Domestic Violence and improving the mechanism for collecting and processing statistical data on violence, ensuring the institutional sustainability of the crisis centers by improving the quality of their services provided to victims of violence, developing special programs to deal with individuals who occasionally commit violence in the family, as well as information campaigns to air this problem in various mass media.

The project is implemented by the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan's Law Program. One of the first activities under the project was joining the "16 days of activism against gender violence" information campaign, which is held annually under the auspices of international organizations and civil society from November 25 to December 10 and is linked to international Human Rights Day. As part of this campaign, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan supported a press-conference organized by the 24.kg News Agency, which was held in UN House to inform the mass media about the start of this campaign. In addition, five banners / outdoor billboards with slogans of the campaign were produced and erected in various parts of Bishkek.

When the campaign ended on December 15, 2008, SFK organized a press conference in the 24.kg News Agency to announce the results of the campaign and inform people about the upcoming National Forum entitled Violence against women: seeking constructive solutions to the problem. The campaign drew attention to violence against marginalized women, women's rights, imperfection of the legal framework for protecting women's rights and the state's responsibility to its citizens for implementing their rights. SFK supported the publication of three types of booklets for the Association of Crisis Centers (3,000 copies) in two languages – Russian and Kyrgyz. The booklets are designed for victims of violence and provide comprehensive information with contact details of the crisis centers for future reference.

One of SFK's important activities as part of the information campaign, was to support the Crisis Centers Association by organizing the National Forum entitled Violence against women: finding constructive solutions to the problem, involving representatives of international organizations, the government, law enforcement agencies, healthcare institutions and non-governmental organizations. The purpose of the National Forum was to find appropriate ways of ensuring a dialogue between non-governmental organizations, government agencies and international organizations and to further develop a joint strategy to improve women's rights in Kyrgyzstan in order to protect them from all forms of violence..

As part of the project, teams of experts monitor the implementation of the *Law On Social and Legal Protection From Domestic Violence*, and temporary protection orders. The project will collect reliable information on the status, compliance and implementation of the *Law On Social and Legal Protection From Domestic Violence* and will assess the effectiveness of the temporary protection orders issued in compliance with this law.

The monitoring results will be summarized in an analytical report, which will be brought to the attention of all parties concerned. It will also outline the problems of law implementers, identify ways of improving the national legislation, regulations and instructions, and will improve the quality of law enforcement practice.

The project has also developed an information strategy to create a project web-page on the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan's website, which will highlight project events and announcements.

Moreover, under the Grant Network Program for Human Rights and Management of OSI-Budapest, the Crisis Centers Association was awarded a grant to strengthen five regional crisis centers to provide free psychological assistance to women - victims of domestic and gender violence.

Next year the project activities will be aimed at enhancing the capacity of law enforcement agencies and the judicial system, as well as improving the quality of services provided by crisis centers to victims of violence. The information campaign will be further promoted as part of the next 16-day campaign and National Forum. Special programs and videos on gender violence will also be produced as part of the project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$25,601
CONTRIBUTION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION	80% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT
CONTRIBUTION OF THE SOROS FOUNDATION-KYRGYZSTAN	20% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT
GRANT TO CRISIS CENTERS ASSOCIATION	\$9,340
TOTAL PROGRAMME COST	\$537,272*

* Including administrative costs of the program

BUDGET TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM

Nurlan Djoldoshev, Program Director
Syrga Isabaeva, Program Administrator

Main objectives of the program:



The Budget Transparency and Public Accountability Program was launched in September 2008.

The goal of the program is to ensure transparency, accountability and public participation in state income and expenditures management. To achieve this, the program works with various civil society associations and coalitions, international finance institutions, the international secretariat of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and other donor organizations.

- 1) Increasing transparency of revenues from the mining industry in Kyrgyzstan. The program aims at further EITI implementation and its expansion in the KR;
- 2) Capacity building of civil society organizations involved in monitoring of state revenues income. Activities are designed to assist NGOs in developing and implementing their strategic plans; organize training on monitoring of state revenues income; providing analytical support to activities; ensuring regular exchange of experiences and information between Kyrgyz NGOs, the mass media and their counterparts from other countries;
- 3) Increasing budget transparency and access to information on state budgeting formulation and budget execution implementation. Activities are aimed at involving NGOs in the budget process and supporting civil initiatives on promoting the transparency of state income;
- 4) Increasing transparency and access to information in the water and energy sector, including key management and budgetary decisions of the government. The activities aim to increase public access to information in the energy sector; promote a dialogue between civil society and the government on energy sector related issues; and support joint efforts of civil society to expand the active involvement of non-governmental groups and local communities in the process of making important decisions in the energy sector.

Program activities

1. Training: Strategic Planning and NGO Development, October 28-31, 2008, Chok-Tal village, Kyrgyzstan

The purpose of the training is to build the capacity of non-governmental organizations that are members of the various NGOs' networks and associations striving for budget transparency and accountability in the KR and to support NGOs in strategic planning and organizational development and improve their skills in project design.

TOTAL

\$5 140

2. Training: Access to budget information, November 25-26, 2008, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

The purpose of the training is to build NGOs' capacity in applying the Law On access to information maintained by state agencies and local governments of the KR in practice. During the

training access to information in general, as well as access to budget information, budgets and communication between NGOs, local governments and the mass media were discussed in detail.

NGOs were given a database with a breakdown by information category, maintained by state authorities. Training participants were shown the mechanisms for obtaining information and its processing and application in practice.

TOTAL **\$2 996**

3. Consultative meeting of members of the Supervisory Board, Secretariat and independent experts on further implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), December 3, 2008, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

The purpose of the meeting was to obtain information about EITI implementation, current challenges and problems, as well as their solution. The meeting was attended by representatives of civil society, government agencies and mining companies. Discussion topics: implementation of EITI, interaction with various stakeholders and the role of civil society in implementing the Initiative. The information obtained during the meeting made it possible to determine further action in this area for 2009.

TOTAL **\$1 523**

4. Study tour for representatives of organizations striving for budget transparency and EITI, December 8-12, 2008, Baku, Azerbaijan

Azerbaijan was one of the first CIS countries to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), and since 2005 it has ceaselessly worked to promote this initiative. Today, Azerbaijan is actively preparing for the validation process (evaluation) by EITI. Next year Kyrgyzstan will hold a series of activities in preparation for the validation process. It was very useful for study tour participants to learn the Azerbaijani experience and civil society in Azerbaijan has extensive experience in NGOs' network activities in this direction. Participants from Kyrgyz NGOs striving for budget transparency got helpful information on building successful interaction between network organizations. The study tour participants: Syrga Isabaeva, Program Administrator, Budget Transparency and Public Accountability Program, Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan); Rosa Gaybulina, Executive Director, Alliance for a transparent budget PA (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan); Jazgul Muteshova, Project Assistant, Human Development Center –Tree of Life PA (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan); Meerim Dosmuratova, Program Assistant, Interbilim Resource Center (Osh, Kyrgyzstan); Karybek Ibraev, Executive Director of the Kyrgyz Mining Association (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan); and Kadyrbek Kalkanov, Head of the Department for Fiscal Relations Policy, Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan). As part of the study tour, the participants met with representatives of the Revenue Watch Institute, Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Azerbaijan, Civic Response Network, Investigative Journalists Network, National Budget Group and the EITI coalition. As a result of the meetings, the participants learned how these organizations work, established new contacts, gained new experience in some directions and discussed possible joint activities for next year. .

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$11 062**

GRANT PROGRAMS

Alliance for a Transparent Budget Association of Legal Entities (Bishkek)

Public opinion poll on the transparency and efficiency of the state budget of the KR Project. Goal: to assess the extent of civil society's influence on the budget process and identify the most

interesting and successful campaigns aimed at improving the efficiency of budget processes at all levels.

Project Manager: R. M. Gaybulina

GRANT TOTAL	\$19886
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$82 624*

* Including administrative costs of the program

Public Health Program

Aibek Mukambetov, Program Director
Zulaika Esentaeva, Program Administrator

THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM:

The mission of the program: to change the established public norms preventing marginalized groups from having access to health and social services by promoting transparency and efficiency of health services and budget.

1. Law and Health

Promote legal norms in the health sector for the benefit of marginalized groups so as to ensure their rights to equal access to health and social services.

2. Mental Health Initiative

Promote legal norms in the health sector for the benefit of marginalized groups so as to ensure their rights to equal access to health and social services.

3. Harm Reduction

De-stigmatize drug users and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), as well as form social norms that would promote equal access to health and social services for the above marginalized groups.

4. Sexual Health and Rights

Change and create social norms that would protect the rights of sex workers and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) people in access to health and social services.

5. Health Budget Monitoring

Change the attitudes of society and marginalized groups to the state budget for the health sector as a way of promoting effective and equitable distribution of resources in order to ensure equal access to health services.

6. Media and Health

Support the effective integration of media professionals in advocacy campaigns aimed at providing equal access to healthcare services for marginalized groups (IDUs, PLWHA, sex workers, LGBTI, people with mental health problems) and raise public awareness of the state budget distribution in the health sector.



PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAM

1. ACTIVITY: LAW AND HEALTH

Law and Health workshop, Salzburg, Austria, February 10-16, 2008

Goal: to build the capacity of participants from the KR, exchange experience and acquire new knowledge to write a practical Law and Health guide.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$3 234**

Training: Marginalized population groups and health: a review of international and national legislation. Problems of law enforcement practices, April 14-18, 2008

Goal: to build the capacity of local experts in protecting the rights of patients from marginalized groups. The main focus of the training is to create a favorable legal environment to promote the observance and protection of patients' rights.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$ 8 576**

Launch of four reports on the observance and monitoring of the rights of patients from marginalized groups Project November 16-20, 2008

Goal: to support the Aman Plus, Diaron, Ravenstvo and Musaada PAs in preparing and presenting reports for government agencies and the public on respect for patients' rights in medical institutions of the country.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$12 881**

2. ACTIVITY: MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

Grant project: Study tour to the Czech Republic under the Community Care for Mental Health Project, Prague, March 10–16, 2008

Goal: to exchange experience with organizations working to develop outpatient services for people with mental health problems in the Czech Republic.

TOTAL GRANT **\$2 193**

Grant project: Creating community-based mental health care services, 2008, Family and Society PA

Goal: to set up a multidisciplinary home care team to organize outpatient mental health care in the community.

The project is the result of the study tour to the Czech Republic from March 10 to 16, 2008. Based on a successful example of community-based care for people with mental health problems, the Family and Society PA initiated these services in the Kyrgyz Republic using a multidisciplinary approach, the fundamental principle of which involves skilled professionals in various areas (family therapist, psychiatrist, psychologist and child psychiatrist). Under this approach, comprehensive assistance is provided both to families and individuals with mental health problems. The approach complies with the basic concept of human rights protection. As part of the project, the Family and

Society NGO held meetings with government institutions. As a result of the meetings, the Ministry of Health expressed its willingness to cooperate and establish a working group on reforming psychiatric services with a focus on the provision of psychiatric care in communities, with financial support from the MoH of the KR.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$11 938**

Research and situational analysis in the field of mental health Project July 22 - October 14, 2008

Goal: to research mental health related problems and socio-economic profiles of people with mental health problems.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$5 405**

Grant project: Providing outpatient mental health care for people with mental health problems and intellectual disabilities and their relatives, 2008, Family and Society NGO

Goal: to further develop comprehensive community-based psychiatric care for people **with mental health problems and intellectual disabilities** and their families, their support, rehabilitation and social adaptation.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$ 29 400**

Activity: Harm Reduction

Special course of English language for activists working in harm reduction area involving Peace Corps volunteers, March 11-20, 2008

Goal: English language training for activists working in harm reduction area in order to improve effective communication with partners from international and foreign organizations involved in harm reduction activities.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$7 604**

Project on organizational development and fundraising implemented by the Harm Reduction Network Association

Goal: to build the capacity of NGOs that are members of the Harm Reduction Network Association to ensure effective management, organizational development, and fundraising.

Trainers: A.Kurbanova, E.Tkacheva.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$ 4 988**

Grant project: Advocating for injecting drug users' (IDU) rights in public health settings, Aman plus NGO

Goal: to promote observance of drug users' human rights in the public health settings by educating physicians and health workers, negotiating with decision makers within the public health system and increasing social support services.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$19 906**

Grant project: Drugs overdoses prevention, Ranar NGO

Goal: multilateral advocacy for the use of naloxone in order to reduce lethal drugs overdoses.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$5 327**

Grant project: Eastern European and Central Asian AIDS Conference, May 3-5, 2008, Moscow, Russia

Goal: to award individual grants to civil society representatives aimed at learning HIV/AIDS-related developments at regional and international levels.

Individual grants were provided based on professional experience and needs for enhancing the capacity of NGOs working in harm reduction area and HIV/AIDS prevention.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$7 548**

Production and publication of an English-Russian phrasebook on harm reduction Project

Goal: completion of the English Language School for activists working in harm reduction area involving Peace Corps volunteers by publishing a phrasebook to further improve English language skills gained by the workshop participants.

Many NGO representatives working in harm reduction area face difficulties when communicating with foreign colleagues during meetings, discussions and presentations at international conferences, visits by donors, official correspondence with representatives of international organizations, etc. Such difficulties often arise due to poor English language knowledge and skills. The phrasebook was produced to provide feasible assistance to staff of organizations working in harm reduction area, in order to improve their communications with foreign counterparts and donors.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$1 885**

Workshop on procedures for applying to the Global Foundation to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, November 25 – 28, 2008

Goal: training NGOs working in harm reduction area on procedures for applying for the 9th round of funding from the Global Foundation (GF) to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$2 975**

4. ACTIVITY: SEXUAL HEALTH AND RIGHTS

Monitoring and evaluation of NGO activities in protecting the rights of sex workers to quality health services Project, October 2008

Goal: research and analysis of the current situation on protecting the rights of sex workers in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The research in Jalalabat was carried out jointly with Katarína Jireľová, the international consultant of the SHARP program, Open Society Institute. The project was implemented jointly with the Tais Plus and Tais Plus 2 NGOs.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$693**

Issuing a report on access to health for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people in Kyrgyzstan Project

Goal: to inform people of the problems of access to public health for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people and change the current negative attitude in society towards this marginalized group, as well as more effectively protect the rights of LGBTI. The report was prepared jointly with the Labrys NGO, the SHARP of Open Society Institute.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$2 083**

5. ACTIVITY: HEALTH BUDGET MONITORING

Grant project - workshop - Advocacy plan for Central Asian organizations working in the budget area, May 19-22, 2008, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Goal: building human and social capacity by providing individual grants to civil society organizations working for budget transparency.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$1 729**

Preparing a report on budget transparency in the field of mental health Project

Goal: to write a good quality report on budget transparency in the field of mental health taking into account international practice and specific legal aspects in the KR for further advocacy of the rights of people with mental health problems.

To achieve the goal, a working group including representatives of NGOs striving to protect the rights of people with mental health problems, was set up. The working group, with Shaamela Cassiem, a South Africa-based international consultant of the Open Society Institute jointly discussed the report format and content.

Members of the working group:

B. Makenbaeva, Mental Health and Society NGO;
L. A. Panteleeva, Family and Society NGO and
N. Toktakunov, Independent Human Rights Protection Group

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$1 069**

Workshop on procurement and supply management, December 1-5, 2008

Goal: building the capacity of NGOs working for budget transparency in procurement and supply of anti-retroviral and other life-saving medications .

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$3 227**

6. ACTIVITY: MEDIA AND HEALTH

Developing a program concept, June 2008

Goal: to develop a publicly accessible and understandable concept of the media and health Program to more effectively promote the main ideas in this direction.

To achieve the above goal, a roundtable was held involving NGOs working in partnership with the Public Health Program experts. The following experts were involved in developing the concept of the Media and Health Program: N. Lyubeznova, "Interfax" and B. Djunusova, Institute of Public Communications NGO

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$1 208
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$162 258*

* Including administrative costs of the program..

Central Asian Regional HIV/AIDS Program (CARHAP)

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Mission: To help in preventing the further spread of HIV/AIDS in Central Asia

CARHAP is funded by the British Department for International Development (DFID) and is implemented by the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan in close collaboration with GRM International.

The objectives of the four-year funded program are as follows: support the activities on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst persons with risky behavior; build the capacity of providers of harm reduction services and decision-makers; support the UN “Three Ones” principles and help improve the policy and legal environment to increase the effectiveness of information and prevention programs.

PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAM

Implementation of the project on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst prisoners in the penitentiary system of the Kyrgyz Republic

From July 2007 to September 2008, the CARHAP program, jointly with the Ministry of Justice (MJ) of the Kyrgyz Republic, implemented a project on HIV/AIDS prevention in the penitentiary system of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Prevention of HIV/AIDS amongst prisoners in the penitentiary institutions by establishing social support services in correctional institutions and pre-trial detention center (PTDC) of the MJ of the KR - 2007-2008 Project achieved positive results in terms of raising awareness and changing risky behavior of convicts. This was particularly important in the light of humanizing the legislation in early 2007: 10% of convicts were covered by the project. The project will increase the range of services and expand its coverage through programs on harm reduction and social support for 10 months, with further institutionalization of the program before and after release in 10 closed penitentiary institutions. This will include services for marginalized convicts stigmatized as victims of sexual violence. In addition, the project will expand the range of harm reduction services in the detention centers in Bishkek and Osh, primarily providing services on exchanging clean syringes and VCT.

TOTAL

£ 81 727

Technical assistance to the working group on integrating socio-medical and legal aspects of HIV prevention and treatment for vulnerable groups into the curricula of higher and secondary education institutions in Central Asia and Azerbaijan

From August-October 2008, a special working group analyzed material of the World Federation for Medical Education’s Basic Medical Education and WFME global standards to improve the quality of education (2003), WHO research entitled The adequacy of treatment for drug addicts (2005) and

the Model Law on Drug Use and HIV (Canadian Legal Network on HIV/AIDS, 2006), as well as the relevant objectives of national programs on HIV prevention and treatment. Technical assistance was provided by the CARHAP Program and UN Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention. Based on this analysis, the working group developed the recommendations on model/standard curricula for higher and postgraduate education in health, social protection and enforcement of penalties to ensure professional competencies and values that would become the basis for the organization of generally accessible HIV infection prevention and treatment.

TOTAL **\$ 40 570**

Technical support to the working group in developing a legal framework for social support to social centers

In December 2008, CARHAP provided technical support in developing a legal framework for social support to social centers. An Interagency Working Group reviewed, recorded and analyzed all documentation on preparing prisoners for release in the Kyrgyz Republic, analyzed international experience (there are reports on legislation analysis - UNODC/CARHAP working group), developed regulatory legal documents on this topic, including on providing social support and developed job descriptions for social bureau workers in the penitentiary institutions of the KR. The A Resolution was later approved by Orders of the MJ of the KR and Main Directorate for Administering Punishment (GUIN) of the MJ of the KR.

TOTAL **\$2 059**

Throughout the year, the CARHAP Program regularly provided technical assistance to the above-named working groups. Members of the working groups have been actively involved in program activities implemented under the component to create an enabling environment for the provision of harm reduction services to vulnerable groups. In addition, after reviewing the program strategy on building the capacity and prioritizing staff training from each AIDS-servicing organization, the program regularly invited consultants/trainers to conduct 'in-field' training in grantees' offices.

TOTAL **\$33 276**

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

January 31 – February 3, 2008. Training in advocating for harm reduction programs for CARHAP Program grantees

Training for CARHAP's grantees was conducted in the Ashuu guest house and aimed to provide them with a clear idea of the main concept of advocating for harm reduction program that would enable them to effectively lobby and advocate for harm reduction and HIV/AIDS projects with state authorities and the international community. The training was attended by 22 people - managers and middle level staff from NGOs working in Chui, Osh, Jalalabat and Batken oblasts.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$9 550**

February 18-21, 2008. Training on developing and implementing service delivery systems for HIV prevention amongst vulnerable groups.

The training was conducted in collaboration with the Project «Capacity» in Osh and was attended by 20 representatives of non-governmental organizations from Osh, Jalalabat and Batken oblasts

and Osh city implementing projects on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst vulnerable groups. The main objective of the training was to discuss effective implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention programs and exchange experience in working with vulnerable groups that are most at risk of HIV infection.

February 25-28, 2008. Training on developing and implementing service delivery systems for HIV prevention amongst marginalized groups

The training was conducted in collaboration with the Capacity Project in Kalmak-Ashuu village Chui oblast and was attended by 20 representatives of nongovernmental organizations from Chui Oblast and Bishkek implementing projects on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst vulnerable groups. The main objective of the training was to discuss effective implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention programs and exchange experience in working with vulnerable groups that are most at risk of HIV infection.

March 4-7, 2008. Training on organizing preventive interventions amongst groups marginalized by HIV/AIDS

The training was conducted in collaboration with the Capacity Project in Kalmak-Ashuu village Chui oblast. 23 representatives of public healthcare structures and nongovernmental organizations from Chui oblast and Bishkek working on HIV/AIDS prevention participated in the training. During the training, participants discussed the HIV/AIDS situation, vulnerability issues, methods of prevention, harm reduction strategies, partnership, interaction between NGOs and government agencies, counseling, advocacy, etc.

March 11-13, 2008. Training on organizing preventive interventions amongst groups vulnerable by HIV/AIDS

The training was conducted in collaboration with the Capacity Project in Osh. 25 representatives of public healthcare institutions and NGOs from Osh, Jalalabad and Batken oblasts and Osh city implementing projects on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst vulnerable groups participated in the training. The main objective of the training was to discuss effective implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention programs and exchange experience of work with vulnerable groups that are most at risk of HIV infection.

TOTAL TRAINING COST

\$10 918

April 15-17, 2008. Training on advocating for harm reduction programs in the penitentiary system of the Kyrgyz Republic

The training was conducted for 20 representatives of the correctional institutions in Chui oblast and Bishkek implementing projects on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst prisoners. The main objective of the training was to develop a commitment to harm reduction programs by deputy chiefs of correctional institutions and training social workers and psychologists working in social centers to support convicts.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$5 094

June 4-6, 2008. Training on harm reduction program management for mid-level staff of NGOs from Osh city, Osh, Jalalabad and Batken oblasts

The training was conducted in the Crystall Hotel in Osh. 16 representatives of non-governmental organizations from Osh city, Osh, Jalalabat and Batken oblasts implementing the project on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst vulnerable groups participated in the training. The main objective of the training was to develop the skills of middle-level staff of NGOs in managing harm reduction projects/

programs. Skills of how to establish partnerships with other non-governmental organizations and state agencies working in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention were also discussed.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$3 723**

August 6-9, 2008. Training on harm reduction program management for mid-level staff of NGOs from Bishkek and Chui oblast

The training was conducted in the Ashuu Guesthouse in Kalmak-Ashu village. 19 representatives of non-governmental organizations from Bishkek and Chui oblast implementing the project on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst vulnerable groups participated in the training. The main objective of the training was to develop the skills of middle-level staff of NGOs to manage harm reduction project/programs. Skills of how to establish partnerships with other non-governmental organizations and state agencies working in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention were also discussed.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$5 739**

September 24-25, 2008. Workshop for the CARHAP Program's Pool of Consultants

The workshop was held at the Royal Beach Hotel, Issyk-Kul oblast for 9 consultants and trainers from CARHAP's Consultants' Pool. The main objective of the workshop was to discuss the future of the pool of consultants as a separate intellectual agency. Consultants proposed interesting Pool development options and outlined the action plan until the end of the CARHAP Program.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$1 746**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND STUDY TOURS

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CARHAP

From May 11 to 15, 2008 the 19th International Conference on harm reduction from drug use was held in Barcelona, Spain. The aim of the conference was to exchange international experience between representatives of state agencies, the non-governmental sector and international organizations on reducing harm from drug abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention. The Regional Office of the CARHAP Program nominated Anar Alymkulova, the consultant and trainer from CARHAP's Pool of Consultants and Ulan Dastan uulu, a lawyer from the Adilet Legal Clinic PA to participate in the conference. The CARHAP Regional Consultant on building capacity gave a presentation on CARHAP's Pool of Consultants during the Capacity building session. A presentation-poster entitled Involving community leaders in the decision-making process prepared by Chinara Maatkerimova, CARHAP National Program Assistant, was presented at the conference by Altynay Altybaeva, CARHAP Regional Program Assistant

From September 7 to 13, 2008 a group of 5 people including representatives of 3 AIDS service organizations from Bishkek, visited partner organizations in the Dushanbe, Kulyab, Khujand, Farkhor and Hamadoni regions in Tajikistan to exchange experience. The study tour was organized by the National Implementing Partners of the CARHAP Program in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

As part of the study tour, CARHAP grantees in Tajikistan were visited to exchange experience and discuss implementation of harm reduction programs, general problems and possible solutions. The Kyrgyz delegate made valuable recommendations on implementing harm reduction programs, creating an enabling environment and interaction with public authorities, based on their own experience.

From October 15 to 22, 2008 a group of 7 people including representatives of 2 AIDS services organizations from Dushanbe, Tajikistan visited partner organizations in Osh and Jalalabat. The main target group was sex workers. The study tour participants exchanged experience and experienced outreach activities for themselves in Jalalabad in the evening. They also visited friendly offices, where healthcare workers provide medical services to vulnerable groups anonymously.

From December 2 to 8, 2008 a group of healthcare specialists and CARHAP Program staff from Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan visited Urumqi and Kulzha, in the Uighur Autonomous Region in China as part of the study tour organized by the Central Asia Regional HIV/AIDS Program (CARHAP) and the China-Australia Xingjian HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Project (XJHAPAC) to exchange experience. They visited the Regional Healthcare Bureau, Center for Disease Control in the Uighur Autonomous Region in Urumqi, projects supported by the Australia-China program and Methadone substitution Therapy and syringe exchange points.

GRANTS

In order to increase the target group and expand the range of harm reduction services and also provide better services, CARHAP continued and increased funding for projects in 2008.

Drop-in Center Project

Aman Plus PA

The project aims to provide services to reduce harm from injecting drug use through operating a drop-in center. The center provides the following services: voluntary counseling and testing for

HIV infection; socio-psychological counseling; motivational counseling; providing and exchanging syringes, disinfectants and condoms; counseling for families; self-help groups of anonymous drug users; legal and judicial aid; employment assistance; personal services (showers, laundry, one meal a day); primary healthcare; referring clients to other institutions.

Project Manager - Lev Babenko

GRANT

£7 583

NA STRECHU - SOCIAL SUPPORT BUREAU PROJECT

Rans Plus PA

The project aims to support the activities of the social Bureau in order to increase the target group and expand the range of services. The project will pay greater attention to activities aimed at creating an enabling environment for the use of harm reduction services. In order to increase the target group coverage the project will provide and exchange syringes and other items for safe injections and safe sex.

Project Manager - Ibragim Lebusov

GRANT

£8 629

THE INCREASED USE OF VALID HARM REDUCTION SERVICES BY VULNERABLE GROUPS IN BISHKEK AND ADJACENT RAYONS IN CHUI OBLAST PROJECT

Socium PA

The project aims to increase the coverage of vulnerable groups through an expanded range of services and ensure their detoxification and supporting therapy; provide ambulatory rehabilitation and psycho-social counseling for vulnerable groups and their relatives; form self- and mutual help groups, etc.

Project Manager - Cholpon Kurmanova

GRANT

£13 999

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AMONG VULNERABLE GROUPS (INJECTING DRUG USERS, SEX WORKERS AND CO-DEPENDENTS IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF KYRGYZSTAN PROJECT

Right to life PA

The project aims to support the activities of trust points, increase the target group, expand the range of services, and include high risk young people into the target group. The project will work hard to create an enabling environment for the use of harm reduction services.

Project Manager - Aybar Sultangaziev

GRANT

£11 711

STDs, HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AMONG MARGINALIZED POPULATION GROUPS IN OSH CITY AND OSH OBLAST PROJECT

Podrugа PA

The project aims to reduce HIV/STD cases among marginalized population groups in Osh oblast and change their risky behavior by providing a wide range of services. The main activities under the project will be: outreach; counseling; workshops; consultations on STDs (sexually transmitted diseases); access to social and healthcare services; dissemination of information material; and the distribution of condoms. A separate direction of the project is HIV/AIDS prevention among truckers, policemen and military personnel through information and educational workshops and disseminating information on HIV and STDs.

Project Manager - Mavlyuda Raimzhanova

GRANT

£5 607

DROP-IN CENTER FOR MARGINALIZED POPULATION GROUPS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE HARM REDUCTION SERVICES PROJECT

Healthy Generation PA

The project aims to support the work of a drop-in center for the target group. The project will provide information in the form of training and workshops; emotional and social support in the form of free meals; case management; first aid, if necessary; personal services (laundry, showers); individual and group interviews; motivational counseling to prepare for treatment; measures to help clients to voluntarily visit trust points; and overdoses prevention. All these services will be aimed at forming conscious decisions on treatment and rehabilitation.

Project Manager - Aisuluu Kannazarova

GRANT

£4 192

STAY WITH US PROJECT

Tais Plus Two PA

The project aims to provide the priority vulnerable group in Jalalabat with the necessary set of harm reduction services (low-threshold services, information, personal protection means, consultations by a psychologist, peer consultation by an HIV-infected consultant and referral to services provided by other projects). Project activities will help provide improved self healthcare by vulnerable groups, primarily through safe sex, that will ultimately contribute to reducing the spread of HIV / AIDS and STDs in the group.

Project Manager - Baigazy Ermatov

GRANT

£7 195

THE INCREASED USE OF A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF HARM REDUCTION SERVICES BY MARGINALIZED POPULATION GROUPS IN KYZYL-KIYA TOWN AND KADAMJAI VILLAGE PROJECT

Gvozdika PA

The project aims to provide harm reduction services and help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among vulnerable groups in Kyzyl-Kiya town and Kadamjay village. Project drug treatment specialists and venereologists provide medical services for clients of the project.

Project Manager - Zamira Abdrakhmanova

GRANT

£3 200

IMPROVING THE LEGAL PROTECTION AND LEGAL CULTURE OF VULNERABLE GROUPS PROJECT

Legal Clinic Adilet PA

The project aims to provide free legal aid to the target group of the project; access to legal information in order to improve legal protection, awareness and support to vulnerable groups when obtaining/renewing documents; address legal problems faced by vulnerable groups when trying to reintegrate into civil society, in particular, civil, legal, marriage, family, work problems etc.

Project Manager - Eric Iriskulbekov

GRANT

£14 290

REFLECTION PLUS - SUPPORT TO AND REINTEGRATION OF EX-PRISONERS PROJECT

Ranar PA

The project is the continuation of the Reflection Project aimed at creating a model of integrated social support, post-prison rehabilitation and reintegration into society of vulnerable groups and HIV-positive individuals, including those who were previously treated for drug addiction under the Atlantis Program. The Atlantis Program was implemented in penitentiaries by Ranar PA in close collaboration with other NGOs and government agencies. The project also aims to increase the coverage and improve the quality of services provided to project beneficiaries. It will provide the following services: accommodation in a Half-way House; post-released rehabilitation and a re-adaptation program; therapeutic sessions with Half-way House clients; anti-reoffending therapy programs; referral for VCT, organizing self-help groups etc.

Project Manager - Sherboto Tokombaev

GRANT

£6 649

EXPANSION OF HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS AND CASE MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO RELEASE PROJECT

Harm Reduction Network Association, Association of Legal Entities

The project aims to expand harm reduction programs in the penitentiary system of the Kyrgyz Republic, namely, social support services; syringe exchange points in PTDCs in Bishkek and Osh; preventive measures for victims of sexual violence.

Project Manager - Bermet Tokombaeva

GRANT

£81 727

SMALL GRANTS

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AMONG MARGINALIZED GROUPS (INJECTING DRUG USERS, SEX WORKERS, EX-CONVICTS AND CO-DEPENDENTS IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF KYRGYZSTAN

Rans Plus PA

The project aims to prevent HIV/AIDS among vulnerable groups (IDUs, SW, ex-convicts and co-dependents) in the northern regions of Kyrgyzstan by expanding the activities of the Za Strechu social agency.

Project Manager - Ibragim Lebuzov

GRANT

£3 020

SUPPORT TO THE ATLANTIS REHABILITATION CENTER IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (CI) NO27, GUIN OF THE MJ OF THE KR PROJECT

Correctional colony No27 GUIN of the MJ of the KR

The project supports the continuation of the Atlantis Rehabilitation Center in correctional institution No27, where convicts with TB and chemical addiction can participate in a 12-step rehabilitation program.

Project Manager - Galina Pasko

GRANT

£1 500

SUPPORT TO THE ATLANTIS REHABILITATION CENTER IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (CI) NO 31, GVIN OF THE MJ PROJECT

Correctional colony No31, GVIN of the Ministry of Justice of the KR

The project supports the continuation of the Atlantis Rehabilitation Center in correctional institution No 31, where convicts with TB and chemical addiction can participate in a 12-step rehabilitation program.

Project Manager – Irina Lapuzina

GRANT

£1 500

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF SERVICES AND ENSURING THE UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY OF HARM REDUCTION SERVICES IN SOKULUK RAYON, CHUI OBLAST PROJECT

Right to life PA

The project aims to introduce and use Quality Management Tool of harm reduction services and their management. The manual on improving the quality of syringe and other items exchange was analyzed and assessed under the project; standards for these services were developed in the NGO based on minimum service standards; a plan of activities to improve the quality of services was developed, during which the recipient identified the basic needs for its effective implementation and it is currently being implemented.

Project Manager - Aybar Sultangaziev

GRANT

£2 693

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AMONG VULNERABLE GROUPS (INJECTING DRUG USERS, SEX WORKERS, EX-CONVICTS AND CO-DEPENDENTS) IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS OF THE KR (EXPANDING THE COVERAGE AND RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ZA STRECHU SOCIAL AGENCY PROJECT

Rans Plus PA

Since November 2007, the recipient has been implementing a social support project providing syringe and other items exchange, renewal of documents, ambulatory rehabilitation and establishing self-help groups and working with co-dependents and providing socio-psychological support for PLWHA. Since November 2006 services have been provided to 960 people. The project is being implemented properly however the quality of services is sometimes inadequate. Therefore, the project aims to improve the quality of the services provided.

Project Manager - Ibragim Lebusov

GRANT

£2 443

REFLECTION PLUS-2 – SUPPORT TO AND REINTEGRATION OF EX-PRISONERS PROJECT

Ranar PA

The project continues the Reflection Project and provides the following services: consultations on legal issues; therapeutic sessions with a psychologist and consultations with a social worker.

Project Manager - Dmitry Samarin

GRANT

£2 990

VOICE OF FREEDOM PROJECT

Kairos PA

The project provides training and informative audio-material for the radio center in PTDC-1, a component of the Harm Reduction Network Project implemented by the Association funded by CARHAP, to create a model of comprehensive social support, post-released rehabilitation and

reintegration of drug users and HIV-positive persons into society. The project involves the collection and analysis of information for recording audio material and providing it to the radio center in PTDC-1.

Project Manager - Dilshat Khaitov
GRANT

£2 916

INFORMING PLUS PROJECT

Association of Legal Entities, Harm Reduction Network Association

The project aims to inform the public and penitentiary system staff involved in the project, on preparing prisoners for release. It will involve injecting drug users in the harm reduction programs.

Project Manager - Bermet Tokombaeva
GRANT

£2 704

HIV/AIDS AND DRUG USE PREVENTION AMONG IDUS AND RESIDENTS OF TOKOLDOSH RAYON IN BISHKEK PROJECT

Seven Roads Crossing PA

The project aims to prevent HIV/AIDS by setting up groups of volunteers that will exchange sterile syringes, provide consultations and disseminate information and educational material, provide psychological support to drug users and co-dependents and involve addicts in various sports, as a post-rehabilitation measure. The project works closely with partners in other AIDS-servicing organizations in Bishkek and Chui oblast.

Project Manager - Ludmila Novichenok
GRANT

£2 827

TECHNICAL GRANTS

IMPROVING THE LEGAL KNOWLEDGE OF LAWYERS, HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL WORKERS FROM PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND NGOS WORKING ON HIV/AIDS AND DRUG ADDICTION RELATED PROBLEMS PROJECT

Adilet Legal Clinic PA

The project aims to improve the legal knowledge of lawyers, healthcare and social workers from public institutions and NGOs working on HIV/AIDS and drug abuse through training and internships in the Adilet Legal Clinic PA and practical application of the acquired theoretical knowledge.

Project Manager - Eric Iriskulbekov
GRANT

£12 934

CREATING FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR IDUS BY TRAINING FAMILY MEDICINES GROUPS

Family Healthcare Specialists PA

The project aims to prevent HIV/AIDS and other diseases among IDUs; changing the behavior of target groups; creating favorable conditions for IDUs through training family medicines in Osh, Jalalabat, Batken and Chui oblasts and Bishkek; organizing information and educational sessions for family medicines in order to raise awareness on the HIV/AIDS and drug use related situation in each oblast; as well as monitoring training for family medicines in each oblast.

Project Manager - Gulshara Orozbekova
GRANT

£9 262

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$ 112 675*

£ 209 571*

* Including administrative costs of the program

EAST-EAST: PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS NETWORK PROGRAM

Manas Toktombaev, Program Coordinator

The mission of the program is to promote the development of civil society and establish long-term partnership through support to transboundary and regional projects.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Managing diversity at local level (Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan (tripartite international project), November 2007 - June 2008

Goals: developing mutual cooperation between national-cultural associations in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan; exchange of experience and studying different approaches to overcoming the interethnic and intercultural problems faced by Central Asian countries. A study tour to Kazakhstan for the delegations from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (hosted by the Dialogue NGO) is the second phase of the project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$18 124**

Interbilim International Center PA, March - June 2008

Training young Kyrgyz leaders in Poland Project

Goal: to study the concept and practice of leadership and share experience through meetings with political and civil society leaders, representatives of the mass media, state agencies and successful entrepreneurs in Poland.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$10 370**

Your home LE Regional Association of Apartment Owners (RHOA) Project, June - September 2008

Goal: to study the innovative experience of Russia (St. Petersburg) and Lithuania (Vilnius) on developing new methods of common property maintenance by Homeowners Associations (HOA) and management companies; promote the development of new methods of housing management and improve the quality of housing services in Kyrgyzstan.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$6 040**

Patient's rights and safety, International project (Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Poland), May – December 2008

Goal: to unite efforts of partner organizations striving to ensure patients' safety, establish contacts and discuss existing problems at international level and prioritize problems of the healthcare systems of member countries.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$2 916**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$34 670***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

ART AND CULTURE NETWORK PROGRAM

Nazira Turarova, Program Coordinator

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Partnership for Development for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Mongolia, Turkey and Afghanistan.

The Art and Culture Network Program aims to support joint artistic and/or cultural efforts/initiatives involving representatives from at least three of the above mentioned target countries.

At the second stage of the Partnership for Development Program some projects from Kyrgyzstan were supported in 2007. These projects were launched in 2008. The grants were intended for the following activities: master classes, workshops and conferences on museum education; exchange of creative persons' experience in modern art; expanding relations between persons with disabilities through a film festival; as well as developing handicrafts in rural areas to address employment problems and strengthening intercultural and interethnic tolerance.

Financial Information:

Art in Public Spaces International Symposium. The project was initiated by the B'Art Contemporary PA, Project Manager - Shaarbek Amankulov. The goal of the project is to enable creative individuals to exchange information and ideas, implement these ideas in public urban spaces. As part of the project, a group of artists from the former Soviet Union and bordering countries participated in a two-week workshop developed by specialists of Art in Public Spaces from the United States and Russia. In addition, artists will work in some public places specified by the project.

GRANT

\$22 980

Movies without Barriers. The project was initiated by the Republican Independent Association of Women with Disabilities, Project Manager - Asipa Musayeva. The goal of the project is to expand relations between people with disabilities through an Movies without Barriers International Film Festival on problems faced by people with disabilities.

GRANT

\$21 754

Museums as a resource for developing educational space. The project was initiated by the Center for Museum Initiatives PA. Project Manager - Aida Alymova. The goal of the project is to create conditions for modernizing and developing museums in two republics - Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan, with the active support of experts from Russia.

GRANT

\$20 000

Multicultural understanding and tolerance. The project was initiated by the Egalité PA, Project Manager - Jahongir Iskhakov. Project goals: address employment related problems; reduce poverty; ensure intercultural and interethnic tolerance and organize cultural events for schoolchildren and women from the targeted community (Iskra village, Chui rayon, Chui oblast) by developing handicrafts.

GRANT

\$4 990

Goal: promote the development and implementation of a cultural policy concept in the Kyrgyz Republic that would define benchmarks for state programs in local culture and reflect the diversity of cultures in modern society in Kyrgyzstan.

Activities

January - April. Finalizing the draft Concept of Cultural Policy. Program experts finalized the draft Concept of Cultural Policy of the KR.

April, Bishkek, the Ministry of Culture and Information of the KR. Presentation of the Concept to the Board of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the KR. Members of the Board headed by the Minister, decided to finalize and further promote the draft Concept. The draft concept of cultural policy of the KR will be finalized and further promoted by the Ministry of Culture and Information of the KR.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$880

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$74 356*

* Including administrative costs of the program.

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Program Coordinator - Manas Toktombaev

The mission of the program is to promote gender equality principles in state and public policy in order to provide equal opportunities for women and men in Kyrgyzstan.

Building the capacity of responsible agencies and improving the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic in preventing domestic violence Project

Goals: promote implementation of the Law On social and legal protection from domestic violence of the Kyrgyz Republic by introducing changes to the legislation; monitoring implementation of the law and the institutionalization of education for agencies that are responsible for enforcing the law.

June 17, 2008, Bishkek, Parliamentary hearing on implementation of the Law On social and legal protection from domestic violence of the Kyrgyz Republic and discussion of the proposed amendments to the relevant legislation in order to prevent domestic violence (final activity). *Goals:* monitoring the implementation of the Law On social and legal protection from domestic violence; improving the legislation on preventing violence; preventing family violence and providing social and legal assistance and finding solutions to address this problem. *Participants:* deputies of the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic; representatives of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic; Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; government agencies; heads of public administrations; local governments; representatives of international organizations and the mass media.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$2 559**

June 2008, development of an educational and methodological manual on family and gender violence for law enforcement and judicial authorities.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$977**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$6 904***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

ETHNIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Manas Toktombaev, Program Coordinator

Program mission: developing a democratic, open multicultural society in the KR with interethnic harmony.

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Managing diversity at national and local levels

Goal: facilitate the development of policies for managing diversity at local level.

November 9-16, 2008, Bishkek. Study tour of experts from South-Eastern Europe (Philia Center for Regionalism and the Association of multiethnic cities) to Kyrgyzstan (final activity).

Goals: exchange of experience on expert activity at Central Asian level; sharing practical experiences under the project at municipal level; sharing experiences on cross-border cooperation. Partners: Center for Social Integration (Bishkek), Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Open Society Institute (Budapest).

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$10 650***

* The costs of the event, transportation costs, accommodation and food for the participants.

THE PROGRAM TOTAL **\$24 710***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

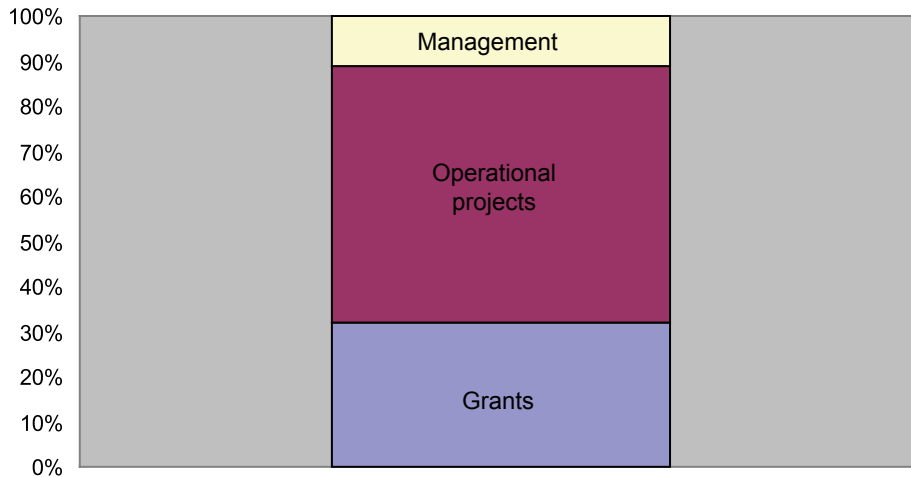
2007 Annual Report

Soros Foundation–Kyrgyzstan

GENERAL OVERVIEW FOR 2007

In 2007, Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan implemented its activities in the following priority directions: protection of human rights and freedoms; promoting the development of civil and democratic society; improving the efficiency and accountability of public governance and promoting reforms in education, health and culture.

THE FOUNDATION'S TOTAL BUDGET IN 2007 WAS USD 3,861,092



The Management category includes the costs of general administrative management. The Foundation's budget is split into the grant component and operational projects implemented directly by the Foundation's programs. The latter category also includes administrative costs of the program staff.

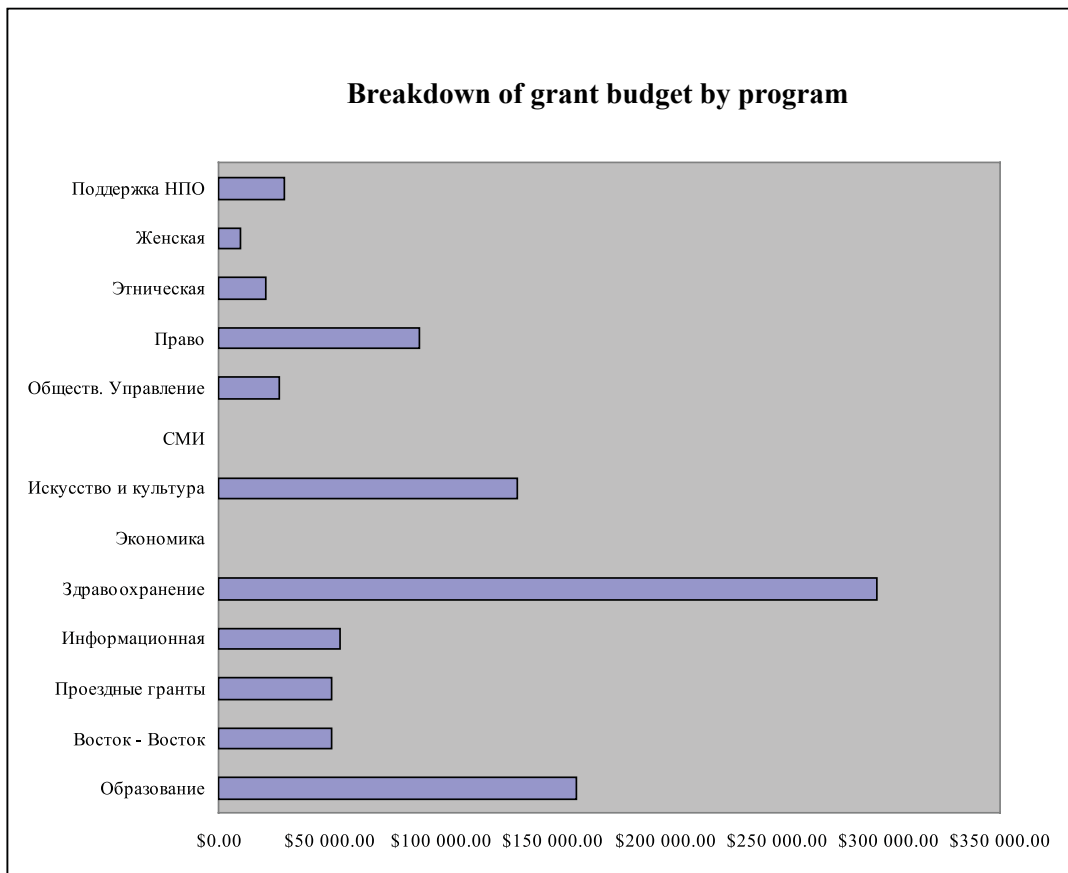
In 2007, the Foundation paid 10,909,865 soms to the state budget (in the form of SF charges, income and other taxes).

In 2007, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan completed its two-year phase under the strategic directions developed by the Foundation. The programs to promote the ideas and values of an open democratic society were implemented. Under its programs in 2007, the Foundation implemented activities to protect human rights; enhance transparency of the state budget; reform the approaches to multicultural ethnical development and gender policy; harmonize interests in developing the information and communication technologies sector; reform economic policies; reduce harm from drug abuse and prevent HIV/AIDS; develop the higher education system and social partnership between schools and libraries with local communities and governments; promote effective management of the mass media; etc.

The 2007 Grant budget of the SFK amounted to USD 922,014; 248 grants were awarded

Program Budget (U.S. dollars)

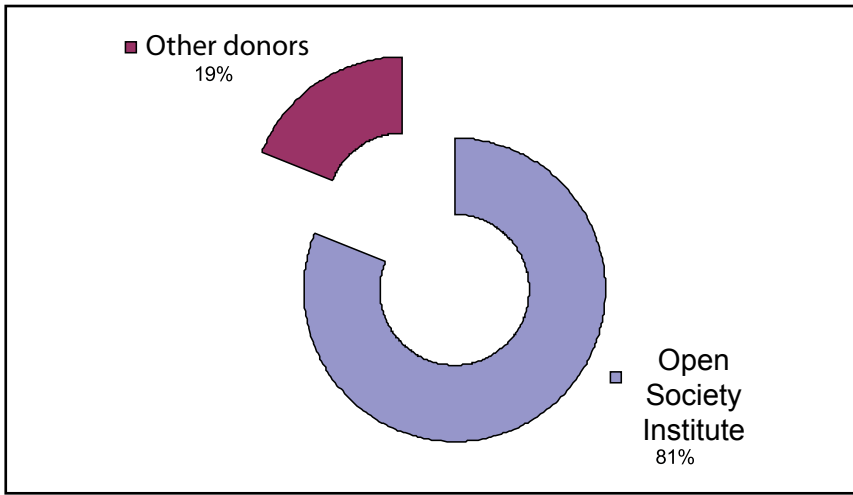
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Programs	Budget, USD
Education	647,893
Support to NGOs	221,386
Economic reform	164,662
Law program	486,180
Mass media support program	200,433
Public governance	343,249
Grants for study tours	56,277
Information program	127,064
Public health	721,288
Искусство и культура	200 073
Этническое развитие	70 809
Женская программа	71 609
Восток-Восток	85 573
Другие программы	30 087
Итого:	3 426 593

The Foundation's programs budget amounted to USD 3,426,593. The budget for the Law, Education and Public Health Programs includes funds from the European Union, USAID and DFID.

In 2007, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan's activities were funded by the Open Society Institute (New York), the US Agency for International Development, DFID, European Union, and the US State Department.



Economic Reform Program

Damir Bisembin, Program Coordinator



The goal of the program is promoting the reform of the public finances system aimed primarily at increasing budget transparency and further improving budgetary procedures, establishing mechanisms for communities to influence natural monopolies providing services to the population through discussing and raising awareness of the population of mining companies' charges, transparency and accountability for the redistribution of budgetary resources from mining companies' charges in order to achieve sustainable economic growth.

1. ACTIVITIES UNDER TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF NATURAL MONOPOLIES

Transparency and accountability of natural monopolies Project

The main goal is promoting civic institutions engaged in protecting the interests and rights of consumers and creating the necessary balance of interests in the market in order to ensure a regulatory impact on economic entities at all levels, in order to improve the production and distribution processes.

Project Manager - Izmailov K. O.

Project duration: March-December 2007

June 2007, Bishkek. The problems of energy sector reform - where next? Roundtable

Goal: analysis of problems faced in the process of energy sector reform in Kyrgyzstan. Identify the most important directions and objectives of energy sector reform. Participants: heads of energy enterprises and organizations in the KR, parliamentary deputies of the KR, representatives of businesses and the mass media.

September 2007, Osh and Issyk-Kul oblasts: Mechanisms of relationships between consumers and natural monopolies training for the mass media, NGOs, consumers and representatives of antimonopoly agencies and service providers

Goal: raise awareness of participants; develop skills and give advice on advocating for interests and public governance. Participants: representatives of the mass media, NGOs, consumers, and representatives of antimonopoly agencies and organizations providing services to the population.

September 2007, Issyk-Kul oblast. Reform of the electricity sector in Kyrgyzstan International Conference

Goals: assess the process and results of the energy sector reform in Kyrgyzstan; develop recommendations on further reforms. Participants: heads of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Fuel Resources of Kyrgyzstan, UNDP representatives, the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Germany to the KR, heads of organizations providing services to the population, a representative of EC RAO, representatives of organizations involved in energy sector research, foreign experts, and representatives of the mass media.

PUBLICATIONS

K. O. Izmailov, R. Karataeva, W. Mateev, A. Sultankulova, J. Shygybaeva Electricity sector reform in Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek: Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan, 2007, 15 pages. The report analyses electricity reform in Kyrgyzstan, ways further reforms can be achieved, the problems of the country's energy complex; outlines the main directions of energy sector reform based on the role of the energy complex in the country's economy; describes the need to increase exports and enter international energy markets. Some chapters describe the tariff policy and social protection of the population during the transition to an economic basis for price formation in the energy market. A lot of attention has been paid to the development of market mechanisms in the energy sector of Kyrgyzstan.

The report is recommended for use by researchers, organizations analysing policy, international organizations, teachers and students of higher education institutions.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$56 235**

2. TRANSPARENCY OF THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES IN KYRGYZSTAN

The main goals are increased transparency of the mining industry in Kyrgyzstan; strengthening the accountability of local and central authorities; building the capacity of civil society institutions in the mining regions; establishing a dialogue between all stakeholders (government authorities – civil society – mining companies) in order to take into account the interests of all parties.

February 2007, Talas, Talas oblast. The EITI Program in Talas oblast: problems and prospects Roundtable

Goal: to identify the interests of the government, community and business organizations in Talas oblast in implementing the initiative on improving transparency of the extracting industries in the region; form a group from the Roundtable participants, which will promote EITI in Talas oblast in order to reduce social tensions and increase transparency of income from extractive industries. Participants: representatives of local governments, mass media, NGOs and community organizations.

March 2007, Issyk-Kul oblast. Implementation of the EITI principles in Issyk-Kul oblast: problems and prospects Roundtable

Goals: to identify the interests of the government, community and business organizations in Issyk-Kul oblast in implementing the initiative on improving transparency of the extracting industries in the region; form a group from the Roundtable participants, which will promote EITI in Issyk-Kul oblast in order to reduce social tensions and increase transparency of income from extractive industries. Participants: representatives of local governments, mass media, Kumtor Gold Company, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Kyrgyz Republic, NGOs and community organizations.

May 2007, Issyk-Kul oblast. A visit to pilot regions in Issyk-Kul oblast: Karakol and Tosor, Tamga, Barskoon and Kyzylsuu villages adjacent to the Kumtor deposit

Goals: study public attitudes to gold mining companies; inform the population about the Transparency of the Extractive Industries in the Kyrgyz Republic Project; participation in the Raising awareness of the EITI Roundtable; analysis of the mass media presence in the region. Participants: Working Group of the project.

June-July, 2007, Issyk-Kul oblast. Increasing Transparency of the Extractive Industries training and a Strategy in the event of a crisis workshop

Goals: increasing knowledge and skills on improving transparency of the extracting industries and promoting the participation of civil society in the EITI; ensure a deep understanding of budgetary processes in the extractive industries of the KR; familiarize participants with the existing advocacy procedures and norms. Participants: representatives of ayil keneshes (local self-governance bodies), NGOs, CCSC, community organizations and the oblast state administration.

July-August 2007, Issyk-Kul and Talas oblasts. Visual demonstration involving volunteers and representatives of the regional working group

Goal: draw attention to the work of the project. Participants: volunteers from Balykchi and the regional working group from Talas.

August 2007, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty and Ust-Kamenogorsk. Study tour and participation in the Promoting the Initiative on Transparency of the Extractive Industries (EITI) in the EBA Roundtable.

Goals: share experiences with colleagues from Kazakhstan on involving the population in promoting the Initiative on Transparency of the Extractive Industries; obtain information on progress in improving the Initiative on Transparency of the Extractive Industries; learn ways of working with state structures, mining companies and civil society. Participants: working group of the project, regional working groups and representatives of NGOs.

September 2007, study tour by the Project Working Group to Kumtor mine, Barskoon village, Issyk-Kul oblast.

Goals: analyze working conditions in the Kumtor Operating Company and the ecological situation at the site.

September 2007, study tour by the Project working group and representatives of civil society from Talas oblast to the Kumtor deposit.

Goal: exchange experiences on tension relief in Talas oblast for the EITI.

October 2007, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku. Study tour and participation in the Civic monitoring of the impact of the extractive industries international conference

Goals: share experiences with colleagues from Azerbaijan; obtain information about their success in promoting the Initiative on Transparency of the Extractive Industries; learn ways of working with state structures, mining companies and civil society. Participants: working group of the project, representatives of the regional working groups.

November - December 2007, Talas oblast. The work of regional groups in communities

PUBLICATIONS

N. Omurbekova, E. V. Cheremenina, A. V. Chernyshov, A. G.Valiev and O. Pechenyuk. Newsletter (information bulletin) in Russian and Kyrgyz about news on the EITI in the KR, Bishkek: Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan, 2007. 7 issues of the bulletin were published.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$32 802

3. PUBLIC ECONOMIC POLICY

Budget Dialogue Project

The project is implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Goal: to involve civil society in improving the transparency of fiscal policy and the budgetary process and monitoring the executive authorities at local level.

The working group of the project: L. I.Ten, project expert; A. K. Ermekov, project expert; T. Valieva, producer of the Budget Dialogue Program.

Summer School

July 2007, Koi-Tash village, Chui oblast. Summer school on budget analysis for NGOs. A Summer School was held, involving international experts experienced in training and promoting civil initiatives on local budget formation.

Roundtables

July 2007, Problems with program-based budget preparation Roundtable, Bishkek

Goals: analysis of problems with program-based budget preparation to improve budget transparency and consistency. Participants: representatives of NGOs, local governments, international organizations, mass media, business associations and professional associations.

PUBLICATIONS

Budget Guide for Citizens is a manual in Russian and Kyrgyz for reading, using and analyzing various budgets. The Guide is an independent publication, Bishkek, Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan, UNDP, USAID, DFID, 2007, 68 pages.

The publication is recommended for use by civil society groups striving to improve budget transparency, budget groups and the general public.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$57 626
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$ 164, 662 *

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Public Administration Program

Roza Myrzabekova, Program Coordinator
Elmira Kaibogarova, Program Assistant

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In 2007 the Program, along with the Open Society Institute (Budapest), offered to help build the capacity of local communities, local self government bodies and public administration system in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The main focus of the program activity was on: developing policy at the national and local levels, developing institutions for public participation in administration at local level and creating self-financing tools to resolve the social and economic problems of urban and rural communities.

The program aims to strengthen the role and capacity of local experts and public organizations by ensuring all sectors of society are involved in the decision making process.

ANALYTICS –KG! PROJECT

The goal of the project is to form links between decision makers and experts to involve them in the process of making publicly significant, political and administrative decisions.

The project provided institutional support to set up the basis for developing and discussing country and sectoral strategies and development programs. Another component of the Project was organizing the Bishkek Liberal Club (BLC), the purpose of which was to create an analytical resource for ongoing communication and discussion of a more relevant agenda for the country and issues involving experts, public and political figures; helping expand areas for the penetration of values of an open society; expert appraisal of the public, political and economic situation in the country.

Project period — February – December 2007

Project Manager — T.Inbraimov

During 2007 more than 10 events have been organized and held under the Project in the form of Roundtables and discussions, including the BLC meetings.

April 2007. Presentation and first meeting of the Bishkek Liberal Club - Liberalism.KG: arguments for

This presentation was attended by representatives of expert and analytical bodies, civil society organizations and international organizations, the German Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan and representatives of the mass media and political parties.

May 2007. The second meeting of the Bishkek Liberal Club - Political Opposition: optional

The meeting was attended by representatives of expert and analytical bodies, civil society organizations and international organizations, deputies of the Jogorku Kenesh of the KR, Ombudsmen, media representatives and public figures.

June 2007. Third meeting of Bishkek Liberal Club - Kyrgyzstan - In search of sovereignty

The meeting was attended by representatives of expert and analytical bodies, civil society organizations and international organizations, the German Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, deputies of the Jogorku Kenesh of the KR, media representatives and public figures.

June 2007. Kyrgyzstan as an object and subject of global and regional policy roundtable

The goal is to determine how to arrange our own system of values and the country's interests based on them. How can Kyrgyzstan become a subject, rather than an object in global and regional policy? The roundtable was attended by experts of the working group of the project and involved experts, political parties and media representatives.

June 2007. Meeting of the Kyrgyzstan in search of sovereignty expert group

The goal is to determine and agree the TOR for BLC speakers and discuss what issues meeting participants will talk about. The meeting was attended by experts of the project working group.

July 2007, Fourth and fifth meetings of the Bishkek Liberal Club - Traditional and liberal in the ideological field of Kyrgyzstan

The meetings were attended by representatives of expert and analytical bodies, civil society organizations and international organizations, media representatives and public figures.

August 2007. Meetings of the Ratio of market and state regulation in the Kyrgyz economy expert group

The goal is to determine and agree the TOR for BLC speakers and discuss what issues meeting participants will talk about. The meeting was attended by experts of the project working group.

September 2007. Sixth meeting of the Bishkek Liberal Club - Ratio of market and state regulation in the Kyrgyz economy

The meeting was attended by representatives of expert and analytical bodies, civil society organizations and international organizations, media representatives and public figures.

November 2007. Seventh meeting of the Bishkek Liberal Club - A strong state: model of Kyrgyzstan

The meeting was attended by representatives of expert and analytical bodies, civil society organizations and international organizations, media representatives and public figures.

December 2007. Eighth meeting of the Bishkek Liberal Club - Summary of the year

The meeting was attended by representatives of expert and analytical bodies, civil society organizations and international organizations, media representatives and public figures.

December 2007. Roundtable on the Political scene in Kyrgyzstan after the 2007 elections

The Roundtable was attended by political commentators, experts and journalists of Kyrgyzstan and public figures.

MANUALS AND PUBLICATIONS

March 2007. Information- analytical collection

Information for the public on the activities of the Analytics KG experts' platform in setting out tools for including experts of the country in the processes of developing and implementing strategies, programs and management techniques at national and state level.

From May to December, 7 monthly Bishkek Liberal Club bulletins were issued, as was a series of articles in the Vechernii Bishkek, The Times of Central Asia, Slovo Kyrgyzstana, MSN, Obschestvennyi rating, Kyrgyz tuusu and Erkin-Too newspapers on topics dedicated to the place and role of experts in the governance system in Kyrgyzstan and on topics discussed at the meetings of the of Bishkek Liberal Club.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$ 69,178

OPEN KYRGYZSTAN PROJECT

The Project aimed to improve the efficiency of the process of developing publicly significant decisions; strengthening interaction between the authorities-business-public; extending public access to necessary information and analyzing the consequences of the decisions made and helping justify better options for the current situation.

The project goals:

1. raising the effectiveness of state decisions by involving various interest groups in discussing and developing public decisions adopted by the authorities;
2. expanding public access to information on draft government decisions.

The Project consists of three interrelated activities: analysis, information and television.

The Project working group includes the following members: Z.Sydykova, Project Manager, M.Suyunaev, Project Expert, J.Kenenbaeva, Broadcast Producer, N.Baratbaeva, Website Editor.

Project activities in 2007:

- Analytical activity.

This activity accompanies all types and kinds of work concerning the preparation, development and distribution of analytical documents: express analysis (analysis of an important socio-political topic, identifying reasons, considering options and proposing preferred solutions), reviewing opinions (reviewing the opinions of interest groups on various social and political issues). These documents and the process of their development can be found on the project website. 20 express analyses on critical issues were developed and published by Kyrgyz analysts and experts and specialists working in various areas, such as Z.Kurmanov, T.Koichumanov, U.Sarbanov and others. The results of the express analyses were also published on the Project website (www.open.kg).

- Information activity.

Every week, the www.open.kg website, one of the most popular sites, includes the results of the express analyses, reviews of opinions, analytical documents and articles, exclusive interviews on critical topics discussed in the Open Kyrgyzstan program, is updated. The site is intended for public use.

Forty-five topics were placed on www.open.kg for Internet forums, where everybody could express their views on these topics. The Internet forum topics had the same names as the television broadcasts that set vectors of discussion on TV.

- Television.

This activity is focused on introducing new forms of public discussion, decisions adopted by the authorities and raising the awareness of stakeholders, including regions of the country.

Under this activity, the Open Kyrgyzstan TV program was launched and is on air in two languages (Russian and Kyrgyz) in the form of a 30 minute information and analytical talk show.

The program is on air four times a week (4 programs a month - 2 in Russian and 2 in Kyrgyz) on the KTR state television channel.

The broadcast covers the whole country with a potential television audience of 2-2.5 mln. people.

During the reporting period, 42 programs were broadcast, the topics of which were critical issues that the public would like to discuss and receive expert opinions on.

PUBLICATIONS

The Open Kyrgyzstan project promotion booklet was published in Russian and Kyrgyz.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$88 406

PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC POLICY PROJECT

The Project is intended to resolve the issue of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, sector ministries and state agencies in developing regulations covering their activities and sector policies, and also supporting analysts through grants to analytical centers and consists of grant and operational components that will be implemented in parallel and together.

Goals of the Project:

- Help develop branch and sector policies through implementing public policy standards and public policy, including regulations;
- Improve the quality and transparency of decision making procedures (regulation of the Government of the KR) in the system of public administration.

June-August 2007, Bishkek. Six working meetings on developing the draft regulation of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic with representatives of the Office of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, Administration of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the KR, Civil Service and V.Nikitin, Head of the International Policy Research Center.

The goal is to develop a draft Order of the Head of the Office of the Government and plan of activities in developing and introducing the new Regulation of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, submitting the draft for concordance, choosing normative legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic regulating the adoption of decisions in processing documents in the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic.

PUBLIC POLICY SCHOOL PROJECT

The strategic goal of the Project is the further institutionalization of standards of public policy in the KR through training.

Goals of the Project:

- Strengthening and building the capacity of experts in Kyrgyzstan and helping implement standards of public policy (PP) and analytical work in state bodies to help them function effectively.

Project Manager – T. Tretyakova
FORUMS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

April 2007. Issyk-Kul oblast, Training Workshop for young experts and analysts, civil servants of sector ministries and administrative agencies, state committees and municipal servants of LSG bodies and Bishkek and Osh city administrations (members of the Bishkek House and Transparent City projects) who are beginning to work on state policy.

The goal is to introduce the participants to the procedures and formats of public policy, experience of implementing public policy in Kyrgyzstan, deepen their understanding of the goals, general structure, certain elements and specifics of analytical texts and documents, help organize constructive cooperation between state bodies, independent analytical centers and the public. The trainees were representatives of non-governmental organizations, Osh and Karakol City Keneshes, Office of the Jogorku Kenesh of the KR, oblast administrations of the cities of Osh and Naryn and Osh and Karakol city administrations.

June 2007, Bishkek, Training of Trainers on public policy Processes for implementing Public Policy in Kyrgyzstan. Lecture for university students and lecturers on Public Policy.

The goal is to strengthen and build the capacity of experts in Kyrgyzstan and help introduce standards of public policy and analytical work in state bodies to enable them to work effectively. The trainees included experts and specialists of the Kyrgyz Republic, independent experts - analysts, representatives of independent analytical centers, members of the Project Working Group, middle level and senior civil servants.

July 2007, Issyk-Kul oblast, How to Develop Analytical documents and influence the process of making political decisions training

The goal is to familiarize experts with the procedures and forms of public policy (PP), experience of PP implementation in Kyrgyzstan, improve their understanding of the goals, general structure, certain elements and specifics of analytical texts and documents, help organize constructive cooperation between state bodies, independent analytical centers and the public. The trainees included experts and specialists of the KR, independent experts - analysts, representatives of independent analytical centers, members of the Project Working Group and middle level and senior civil servants.

July- August 2007, Bishkek. Training for staff of the Ministry of Finance of the KR on forming and promoting public policy in Kyrgyzstan and training for staff of the Finance Management Department of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development of the KR.

The goal is to strengthen and build the capacity of the staff of the Ministry of Finance of the KR and staff of the Finance Department of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development of the KR, to help introduce standards of public policy and analytical work in state bodies to enable them to work effectively. The trainees included staff of the Ministry of Finance of the KR and staff of the Finance Department of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development of the KR.

December 2007. International forum on Processes of Transforming the State and Civil Society in Central Asian Countries

The goal is to exchange experience on introducing best practice and working meetings of permanent secretaries of sector ministries and agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic with their Ukrainian colleagues on practical implementation of standards of public policy and building them into the state administration system. The Forum was attended by permanent secretaries and representatives of state authorities of the KR, experts – analysts and members of the Project Working Group - a total of 55 people.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$51 009**

GRANTS:

Institute for Research into and Analysis of Public Policy PA Project Manager – K. Izmailov/

GRANT **\$9 847**

Development of the Institute of Public Participation in Local Self Government

Bishkek House Project. The goal of the Project is to help reform municipal housing and involve people in managing their housing stock by introducing effective cooperation between the public and utility service providers that should improve the quality of municipal housing services.

Project Manager: E.M.Turkmenova

April 2007, Bishkek. Discussion of the Draft Housing Code of the KR Roundtable

The goal is to organize the multilateral process of drafting the Housing Code. The Roundtable was attended by Deputies of the JK of the KR, deputies of Bishkek city Kenesh, representatives of analytical structures, independent experts and representatives of homeowners' associations (condominiums), NGOs and business associations.

May 2007, Bishkek. Three focus groups on the Administration of Apartment Blocks today and Development Perspectives.

The goal is to identify the positions of interest groups on the presented Draft Housing Code of the KR. In attendance were representatives of state bodies, LSG bodies, suppliers and producers of utilities and NGO, local self-government bodies and condominium representatives.

June 2007, Bishkek. Two public discussions of the Draft Housing Code of the KR

The goal is to elaborate specific recommendations. In attendance were representatives of state bodies, LSG bodies, suppliers and producers of utility services and local self-government bodies and condominium representatives.

June 2007, Bulgaria, Sofia, Plovdiv. Study tour.

The goal is to exchange experience on local governance, management of apartment blocks and cooperation with suppliers of utility services. In attendance were the staff of the Bishkek House Project, Chairperson of Bishkek city Kenesh and the mayor of Osh.

July 2007, Cholpon-Ata, Issyk-Kul oblast. Opportunities for and the Application of, New Managerial Techniques in City Administration

The goals are to introduce the participants to Public Policy procedure and experience in implementing PP in the Kyrgyz Republic; identify areas of urban policy in which it is necessary to work with the compulsory involvement of civil society and develop mechanisms and tools of involvement. The trainees included deputies of Bishkek, Naryn, Karakol, Osh city keneshes.

September-December 2007, Bishkek. Six training workshops were organized and held on Competent Management of Apartment Blocks.

The goal is to develop practical skills in how to professionally manage apartment blocks: register land plots for houses, arranging contracts with external partners and members of homeowners' associations. The trainees included chairpersons of territorial self-government bodies, homeowners' associations and accountants.

PRINTED MATTER

April-September 2007. 3 practical manuals on Professional Management of Apartment blocks, Collection of the Normative Legal Acts of the KR Regulating Management of Apartment Blocks, Collection of Model Agreements, Norms and Sample Documents for Managing Apartment Blocks were published.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$ 57 109**

GRANTS

September 2007. Tender among public organizations (homeowners' associations, housing departments, TSGB, NGOs) Bishkek

The Grants are channeled to implement activities helping people exercise their rights as occupants of apartment blocks in Bishkek, to quality utilities.

Winners

Initiatives for Development PA (Bishkek) Project Manager – F. Mendikulova.

GRANT **\$ 4 993**

Na Naberezhnoi Homeowners' Association (Bishkek) Project Manager — T. Zlobina.

GRANT **\$ 5 000**

DIA PA (Bishkek) Project Manager – A.Ormonova.

GRANT **\$ 4 130**

Impulse PA (Chui oblast) Project Manager - G. Asylbekova.

GRANT **\$ 4 900**

Budget Group Osh-K PA Project Manager - S. Mamaeva.

GRANT **\$ 4 173**

Komokchu PA Project Manager - L. Arzieva.

GRANT **\$ 4 884**

TOTAL GRANTS ISSUED **\$28 082**

Transparent City Project

Goal: to develop a system of efficient information exchange, providing full and reliable information on the activities and services of the mayor's office and city Kenesh, to citizens of Osh city. The Project is aimed at increasing the transparency of the activities of local authorities; increasing the involvement of citizens in resolving public issues and creating precedents of open dialogue between these subjects of urban society.

Project Manager – N. Salieva.

The city website www.oshcity.kg has been developed, and includes as much basic information as people could want about the city, on the activities of local self government bodies, on services provided by LSG bodies to citizens, resolutions and normative legal acts. Four bulletins, each of 300 copies, were issued under the project. They were dedicated to various aspects of city life. The Project Partners were the Mayor's office of Osh city and Osh city Kenesh deputies.

July 2007, Osh. Working meeting with activists of the Osh city Mayor's office and City Kenesh about future joint activities between these structures and the Transparent City Project.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$7 847
TOTAL GRANT PROGRAM COST	\$ 343 249*

* Included the cost of program administration.

Information Program

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Roza Myrzabekova, Project Coordinator

The Program mission is to help develop information and communications technologies through involving wide groups of the public and all stakeholders in the process of making decisions on ICT development, expand the scope of applying ICT to develop society and the state and encourage the extension of the rights and freedoms of the public.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITIES IN THE ICT DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

IMPLEMENTING THE MECHANISMS FOR HARMONIZING AND DEVELOPING ICT DEVELOPMENT POLICY PROJECT

Partners included: Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic, the National Communications Agency of the KR, Association of Telecommunications Operators of the KR and the Scientific Technical Center for Information and Communications Technologies PA. Project Manager: S.T. Iskakov

Goals:

1. Helping develop the radio frequency management policy and supporting technical regulations agreed with interest groups.
2. Strengthening the role of ICT-conferences in the sector management system.

Project objectives are to:

- Develop the 1st volume of the National Regulations on Radio Communications
- Prepare the Draft Plan of Digital Broadcasting in terms of frequency allocation in the Kyrgyz Republic and include it in the International Register of Radio Frequencies.
- Summarize the Action Plan for implementing the National Strategy for Information and Communications Technologies for the Development of the KR for 2007 and draft proposals on priority activities of the Plan for 2008.
- Identify ways of improving and making agreed decisions (with the business sector and non-government structures of civil society) using ICT conferences.

Output:

- More effective use of the radio spectrum in the KR due to improved transparency of the regulatory processes (development of the 1-st volume of the National Frequency Radio Communications Regulation including definitions and normative legal acts on radio frequency allocation, and the radio frequency allocation table).
- Priority areas in the ICT sector are identified for 2008.
- ICT interest groups are involved in the process of developing and making decisions and agreed decisions are developed.
- Tools for the practical use of public policy standards in the ICT management system are worked out.



Main activities under the Project:

- September 14-15, 2007, Kashka-Suu — Preparatory session of the IV ICT-conference. Goals: discussing the performance of analytical groups; elaborating agreed proposals, working out the agenda of the IV ICT Conference.
- November 30 – December 1, 2007, Bishkeky, the T. Satylganova National Library – Final Session of the IV ICT Conference. Goals: to identify the prospects for and main areas of development in ICT; make recommendations to the short and medium-term Action Plans of State Bodies of the KR, sector associations and international organizations in ICT.
- November 30 – December 1, 2007, Bishkek – Organizing the IT.kg – 2007 exhibition in order to demonstrate the opportunities of applying ICT in developing businesses and to make IT solutions in the area of state administration and social development more effective.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$19 401**

GRANTS***The Parallels Analytical Center for Studying Political, Economic and Social Processes (Bishkek)***

Strengthening Civil Sector cooperation between State Governance Bodies and Business Structures in the ICT sector Project Manager — E. Davletov.

GRANT **\$9853**

Library and Information Consortium Association (Bishkek)

Monitoring the Libraries of Kyrgyzstan to develop documents on introducing ICT aimed at the social and economic development of the country. Project Manager - S. Battalova.

GRANT **\$7680**

IT day PA (Bishkek)

Developing ICT conferences as a tool for the agreed resolution of sector issues Project. Project Manager - O. Jerebko

GRANT **\$8626**

Association of Information and Communications Technologies Professionals (AICTP) (Bishkek)

Strengthening Cooperation between Civil Society, State Governance Bodies and Business Structures in the ICT sector Project. Project Manager - A. Altybaev

GRANT **\$5340**

Humanitarian Design Institute (Bishkek)

Strengthening cooperation between Civil Society, State Governance Bodies and Business Structures in the ICT sector Project Project Manager — T. Tretiyakova.

GRANT **\$9377**

PROMOTING AND INTRODUCING OPEN-SOURCE PRODUCTS IN KYRGYZSTAN PROJECT»

Project duration: April - December 2007

Goals: Encouraging wide distribution of open source software.

Objectives:

1. Developing a training center to increase the number of specialists running open-source software;
2. Introducing open-source software in NGOs and educational establishments.

Main results of the Project:

1. The training center has been set up.
2. Training courses were held for:
 - Rider trainers; (unknown meaning and this section not found in the Russian text – editor)
 - Linux - groups.
3. The laboratory for developing open-source software and local application has been set up.
4. Training material has been developed for:
 - School teachers;
 - Rider trainers;
 - NGOs
5. The study manual for schools was developed and prepared for publication. This manual includes studying Microsoft products and open-source software and was approved by the Ministry of Education of the KR and will be published with the support of the KRSU.

1. Training was held in the following activities

1. The rider trainers were trained who in future will distribute the open-source software in rural areas through training for non-government organizations;
2. Training will be held for NGOs, students and teachers of high education establishments.

Full time training was held in the Training Center in Bishkek, based on the following criteria: difficulty of the programs:

- Beginner user of open-source software;
- Advanced user (administrator) of open-source software; by type of audience for:
 - Trainer-riders;
 - Students of technical higher education establishments;
 - NGOs
 - Linux groups

The following activities were run during the duration of the Project:

- 2 training courses for 1 month each; regular training for 24 students of various higher education establishments;
- 18 meetings of the Linux group;
- Full time training for two NGOs for 2 months each;
 - Training for 2 teachers of higher education establishments.
 - Техническое оснащение учебного центра
 - Для эффективной работы тренинг центра приобретено 10 компьютеров, что позволит проводить как индивидуальные практические занятия, так и организовать обучение для большой группы обучаемых (15 – 20 человек).

Technical equipment of the training center

Ten computers were purchased so that the center can work effectively, making it possible to hold individual practical lessons and training for large groups of trainees (15 - 20 people).

2. Linux group

18 regular meetings of the Linux group – users of open-source software - were held in the training center using its premises and equipment. During these meetings participants share their experiences of using different open-source software to perform various tasks. The Linux group tests the developed program solutions in the laboratory to develop open-source programs for local use.

3. Rider trainers

A team of rider trainers of software specialists-activists was set up in the training center.

In selecting rider trainers, technical skills, knowledge of open-source software and wide accessibility of their services were taken into account. The rider trainers were selected in such a way that would enable them to visit or run courses within one administrative territorial unit, i.e. rayon, city and provide large-scale technical services and training for instance, to a number of NGOs.

As a result, 10 rider trainers for NGOs and schools were trained who will provide training on open-source software directly in public access centers or schools. All the trainers have been provided with all the necessary material for open-source software training.

In Bishkek, the demand is higher therefore, 4 rider trainers for NGO and schools have been trained.

4. Training material

The Project employees together with the group of software specialists have developed training material for different levels of trainees for training on using open-source software in routine work (creating and developing texts, images, e-mail, Internet). As a result, training courses were developed for:

- Users, transferring from Windows to Linux;
- Computer beginners;
- More advanced IT specialists.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$30 437

CONNECTING TO THE INTERNET PROJECT

Goal: to provide free of charge access to the Internet for higher and secondary educational establishments, healthcare facilities, NGOs, mass media and libraries in Bishkek. The Project is due to run from November 2007 to April 2008.

The grantees are Internet access users:

1. Soopker charitable foundation
2. Humanitarian Education – Partnership in Central Asia PA
3. Bishkek Architecture and Construction Technical College
4. Homeland International information center for cultural and business cooperation
5. Matrix 2005 PA
6. Maksat PA
7. Junior Achievement – Kyrgyzstan PA
8. Academy of Mol of the KR
9. Atuul PA
10. Sanitary and epidemiological station of Kyrgyz railways
11. Dlya Vas socio-political newspaper
12. Radius Mass Media Center

13. Association of Lawyers of the KR PA
14. Law Center PA
15. State patent and technical library of the KR
16. Avallon PA
17. Fanchin International Alliance for the Development and Facilitation of Social and Cultural Reform
18. Professional Lyceum #27
19. Aid Center for Women PA
20. Branch of Ecoinform PA
21. Agat Club PA
22. Vocational lyceum #99
23. Soldier Mothers of the KR PA
24. Center of Arts and Culture PA
25. Engineering Academy of the KR
26. Central Library Network of Bishkek
27. Kyrgyz National Conservatory
28. Rising Star PA to support innovative initiatives in education, culture, health and shaping a new man
29. Youth policy and student self-government Committee of the J.Balasagyn SNU
30. Ala-Too Movement PA
31. Institute of Mountain Physiology of the National Academy of Science of the KR
32. Central state archive of the political documents of the KR
33. Sart ake K adult education center
34. Assembly of the People of Kyrgyzstan АЭОО
35. Center of German Traditions and Culture PA
36. Akaiyn support to young talent and the development of national culture and arts
37. Kyrgyz State Medical Refresher Training Institute
38. Nazdar Association of Czechs
39. Association of Kyrgyz Valuers PA
40. The Kyrgyz High School of Cinematic Art at the Institute of the Arts
41. National Library of the KR
40. Development Center of the State Agency on Professional Education under the President of the KR
42. G.Aitiev Kyrgyz National Museum of Fine Arts
44. Literature Kyrgyzstan Magazine
45. Almaz radio
46. Bishkek Budget Group PA
47. Dusti Center for Refugee Women PA
48. KSAPC&S (Sports Academy)

Free Internet Access Points:

1. Jointly with UNDP – free Internet access in Naryn city
2. Jointly with IREX and UNDP - free Internet access in Jalalabat city
3. Free Internet access in Bishkek
4. Free hosting server www.kyrnet.kg with the opportunity to register to.kg and gartis.kg domains
5. Archive of free software in file server <ftp.unix.kg>

The total volume of Internet channels out of the Kyrgyz Republic is 1.5 Mbytes/sec.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$20 746

WIDENING ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND DEVELOPING INFORMATION RESOURCES

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AS INFORMATION CENTERS FOR THE POPULATION PROJECT

Goal: to help develop new forms of libraries with the aim of engaging the public in the development process

Project duration: August-December 2007

September 2007 - a series of training workshops on Effective Management, Marketing, and Fund Raising for Information Services in Libraries

5 workshops - partner – Library Information Consortium Association. The trainees included librarians, representatives of public organizations, NGOs, district cultural departments of Osh, Jalalabat, Talas, Naryn and Chui oblasts. A manual was developed during the workshops.

Friends of Libraries Grant Tender. This tender was held under the Public Libraries as Information Centers for the Population Project

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$17 411

GRANTS

DAO LAV ODA PA (Токмок, Chui oblast)

We Can Do More Together Project. Goal: to strengthen cooperation between civil society, the mass media and state bodies. The project objectives include setting up a communication platform on involving the public in recent pressing issues needing to be resolved.

Project Manager – V.Khmelevskaya.

ГРАНТ

\$2 493

Bazarqorgon central library (Bazarqorgon village, Jalalabat oblast)

Setting up a Legal Information Center Project Goal: to set up a legal information centre in Bazarqorgon rayon of Jalalabat oblast.

Project Manager - M. Karabaeva.

GRANT

\$3 000

Chonalaiskii culture department (Darootqorgon village, Osh oblast)

Project: Library - legal information center in the village. Goal: to improve legal literacy in Dartoqorgon village. The Project objectives include setting up a social and legal information center and running the community liaison office.

Project Manager - G. Jeenbekova.

GRANT

\$2 980

Ton central library system (Bokonbaevo village, Issyk-Kul oblast)

Creating a developed information and library infrastructure for the rayon Project

Goal: to develop the infrastructure of the rayon. Project objectives include informing small and medium business representatives about new agricultural technologies and national and global events.

Project Manager — G. Mukesheva.

GRANT **\$2 991**

Moskovskii rayon culture department (Belovodskoe village, Chui oblast)

Sail of Hope Project.

Goal: to raise the level of socialization and adaptation of children with disabilities in the community. The Project objectives include creating a comfortable environment where children with disabilities can communicate.

Project Manager - L. Zamlyanskaya.

GRANT **\$2813**

TOTAL GRANT TENDERS **\$ 14, 278**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$127 064***

* Including administrative costs of the program

Ruslan Khakimov, Program Manager

Saida Manieva, Julia Chukhmatova, Program Coordinators

Emil Koknulkulov, Program Assistant

Program mission: helping build an open society based on the principles of respect for human rights, supremacy of law, democratic values and strengthening legal institutions in Kyrgyzstan.

Main areas of the program:

1. Human rights

Ensuring a comprehensive approach to addressing human rights issues, developing and institutional strengthening of international and national methods for protecting human rights in the daily life of society and helping develop the human rights movement

2. Access to justice

- Reform of the system of legal aid guaranteed by the state.

Providing equal access to justice for persons who are unable to pay for lawyers' services; sustainable and long term existence of the system of legal support guaranteed by the state, adequately covering the needs of the population in receiving free legal assistance, functioning based on democratic principles of governance throughout Kyrgyzstan and funded by the state.

- Jury courts

Creating an effective system for protecting human rights in the country through introducing the institution of jurors in the judicial system of Kyrgyzstan

3. Reform of criminal justice

Reform of the penitentiary system

Helping develop the penitentiary system, observance of the minimum international standards of observation of the rights and conditions of keeping prisoners in places of detention

Public control of activity of OVD (departments of internal affairs) of the KR

Improving the efficiency and ensuring transparency and accountability of activities of departments of internal affairs to the public of Kyrgyzstan

Reform of the judicial system and law enforcement bodies in the Kyrgyz Republic

Develop the concept of reform of the judicial system and law enforcement bodies, built on the principles of serving the public and observance of the inseparable rights of people and develop proposals on institutionalizing the introduction of the concept.

4. Labor migration

Creating a new effective approach to issues of labor migration, meeting the norms of a democratic state and helping develop and introduce strategic and development documents laying out medium-term policy on labor migration.

5. Reform of the election system

Facilitating free and transparent Parliamentary elections in accordance with international standards by providing expert and financial support in developing and discussing the new Electoral Code, ensuring a high level of awareness of electors on the new provisions of the New Electoral Code, and encouraging active participation of representatives of civil society in elections through participating in the work of election committees.

PROJECTS OF THE PROGRAM

1. Activity: Human Rights

Specialized Course for Judges and Prosecutors of Kyrgyzstan on Applying the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights (IPCPR) Project

Increase the competence of judges and prosecutors of Kyrgyzstan on how to apply the IPCPR.

As a result, 25 judges from all regions of Kyrgyzstan were among those attending the introductory specialized course on applying the IPCPR. A specialized workshop was organized for prosecutors of Kyrgyzstan on applying the IPCPR.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$27 071**

Support to Human Rights Protection Activity Grant Project

Goal: to support initiatives of public organizations in the field of human rights and strengthening the human rights movement in Kyrgyzstan.

WINNERS:

Blind and Deaf people PA (Bishkek). Our Right is Our Future Project.

Goal: Supporting human rights activities of lawyers for the visually impaired by setting up a free legal aid center to visually impaired and hard of hearing people.

Project Manager: K.B. Mambetkunov.

GRANT **\$9 933**

The Unity Alliance PA (Talas city). Project: Free legal aid and control of the observance of human rights during investigations into people arrested by the staff of Talas city department of internal affairs (GOVD) and Talas rayon department of internal affairs (ROVD).

Goal: Strengthening work on protecting and promoting marginalized groups of the population, by providing legal consultations, legal services and raising the legal awareness of the population of Talas oblast of the KR, through opening a community liaison office in the Talas GOVD and Talas ROVD.

Manager: V.P. Milovatskii

GRANT **\$10 000**

PHRO Justice (Jalalabat). Project: We are against cruelty.

Goal: Activities to prevent torture and other cruel and inhuman treatment and punishment, including such treatment in the army. The Project will be implemented through systematic monitoring of places of detention – the temporary detention facility of the GOVD and colonies with a strict regime and military units.

Manager: V.Gritsenko

GRANT **\$9 996**

Association of NGOs of Nookan rayon. Project: Actual Assistance to Disabled Pensioners.

Goal: To open a legal advice center for pensioners and disabled pensioners. Daily legal aid will be provided. It is planned to hold a series of workshops and training courses for representatives

of all interested parties: local self government bodies, social fund, pensioners, post office staff and managers of the rayon structures, including law enforcement bodies.

Manager: A.M. Musupbekov

GRANT **\$9 319**

Law Center PA (Bishkek). Project: Protecting and Promoting Children's Rights.

Goal: Promoting provisions of the Convention on Children's Rights and the Children's Code of the KR, protecting the rights of children in accordance with the Code and actively participating in reforming the childhood protection system and disseminating information.

Manager: G.S. Sheishekeeva

GRANT **\$6 000**

Kyz-Aiym (Naryn city) Support Center for young women. Project: Social and Legal Support to Minors of Naryn city. Goal: Protecting the rights of minors with behavioral problems, training, development and social adaptation of young people aged 12 to 18 in Naryn city.

Manager: J.O. Oronova

GRANT **\$10 000**

PCF Kulkun (Bishkek). Project: Legal support to convicted women serving sentences in women's colony #2. Goal: Create legal support service for women serving sentences in women's colonies by providing legal, medical and psychological aid and improving the conditions for keeping women in the isolation punishment cell.

Manager: K. A. Shiralieva

GRANT **\$6 693**

Jalalabat branch of OC3H Fomova (Jalalabat city). Project: Protecting and Promoting the Rights of the Disabled, Pensioners and the Poor.

Goal: Information support to socially unprotected groups of the population on the existing privileges for paying for utilities, medical and other services. The Project will offer daily advice to these people.

Manager: L.P. Lindorenko

GRANT **\$9 331**

Equity Union of the disabled of Issyk-Kul oblast PA (Karakol city). Project: Equal rights in education – the way to success".

Goal: Protecting the rights of disabled children to education. The focus will be capacity building of organizations for the disabled–partners of the Project and parents' initiative groups so that they can more effectively defend the right to get education for children with different forms of disability.

Manager: G.K. Kazakunova

GRANT **\$8 684 ***

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$79 956**

2. ACTIVITY: ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Reform of the State Guaranteed Legal Aid System Project

Goal: to ensure equal access to justice to persons who are not able to pay for lawyers' services through technical and methodological aid to the working group developing the draft law of the KR on State Guaranteed Legal Support.

PROJECT

\$14 002

Helping Develop the Draft Law on Citizen's Participation in Exercising Justice in the Kyrgyz Republic Project

Goal: to help the working group develop draft laws aimed at allowing citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic to exercise their right to be involved in the course of justice.

In 2006, the Law Program in partnership with ODIHR/OSCE was actively involved in setting up and introducing jury courts. From the moment the President signed the Decree on Setting up the Working Group including one representative of the Law Program till now, the Project has given methodological and technical support to developing draft laws on introducing jury courts in Kyrgyzstan in order to comply with the Constitution of the KR to allow citizens of the KR to exercise their right to be involved in the course of justice.

The Program discussed this draft law with all stakeholders from judicial bodies, the bar and civil society in the south and north of the country.

As a result, the draft law on juries was discussed in public and drawn up taking into consideration all the recommendations from international and local experts. Soon the draft law and supporting normative legal acts will be submitted by the working group to the President's Office to undergo concordance in the ministries and agencies of the KR.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$11 957

3. ACTIVITY: REFORM OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Helping Implement the Law on Humanizing the Criminal Policy of the KR Project

Goal: to help implement the Law on Humanizing the Criminal Policy of the KR through training workshops for judges and lawyers aimed at applying the law appropriately in judicial proceedings.

The Law Program has been working in this area on several key areas since the punishment enforcement system was transferred to the Ministry of Justice and the Main Directorate for Administering Punishment (GUIN) in 2001, including assistance in the following issues:

- Developing the national program of reforms of the penitentiary system;
- Setting up the refresher training center for penal enforcement system staff;
- Grant support to the Center of Legal Aid to Prisoners PA that currently receives financial assistance from the Human Rights and Fair Governance network program of the Open Society Institute;
- Launching and running the Atlantis 12-step rehabilitation program for people with chemical addiction;
- Promoting civil society monitoring of penitentiary facilities;
- Organizing the probation service in GUIN.

On July 25, 2007 the Law *On Humanizing the Criminal Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic* was adopted, that the Law Program of the Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan began developing and adopting in 2004.

Due to adopting and bringing into force the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic *On Amendments to the Criminal Code of the KR, Criminal-Procedural Code of the KR, Administrative Penalty Code, Penitentiary Code of the KR, Laws of the Kyrgyz Republic On the Supreme Court of the KR and Local Courts, On the*

Public Prosecutor's Office of the KR, On the Procedure and Conditions of Detention of Persons Suspected and Charged with crimes On General Principles of Amnesty and Pardon, On Enforcement of the Criminal Procedural Code of the KR, the Ministry of Justice has issued Order # 100 of August 9, 2007.

In accordance with this order, a working group of experts was set up to comment on the Law *On Humanizing the Criminal Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic*, translate and publish this document into the state language and publish the criminal, criminal-procedural and penitentiary codes taking into consideration the amendments and holding training workshops for judges and counsels.

To help implement the law, working meetings were organized with the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic and representatives of the Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan, OSCE and Prison Reform International, based on the results of which the activities plan was developed for implementation of the Law *On Humanizing the Criminal Policy of the Kyrgyz Republic* (duration: July 2007 - February 2008), that determines the activities, responsible people and funding.

At the beginning of next year the Project will be holding 3 introductory workshops for judges of the Kyrgyz Republic and 2 workshops for lawyers.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$3 035**

Public Control of OVD Activities in the KR Project

Goal: to raise the effectiveness and ensure transparency and accountability of activities of Mol bodies to the public of Kyrgyzstan through facilitating and developing the Concept and draft Law on Civil control of the observance of human rights in Mol activities in the Kyrgyz Republic, and a draft law on amendments to the appropriate normative legal acts of the Kyrgyz Republic.

On the initiative of the OSCE program supporting Mol bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic, by an Order of the President's Office of the KR, October 11, 2005, a state inter-agency committee was set up to develop the Concept and normative and legal acts supporting the creation and functioning of civil control of Mol activities in the Kyrgyz Republic, the main function of which will be to consider complaints by people and help restore the rights and legal interests infringed by unlawful actions (inactivity) of Mol staff.

Due to the efforts of the Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan in 2006, additional representatives of civil society were included in the working group. Whilst developing the Concept and normative and legal acts, various ways of instituting civil control of Mol activities in the KR were carefully elaborated and submitted several times to the public for consideration. As a result, taking into consideration the recommendations from the civil sector and involved international and local experts, the working group will develop draft Concepts and draft laws on civil society control of the observance of human rights in Moi activities in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Civil society control of Mol activities in the KR will improve the lot of citizens who may be subject to unlawful actions (inactivity) and infringement of their rights and freedoms by Mol employees,. In addition, the level of observance of the law by Mol employees affects the level of corruption in the Mol system, increasing people's confidence in the Mol of the KR.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$16 112**

Reform of the Judicial System and Law Enforcement Bodies in the KR Project

Цель проекта: оказание технического и методического содействия в разработке концепции реформирования судебной системы и правоохранительных органов КР.

Goal: providing technical and methodological assistance to develop the concept of reform of the judicial system and of law enforcement bodies of the KR.

Since the Law Program began working in these areas in 2006, it has organized technical support for the working group that by order of the President has developed the Concept of reform of the judicial system and law enforcement bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic. The main goal of the Concept is to build and develop an impartial and independent judicial system, democratic legal state, and increase people's confidence in the authorities.

In 2007 the Law Program in partnership with UNDP and other organizations, provided assistance to the Committee on the Judicial and Legal Reform of Jogorku Kenesh of the KR in organizing and holding the Parliamentarian hearings dedicated to discussing this Concept.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$29 768

Information campaign: Abolition of Capital Punishment in the Kyrgyz Republic: Right to Life Project

Goal: information support to humanizing and liberalizing criminal policy and total abolition of capital punishment.

Under this Project a competition was held for correspondents, mass media writers, representatives of NGO and editorial offices of Kyrgyzstan to cover capital punishment in the country.

The campaign was run by the Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan in cooperation with the Representative Office of Penal Reform International (PRI) in Central Asia, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE ODIHR) and Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic with the aim of giving information support to the humanization and liberalization of criminal policy and total abolition of capital punishment in the Kyrgyz Republic according to international standards on the observance of human rights to life and respect for human dignity.

Eighty-nine entries were submitted both by individual and group authors in Kyrgyz, Russian and Uzbek in the form of newspaper articles, audio and video material in the national and regional press. On March 26, 2007 the independent jury declared the winners:

1 st: Zainidin Kurmanov, Politburo Programme, NTS, Bishkek

1 nd: Maxim Klimenko and Alina Blagova, Vest independent community newspaper, Karabalta

2 rd: Taalibek Temirov, Erkin Too newspaper, Bishkek

The winners received diplomas and cash prizes of: KGS 50,000, 30,000 and 20,000 respectively.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$1 922

4. ACTIVITY: LABOR MIGRATION

Help Develop the State Program on Regulating Migration and Protecting the Rights of Labor Migrants Project

Goal: help develop the state program on regulating migration and protecting the rights of labor migrants; harmonizing migration policies of source countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan) and recipient countries (Russia, Kazakhstan) of labor migrants.

The Law Program has been involved in this area since 2006, when by order of the Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan, work started on developing the National program on migration that included representatives of the State Committee of the KR on Migration and Employment, the National Security Service of the KR, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the KR, Ministry of the Economy and Finance of the KR, non-government organizations and the coordinator of the Law Program of the Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan.

The Concept approved this year by Resolution of the Government of the KR will set out a new effective approach to issues of labor migration using the norms of a democratic state. The Law Program provided significant assistance in developing strategic documents determining development and policy in the area of medium-term labor migration and in setting up the scientific and expert council on issues of labor migration, which will focus on developing documents on issues of migration, acceptable to all members of

EurAsEc. Besides, Tajikistan PA and Zamandash PA were given grants to offer free legal aid to labor migrants in Moscow and Yekaterinburg.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$53 654**

5. ACTIVITY: REFORM OF THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Support to Civil Initiatives in the Transition Period Project

Goal: to support free and transparent Parliamentary elections in accordance with international standards by providing expert and financial support in developing and discussing the new Electoral Code, ensuring a high level of awareness of electors of the provisions of the new Electoral Code, and encouraging the active participation of representatives of civil society in elections by participating in election committees.

This Project was launched in early 2007 and is implemented by the Law Program of the Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan in cooperation with the Association of Centers of Support for Civil Society and the Central Committee for Elections and Referenda in the Kyrgyz Republic funded by the European Union.

One of the main components of the Project is reform of election processes in the Kyrgyz Republic through expert and financial assistance in developing the new version of the Electoral Code, appropriate new Constitution of the KR and including gender aspects of candidates' representation. The new draft of the Code focuses on the non-government sector representation in the election processes.

Under this Project this year, technical, expert and financial assistance was given to developing the Draft Electoral Code that was further discussed in 30 roundtables in rayons of the country and 7 public discussions in oblast centers, in order to receive comments and recommendations from the population. The final seventh discussion was the roundtable at the end of August this year that included international experts, Sergei Kuznetsov, Legal Advisor to the Election and Referenda Department of the Venetian Commission Secretariat (Strasbourg, France) and Tigran Karapetyan, Legal Expert of ODIHR/OSCE (Warsaw, Poland) and local experts on election legislation, gender issues and NGOs, involved in the Program earlier, at the stage of developing the draft code. All the recommendations and proposals made during roundtables and public discussions were compiled and submitted to the Jogorku Kenesh of the KR.

In October 2007 in the run-up to the referendum, 5 information awareness television programs were prepared on the general topic, Discussing the Electoral Code, that included representatives of CEC, civil society experts and representatives of political parties and the business sector. The informative and explanatory programs were broadcast as the Open Kyrgyzstan programme. This cycle of programs enabled the population of Kyrgyzstan to learn better the norms, included in the new Electoral Code and thus prepare them for the referendum on October 21, 2007.

As a result of the referendum, the President of the KR has called new Parliamentary elections on December 16, 2007 therefore under this Project a large-scale information campaign was launched with the aim of making the population of Kyrgyzstan more involved in the election. During the campaigns in Bishkek and in all oblast centers of the country, information billboards were produced and distributed and social video clips were broadcast on TV throughout Kyrgyzstan. Flash animations were also developed and placed on Internet information portals and websites. For wider coverage of the population, a special SMS campaign was organized that reminded subscribers to three mobile phone operators of Kyrgyzstan about the elections.

One of the important components of the information campaign was printing brochures for voters (400,000 copies), guidelines for members of the district electoral commissions (1,500 copies) and guidelines for election process participants (2,500 copies), particularly, electors, organizers of elections, observers, lawyers, political parties and the mass media.

Next year it is planned to continue activities under this Project aimed at getting NGO representatives more involved in the election processes. These efforts will help increase confidence in the election system of Kyrgyzstan and facilitate further elections in accordance with international standards of equality of parties, fairness and observance of the principle of supremacy of law.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$210 971
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$486 180*

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Mass Media Support Program

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Saida Manieva, Program Coordinator

Emil Konkul'kov, Program Assistant



Mission: to develop the information space as required in exercising the rights to freedom of speech, expression and access to information, as a necessary condition of building an open society in Kyrgyzstan.

Main activities of the program:

1. Facilitating the process of reforming the mass media and developing legislation on the mass media.
2. Improving the professional competence of journalists.

Support to Setting up a Media Self-Regulatory Body Project

Goal: to give people more confidence in the mass media, raising the level of social responsibility of all participants involved in disseminating or reporting information, determining and strengthening ethnic norms of journalism by helping set up and run a Media Self-Regulatory Body.

The Program started working in this area in 2006 with a study of international experience and practice of self-regulation of the mass media. This year the program focused on support to developing an ethics code for journalists and setting up a mass media self-regulatory body.

Thanks to the efforts of the program and other organizations, a platform was created for representatives of the mass media to discuss these issues and journalists concluded that adopting these measures is really relevant today considering the current situation with the development of the mass media in the country.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$26 897

Helping Develop a Tool for Allocating Radio Frequencies Project

Goal: help develop a Regulation on Radio Frequency Allocation by Tender and the draft law on broadcasting.

This situation leads to difficulties in the information market and affects state information security issues in Osh, Jalalabat and Talas oblasts and also restricts the information field in Kyrgyzstan, thereby denying ordinary people the opportunity to receive objective information on events in the country.

Therefore, the Support to the mass media project helped set up a working group of interested representatives of the mass media and state bodies with the aim of developing provisions on radio frequency allocation and the law On Broadcasting.

TOTAL PROJECT COST

\$1 182

Support to setting up the Supervisory Board of the National Television and Radio Broadcasting Corporation Project

Goal: helping develop public television in Kyrgyzstan by setting up the Supervisory Board of the National Television and Radio Broadcasting Corporation.

In this area the program has supported initiatives related to developing legislation in developing the mass media and also supported the process of discussing legislation regulating the activity of the mass media of Kyrgyzstan.

The Program has and continues to help and support the platform for discussing the principles and tools for operating public television by all interested entities.

In 2007, an information campaign was organized (among potential members of the Supervisory Board of the NTRBC) to distribute information about the tender to all interested parties to nominate candidates to become members of the Supervisory Board of the National Television and Radio Broadcasting Corporation.

Having made a list of people applying for the tender, the program helped organise a roundtable involving the candidates and all interested parties with the aim of clarifying the provisions of the law on the Supervisory Board and providing information about what public television actually is.

Material about public television and international standards of how the Supervisory Board should work were distributed to the candidates and deputies before the vote in the Jogorku Kenesh.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$2 594**

Effective Management of the Mass Media Project

Goal: to develop and support a more competent level of management of printed and electronic mass media to improve their financial sustainability and make them self-supporting and develop their own capacity and high level of corporate culture.

The Support to the Mass Media Program began working under this Project in 2005 by focusing on a deep and comprehensive study of civilized management as the system of management at all levels of media business enterprises and developing recommendations on the efficient management and development of modern mass media enterprises in free market conditions and tenders in the Kyrgyz Republic.

During the program implementation three training programs were run, each for about one year. The training programs were organized for mass media bosses and managers engaged in planning, organizing and motivating staff and managing newspapers and television companies and recruiting advertising, distribution and marketing staff, accountants and journalists.

Under this Project several study manuals on Effective Management in the Mass Media and System Management in the Mass Media were specifically developed.

At the middle stage of the Project a Summer School was held for participants in the Competitiveness of the Mass Media Project in 2006 and 2007. During the training, such methods of working as resolving practical tasks and cases, mini lectures, role play games, individual work and work in pairs, group discussions, group projection, developing a program of amendments, product analysis etc. were used.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$69 499**

Developing journalistic Investigation in the Mass Media of Kyrgyzstan project

Goal: to develop the skills of journalists of the printed and electronic mass media in journalistic investigation in preparing hot, critical material on various crimes and corruption; help in setting up investigative departments in editorial offices of the mass media.

The Mass Media Support Program started working in this area in 2006 by holding the first course for training journalists of the printed and television mass media of the country already involved in journalistic investigation and using investigative tools. The goal of this course was to reduce the risks to these journalists increase their numbers in Kyrgyzstan to make the population of the country more aware of offences in the area of human rights and corruption.

Implementation of the Project helps investigative journalists adopt a responsible approach to preparing critical articles.

One of the key moments in implementing the Project was organizing the Summer School on: Journalistic investigation: goals and objectives of investigation. Effective work of investigative journalists. Trainers from Russia, L.Velekhov, Deputy Chief Editor of the Sovershenno Secretno newspaper (Moscow) and L.Mlenich, Producer of the Doc Program on the TV Center channel, participated in the Summer School and delivered a series of master classes in which their own investigative material, shown to school participants, were analyzed.

Internships were arranged for Project group media trainers at Top Secret (Moscow, Russia) to make them aware of ongoing developments and improve their techniques in and methodology of investigative journalism.

During the year the Project ran, participating journalists prepared 67 television and newspaper investigations, which were published and shown on various television channels of the country. Thus, the main idea of the Project to develop investigative journalism in the mass media in Kyrgyzstan was achieved in full.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$77 978
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$200 433*

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Non-Governmental Organizations Support Program

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Mission: to develop people's awareness that they are the driving force in forming an open society.

Since it began working in Kyrgyzstan, the Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan has supported non-governmental organizations through training programs aimed at building the capacity of NGOs in the area of institutional and organizational management, organizing inter-sector cooperation and grant support to projects for the social development of the country.

The program helps the institutional sustainability of NGOs, supports public initiatives to resolve socio-economic, socio-cultural and legal issues and facilitates cooperation between NGOs, state bodies and commercial organizations, with the aim of building an open democratic society.

In 2007 it has worked in two strategic areas:

1. Building the capacity of non-governmental organizations in Kyrgyzstan.
2. Developing independent monitoring and evaluation of state reforms and development programs in Kyrgyzstan.

1. Building the capacity of non-governmental organizations in Kyrgyzstan Project

The Capacity Building of NGOs for the Development and Implementation of a Set of Actions Aimed at Developing Civil Society and Democratic Processes in Kyrgyzstan Project

Goal:

Help NGOs in Kyrgyzstan develop and implement a proactive system of actions in response to external challenges.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

Discussion on Current Issues of the NGO Sector: what to do and where to go? (March–April 2007)

Identify and discuss current institutional and organizational issues of developing the NGO sector in Kyrgyzstan. Hold discussions on this topic with experts and representatives of NGOs.

Output:

- 1) Analytical articles (E.Nogoibaeva: Role of Non-Government Sector in Political Processes of Modern Kyrgyzstan. Sheradil Baktygulov: How to raise NGOs to a new level?).
- 2) Express analysis (Russian, Kyrgyz), recording the results of the discussions.

The National Forum of NGOs 2007 (March-July 2007)

Objectives: Support the specialized communication platform on which representatives of NGOs will be able to identify the development needs of the NGO sector in the country, in cooperation with donor organizations and other interested parties.

Participants in the Forum activities: members of the organizing committee, analysts, NGOs, donor organizations, international research organizations and academic research centers (regional and the Forum itself – lists are attached).

Organizer: Organizing Committee of the Forum

Outcomes:

- 1) The content priorities of the dialogue within the sector and between NGOs and the authorities have been determined
- 2) The tools to enable NGOs to participate in making decisions on actual issues of the country's development have been determined
- 3) Forms and tools for the response of the NGO sector to external challenges have been discussed
- 4) The new format for organizing the Forum has been tested analytically (with expert support from the Project)

Output:

- 1) Analyses of each of the regional Forums (prepared with SFK support).
- 2) The final analytical document for discussion at the Forum (prepared with SFKexpert and financial support)
- 3) Platform of actions of NGOs to 2010
- 4) Permanent CDS Working Group
- 5) Declaration of the values and principles of the work of NGOs
- 6) Two video clips: on the NGO Forum 2005 (1) and NGO Forum 2007 (2) (prepared by employees of the Open Kyrgyzstan Project with the financial support of SFK)
- 7) Information material in the mass media (with the financial and resource support of SFK)

The focus-group on discussing the prospects of cooperation with civil society (August 2007)
Objectives: analyze the situation and identify activities needed to build the capacity of civil society in Kyrgyzstan.

Participants: representatives of the civil, expert, academic and donor communities working on case analysis and identifying areas of activity to build the capacity of civil society in Kyrgyzstan.

Output:

- Analytical report on the results of joint discussions that was distributed to all focus group participants.

A series of roundtables on civil society in Kyrgyzstan. Joint academic platform of the Social Research Centre (AUCA) and Soros Foundation Kyrgyzstan. Period: June-November 2007.

Objectives: Create an intellectual platform to discuss methods and approaches of analysing and studying the NGO sector in Kyrgyzstan. Set up a network of researchers and practitioners for closer communication with each other that will lead to a better understanding of various NGO issues and encourage new discussions and determine new topics for research in this area.

Participants: representatives of scientific circles and analytical organizations, NGO, experts in educating the people.

June 2007. - What model of civil society might there be in Kyrgyzstan and what is the role of the NGO sector in it? Roundtable #1

August 2007 - Founding a Representative Democracy in Kyrgyzstan -the role and place of the NGO sector in this process, Roundtable #2

September 2007. - The place and role of NGOs in a Democratic Society, Roundtable #3

October 2007. - Specifics of Developing Civil Society in Central Asia at the Current Stage, Roundtable #4

November 2007. - The NGO sector and Political Processes in Kyrgyzstan: Theory and Practice, Roundtable #5

Grant tender: Providing Services to the Population and Local Communities by NGOs.

The goal of the tender is to support NGO initiatives in addressing problems of members of the local community. A pilot tender for NGOs from Naryn, Talas and Batken oblasts.

Based on the results of the first selective round, the winning organizations (11 people) participated in an educational workshop on building their capacity in social partnerships with the aim of finalizing the presented project ideas and develop them into Project Proposals for further funding.

Winners:

Tan Nuru parents of handicapped children PA (Taldy-Bulak Aiyl Okmotu, Talas oblast).

Project: We will create coziness and warmth for handicapped children. Goal: protecting the rights and interests of handicapped children and their parents, their social rehabilitation, familiarize them with work, study, sports, creating a favorable environment enabling them to lead fully-fledged lives and develop their creativity and social activity.

Manager: J. Aitykulov.

GRANT **\$5 299**

Rema Public Charitable Foundation (Kyzylkiya, Batken Oblast)

Equal rights and equal opportunities for people with disabilities in Kyzylkiya Batken oblast project. Goal: to improve practical knowledge of business planning and skills to promote their interests by 25 women with disabilities and women with children with group 1 disability working from home - 9 month project in Kyzylkiya, Batken Oblast.

Project Coordinator: Park S.

GRANT **\$4 951**

Oluya Pirim PA (Batken)

Protection against brucellosis PA. Goal: to reduce the incidence of brucellosis among residents of Batken and Kara-Bulak aiyl okmotus through increasing awareness and outpatient treatment of brucellosis-infected patients (azokerit treatment and manual therapy).

Leader: Akhmatov A. T.

GRANT **\$4 982**

Sunny Country PA (Kyzylkiya, Batken Oblast)

Together - we are one family Project. Goal: to increase people's interest in helping and supporting orphans and making it possible for children to live with a foster family during the weekend

(Saturday and Sunday) for a year, so as to enjoy living in comfort in a family to gain hope and faith in the future.

Leader: Arapova E. B.

GRANT **\$5 000**

Tameris League of Women PA (Talas city)

The quality of public services is the quality of life Project. Goal: to improve the quality of public utilities and Talas Municipality via an information campaign, research and recommendations for local government and public utilities.

Leader: Mamyrova A. T.

GRANT **\$3 080**

Doctors of Naryn city Project (Naryn)

Raising children by training mothers. Goal: to improve the quality of medical services provided to children in 32 villages in Naryn rayon through training of paramedical personnel and research.

Leader: Beksultanova A.

GRANT **\$4 962**

Kalba PA (Kalba village, Talas rayon, Talas oblast)

We are the agents of change in our communities Project. Goal: to promote social mobilisation of the public and improve the quality of life of rural young people and young families by training 'agents of change' using informal education and advisory services. Create an enabling environment for positive change in the lives of rural communities by getting people to become actively involved in their communities, in which the most active players will be young members of the community.

Leader: Mokushova B.

GRANT **\$4 997**

GRANT TOTAL: **\$ 33270**

TENDER TOTAL : **\$ 34648**

Cooperation between NGOs in the process of forming civil society; representation and responsible cooperation between NGOs and state authorities, Polish-Kyrgyz project (Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and Stefan Batory Foundation, Warsaw).

Project objectives:

- 1) Create opportunities for sharing experiences between Kyrgyz and Polish practitioners in the sphere of building civil institutions and their cooperation with the authorities (by sphere of activity);
- 2) Analyze Polish experience in forming civil institutions and their interaction with the authorities in terms of forming and developing civil society institutions in Kyrgyzstan;
- 3) Adapt the Polish experience to Kyrgyzstan's context by developing educational modules for Kyrgyz NGOs;
- 4) Support Kyrgyz NGOs in applying their acquired knowledge and skills to develop their own local action plan.

Project outcome:

- 1) Project participants learned the organizational structure of civil society in Poland;
- 2) Factors affecting the process of NGO self-organization in Poland at local and national levels have been analyzed;
- 3) Duties and functions of Polish NGOs and community institutions in developing and implementing public policy have been learnt;
- 4) The knowledge acquired under the project is transferred to local NGOs in Kyrgyzstan in order to initiate cooperation within the NGO sector and cooperation between NGOs and the state.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

Stage 1. Study tour to Poland for representatives of local NGOs (Warsaw, Poland, October 2007)

Location: Warsaw, Poland Period: October 1-11, 2007, number of participants: 13.

Participants: 11 representatives of NGOs from Kyrgyzstan, staff from the Presidential Administration of the KR and administrative office of the Jogorku Kenesh of the KR. Participants were selected based on recommendations from international organizations and experts using the criteria of activity and ability to use observation data from Poland to develop the third sector in Kyrgyzstan.

Goal: the study tour to Poland was organized to study Polish experience on the self-organization of NGOs (platform for building local, regional and national cooperation) and ways of establishing relationships between NGOs and local/national state authorities. During the study tour, participants observed and learnt specific examples of platforms and NGO coalitions through meetings with their initiators and members and also learnt the functions of the platform through meetings with state authorities responsible for contacts with NGOs.

Stage 2. Workshops for Kyrgyz NGOs conducted by Polish moderators (Bishkek and Osh, December 2007)

In December 2007, the SFK NGOs Support Program and the Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland) organized two workshops on NGO sector representation and cooperation between NGOs, the state and businesses in Kyrgyzstan.

- 1) Increasing representation of the NGO sector and its interaction with state authorities workshop 9-13 December 2007, Issyk-Kul (Chok-Tal village)
- 2) Enthusiastically towards partnerships workshop December 14, Osh.

TOTAL

\$56 010

2. DEVELOPING INDEPENDENT MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF STATE REFORMS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN KYRGYZSTAN

Promoting the creation of mechanisms to use the outcomes of civic monitoring and evaluation of development programs and enhance NGOs' capacity so they can be included in the process of monitoring and evaluation Project.

Project goals:

1. Develop a set of proposals for creating mechanisms for using the results of civic monitoring and evaluation in decision-making at ministerial level;
2. Promote the creation of mechanisms for including NGOs in the process of monitoring and evaluation of the country's development strategy.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1) International Conference on Monitoring and evaluation in countries in transition: ways and means of cooperation between the state and civil society (April 12-14, 2007) involving representatives of state agencies, ministries, donor organizations and NGOs that are potential clients, who will need independent evaluation of their programs, monitors, monitoring agencies and NGOs. The conference also involved master classes for the participants.

TOTAL COST OF THE CONFERENCE **\$19 534**

2) Workshop-training on Results-based management in state agencies. Monitoring and evaluation of programs and standards of public services (August 3 – 6, 2007) for NGOs, independent assessors and representatives of monitoring agencies, developers of state development programs on training in monitoring and evaluation, methods of evaluating development programs and reform.

Goal: joint training on designing development programs including monitoring and evaluation.

Training outcome:

- Mechanisms of interaction between NGOs and the state in monitoring and evaluation of development programs;
- NGOs' capacity to conduct monitoring and evaluation of development programs;
- Approaches to forming procedures for taking into account monitoring outcomes in making decisions to adjust development programs.

TOTAL COST OF TRAINING **\$28 530**

3) Workshop on Forming approaches to set up a system for monitoring and evaluating development programs in Central Asia (December 5-9, 2007) for representatives of the three Central Asian republics (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan) from state agencies and NGOs responsible for introducing monitoring and evaluation in the country.

TOTAL COST OF THE WORKSHOP **\$21 063**

TENDERS***Civic monitoring of public services provided to citizens tender***

The goal is to monitor public services provided to the population.

Winners:**Academ i K Scientific and Educational center (Bishkek)**

Civic monitoring of state services provided to the population by the State Agency for Registering Rights to Immovable Property under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic project.

GRANT **\$4 855**

Monitoring Center PA (Bishkek)

Monitoring access to and quality of healthcare services provided to the population under the State Guarantees Program in Talas oblast of the KR Project.

GRANT \$5 297

Cooperation - Commonwealth PA (Naryn)

Monitoring and evaluation of public healthcare services provided to the population under the State Guarantees Program and clinical protocols in healthcare institutions in Naryn oblast Project

GRANT \$3 956*

*Including equipment, direct, administrative and transportation costs.

Community associations support center in Naryn oblast PA (Naryn)

Healthy children mean a secure future (Improving the quality of services and their compliance with the needs and expectations of students and parents in organizing and providing hot meals for 1-4 grade students in 60 secondary schools in Naryn oblast).

GRANT \$5 896

Fergana Valley Lawyers without Borders PA (Osh)

Civil monitoring of state services on issuing and renewing passports for Kyrgyz citizens Project

GRANT \$4 955

Young Lawyers of the South PA (Osh)

Monitoring Traffic Police Inspectorate (TI) services (Osh city and Osh Oblast TPI Departments).

GRANT \$4 041

TOTAL FOR TENDERS \$29 000

GRANTS

Tree of Life Human Development Center (Bishkek)

Institutional development of the Civil Society Consortium on promoting the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) in the KR.

Project Coordinator - K. Moldogazieva

GRANT \$14 400

TOTAL PROGRAM COST \$221 386*

* Including administrative costs of the program.

EDUCATION REFORM PROGRAM

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MISSION

Promoting education reform by involving stakeholders

Main areas of the Program:

- Organizing public and professional discussions of education objectives, identifying and specifying problems and solutions;
- Creating a system of normative documents that would define the structure, content and ways of managing a new system of education (national curriculum, standards etc);
- Promoting documents and outputs at national level.



PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL CURRICULUM IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC PROJECT

The National Curriculum is a framework document declaring the goals of education and transforming them into concrete achievements of students at each stage (education standards). Sustainability of the curriculum requires a grading and state control system, which is fundamentally different from the existing one. This control system is implemented at all levels (grade, educational institution and the educational system as a whole). The project goal is to facilitate the development and promotion of the basic education reform concept (content, staffing, grading system, funding and management) in accordance with the requirements of a changing world. Project duration August 2006 - December 2007.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

12 - February 19, Tallinn (Estonia)

Study tour to study experience of writing a national curriculum. Participants: L. Y. Marchenko, A. P. Ivanov, S. A. Khamzina, E. A. Proyaeva, J. V. Iptarov, Y. A. Krasnitskaya, S. Buylasheva, V. K. Deutchman, T. Matokhina, L. P. Miroshnichenko, G. O. Aiylichieva.

PROJECT

\$14 068

April 17-18, Bishkek. Training workshop for authors-developers of the National Curriculum

April-August, Bishkek. Development of the National Curriculum by a group of experts

15-16 August, Bishkek.

Workshop to discuss the draft National curriculum for general secondary education in the Kyrgyz Republic for the staff of the Kyrgyz Academy of Education.

August 9-10, Bishkek

Discussion of the National Curriculum during the 2nd Congress of teachers of the Kyrgyz Republic. Participants in the discussion: managers of rayon departments of education, school directors, head teachers and teachers.

August 20-29, Bishkek

Discuss extracts from the National Curriculum during the August teachers' meetings.

October, Naryn

Focus group to discuss the National Curriculum.

December 17 - 25, Bishkek, Osh and Karakol

Focus groups to discuss the National Curriculum in the regions. Participants: media representatives, parents, teachers, representatives of NGOs.

PROJECT COST

\$22 910

EVERGREENIA 2007

June. Youth Education Camp Evergreenia 2007 Project

PROJECT COST

\$7 500

Published articles

- Kut Bilim Newspaper Issue No 29-30 (10255) of August 9, 2007, article on Recommendations for discussions on the draft National Curriculum for secondary education in the Kyrgyz Republic (extracts) during the August meeting of teachers in 2007;
- Kut Bilim Newspaper issue No 39 (10264) of October 26, 2007, Resolution adopted by the delegates of the 2nd Congress of Education workers entitled Problems with the practical implementation of the National Curriculum in schools and the future of education reform, October 10, 2007

OECD Meeting

7-8 March 2007, Chok-Tal village. Coordination meeting of partners of the Central Asian Initiative for children with specific educational needs joint research project. Participants: representatives of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Open Society Institute (Great Britain), the Kyrgyz Education Academy, Education Initiatives Support Foundation, Step by step PA, Asian Development Bank, UNICEF, Umut-hope NGO, Moltur koz NGO, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Kyrgyzstan, Center for Educational Policy (Kazakhstan), Center for Correctional Education (Kazakhstan), Ministry of Education (Tajikistan), Pulse NGO (Tajikistan), Open Society Institute (Tajikistan), Nasly Navras NGO (Tajikistan), NGOs of people with impaired eyesight (Tajikistan), Alpha-Omega NGO (Uzbekistan), Step by Step PA (Uzbekistan), Step by Step PA (Ukraine), Stanford University (USA) and EveryChild.

GRANT

\$12 470

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$56 948

PEAKS PROJECT

Valentin Deutchman, Project Director

SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM PROJECT

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Project goal

The project aims to increase public participation in matters related to education and improve the quality of knowledge. The project is funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Project partners: Academy for Development through Education (USA), Save the Children (UK), Save the Children (USA) and Abt Associates (USA).

GRANTS

Educational Initiatives Support Foundation PA (EISF)

A grant was awarded for the School improvement program training for school administrations and Developing critical thinking through reading and writing, designing and implementing the Introducing vouchers for funding professional training of teachers pilot project.

GRANT

\$78 040

Step by Step Educational Initiatives Center PA

A grant was awarded to hold workshops for elementary school teachers on Step by Step student-oriented teaching methods, multicultural and inclusive education and publication of the Step by Step information-analytical bulletin

GRANT

\$7 494

New School Association of Independent Providers of Educational Services

A grant was awarded to purchase equipment, develop unified standards for certifying trainers and help in licensing educational services' providers and certification of their programs and developing and printing teachers' qualification certificates.

GRANT

\$353

Grants for professional development schools (PDS) providing services for improving teachers' skills under the project

A grant was awarded for training material and to cover costs associated with workshops in PDS for teachers from partner schools clusters.

PDS name	Oblast, rayon	Teaching language	Amount
Lycée by Tanatarov	Osh oblast, Uzgen rayon	Kyrgyz	USD 4,894
Kurshab village			
Tadjibai Secondary school Kotormo village	Osh oblast, Nookat rayon	Kyrgyz	USD 5,881
Secondary school No 1, Kyzyl-Kiya	Batken oblast	Russian	USD 1,659
Torogeldiev Secondary school No7	Jalalabat oblast	Kyrgyz	USD 640
Mashrapov Secondary school	Osh oblast	Kyrgyz	USD 1,481

TOTAL**\$ 14555**

Grants to providers rendering refresher training services for teachers of Issyk-Kul oblast within the pilot project for implementing a voucher-based mechanism for financing the teacher refresher training system.

Organization	Grant amount
Issyk-Kul Oblast Institute of Education	\$ 3463
Steps to success PA	\$ 2223
Besh-Kadam PA	\$ 528
Karakol Adult Training Center	\$ 597
Peremena Center for innovative education PA	\$ 72
Satylganov Oblast school-lyceum	\$ 891
Kyrgyz Academy of Education	\$ 265
Issyk-Kul Sabaty PA	\$ 272
Utan Training center	\$ 384
Total	\$ 8695

TOTAL PROJECT COST**\$109 137**

HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Valentin Deutchman, Education Programs Manager
Saltanat Buylasheva, Education Programs Coordinator
Nazira Turarova, Education Programs Assistant

MISSION

Promoting higher education reform by involving stakeholders

Main areas of the Program:

- Optimizing state standards;
- Researching and promoting the development of tools to ensure quality higher education.



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SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM PROJECT

Project goal

To promote the reform of higher education to ensure its quality and compliance with the requirements of the socio-economic development of the country

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May 2-3, Chok-Tal village. Promoting higher education reform in the Kyrgyz Republic - workshop on developing pilot educational standards

The workshop was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science of the KR, educational and methodological associations, international organizations and projects, EdNet Association of educational institutions, consulting companies, professional associations and universities.

June 28, Bishkek. Workshop-meeting of rectors of higher education institutions in the KR – to Identify major directions of higher education development in the KR in the context of the Country Development Strategy

Participants: heads of the Ministry of Education and Science and universities of the KR.

June 29, Bishkek. Education reform in the context of the Country Development Strategy National Educational Forum

Participants: members of the KR Government, Jogorku Kenesh deputies, representatives of international organizations and agencies, rectors of universities and professional education institutions of the KR and representatives of civil society.

July 16-17, Bishkek. Workshop on the optimum model of quality higher education in the KR based on international experience

Participants: heads of the Ministry of Education and Science and universities of the KR.

September 21-22, Bishkek. Workshop on a competent approach to forming educational content and specifics of academic disciplines' development

Participants: teachers, heads of university departments

October 21-23, Almaty (Kazakhstan). Participation of program experts in the International symposium on assessing the quality of education

October 29-30, Bishkek. Workshop on creating a system of quality assurance in higher education in the KR

Participants: heads of the Ministry of Education and Science and universities of the KR.

December 4-5, Bishkek. The main directions of changes in the content of education and the quality assessment system Conference

Participants: heads of the Ministry of Education and Science and universities of the KR. The purpose of the conference was to conduct an open dialogue in order to discuss the outcomes of developing new generation State Educational Standards using a competence-based approach and draft guidelines for organizing the internal quality assurance system in higher education institutions of the Kyrgyz Republic.

TOTAL FOR ACTIVITIES **\$80 104**

TENDERS

February. Tender for drafting a concept (vision) of higher professional education development until 2017 among 28 groups representing academics and experts (90 people on average)

6 groups out of 28 were selected: Center for Training and Consulting, Humanitarian Design Institute, academic groups of teachers from the International University in Kyrgyzstan and BSUEL, and the International Institute for Strategic Research under the President of the KR.

January - December

A tender was held to develop new generation state educational standards among groups of professional academics and experts. 9 out of 30 applications were selected to develop pilot new generation state educational standards.

GRANT **\$12 960**

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Kut Bilim Newspaper issue No 36 (10261) of September 28, 2007, article – A qualitative approach to higher education content
- Rossiyskaya Gazeta Newspaper issue No 242 (4505) of October 30, 2007, article - Quality is the cornerstone »

PUBLICATIONS

Guidelines for organizing the internal quality assurance system in higher education institutions of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Methodological recommendations on drafting state educational standards for higher professional education using a competence-based approach.

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$93 064**

GRANTS

Educational Initiatives Support Foundation PA (EISF)

A grant was awarded to improve access to quality education for children with disabilities. Project Manager - A. P. Ivanov The project involves policy research with the OECD on this topic in the Kyrgyz Republic. Under this initiative, EISF serves as a coordinating center organizing activities at regional level.

GRANT **\$20 000**

American University of Central Asia

The project is a debating tournament for students from Bishkek universities, which promotes skills in public speaking and critical thinking of higher education students. Project Manager - Joldoshbek Osmonov.

GRANT **\$1 000**

TOTAL GRANTS **\$21 000**

Scholarship Programs

Rakia Rustemova, Program Assistant

The program offers postgraduate studies at universities in the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and Hungary based on open competition and are open to all interested persons. The programs are divided into master's and doctoral studies and research for which no degrees will be awarded.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Faculty	University
Jumabaev	Nurjan	9 months	Environmental Policy	University of Oxford
Duyshebaeva	Lira	12 months	Political Philosophy	University of York

TOTAL GRANTS **\$6 552,55***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, testing, execution of documents, flight tickets, the cost of summer school and a one-week orientation in Istanbul, Turkey

OSI / FCO CHEVENING / UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

The program provides an opportunity to study social and human sciences in the Master's Program of the University of Edinburgh (UK) for 12 months.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Faculty	University
Tashbolotova	Nurjamal	12 months	Policy Studies	University of Edinburgh
Temishev	Kyalbek	12 months	Policy Studies	University of Edinburgh

TOTAL GRANTS **\$10 371,66***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, testing, execution of documents, flight tickets, the cost of summer school and a one-week orientation in Istanbul, Turkey.

OSI / FCO CHEVENING / UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Since 2007, the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan has had a new scholarship program providing an opportunity to study social and humanitarian sciences in the Master's Program of the University of Leeds (Great Britain) for 12 months.

TOTAL GRANT **\$383***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements and postage..

OSI / HANSARD SOCIETY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The program is only open to graduates of the OSI/FCO Chevening scholarship program. This is a three-month program consisting of four parts. The first part is an academic course delivered by a professor from the UK, which aims to help students understand how British policy is formed. The second part is practical work in ministries, charitable institutions, scientific research centers or

the Parliament of Great Britain. The third part is writing a dissertation of the student's choice and the fourth part involves attending lectures delivered by well-known British politicians, including former ministers, political journalists, peers and lecturers.

ГРАНТЫ

Family name	Name	Duration of study
Tynystanov	Tendik	3 months

TOTAL GRANT **\$1 060***

* Including the cost of execution of documents and flight tickets.

OXFORD COLLEGES HOSPITALITY SCHEME

The program has been implemented in Kyrgyzstan since 2007 and is intended for Kyrgyz scientists who wish to work with the resources in libraries of the University of Oxford, or to cooperate with their colleagues from the university. Preference is given to candidates either with a degree or those working on a specific project (for example, writing a book or developing a new course of lectures). Scholarships are awarded for one-month studies in any direction available at the University of Oxford.

TOTAL GRANT **\$789***

* Including the cost of execution of documents and flight tickets.

SOCIAL WORK MASTERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The program offers studies for people developing social policies, implementing social reform and promoting social activities in Kyrgyzstan. This is a 2-year Master's program at Columbia University (New York, USA), or at the Washington University (St. Louis, USA).

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Faculty	University
Imambakieva	Elmira	12 months	Social Work	Columbia University
Lukicheva	Katherina	12 months	Social Work	University by Washington

SOCIAL WORK FACULTY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The program enables outstanding young teachers to improve their skills and knowledge in social work or get retraining in social sciences. The program will not lead to a degree being awarded and aims to promote the development of social work faculties and research in the field of social work in Kyrgyzstan. The program fellows will spend one semester either in Columbia University (New York, USA), or the Washington University (St. Louis, USA), where they will study the experience of foreign colleagues and one semester in a university in their own country. This is a two-year program.

Since 2008, the component for lecturers has been included in the Higher Education Lecturers Support Program (Faculty Development Fellowship).

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Faculty	University
Kurmanbaeva	Cholpon	2 years	Social Work	Columbia University

TOTAL **\$9 335***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, testing, execution of documents, flight tickets, the cost of summer school in Istanbul, Turkey and a one-week orientation in Budapest, Hungary.

OSI / CNOUS / FRENCH EMBASSY

The program is administered by the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and the French Embassy in the Kyrgyz Republic and offers fellowships for one-year Master's Studies in social and humanitarian sciences at French universities.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Faculty	University
Saipova	Cholpon	12 months	Economic theory	University of Bordeaux
Esentaeva	Zulayka	12 months	Public administration	University of Lyon III
Ernazarova	Jyldyz	12 months	Economic theory	University of Lyon III

Since 2007, an additional component – a Summer School – has been included in the program aimed at preparing students to study in France (academic writing skills, practical consultations). Finalists of the OSI / CNOUS / French Embassy program from the four participating countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) were invited. This is a two-week course delivered by lecturers and experts from the French educational system.

TOTAL GRANT **\$20 257,83***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, testing, flight tickets and the cost of summer school (Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan).

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The program does not award a degree and is aimed at improving the academic careers of teachers by creating innovative approaches to reforming curricula and supports the development of regional and international institutional cooperation and joint projects. The scholars of the Program will study one semester at a university in the U.S., where they will study the experience of foreign colleagues and one semester at a university in their own country. This is a two-year program.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of study	Faculty	University
Baetov	Ayaz	2 years	International Law	Harvard University
Igamberdiev	Bakhtiar	2 years	Sociology	George Mason University
Mambetaliev	Askarbek	2 years	Political Science	University of New York
Usubalieva	Gulnara	2 years	Sociology	Rutgers University
Chotaev	Zakir	2 years	Terrorism and Safety	Indiana University

TOTAL GRANT **\$11 413,38***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, postage, execution of documents, flight tickets, the cost of summer school in Istanbul, Turkey and a one-week orientation in Budapest, Hungary.

GLOBAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT PROGRAM

The program supports qualified students enrolled in doctoral programs in humanitarian and social sciences at accredited universities in Eastern Europe, Middle/Near East, Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. The program provides partial additional funding for students.

TOTAL GRANT **\$302***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements and postage.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY (BUDAPEST, HUNGARY; MASTER STUDY AND DOCTORATE)

The University offers scholarships for Master's and PhD studies in social, humanitarian and economic sciences. The Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan gives advice on how to apply to this university, helps send the documents to Budapest and administers the entrance examinations.

TOTAL GRANT **\$3 074***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements and postage.

CURRICULUM RESOURCE CENTER OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY (BUDAPEST, HUNGARY)

The Center's program is a program of the Central European University (CEU) designed to support university lecturers from Eastern European and former Soviet countries. The program aims to overcome the shortage of material for developing curricula and plans. As part of the program, themed sessions are organized jointly with the CEU faculties and programs. The sessions use the CEU's approach to teaching specific disciplines and new methodologies for developing courses in this discipline. The resources of the CEU and relevant faculties can be used and workshops are held on developing courses and teaching methodologies.

GRANTS

Family name	Name	Duration of studies	Faculty
Satyvaldieva	Bakhtygyl	20 – 28.01.2007	Economy
Karaeva	Mahabat	31.03 – 8.04.2007	Environmental Protection
Egemberdieva	Altynai	8 – 14.10	Environmental Protection
Rahmanjanova	Zuura	8 – 14.10	Environmental Protection
Majitov	Bakytbek	3 – 11.11	International relations
Akmatov	Kubanychbek	3 – 11.11	International relations
Osmonalieva	Nurzada	10 – 18.11	Law
Kulov	Emir	24.11 – 2.12	Political sciences
Rahmanjanov	Asan	24.11 – 2.12	Political sciences
Tulegabylova	Nurjan	24.11 – 2.12	Political sciences

TOTAL GRANT**\$ 17 915***

* Including the cost of newspaper advertisements, execution of documents and flight.

WORKING WITH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS ALUMNI

The Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan seeks to maintain contacts with fellowship programs alumni. The grantees, who have completed their studies under the program and returned to Kyrgyzstan, give lectures to explain the process of participating in competitions. An alumni reunion was organized in September 2007.

TOTAL**\$81 453,7**

INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION CENTER PROGRAM

Bumairam Ismailova, Program Coordinator

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The program provides material on training abroad and ensures free access to information resources, administers academic exchange program and promotes the activities of all Soros Foundation – Kyrgyzstan’s programs in six regions of Kyrgyzstan.

The SFK information and consultation centers represent structural units of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan and aim mainly to give advice and promote education abroad.

The main directions of the information and consultation centers’ activities are as follows:

- Advise all interested persons on education and scientific research in the U.S. and European universities;
- Help complete application forms for various scholarship programs;
- Provide literature (catalogues, brochures, magazines and newsletters) on education in foreign countries;
- Create a database of potential partners in the field of education abroad and establish partnerships with academic institutions in the U.S. and Europe;
- Deliver lectures in universities on topics relating to education and research abroad;
- Conduct annual Education in the United States and Education in Europe Fairs in Bishkek and regional centers (Osh, Jalalabat, Karakol, Naryn and Talas);
- Provide access to resources for independent study of the English language; organize English language clubs for visitors and methodological workshops for teachers in information and consultation centers;
- Provide access to the Internet;
- Administer network scholarship programs and scholarship programs in foreign universities;
- Conduct testing and pre-study orientation for finalists of scholarship programs;
- Help coordinate activities on all SFK programs during meetings with representatives of oblast, rayon and municipal state administrations, international organizations, NGOs, higher and secondary education institutions, local authorities, mass media, cultural and healthcare institutions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Financial reports of the resource centers include costs of distributing the registration forms for TOEFL, GRE and GMAT tests, purchase of books, subscriptions to periodicals, rental of premises, educational activities (educational fairs, workshops for the professional development of the information and consultation centers’ staff, workshops involving foreign specialists), salaries for centers’ staff, equipment and consumables for resource centers and furniture and telecommunications costs of the following centers:

- Bishkek resource center
- Naryn resource center
- Issyk-Kul resource center
- Osh / Jalalabat centers

- Talas resource center

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$85 000

Public Healthcare Program

Program goal: improve the quality of healthcare services provided to the population through support to transparent healthcare reform.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON PREVENTING ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION

Aisuluu Bolotbaeva, Program Coordinator
Syrghaisabaeva and Jamilya Abdynasyrova, Program Assistants



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The Program aims to develop and introduce a 12-step program for anonymous alcoholics (AA) and anonymous drug addicts (ADA) as an alternative way of fighting alcohol and drug addiction. In 2007, grants for participating in international events were awarded as part of the program for specialists in preventing alcohol and drug addiction. Training under the Atlantis program was held for directors and consultants of the Atlantis substitution therapy centers from correctional institutions No 1, 2, 8, 10, 27 and 31.

16 July - 30 September, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Training course under the Atlantis program. The aim of the training course is to give staff from substitution therapy centers new skills. Trainers: T. Kovaleva (correctional institution No 3, GUIN of the Ministry of Justice of the KR) and A. Ismanaliev (correctional institution No 3, GUIN of the Ministry of Justice of the KR)

GRANT

\$2118

GRANTS

Name of the grantee	Place of work / position	Event	Duration and location	Grant amount
E. S. Moldobaev	GUIN MIA KR	Visit to Atlantis rehabilitation centers in penitentiary institutions in Poland, meetings with heads of the penitentiary system of Poland	11-17 March, Poland	USD 934
Z. K. Alisherova	GUIN, MIA KR	Visit to Atlantis rehabilitation centers in penitentiary institutions in Poland, meetings with heads of the penitentiary system of Poland	11-17 March, Poland	USD 919

Name of the grantee	Place of work / position	Event	Duration and location	Grant amount
A. E. Karimov	GUIN MJ KR	Visit to Atlantis rehabilitation centers in penitentiary institutions in Poland, meetings with heads of the penitentiary system of Poland	11-17 March, Poland	USD 919
Z. K. Djanyzakov	Correctional institution No 1 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 142
A. A. Abykanova	Correctional institution No 27 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program, practical training in Bartsevo prison	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,078
T. V. Kovaleva	Correctional institution No 3 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,084
I. A. Lapuzina	Correctional institution No 31 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,085
A. A. Ismanaliev	Correctional institution No 3 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,084
R. E. Kojomberd-eva	Correctional institution No 8 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program, practical training in Bartsevo prison	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,078

Name of the grantee	Place of work / position	Event	Duration and location	Grant amount
G.T.Mamytova	Correctional institution No 47 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,084
N. A. Sadyrova	Correctional institution No 10 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,265
A.K.Syrgataeva	Correctional institution No 2 GUIN MJ KR	Participation in training on treating addictions in prisons based on the Atlantis program	26 May - 2 June, Poland	USD 1,084

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$13 874

Drug Demand Reduction in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the Fergana Valley of Kyrgyzstan Program

The USAID Program on drug demand reduction in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the Fergana Valley of Kyrgyzstan is a large-scale five-year program, which aims to raise awareness of social and health problems related to drug use, change attitudes towards drugs and prevent the spread of drug use among marginalized population groups in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan and the Fergana Valley of Kyrgyzstan. The Program is an important part of the USAID strategy in Central Asia striving to address problems resulting from the rapid increase in drug use and the spread of HIV/AIDS among marginalized population groups.

February 5, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Quarterly meeting of partners of the Drug demand reduction in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the Fergana Valley of Kyrgyzstan Program

TOTAL **\$612**

13-14 March, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Regional meeting of DDRP grantees to exchange experience

TOTAL **\$2 946**

21-23 March, Osh, Kyrgyzstan. Training in the 12-step system of drug addiction therapy.

The aim of the training is to provide skills in using a 12-step program as a chemical addiction therapy. Trainers visited three self-help groups of drug-users, which were established in Osh and Jalalabat by project clients. Having analyzed the needs and problems of the self-help groups, they ran a three-day training course to discuss the basic principles of the 12-step program in detail. In addition, the use of self-help groups and ways to set them up were also discussed. A presentation on the Minnesota model for treating addiction was made during the training. Trainers: I. Lebusov (Director of the Rans Plus NGO) and Sh. Tokombaev (Director of the Ranar NGO).

TOTAL **\$2 834**

May 13-17, Warsaw, Poland. 18th International conference on harm reduction from drug use Participant: A. Bolotbaeva (Program Coordinator, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan).

TOTAL **\$3 152**

May-August, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Tender for the purchase of acupuncture syringes to be distributed among Project implementers for further acupuncture treatment of addiction

TOTAL **\$8 798**

June 7–11, Osh, Kyrgyzstan. Training on best practice of working with drug users and the Motivated interviewing technique. The purpose of the training is to build the capacity of organizations that provide services to reduce drug demand through improving the knowledge of specialists from the above-mentioned organizations. Trainers: D. Pulatov (Leading specialist of the Center for Drug Control and Drug-use Prevention of the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan for Sogd oblast), P. Djamolov (Director of the Most [Bridge] NGO

TOTAL **\$5 100**

June – July, Kyrgyzstan. World Anti Drugs Day. The aim of the event is to communicate the problem of drug addiction and its consequences to the general public of the republic. Jointly with the Drug Control Agency, Socium, Capacity and Aman

Plus NGOs and the Sector for Coordinating and Monitoring HIV/AIDS a press-conference was held devoted to drug-related problems and a concert involving young performers.

A competition was held among journalists for the best media reports devoted to Anti Drugs Day. The winners of the competition were:

- Category - Preventing drug use: J. Mamytova, correspondent of the 24 kg news agency and O. Dyadyuchenko, special correspondent of the Vecherny Bishkek;
- Category - Youth drug addiction and solutions: M. Shadieva, Director of Bara-Kuh radio;
- Category - Drug prevention problems in the regions: B. Ajymamatova, correspondent of Jalalabat radio.

TOTAL **\$2 387**

July 6, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Quarterly meeting of partners of the DDRP in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the Fergana Valley of Kyrgyzstan Participants: N. Asanalieva (Financial Director, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan) and S. Isabaeva (Program Assistant, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan)

TOTAL **\$1 011**

July - September, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Project on drawing up lists of drugs and psychotropic substances and qualifying amounts. The project was implemented jointly with the Drug Control Agency of the Kyrgyz Republic. A working group involving interested ministries, agencies and representatives of civil society was set up. The meetings of the working group were held by the Partnership Network Association of Harm Reduction Program. On November 9, 2007, the Government signed a Resolution on drug and psychotropic substances and other substances that are subject to control in the Kyrgyz Republic.

TOTAL **\$6 736**

July - September. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Producing 4 types of posters devoted to the fight against drugs among young people. The posters were based on the drawings by winners of the competition for the best poster devoted to the fight against drug use in 2006.

TOTAL **\$1 602**

GRANTS

1. Grant to the Healthy generation PA for the implementation of the Preparing to treat drug addicts in Jalalabat Project aimed at motivating drug addicts to consciously start treatment by setting up a wide and accessible range of services for injecting drug users. Project Manager – Aisuluu Kannazarova.

GRANT **\$11 390**

2. Grant to the Diaron PA to implement a project for the medication-free treatment and rehabilitation of injecting drug users in Jalalabat aimed at supporting the rehabilitation center, providing psychological and social rehabilitation and reintegration of drug users into society. Project Coordinator – Chinara Jusupova.

GRANT **\$20 480,02**

3. Grant to Osh oblast drug treatment clinic to implement the Medication-free treatment and rehabilitation of drug-addicts in Osh Project aimed at supporting the rehabilitation center,

providing psychological and social rehabilitation and reintegration of drug users into society.
Project Manager – Kylych Akaev.

GRANT **\$7 586,16**

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4. Musaada PA to implement the Medication-free treatment and rehabilitation of injecting drug users in Osh Project aimed at supporting the rehabilitation center, providing psychological and social rehabilitation and reintegration of drug users into society. Project Manager – Isa Nurmamatov.

GRANT **\$10 088,56**

Public Healthcare Program

5. Grant to the Parents against drugs PA to implement the Preparing to treat drug-users in Osh Project aimed at motivating drug addicts to consciously start treatment by setting up a wide and accessible range of services for injecting drug users. Project Manager – Rano Burhanova.

GRANT **\$8 715**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$93 439***

* Including administrative costs of the program

Sexual Health and Rights Program

The program goal is to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among people of reproductive age. The combined support – grant and operational – enables the program to work for sexual health and protecting the rights of people with risky sexual behavior.

May 7-13, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. A visit by Beata Sierochka, international expert, to provide expert and technical assistance to the Mol Academy of the KR in developing a component on working with sex workers and including it in a special Basics of preventing drug addiction and the spread of HIV/AIDS Course.

TOTAL **\$1 176**

June 15, Osh, Kyrgyzstan. Introductory workshop for NGOs implementing drop-in center projects in Osh, Kara-Suu and Jalalabat. Expected outcomes of the projects, possible risks and reducing them and cooperation as part of the project activities of the Podruga, El Umutu and Tais +2 NGOs, were discussed during the workshop. Facilitators: A. Bolotbaeva (Program Coordinator, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan) and B. Sydykanov (CARHAP National Coordinator).

TOTAL **\$746**

July 23, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Roundtable on Access to healthcare services in Kyrgyzstan for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) people. A report on access to information and quality medical care and protecting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and intersex (LGBTI) communities prepared by Florin Buhuceanu, International Expert, jointly with Jamilya Alisheva and Yuliya Aleshkina, was presented during the roundtable. Participants: experts on sexual health, STDs and HIV prevention from donor organizations, respective state agencies, human rights organizations and NGOs. The priority directions for further activities of the major actors in this area were identified based on comments and recommendations of the roundtable participants.

TOTAL **\$1 711**

July 23-28. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Katarina Jiresova, International Expert of the program, who was invited to share her experience of successfully implemented projects on organizing drop-in centers in Eastern and Central Europe advised local NGOs how to implement similar projects in Osh and Kara-Suu.

TOTAL **\$1 074**

July 30 – August 4, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The second visit by Beata Sierocka, international expert, to provide expert and technical assistance to the Academy of the MIA of the KR.

TOTAL **\$1 038**

ГРАНТЫ

Grant to Orhidea PA to implement the Helping hand Project in Kara-Suu aimed at providing medical, social and legal aid to sex workers in Kara-Suu and to combat stigma and discrimination against sex-workers. Project Manager – Dastan Kadyrkulov.

GRANT **\$26 039**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$31 384***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Mass Media and Health Program

The Program aims to effectively involve the mass media in informing the population on healthcare issues by stimulating journalists to systematically air health related problems, improving professional health related skills of journalists and supporting NGOs striving for public health protection by developing effective media-strategies.

- July – December. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Developing a media strategy concept for the SFK Public Health Program

TOTAL **\$3 216**

GRANTS

Grant to the Info-center Rainbow PA to implement the setting up a friendly journalists network Project in Osh aimed at organizing a network of friendly journalists for the non-discriminatory airing of HIV-related problems, raising journalists awareness of HIV/AIDS related problems, reducing stigma and discrimination. Project Manager – Dilshad Atabaev.

GRANT **\$4 799**

Grant to Ranar Therapy center PA to implement the Conducting a media campaign Project in Bishkek aimed at creating an Internet site, organizing events and press-conferences devoted to significant dates related to HIV/AIDS and drug-use and producing a series of articles promoting the fight against stigma and discrimination in society. Project Manager – Alla Bezryadina.

GRANT **\$4 964**

Grant to Adilet Legal clinic PA to implement the Forming a favorable legal environment, eradicating stigma and discrimination against PLWHA via the mass media Project in Bishkek, aimed at informing the population about HIV/AIDS related problems in order to reduce stigma and discrimination and form a favorable legal environment for harm reduction programs.

GRANT **\$5 007**

Grant to Avallon PA to implement the Strengthening interaction between NGOs and the mass media to contribute to addressing the problems of the LGBTI community Project, Bishkek, aimed at producing a video about relations between LGBTIs and society, create a database on NGOs working with LGBTIs the and mass media, launch a website and hold a conference in order to strengthen interaction between NGOs and the mass media and unite efforts in addressing problems of LGBTIs and PLWHA.

GRANT **\$4 242**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$22 228**

SCHWEITZER WORKSHOPS PROGRAM

The Program aims to promote the exchange of experience between healthcare professionals and specialists from various countries.

January 29 – February 4, 2007, London, Sussex, Great Britain. Participation in a partnership meeting of the Public Health Program and Support to the Mass Media, workshop of the Open Society Institute involving directors of National Foundations, directors and coordinators of the Public Health Program, Wilton Park International Conference on How international drug strategies could be successful. Involving the mass media in airing health related problems was discussed during the first meeting; the topic for discussion at the workshop was attracting the third tranche of money to implement health programs. Participants: M. T. Tyulegenov (Executive Director, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan); A. Bolotbaeva (Program Coordinator, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan).

TOTAL GRANT

\$2 800

GRANTS

Name of grantee	Place of work and position	Event	Dates and place	Grant amount
Sh. Islamova	CFTaisPlus	Participation in the global meeting on the rights of sex workers	April 2-4, Cambodia	USD 1,872
E. Iriskulbekov	CF Legal Clinic Adilet	Participation in the meeting to discuss legal services for drug-users	May 12-13, Poland	USD 819

TOTAL PROGRAM COST

\$5 491

DRUG ABUSE HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM AIMS TO PROMOTE THE TRANSPARENCY OF DECISION MAKING IN IMPROVING HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR MARGINALIZED GROUPS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS.

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Public Healthcare Program

May 20 – 27, Kiev, Odessa, Ukraine. Study tour for providers of services and lawyers of HIV/AIDS prevention programs to study the successful experience of their Ukrainian colleagues on mobilizing IDUs and PLWHA communities to advocate for harm reduction programs and develop integrated services for IDUs and PLWHA. Participants: J. Abdynasyrova (Program Assistant, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan); S. Isabaeva (Program Assistant, Soros Foundation - Kyrgyzstan).

TOTAL \$4 286

May 28 – June 3, Madrid, Spain. Study tour to exchange experience on methadone substitute therapy in penitentiary institutions. Participants: T. Isakov (expert, Drug Control Agency of the KR).

TOTAL \$2 979

August 10 – November 10, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Special English language course for harm reduction specialists to expand their access to experience and resources of foreign organizations

TOTAL \$2 013

August 14 - 17, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Training of trainers on methadone substitute therapy for staff of the Ministry of Health and GUIN of the Ministry of Justice of the KR. The objective of the training: to train specialists to provide quality methadone substitute therapy services for drug users. Trainer: George Ryan (Outpatient treatment of drug-addiction Doctor of the Royal College, Board Member of the British Methadone Alliance NGO).

TOTAL \$5 262

December 7, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Presentation of a unified system for encoding clients and services in the KR roundtable. Guidelines on a unified system of encoding clients and services in the Kyrgyz Republic developed by a working group involving monitoring and evaluation experts were presented at the roundtable. Roundtable participants: representatives of NGOs, international organizations and relevant state agencies.

TOTAL \$2 974

December 13 - 15, Vilnius, Lithuania. Workshop on harm reduction - Beyond syringes and indicators. The current situation and new possibilities for developing harm reduction programs, in particular new ways of working with marginalized communities, were discussed during the workshop. Participants: B. Tokombaeva (Director of the Harm reduction network Association PA), A. Kannazarova (Director of the Healthy generation PA) and L. Babenko (Director of Aman Plus PA)

TOTAL \$9 562

GRANTS

Name of grantee	Place of work and position	Event	Dates and place	Grant amount
E. Iriskulbekov	Adilet Legal Clinic PA	Participation in the 18 th International Harm Reduction Conference	May 12 - 18, Poland	USD 1,870
L. Babenko	Aman Plus PA	Participation in the 18 th International Harm Reduction Conference	May 12 - 18, Poland	USD 2,674
Sh.Tokombaev	Ranar PA	Participation in the 18 th International Harm Reduction Conference	May 12 - 18, Poland	USD 2,689
E. Iriskulbekov	Adilet Legal Clinic PA	Participation in the study tour for service providers and lawyers of the HIV/AIDS prevention program	May 20 – 27, Ukraine	USD 1,958
L. Taranyuk	Aman Plus PA	Participation in the study tour for service providers and lawyers of the HIV/AIDS prevention program	May 20 – 27, Ukraine	USD 1,957
B.Tokombaev	Harm reduction network Association PA	Participation in the study tour for service providers and lawyers of the HIV/AIDS prevention program	May 20 – 27, Ukraine	USD 1,957
A. Bezryadina	Ranar PA	Participation in the study tour for service providers and lawyers of the HIV/AIDS prevention program	May 20 – 27, Ukraine	USD 1,957
S. Ujalovski	Positive Initiative PA	Participation in the study tour for service providers and lawyers of the HIV/AIDS prevention program	May 20 – 27, Ukraine	USD 1,957

- Grant to Asteria PA to implement the Identifying the needs of female drug-users and HIV-positive women Projec, Bishkek aimed at conducting research in order to identify negative aspects of protecting the rights of female drug-users and their families, including in prisons; conduct an opinion poll using questionnaires. Project Manager – Iren Ermolova.

GRANT

\$4 997

- Grant to the Editorial Office of the of the Mol Betme-Bet newspaper to implement the Prevention of HIV/AIDS among MIA staff Project in Bishkek aimed at analyzing experience in implementing drug use harm reduction programs in the KR through publishing articles in the Betme-Bet newspaper Project Manager – Bakytbek Seitov.

GRANT

\$1 800

- Grant to the Partnership network Association of harm reduction programs to implement the Mobilizing civil society to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS and develop a national harm reduction

network in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, aimed at supporting the Association's activities on sustainable development and expanding the harm reduction network in Kyrgyzstan. Project Manager – Batma Estebesova.

GRANT	\$2814,3
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$53 705*

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Mental Health Initiatives Program

The goal of the program is to promote decentralization of the psychiatric service and develop a system of outpatient psychiatric services, taking into account clients' opinions.

February 22 -26, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Training on home-based mental health care.

Trainer:

Antonius Maurice

TOTAL **\$2 158**

July 23 -26, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Training for young professionals - psychiatrists. The aim of the training is to present pilot projects on outpatient care for patients with mental problems, psychiatrists and nurses from various regions of the country, training for young psychiatrists in order to further facilitate decentralization of psychiatric services through expanding the range of services and increasing the number of organizations that provide assistance to people with mental problems.

TOTAL **\$6 943**

GRANTS

1. Grant to the Family and Society NGO to implement the Organizing mobile teams PA, Bishkek. Project Manager – Lilya Panteleeva

GRANT **\$2 816**

2. Grant to the Family and Society NGO to implement the Creating the mechanisms of an advocacy campaign and organizing community-based psychiatric care Project, Bishkek. The Grant was given for training in advocacy campaigns and organizing community-based psychiatric care. Project Manager - Lilya Panteleeva.

GRANT **\$11 126**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$23 043***

* Including administrative costs of the program

Law and Healthcare Program

THE PROGRAM AIMS TO HELP IMPROVE THE PATIENTS' RIGHTS PROTECTION SYSTEM IN THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC.

April 23, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Training on patients' rights for the grantees involved in monitoring patients' rights among marginalized populations in order to develop and publish instructions and a manual on monitoring the rights of marginalized groups. Trainer: Akeisha Shields (international consultant of the program).

TOTAL **\$3 308**

April 24, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Partnership meeting aimed at presenting and discussing key findings and recommendations based on a survey of patients' rights in the KR. The survey was conducted by Scott Newton, international expert of the program.

TOTAL **\$1 638**

GRANTS

1. Grant to Diaron PA to implement the Monitoring of patients' rights in closed psychiatric institutions in Jalalabat Project, Jalalabat. The Grant was awarded to monitor the respect for the rights of people with mental health problems in obtaining medical and social assistance. Project Manager - Asylbek Alybaev.

GRANT **\$1 600**

2. Grant to the Kyrgyz State Medical Retraining Institute to implement the Legal basis of healthcare Project. The Grant was given to develop and introduce a training course on the law and healthcare for medical workers. Project Manager – Orozbek Sabyraliev.

GRANT **\$10 000**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$16, 546**

Public Health Surveillance Program

THE PROGRAM AIMS TO INVOLVE CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WHEN PUBLIC HEALTH REFORMS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

May 4, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Roundtable on monitoring the budget of the mental health service in the Kyrgyz Republic. The goal is to promote the reform of the mental healthcare service by developing recommendations for equitable funding in accordance with the national and international commitments of the country.

TOTAL **\$2 146**

July 30 - August 2, 2007, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Training on budget monitoring. Trainer: Shaamela Kasiem.

TOTAL **\$4 107**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$6 253**

TOTAL COST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM **\$245 060***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

Central Asian Regional HIV/AIDS Program (CARHAP)

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MISSION: TO HELP IN PREVENTING THE FURTHER SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS IN CENTRAL ASIA.

CARHAP is funded by the British Department for International Development (DFID) and is implemented by the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan in close collaboration with GRM International.

The objectives of the four-year funded program are as follows: support the activities on HIV/AIDS prevention amongst persons with risky behavior; enhance the capacity of providers of harm reduction services and decision-makers; support the UN "Three Ones" principles and help improve the policy and legal environment to increase the effectiveness of information and prevention programs.



The main activities of the program are as follows:

1. Expanding the coverage and complexity of harm reduction services

In this direction the Program provides technical and financial support to providers of harm reduction services (non-governmental and governmental organizations). Agreements on providing harm reduction services have been concluded with the above organizations to help them plan and provide high quality services with wider coverage. A number of integrated activities have already been carried out in the penitentiary system in order to reduce harm in Kyrgyzstan. Efforts are being made to ensure cooperation between oblast state administrations, including state specialized agencies and centers and NGOs in planning and providing harm reduction services. The clients actively participate in designing the intervention program and special attention is paid to the protection of their legitimate rights and health aimed at eradicating stigma and discrimination and guaranteeing the existing legal protection. Furthermore, grants are given annually to community based organizations or self-help groups striving for harm reduction, prevention of HIV infection, legal protection and outpatient rehabilitation.

2. Capacity building to provide qualitative harm reduction services

Organizations that have signed agreements, receive technical support to develop managerial and organizational capacities throughout the program, in order to achieve the goals and create the conditions for national resource centers. Joint consultations and assessments are held to design an organizational strategic plan with clients, staff, communities and partners. Standards of harm reduction services and a certification system have been developed jointly with partners from the state sector. As part of the program, a National Reserve of trainers and consultants was created to enhance the capacity of the organizations and ensure their sustainability.

3. Basis for monitoring and evaluation of harm reduction interventions

Under this direction, monitoring and evaluation are conducted to exclude a biased attitude of the population towards HIV prevention activities amongst marginalized groups. The obtained data are used for advocacy and by people involved in developing strategies and planning and for unifying harm reduction rights-based principles and approaches and developing policies and programs, therefore, the program is specifically designed to incorporate the obtained data into a common unified system of monitoring and evaluation so that these data can be used in national strategic plans by the appropriate agencies.

4. Lessons on providing harm reduction services are integrated into national and sectoral strategies and HIV/AIDS prevention programs

This activity aims to give short-term and ad hoc technical assistance to support government partners in developing effective national strategies and plans on preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS, in particular, in different government sectors at local level.

5. Supporting the political and legal environment including harm reduction principles

This direction is intended to provide short-term and ad hoc technical assistance to help government partners ensure effective national strategies and plans on HIV prevention. As part of this direction, support is provided to the "Three Ones" principles: the simultaneous launch of activities to combat HIV-infection, which creates the basis for coordinating the work of all partners; a unified national leadership coordinating AIDS-prevention activities with the main multi-sectoral mandate and a single monitoring and evaluation system.

PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAM

Technical assistance in analyzing the financial deficit in the course of implementing the State Program on HIV/AIDS for 2006-2010 and support to developing the country's application for the 7th round of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

In March-April 2007, the CARHAP Program provided technical assistance to a special working group, which conducted a thorough analysis of the financial deficit of the State Program on HIV/AIDS for 2006-2010. The working group involving representatives of ministries and national experts was headed by an international expert. The analysis made it possible to see those components of the State Program on HIV/AIDS, which required the redistribution of funding from international donors and national agencies. This work was very important, as in its turn, this analysis was used to develop the country's application for the 7th round of the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Global Fund approved Kyrgyzstan's application on November 12 and has allocated 28 million 209 thousand dollars for HIV/AIDS prevention for five years. These funds will be used to prevent HIV-infection and ARV therapy.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AMONG PRISONERS IN THE PENITENTIARY SYSTEM OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC PROJECT

In June 2007, The CARHAP Program jointly with the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic launched a Project on HIV/AIDS prevention in the penitentiary system of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Prevention of HIV/AIDS among prisoners in the penitentiary system by creating social support services in correctional institutions and pre-trial detention centers Project is implemented by the Harm Reduction Network Association and aims to establish social support services in 8 colonies and 2 pre-trial detention centers of the Ministry of Justice of the KR, train social support services specialists and set up a database and services for behavioral change through communication. In the course of implementing the project, 25 specialists from the Main Directorate of Administrating Punishment (GUIN) of the MJ of the KR were trained, radio systems were installed in the pre-trial

detention centers and rooms for 10 social bureaus were equipped. In addition, training for 22 officials of the social support bureaus was conducted in the training center of the GUIN of the KR. The main directions of the social bureaus' activities and specifics of their work with prisoners were outlined during the training.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

January 30 - February 1, 2007. Training on monitoring and evaluation for grantees of the CARHAP Program

The training was conducted in Bishkek and Osh for grantees of the CARHAP program to provide them with a clear idea of the main monitoring and evaluation concept, which would enable them to effectively use the CARHAP information database of clients. The training was attended by 21 participants - leaders and key persons responsible for maintaining the database in the projects in Chui, Osh, Jalalabat and Batken oblasts.

TOTAL **\$948**

August 8-10, 2007. Training under the Atlantis rehabilitation program

The training was conducted in the training center of the GUIN of the KR and was attended by 15 directors and deputy directors of the Atlantis Rehabilitation Centers, which operate in several correctional facilities of Chui oblast and Bishkek. The main purpose of the training was to outline the components of the 12 Step (Atlantis) rehabilitation program and skills for its use in the treatment of addictions.

TOTAL **\$6 584**

September 27-30, 2007. Training on organizational development for grantees of the CARHAP Program

The training was held in Bishkek and attended by 14 representatives of nongovernmental organizations - grantees of the CARHAP Program. Organizational development, structure, organizational culture, model of organizational changes and quality management services were discussed during the training. At the end of the training the NGOs assessed their activities.

TOTAL **\$4 952**

December 10-15, 2007. Training on managing harm reduction programs for grantees of the CARHAP Program

The training was conducted in Chon-Kemin village and involved 18 representatives of organizations – providers of harm reduction services. The main purpose of the workshop was to provide skills for managing harm reduction programs for the effective implementation of projects under the 2nd round of the CARHAP grant program. Participants shared experiences and lessons learned as a result of implementing projects supported under the 1st round of the CARHAP grant program.

TOTAL **\$10 208**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND STUDY TOURS

From May 13 to 17, 2007 the 18th international conference on reducing drug abuse harm was held in Warsaw, Poland. The purpose of the conference was to share international experience between

representatives of state agencies, the nongovernmental sector and international organizations in reducing harm from drug use and HIV/AIDS prevention. The CARHAP Program nominated Baurzhan Chayahmetova, specialist of the Law Enforcement and Defense Department under the Prime Minister's Office of the KR to participate in the conference.

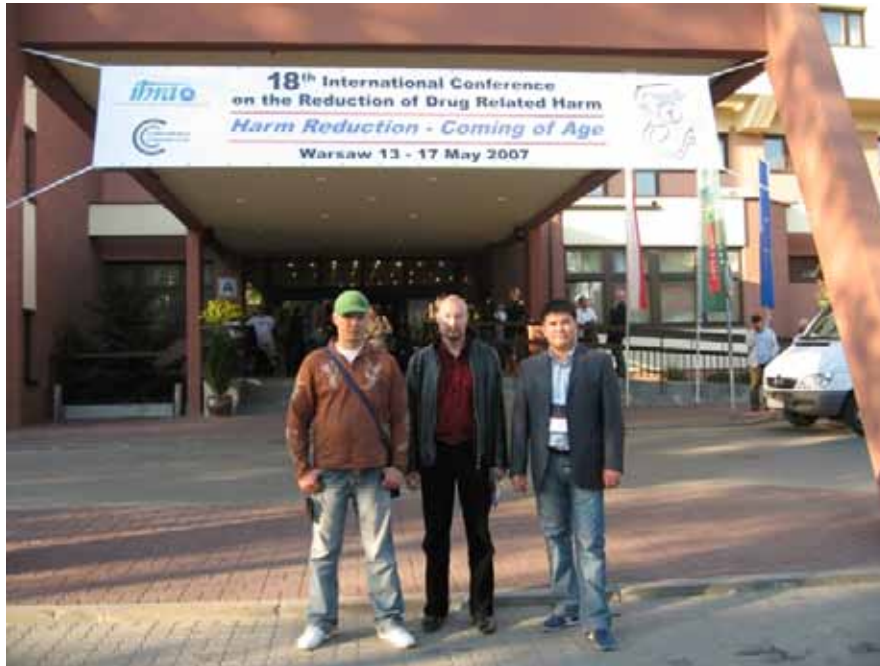


Photo (left to right): Lev Babenko, Aman Plus PA; Sherboto Tokombaev, Ranar PA and Eric Iriskulbekov, Adilet Legal Clinic PA

A study tour to Krakow, Poland was organized from May 18 to 23, 2007. The purpose of the study tour was to exchange experiences between nongovernmental organizations from the KR with their colleagues in Poland on reducing harm from drug use. The participants from Kyrgyzstan were hosted by The Monar's Home Rehabilitation center, which provides free rehabilitation to marginalized groups. The CARHAP Program nominated Lev Babenko, Head of Aman Plus PA and Isa Nurmatatov, head of Musaada PA to participate in the study tour. The participants gained valuable experience on the implementation of harm reduction, rehabilitation and other programs.

A study tour to Madrid, Spain was held from May 28 to June 2, 2007. The purpose of the study tour was to learn the experience of methadone substitution therapy programs in the penitentiary system in Spain. The CARHAP Program nominated Damir Akmatov, Director of the Drug Service of correctional institution No 47, GUIN of the KR and Timur Isakov to participate in the study tour. As part of the study tour, the participants visited the Ministry of Health of Spain, Drug Control Agency, new and old type colonies and learned how implement substitution therapy programs in closed institutions in practice and the system of state support to harm reduction programs.

TOTAL

\$19 753

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS

In January and February 2007, CARHAP provided technical assistance to develop minimum standards for harm reduction services. The working group experts have developed minimum requirements for preventive services provided to marginalized groups in pre- and post-test counseling, syringe exchanges, methadone substitution therapy, social support etc.

In March-April 2007, the CARHAP Program provided technical assistance to a special working group, which conducted a thorough analysis of the financial deficit of the State Program on HIV/

AIDS for 2006-2010. The working group involving representatives of ministries and national experts was headed by an international expert. The analysis made it possible to see those components of the State Program on HIV/AIDS, which required the redistribution of funding from international donors and national agencies. This work was very important, as in its turn, this analysis was used to develop the country's application for the 7th round of the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. The Global Fund approved Kyrgyzstan's application on November 12 and has allocated 28 million 209 thousand dollars for HIV/AIDS prevention for five years. These funds will be used to prevent HIV-infection and for ARV therapy.

In June 2007, CARHAP provided technical assistance to the working group on revising and amending the instruction for DIA staff on HIV/AIDS prevention among marginalized groups. The working group members have revised and introduced changes in accordance with the new law On HIV/AIDS in the Kyrgyz Republic of 13 August 2005 and the State Program on HIV/AIDS Epidemic Prevention and its Socio-Economic Consequences for the Kyrgyz Republic for 2006 -- 2010. In addition, the working group has developed mechanisms that would ensure that the AIDS Prevention Group (APG) worked effectively in the DIA.

In July-September 2007, CARHAP provided technical assistance to develop recommendations to improve the national legislation and departmental regulatory legal documents related to the accessibility of HIV prevention and treatment for marginalized groups. Experts and members of the working group analyzed the legislation and based on this, developed recommendations and presented the full report including the results of the evaluation, analysis and recommendations for improving the national legal and regulatory framework relating to the accessibility of HIV prevention and treatment, both for injecting drug users and in the penitentiary system.

TOTAL **\$22 368**

GRANTS

In order to expand the target group coverage and increase the range of harm reduction services and provide better quality services, in 2007 CARHAP continued and increased funding for Projects.

Drop-in center Project

Aman Plus PU

The project aims to provide services to reduce harm from injecting drug use by continuing to run a drop-in center. The center provides the following services: voluntary counseling and testing for HIV infection; social and psychological counseling and HIV-testing; motivational counseling; provision and exchange of syringes, disinfectants and condoms; counseling for families; self-help groups of anonymous drug users; legal and judicial aid; employment promotion; provision of personal services (shower, laundry, one meal a day); provision of primary health care; referring clients to other institutions.

Lev Babenko, Project Manager

GRANT **£9 786**

Na Strechu – the Social Support Centre Project

Rans Plus PF

The project aims to support the activities of the social centre in order to increase the target group and expand the range of services. The project will pay greater attention to activities aimed at creating an enabling environment for the use of harm reduction services. In order to increase

the target group coverage, the project will provide and exchange syringes and other items for safe injection and safe sex.

Ibragim Lebusov, Project Manager

GRANT

£10 472

Increased use of valid harm reduction services by marginalized population groups in Bishkek and adjacent rayons in Chui oblast Project

Socium PU

The project aims to increase the coverage of marginalized groups through an expanded range of services and ensure their detoxification and supporting therapy; provide ambulatory rehabilitation and psycho-social counseling for marginalized groups and their relatives; form self- and mutual help groups, etc.

Cholpon Kurmanova, Project Manager

GRANT

£18 048

HIV/AIDS prevention among marginalized groups of the population (injecting drug users, sex workers and people close to them) in the northern regions of Kyrgyzstan Project

Right to life PU

The project aims to support the activities of trust points, increase the target group, expand the range of services and include young people that are at great risk in the target group. The project will work hard to create an enabling environment for the use of harm reduction services.

Aybar Sultangaziev, Project Manager

GRANT

£12 964

STD and HIV/AIDS prevention among marginalized population groups in Osh city and Osh oblast Project

Podruga PF

The project aims to reduce HIV/STD cases among marginalized population groups in Osh oblast and change their risky behavior by providing a wide range of services. The main activities under the project will be: outreach; counseling; workshops; consultations on STDs (sexually transmitted diseases); access to social and healthcare services; dissemination of information material and the distribution of condoms. A separate direction of the project is HIV/AIDS prevention among truckers, policemen and military personnel through information and educational workshops and distributing information material on HIV and STDs.

Ravshan Majitov, Project Manager

GRANT

£8 396

Drop-in centre for marginalized population groups in order to provide harm reduction services Project

Healthy Generation PF

The project aims to support the work of a drop-in center for the target group. The project will provide information in the form of training and workshops; emotional and social support in the form of free meals; social support; medical first aid, if necessary; personal services (laundry, shower); individual and group interviews; motivational counseling to prepare people for treatment;

measures to facilitate voluntary visits to trust points and overdoses prevention. All these services will be aimed at getting people to consciously decide on treatment and rehabilitation.

Project Manager - Aisuluu Kannazarova

GRANT

£6 553

Stay with us Project

Tais Plus Two PU

The project aims to provide the priority marginalized group in Jalalabat with the necessary set of harm reduction services (low-threshold services, information, personal protection means, consultations with a psychologist, peer consultations with an HIV-infected consultant and referral to services provided by other projects). Project activities will help improve self healthcare by marginalized groups, primarily through safe sex and will ultimately contribute to reducing the spread of HIV / AIDS and STDs in the group.

Project Manager - Baigazy Ermatov

GRANT

£10 766

The increased use of a comprehensive set of harm reduction services by marginalized population groups in Kyzyl-Kiya town and Kadamjai village Project

Gvozdika PF

The project aims to provide harm reduction services and help prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among marginalized groups in Kyzyl-Kiya town and Kadamjai village. Project drug treatment experts and venereologists provide medical services for clients of the project.

Project Manager - Zamira Abdrakhmanova

GRANT

£4 644

Enhancing the legal protection and legal culture of marginalized groups Project

Adilet Legal Clinic PU

The project aims to provide free legal aid to the target group of the project; access to legal information in order to enhance legal protection, awareness and support to marginalized groups when obtaining/renewing documents; address legal problems faced by marginalized groups trying to reintegrate into civil society, in particular, civil, legal, marriage, family and labor problems etc.

Project Manager - Eric Iriskulbekov

GRANT

£20 849

Reflection Plus - Support to and reintegration of ex-prisoners Project

Ranar PF

The project is the continuation of the Reflection Project aimed at creating a model of integrated social support, post-prison rehabilitation and reintegration into society for marginalized groups and HIV-positive individuals, including those who were previously treated for drug addiction under the Atlantis Program. The Atlantis Program was implemented in the penitentiary institutions by Ranar PA in close collaboration with other NGOs and government agencies. The project also aims to increase coverage and improve the quality of services provided to project beneficiaries. It will

provide the following services: accommodation in a half-way house; post-prison rehabilitation and re-adaptation program; therapeutic sessions with half-way house clients"; anti-relapse therapy programs; referral for VCT; organizing self-help groups etc.

Project Manager - Sherboto Tokombaev

GRANT

£11 698

Preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS among prisoners and social support in correctional institutions and pre-trial detention centers Project

Harm Reduction Network Association

The project aims to prevent HIV/AIDS among prisoners in the penitentiary system by offsetting up social support services in correctional institutions and pre-trial detention centers. The project will establish social support services in 8 colonies and 2 pre-trial detention centers of the Ministry of Justice of the KR; provide training for 25 specialists from the Main Directorate of Administering Punishment (GUIN) of the MJ of the KR to work in the social support services; introduce a centralized database and provide services for behavioral change through communication. In addition, 11 premises of the GUIN will be refurbished and equipped and a radio system will be installed in the pre-trial detention centers.

Project Manager – Bermet Tokombaeva

GRANT

£86 638

SMALL GRANTS

Expanding the range of harm reduction services and creating a favorable environment for the use of harm reduction services in Sokuluk rayon, Chui oblast Project

Initiated by the Right to life PU

The project aims to involve the target groups in harm reduction programs by setting up a community center and providing legal services. As part of the project, information and educational services are provided for injecting drug users. The project also organized various leisure activities and measures to create an enabling environment for the provision of harm reduction services in the form of events for the public and young people and workshops for law enforcement staff and local activists.

Project Manager – Aybar Sultangaziev

GRANT

\$5 971

Strengthening the information and communication activities of the Partnership Network Association of harm reduction programs Project

Partnership Network Association of harm reduction programs

The Project aims to regularly information on HIV/AIDS prevention and drug addiction online, which will be used to develop recommendations and proposals for effective and inter-sectoral collaboration on harm reduction.

Project Manager – Nurgul Israilova

GRANT

\$5 940

Stay with us Project**Tais Plus Two PU**

The project aims to open a drop-in center, which will provide marginalized groups with services to reduce harm from drug use and provide psycho-social support to marginalized population groups in emergencies.

Project Manager – Baigazy Ermatov

The initial project budget was increased by USD 856

Preventing HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis among injecting drug users in Sokuluk rayon Chui Oblast Project**Right to life PU**

The project aims to expand services for reducing drug abuse harm by setting up trust points for injecting drug users, providing psycho-social consultations, syringe exchange, creating favorable conditions for the use of services, building the capacity of organizations and other activities.

Project Manager - Aybar Sultangaziev

The initial project budget was increased by USD 1, 492

Na Vstrechu Project**Rans Plus PF**

The project aims to establish a social centre for injecting drug addicts and ex-prisoners that will provide social support, psycho-social care and reduce vulnerability to HIV-infection for drug users and co-addicts.

Project Manager - Ibragim Lebuzov

The initial project budget was increased by USD 2,400

The increased use of valid harm reduction services by marginalized groups in Bishkek and adjacent rayons in Chui oblast Project**Socium PU**

The project aims to increase the coverage of marginalized groups through an expanded range of services and ensure their detoxification and supporting therapy; provide ambulatory rehabilitation and psycho-social counseling for marginalized groups and their families; form self- and mutual help groups, etc.

Project Manager – Batma Estebesova

The initial project budget was increased by USD 725

Improving the legal protection and legal culture of injecting drug users Project**Adilet Legal Clinic PU**

The project aims to provide free legal aid and access to legal information for injecting drug users in order to improve the legal protection and awareness of drug addicts.

Project Manager - Eric Iriskulbekov

The initial project budget was increased by USD 2,574

Introducing the Atlantis Program in penitentiary institution No 31**Initiated by penitentiary institution No 31, GUIN MJ KR**

The project aims to create the conditions for the professional treatment of convicted persons and addicts on psychotropic substances. The rehabilitation center will be designed to treat 12 people for 4 to 6 months.

Project Manager - Irina Lapuzina

The initial project budget was increased by USD 600

TOTAL GRANT	\$107 196
	£114 179
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$ 64, 813 *

* Including administrative costs of the program.

ART AND CULTURE NETWORK PROGRAM

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Almakan Nayzabekova, Program Coordinator
Nazira Turarova, Acting Program Coordinator

Partnership for Development for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Mongolia, Turkey and Afghanistan

The Art and Culture Network Program aims to support joint artistic and/or cultural efforts/initiatives involving representatives from at least three of the above mentioned target countries.

Financial Information:

Art Management School in Central Asia International Residence

Initiated by the Center of Arts and Culture PA
Project Manager - Gulnara Musabay

The project goal is to train cultural workers in basic arts management and also set up an art management school in Central Asia.

GRANT **\$20 000**

Festival of street theaters of Central Asian countries

Initiated by the Akayn Support to Young Talent PA
Project Manager - Zhiparisa Kochorbaeva

The project goal is to expand and establish creative links between theatrical cultures of Central Asian countries.

GRANT **\$15 000**

Bleeding Osh will not be repeated

Initiated by the Abdumomunov theater school at KNACC Project Manager - Tilek Dzhumagaziev

The project goal is to promote inter-ethnic tolerance and tolerance in the region through the language of cinema and TV art.

GRANT **\$3 000**

Intercultural dialogue in a multi-ethnic society

Initiated by the Regional Institute for democratic reforms and social changes
Project Manager - Tokonay Ozhukeeva

The project goal is to adjust the organizational work of the departments teaching intercultural communication.

GRANT **\$3 000**

Let's respect the heritage of minorities**Initiated by the Kyrgyz-Uzbek University****Project Manager - Yodgor Jalalov**

The goal of the project is to improve relations between schoolchildren, students and members of civil society of different nationalities, cultural enrichment of the Kyrgyz and Uzbek peoples and minorities in particular and develop and maintain their spiritual values.

GRANT **\$8 997*****A cycle of radio programs on the Heritage of the peoples of Kyrgyzstan*****Initiated by Almaz-South Ltd****Project Manager - Sergey Rahmatullin**

The goal of the project is to promote the development of the multicultural space in the south of Kyrgyzstan through a cycle of radio programs in Russian and Kyrgyz.

GRANT **\$6 000*****Oral-literary heritage of the Kyrgyz, Dungans, Uighurs, Uzbeks, Kazakhs and Kalmyks*****Initiated by Mask PA****Project Manager - Gulzat Ryskulova**

The goal of the project is to preserve the oral-literary heritage of the peoples of Kyrgyzstan by publishing a collection of epics, poems, tales and legends of Uighurs, Dungans, Uzbeks, Kalmyks and Kazakhs.

GRANT **\$10 000*****Rest area - Asia Art Workshop*****Initiated by ARTilek PA****Project Manager - Talant Ogobaev**

The goal of the project is to establish and expand links between artists through art workshops.

GRANT **\$8 000*****Culture for peace*****Initiated by Egalite PA****Project Manager - Tatyana Vygodskaya**

The project aims to organize training and consultations for teachers and students on culture, intercultural dialogue and mediation, as an effective tool to prevent the spread of ideas of religious extremism and terrorism in schools in Osh.

GRANT **\$7 000**

Kinostan Festival of art movies**Initiated by Kinostan PA****Project Manager - Gulbara Tolomusheva**

The goal of the project is to establish and expand the links between film industry professionals through a film festival.

GRANT **\$10 000**

Real art in a real museum**Initiated by the Support to educational initiatives PA****Project Manager - Nina Bagdasarova**

The goal of the project is to initiate a dialogue between contemporary artists using the language of real art and modern interpretation of cultural heritage.

GRANT **\$15 000**

A fragrant concubine is the pride and legend of the Uighur people**Initiated by the Ademi Theater of Nations****Project Manager - Janysh Kulmanbetov**

The goal of the project is to produce a performance of A fragrant concubine is the pride and legend of the Uighur people

GRANT **\$5 000**

Amalteya - Women in Central Asia**Initiated by the Koldo Initiative Group PA****Project Manager - Anar Madaliyeva**

The goal of the project is to promote cooperation between countries and cultures in Central Asia with a focus on gender.

GRANT **\$6 000**

Activities:***April 29 – May 2, Bishkek. Meeting of coordinators of the Art and Culture network program***

GRANT **\$10 459**

June, Venice. Study tour to attend the opening of the first Romanesque Paradise Lost Pavilion and Central Asian Musician Pavilion as part of the 52nd Venice Biennale in Venice, Italy

GRANT **\$3 849**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$132 784***

* Including administrative costs of the program

Cultural Policy Program

Almakan Nayzabekova, Program Coordinator
Nazira Turarova, Acting Coordinator



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MISSION

Promoting the development and implementation of a concept of cultural policy in the Kyrgyz Republic that would define the focus of state programs on local culture and reflect the diversity of cultures in the modern society of Kyrgyzstan.

The main activities of the program

- Organizing communication platforms for the discussion and formulation of conceptual and strategic documents involving stakeholders;
- Drawing up conceptual and strategic documents on the cultural policy of Kyrgyzstan;
- Analysis of regulatory legal acts in the sphere of culture and drafting proposals on the legislative framework for modernizing culture and art;
- Developing models and mechanisms that would help modernize cultural policy in the Kyrgyz Republic;
- Promoting outcomes (information support).

Support to developing and implementing the cultural policy strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic Project

Goal:

Support to the development and implementation of the cultural policy strategy of the KR
Objectives:

- Develop a draft strategy for the implementation of the cultural policy of the KR;
- Develop mechanisms for the strategic management of setting up cooperation networks;
- Develop new models of cultural relations with various sectors of society – authorities, business, mass media etc.

Outcome:

- A draft strategy and a set of key projects on the implementation of cultural policy in the KR has been developed;
- A group of managers focusing on modernizing culture have been trained;
- Projects promoting the cultural policy of the KR have been supported.

KEY ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CULTURAL POLICY PROGRAM

April 23-24, Bishkek. Strategic planning for a cultural policy workshop involving experts of the Cultural Policy Program and representatives of the Ministry of Culture and Information of the Kyrgyz Republic

September 21-23, Koy-Tash village. Project design in a cultural workshop involving trainers from the Institute of Cultural Policy, Moscow

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- March 26, Bishkek, meeting of theatre people in the Russian Drama Theater to discuss the problems and prospects in the theatrical sphere;
- May 17-18, Karakol, discussion of the main provisions of the draft strategy with interest groups in Issyk-Kul oblast;
- July 28-29, Tamchy village, Issyk-Kul oblast. The possibilities for cultural products in developing the regions Roundtable (as part of the Oymo 2007 2nd International Festival of Craftsmen);
- August 27-29, Tosor village, Issyk-Kul oblast. Discussion of the main provisions of the draft strategy during the Identity and the dialogue between cultures in the era of globalization International Conference
- September 13, Bishkek. Release and presentation of the Kurak Central Asian almanac, issue No2;
- September 26-27, Osh. Discussion of the provisions of the strategy with interest groups in the southern region.

TOTAL PROJECT COST**\$34 161*****Four directions of the grant tender:***

- Setting up and supporting a network of communication platforms and developing partnerships and the cultural environment;
- Identifying creative groups and organizations, their needs, capacity and areas of possible interest;
- Developing and implementing cultural projects with a social impact;
- Development the concept of Culture a public channel (a series of programs).

7 project proposals out of 49 have successfully passed the three stages and were supported: OOMAT theater, Lyceum No 43 (Jany-Jer village). Project Manager - Zhunussov Ilgis. The project aims to develop new forms of raising troublesome teenagers by involving them in the theater and performances and develop their professional skills for their successful socialization in future. The main output is the play, The forgotten echoes of ancient melodies.

GRANT**\$3 727**

Federation of magicians of the Kyrgyz Republic PA. Project Manager - Dr. Sally Cummings. Project goals: policy research into attitudes towards the past of monumental art and the perception of memorable milestones in the history of the KR by different social groups. The main output is a documentary film, which discusses how the creation of monuments and attitudes towards them might affect the consolidation of society.

GRANT**\$3 448**

Blagodot Community Charitable Foundation. Project Manager - Shakirova Rahat. The project aims to improve the adaptability of cultural institutions to modern conditions, promote dialogue and partnerships between cultural organizations, business and nongovernmental organizations in addressing social and cultural problems of the local community in Osh.

GRANT**\$2 082**

Iygilik Creative association, Project Manager - Angela Kalimova. The project aims to create the conditions for modernizing activities implemented by cultural organizations in the Issyk-Kul oblast

in accordance with the social, cultural and economic changes that are constantly occurring in society.

GRANT **\$2 191**

Center of Art and Culture PA. Project Manager – Gulnara Musabay. The project aims to create a communication platform for art managers, develop art management skills and support creative initiatives.

GRANT **\$5 000**

Support to young talented people and development of national culture and art Project Akayyn PA, Project Manager - Zhiparisa Kochorbaeva. The project aims to enhance the professionalism of regional theaters countrywide through master-classes.

GRANT **\$3 880**

Council of creative initiatives PA. Project Manager - Bazarbai uulu Zhumabek. The project aims to train young people in modern art through art workshops in Karakol and adjacent areas.

GRANT **\$2 820**

TOTAL TENDER VALUE **\$23 149**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$67 289***

* Including administrative costs of the program.

East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program

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Nurgul Asylbekova, Program Coordinator
Manas Toktombaev, Program Assistant

The mission of the program is to promote the development of civil society and establish long-term partnerships through support to trans-border and regional projects.

The program facilitates the development and expansion of an open society by getting civil society organizations in more than one country to work together - "beyond borders".

In 2007, the key projects under the program were the following: (1) building the capacity of civil sector participants; and (2) helping specialists participate in international projects to increase their experience and knowledge.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May 2007 - Improving vocational education and exchanging experiences between alleviation care specialists from Kyrgyzstan and Poland Project. Project goal: an exchange visit of specialists from Kyrgyzstan to Poland to acquire new knowledge and skills; learn various aspects of alleviation care to patients and the education system and services in this field of medicine in Poland. The project was initiated by the Moltur-Koz PA. Project Manager – L. Asanalieva.

GRANT

\$4 740

June 2007 - Democracy Summer School PA. Project goals: promote civic education and participation; strengthen community leadership and develop critical thinking skills of young people. Participants – young leaders from Central Asia. The project was initiated by the Youth Integration Service PA. Project Manager - A. Dogdurova.

GRANT

\$12 428

June 2007 - Training young Kyrgyz leaders in Poland Project. Project goals: form a new generation of leaders in the Kyrgyz Republic with democracy-oriented values. Mastering leadership skills that would enable them to take political decisions, promote interests and initiatives and lead people using intellectual and other resources. Participants – finalists of the Leadership School 2006 project. The project was initiated by the Interbilim Center. Project Manager – Ch. Tynalieva.

GRANT

\$15 402

September 2007 - Civic monitoring of the mining industry Conference. The purpose of the conference is to improve transparency in the mining industry in Kyrgyzstan. The conference was attended by Gulmira Temirbekova, Chairperson of the Board (Ai-Kol Center for developing civil Initiatives) and Oleg Pechenyuk, Chairperson (Independent environmental expertise PA).

GRANT **\$2 398**

October 2007 - Information beyond borders – international cooperation between library associations in Central Asia for the development of the region Project. The goal of the project is to set up a modern information structure in the Central Asian region designed to create the conditions for addressing problems related to free access to information in the Central Asian region and ensure that access to information is adequate and complies with the norms of a democratic state. The project was initiated by the Library Information Consortium Association, project coordinator - S. Batalova.

GRANT **\$9 572**

October 2007 - Initiative to Increase the Transparency of the Extractive Industries (EITI) Project. The goal of the project is to study the experience of countries that have joined the EITI in order to improve transparency in this area, develop mechanisms to ensure that the civil sector can influence the state and increase transparency in the mining industry. The project was initiated by the Economic Reform Program of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan.

GRANT **\$1 899**

November 2007 - Building platforms and NGO coalitions: cooperation, presentation and interaction with state agencies – a Polish-Kyrgyz Project. The goal of the project is to share the experience of Poland with Kyrgyz NGOs to ensure that the NGO sector can influence and work with state agencies. The project was initiated by the NGO Support Program of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan.

GRANT **\$18 567**

November 2007 - Managing diversity: Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan Project – an exchange visit to Tajikistan. The goal of the project is to ensure interaction between national and cultural associations of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan and create an information and methodological system for preserving the national and cultural development of Central Asian peoples. Participants: S. Park (Executive Secretary of the Assembly of Kyrgyz Peoples, Bishkek); T. Smailov (Chairperson of the Ethnic Diasporas Council, Kara-Balta); A. Atanova (Chairperson of the Ethnic Development Council, Jany-Pakhta village); B. Kulov (Chairperson of the Ethnic Development Council, Jany-Jer village); C. Zakirov (Chairperson of the Uzbek diaspora, Kara-Balta); L. Bova (Head of the Youth Inter-ethnic Center, Tokmok); N. Tashtemirova (Ethnic Development Coordinator, Association of local governments of villages and settlements of the KR, Bishkek). The project was initiated by the Association of local governments of villages and settlements of the KR.

GRANT **\$210**

December 2007 - Support to the development of new methods for managing housing and public utilities based on innovative practices in Eastern Europe Project. The goal of the project is to study the innovative experiences of companies managing residential apartment buildings to expand housing services, Vilnius.

The project was initiated by the Your Home Regional House Owners Association (RHOA). Project Manager - N. Polyakova.

GRANT **\$3 973**

December 2007 - The process of transforming the state and society in Central Asian countries Project. The goal of the project is to analyze processes occurring in Central Asia and identify possible scenarios for the development of democratic institutions both in Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia. The project was initiated by the Public Administration Program of the Soros Foundation-Kyrgyzstan.

GRANT	\$5 411
TOTAL PROGRAM COST	\$85 873*

* Including administrative costs of the program.

ETHNIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Nurgul Asylbekova, Program Coordinator
Manas Toktombaev, Program Assistant

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PROGRAM MISSION: TO DEVELOP A DEMOCRATIC, OPEN MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY IN THE KR WITH HARMONIZED INTERETHNIC RELATIONS.

Activities in 2007:

1. Promoting a strategic approach to managing the ethnic area of Kyrgyzstan;
2. Helping develop key players from the ethnic area and expanding the scope of their activities by involving them in forming society's ethnic policy;
3. Fostering the creation of an information-communication space, which would unite the various resources of ethnic groups for the purpose of developing the country as a whole.

Projects implemented as part of the Program

SUPPORT TO THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF MULTILINGUAL AND MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION IN KYRGYZSTAN PROJECT

Project goals:

- Promoting principles of multicultural education and child-rearing in the secondary education system by co-organizing initiatives and efforts implemented by key players in political, educational and teaching processes;
- Promoting the development of didactic and methodological support to multicultural education.

Project Partners:

- Multicultural education Department of the Ministry of Education and Science of the KR.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

April 13, 2007, Bishkek. A consultative meeting of donor organizations

The purpose of the meeting: to identify areas of mutual interest and possible mechanisms for coordination of activities in the field of multicultural and multilingual education. Participants: representatives of international organizations and experts of the Ethnic Development Program, SFK.

May 26, 2007, Bishkek. Language planning and language policy in modern Kyrgyzstan Roundtable held jointly with AUCA

Goal: to discuss features of language policy in modern conditions (globalization, regionalization, nation building) and identify the prospects for developing language policy in the Kyrgyz Republic based on discussions between experts.

June 11, Bishkek. Roundtable involving representatives of the Assembly of Kyrgyz Peoples on The Including ethnic and cultural information in modern training and methodological material

The goal is to discuss the inclusion of ethno-cultural material (tales, folk legends, etc.) in the current draft National Curriculum. Participants: representatives of the Academy of Science, experts, representatives of the Asian Development Bank.

August 2007, Competition on educational and methodological approaches to multicultural education

Goal: to get lecturers and methodological specialists to draft material aimed at developing cross-cultural integration and education on civic identity and create practical resources for the implementation of the Concept of multicultural education. The winner of the competition – M. Druz (teacher of English language, Bishkek), educational-methodological publication entitled Traditional dwellings of the peoples of Kyrgyzstan.

September-December 2007. Preparing an analytical review of language policies in Central Asian countries

Goal: review of the situation in the sphere of language policy in Kyrgyzstan and making a presentation of the review at a regional language symposium.

October-December 2007. Developing a visual course book and methodological material (The world through a magic window Project)

The reason for developing the course book: to help understand the value of both one's own ethnic and cultural identity and the value of the ethno-cultural identity of other people; recognition of the cultural pluralism that exists throughout the world and the value of diversity for the Kyrgyz Republic; to cultivate friendly attitudes, openness and a willingness to explore other cultures. Author - M. Druz (teacher of English language, Bishkek), educational-methodological course book What do fairy tales teach us?

November 22-24, 2007. Bishkek. Prospects for introducing the Concept of multicultural education and child rearing in educational institutions of the Kyrgyz Republic practical workshop

Objectives: review the draft Concept of multicultural education in the KR and discuss modern approaches to the development of multicultural competencies of students through integrating multicultural knowledge in the curriculum; develop proposals on the structure and content of practical recommendations on the introduction of the multicultural education Concept; a course on developing the multicultural abilities of students; a manual on developing the multicultural abilities of students for supervising teachers. Participants: experts-practitioners from educational institutions of the KR.

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$10 844**

MANAGING DIVERSITY AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS PROJECT

Project goal:

- Promoting the development of policies for managing diversity at local level.

Project objectives:

- Analysis of policies for managing diversity in the Kyrgyz Republic;

- Organizing consulting and methodological support to initiatives on developing local policies and introducing approaches for managing diversity;
- Building the capacity of partners from government agencies, local administrations and communities.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

February 22, 2007, Osh. Participation in the ethnic scope of Southern Kyrgyzstan: problems and solutions (Osh) Roundtable

Goal: to discuss problems of inter-ethnic cooperation and establish ways of addressing them in Osh oblast.

March – December 2007, Osh. A series of workshops for the Secretariat of the Coordinating Council on managing diversity in Osh oblast

Goals: ensure state authorities and local governments understand the forms and methods of working in the ethnic field of Kyrgyzstan and the role and place of state and public organizations in managing diversity. Participants: representatives of state authorities, local governments, NGOs and expert organizations of Osh oblast.

July 14, 2007, Osh. Informative meeting for deputy akims of Osh oblast on managing diversity

Goals: discuss the role and functions of deputy rayon and municipal akims in implementing plans for the ethnic development of Osh oblast; draw up the main provisions for managing diversity at local level; help develop short- and long-term plans of activities for managing diversity taking into account territorial specifics. Participants: deputy akims from rayon and city administrations of Osh oblast, experts and the program coordinator.

November 2007 – January 2008. Grant tender for managing diversity analytical material

Goal: to draw up analytical documents covering the situation concerning the ethno-cultural, linguistic and regional diversity of the country and make recommendations for improving policies for managing diversity at state and local levels. Topics of the analytical work: Analysis of institutional mechanisms for managing diversity (ethno-cultural, linguistic and regional) in the Kyrgyz Republic; Темы аналитических работ:

- Analysis of the situation concerning interethnic relations in the Kyrgyz Republic (problems, trends, risks, direct and indirect impacts and others);
- Analysis of the operation of the Conflict Early Warning Systems (analytical and organizational model, the efficiency of forecasts using the results in the processes of making managerial decisions etc.).
- Analysis of the representation of diversity (ethno-cultural, linguistic and regional) in the cultural and informational spaces of the Kyrgyz Republic)

TOTAL PROJECT COST **\$25 714**

GRANT COMPONENT

Objectives of the component:

- Forming a subjective and responsible position for agencies working in ethnic area;

- Support in the form of a grant to implement the best projects contributing to sustainability and development in the ethnic area and integration of the ethnic groups of Kyrgyzstan.

As a result of the Osh oblast State Administration's initiative on developing a system for managing diversity, Osh oblast was selected as a pilot region in 2007.

Project activities:

July 11-13, 2007, Osh. Introductory workshop for grantees under the Ethnic Development Program aimed at supporting project proposals to implement the action plans on diversity management in Osh oblast. Participants: winners of the first round of the grant competition.

GRANT **\$6 708**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Osh Branch of the Assembly of the Peoples of Kyrgyzstan, Osh. Akylman keneshchiler - Wise counselors Project

Project goal: training an anti-crisis rapid response group of 15 people under the Mayor's Office in Osh to prevent and resolve ethnic conflicts in local communities of Osh city.

Project Manager - D. Mamadzhusupova

GRANT **\$3 000**

Osh mass media resource center. Promoting multicultural values among the mass media Project

Project goal: develop and implement an information strategy to promote diversity and multicultural values among journalists in Southern Kyrgyzstan.

Project Manager - M. Aitieva

GRANT **\$3 000**

DIA PA, Osh. Introducing ethnic diversity into mono-ethnic aiyl okmotus Project

Project goal: to introduce ethnic diversity in 6 pilot mono-ethnic aiyl okmotus in Osh oblast through training for representatives of local governments, rayon administrations and local leaders on ethnic diversity and including this issue in the scope of management for the future promotion of ethnic diversity issues in the pilot aiyl okmotus.

Project Manager - A. Ormonova

GRANT **\$5 000**

Southern vector Social Information and Forecasting Center Osh. Information-communication strategy of ethnic politics in Osh oblast Project

Project goal: help disseminate ideas and reflect ethnic policy ideas in Osh oblast by producing media reports aimed at understanding ethnic communities and cooperating with them.

Project Manager - S. Gafarov

GRANT **\$2 000**

Borosh-Ata PA Osh. Baary bazardan bashtalat (Everything starts in the market) PA

Project goal: help preserve inter-ethnic harmony, stability and mutual understanding in the Uzgen region.

Project Manager – B. Kaynazarov

GRANT **\$3 000**

EITR Public Television Osh. National ideology in the mass media Project. Project goal: effective coverage of national ideology and diversity in the mass media.

Project Manager - G. Abdyrazakova

TOTAL GRANT **\$5 500**

Ai-Khan PA Osh. For the future of society – today Project. Project goal: to prevent and address interethnic conflicts in local communities in Osh city by surveying and analyzing aspects of ethnicity in the South of Kyrgyzstan.

Project Manager - E. Baratov

TOTAL GRANT **\$2 000**

Jash-Niet PA Osh. Sport is the ambassador of peace Project

Project goal: help unify and strengthen friendly relationships between students and coaches of the well-known Taymash, Dinamo, On-Adyr and Japalak youth sports clubs in Osh.

Project Manager - A. Abduvalieva

GRANT **\$2 959**

TOTAL PROGRAM COST **\$70 809***

* Including costs of administering the program.

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

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Nurgul Asylbekova, Program Coordinator
Manas Toktombaev, Program Assistant

PROGRAM MISSION: PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES OF GENDER EQUALITY IN STATE AND PUBLIC POLICY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN IN KYRGYZSTAN



Направления работы в 2007 г.:

1. Promoting gender education and gender studies as a strategic priority and a precondition for the development of an effective gender policy and creating a new generation and new intellectual elite that would understand the importance of gender equality in developing the state and society;
2. Support to improving the legislative framework to promote gender equality and equal opportunities for the development of different social groups;
3. Support to agencies striving to reduce gender-based violence, protect the rights of victims of gender-based violence and monitoring of public policy in this area;
4. Fostering the creation of an information environment and information policy that would adequately reflect the gender aspects of changes in society.

TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET: \$69 779

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE PROGRAM:

Promoting the development of academic gender education and gender studies in the Kyrgyz Republic Project

Project goals:

- Building the capacity of teachers of gender disciplines and gender studies in Kyrgyzstan through organizational and methodological support to information and methodological resource centers (IMRC);
- Promoting the institutionalization of gender studies at universities in Kyrgyzstan.

Project conceptual objectives:

- Provide conceptual, methodological and institutional support to gender studies in higher education in accordance with the established strategy of academic gender education in the regions through interaction with regional IMRCs;
- Improve the scientific and professional level of teaching gender disciplines in the universities of the republic;
- Expand the range of gender disciplines in higher education;
- Promote the introduction of new gender courses developed by the project in curricula of the universities;
- Further develop the communication platforms and mechanisms for information and methodological exchange between lecturers of higher education institutions (HEIs) and researchers working on gender studies;
- Continuous updating of the site on gender studies and improving monitoring and feedback;
- Developing and strengthening the information and resource base of the regional IMRCs.

Project activities:

March 17, 2007 - Naryn. Participation in the workshop for university lecturers and gender researchers. The goal is to promote the development of academic gender education in Kyrgyzstan. Participants: instructors and students of Naryn State University (NSU), director of the NSU library, head of the education department of the NSU, teachers from rural schools and NGO representatives.

30 June - 7 July, 2007, Issyk-Kul. The IV National Summer School on Gender under the impact of capitalism and globalization: changing gender regimes in the family, at work and in politics. Effective platform for familiarizing teachers of gender disciplines and gender studies in Kyrgyzstan with current theoretical developments in the field of gender studies. Participants: university lecturers and social researchers specializing in gender. Lecturers:

Elena Zdravomyslova	Professor, Co-Director of the gender research program of the European University in St. Petersburg; Coordinator of research projects of the Center for Independent Sociological Studies	Russia
Igor Semenovich Kon	Ph.D. in History, Professor, Senior Scientist of the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences; Academician of the Russian Academy of Education; Honored professor of Cornell University; honored doctor of the University of Surrey;	Russia
Irina Naumovna Tartakovskaya	PhD in Sociology, Scientist of the Institute of Social and Gender Policy	Russia
Anna Temkina	PhD in Social Sciences; Professor of the European university in St. Petersburg, Faculty of Political Science and Sociology; Co-director of the gender research program	Russia
Elena Trubina	Professor of Social Philosophy, A.M. Gorky Urals State University, Co-head of international and interdisciplinary projects	Russia
Шакирова Светлана	Кандидат философских наук, Директор Центра Гендерных Исследований (г.Алматы)	Казахстан
Ниязова Анара	Кандидат юридических наук, заведующая кафедрой гражданского права и процесса КPCY, заместитель Полномочного Представителя Президента КР в ЖК КР	Кыргызстан

GRANT COMPONENT:

Small grants for research, development and production of manuals for teaching gender disciplines in Kyrgyzstan.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Kovcheg Support to Civil Initiatives PA Osh. Support to the development of academic gender education and gender studies in the Kyrgyz Republic Project.

Project goals:

- Research into Forming the gender identity of students and the role of Kyrgyz schools in this process";
- Research into Marriage and family relationships in a polygamous marriage;
- Developing an educational and methodological package for the Gender and Politics Course

Project Manager: B. T. Kydyrmysheva

GRANT	\$2 800
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Center of Arts and Culture PA, Bishkek. Support to developing academic gender education and gender studies in the Kyrgyz Republic Project.

Goals of the Project:

Developing a special course on gender: Gender problems: language and culture.

Project Manager: G. U. Bayalieva

GRANT	\$600
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Myrzagul PA, Tepke village. A gender analysis of the social roles of men and women in higher education Project

Project goal: to research gender problems in education related to gender asymmetry between men and women.

Project Manager: Bokontaeva D. K.

GRANT	\$1 100
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Total Project Cost	\$31789
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Building the capacity of responsible bodies and improving the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic to prevent domestic violence project

Project goals:

- Promote implementation of the Law of the KR On Social and Legal Protection from Domestic Violence through making amendments to the respective legislation, monitoring implementation of the law and institutionalizing training for agencies responsible for enforcing the law.

Project conceptual objectives:

- Develop a package of proposals for amending the legislation of the KR on preventing domestic violence;
- Design a system for monitoring implementation of the law by judicial and law enforcement agencies through statistical and analytical analysis, organizing cooperation between these agencies and civil society organizations and experts striving to prevent domestic violence;
- Institutionalize training for law enforcement and judicial authorities on preventing gender and family violence and familiarizing them with the legal framework and mechanisms to prevent the problem.

- * A Grant to implement this program was awarded by the Human Rights and Good Governance Program, OSI-Budapest.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

April-July 2007, preparing an analytical review of the implementation of the Law of the KR On social and legal protection from domestic violence and developing a package of proposals to further improve the legislation of the KR on preventing domestic violence.

April-December, 2007, development of an educational and methodological manual on family and gender-based violence for law enforcement and judicial agencies. Authors: N. Sulaimanova (Head of the Department of Criminal Law and Process, KRSU, Bishkek), A. Hamzaeva (Lecturer of the KRSU, Bishkek).

November 22-23, 2007, Bishkek. National Forum on the National action plan to achieve gender equality: consolidation of resources to prevent gender-based violence in Kyrgyzstan. Objectives: to encourage the formation of a real agenda aimed at reducing gender-based violence as part of the National Action Plan for Gender Equality for 2007-2010; expand inter-sectoral dialogue between representatives of the government, civil society and international organizations striving to prevent gender-based violence in the Kyrgyz Republic; draw up a youth agenda on gender violence.

Participants: representatives of the Presidential Administration, Government, oblast state administrations, local authorities, civil society and international organizations, academic institutions and the mass media.

* Including costs of the event, transportation costs, meals for the participants and lecturers' fees

GRANT COMPONENT:

ESID Educational Research Center PA, Bishkek. Promoting ideas for gender equality by improving the quality of the Ak-Bosogo television program. The goal of the project is to inform people about the basics and essence of gender equality and promote gender-sensitive behavior through airing, discussing and commenting on specifically produced themed films involving experts, specialists and audiences. The programs are broadcast on NTRC. Project Manager - S. Matikeeva

GRANT	\$4 811
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16 days of activism against violence towards women international information campaign in Kyrgyzstan - Community Development Alliance (Alliance for the development of local communities), Bishkek. We are for a life without violence! Project. The goal of the campaign is to raise the awareness of society and the state on measures to prevent gender-based violence in Kyrgyzstan through information and educational activities across the country. Project Manager - A. Jamangulova.

GRANT	\$6 500
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ИТОГО ПО ПРОЕКТУ	\$19 609
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Operational project: Support to the institutional development of the Association of Crisis Centers in Kyrgyzstan

Project goals: building the capacity of the Kyrgyz Association of Crisis Centers (hereafter ACC) in strategic management, professional development and effective interaction with the environment.

Conceptual objectives of the project:

- A series of workshops and training courses on developing strategic management skills and improving the quality of services provided by the ACC

Project activities:

June 22-25, 2007, Bishkek. Training on Principles of managing network organizations. The goal is to develop skills in effectively managing network organizations and develop financial and information policies of the Crisis Centers Association.

Participants: leaders and consultants of crisis centers of the KR. Trainers: A. Kurbanova, N. Tezina, A. Mambetov, trainers form the Association of Civil Society Support Centers.

September 18-20, 2007, Issyk-Kul. Performance standards for women's crisis centers training. The goal is to develop quality standards for services provided by crisis centers. Participants: heads and consultants of the crisis centers of the KR. Trainers: I. Ponarina (Anna Regional PA, Moscow) and N. Pavlova (Sezim Crisis Center, Bishkek).

Operational project: Improving legislative and executive mechanisms of the Kyrgyz Republic to promote gender equality in decision-making

Goals of the Project:

- Improve the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic to create effective mechanisms (such as temporary special measures) to correct the gender imbalance in branches of the government;
- Increase awareness of decision makers of international and national commitments of Kyrgyzstan in the field of gender equality.

Conceptual objectives of the Project:

- Raising awareness of JK Deputies of the KR, their advisers and officials from the Presidential Administration of the KR of the existing international and national commitments of Kyrgyzstan on gender equality and the need to follow a consistent policy in this direction;
- Drafting changes and amendments to the national legislation on promoting gender equality and lobbying for these decisions;
- Conducting information and advocacy campaigns in the mass media about monitoring state policies and mechanisms to achieve gender equality in branches of the government.

Achievements: including in the new Code of Elections of special provisions that would ensure the following measures:

- включение в новый Кодекс о выборах специальных положений, предусматривающий такие меры как:
 1. Representatives of the same gender shall not exceed 70% in the party lists;
 2. Every fourth candidate in the party lists should be of the opposite sex.

Project activities:

February 2007, analysis of the legislation of the KR, developing a package of draft laws to promote gender equality principles in Kyrgyzstan.

March - June 2007, Bishkek. Consultative meetings: the goal is to develop a unified plan of activities to introduce special mechanisms into the Electoral Code of the Kyrgyz Republic in order to ensure gender equality in branches of the government. Participants: international and national gender experts, representatives of political parties, NGOs and international organizations.

29 March 2007, Bishkek. Roundtable on Improving the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic aimed at creating effective mechanisms (such as temporary special measures) to correct the gender imbalance in branches of the government. The goal is to discuss changes in the legislation of the KR in order to create effective mechanisms (such as temporary special measures) to redress the gender imbalance in branches of the government. Participants: members of the JK of the KR, representatives of state authorities (Presidential Administration, Government, representatives of the Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, General Prosecutor, Social Fund, National Bank, Chamber of Accounts, members of the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda, representatives of local governments), representatives of women's NGOs, political parties, international organizations and the mass media.

June 14, 2007, Bishkek. Consultative meeting: Country development strategy: mechanisms for including women's political participation in elected government bodies. The purpose is to discuss mechanisms proposed by parliament that promote women's political participation in elected government bodies of the country. Participants: the Speaker and JK deputies of the KR, representatives of the Presidential Administration of the Kyrgyz Republic, international and national experts on electoral law, representatives of international development agencies.

Advocacy campaigns on introducing special measures in the Election Code of the Kyrgyz Republic to ensure gender equality in the branches of government:

March 6, 2007, Bishkek. Our Women's Day Pageant, the goal of which is to demonstrate the history and traditions of celebrating International Women's Day on March 8, as the Day of the fight for women's rights. Participants: women's NGOs, the mass media, human rights organizations, political parties and international agencies.

March 23, 2007, Bishkek. Protest meeting in front of the Parliament against the draft law on the decriminalization of polygamy, including representatives of women's NGOs.

May-June 2007, Meetings in the regions of representatives of the women's movement of Kyrgyzstan with deputies of the parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic. The objective is to raise the awareness of JK deputies of the KR and their advisors on the existing international and national commitments of Kyrgyzstan on gender equality and the need for a coherent policy in this direction.

June 1, 2007, Bishkek. A symbolic event: Different mothers are needed and are important in politics! Participants: families that have no access to kindergartens living in the Kolmo, Ak-Bosogo, Archa-Beshik and Ala-Too squatter settlements.

TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$10 252
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* Including administrative costs of the program.

Travel Grants Program 2007

Baglan Mamaev, Program Coordinator

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The Travel Grants Program is designed to enhance professional skills, involve skilled specialists in the process of reform in various areas, establish contacts, promote cooperation and free exchange of information, develop professional interaction, as well as the democratization of society by providing grants for participating in international conferences, workshops, internships and other events outside the Kyrgyz Republic. The program supports scientists, journalists, artists, culture, healthcare and education workers, as well as non-governmental and human rights organizations by providing them with travel grants. The program is co-funded by the inviting party or other organizations.

Name of the Grantee	Place of work / position	Event / place / period	Grant, USD
A.A. Asanova	National Hospital, MH of the KR, hospital physician (Bishkek)	International Conference of the Association of Eyesight Studies and Ophthalmology, Singapore, March	1,353
R.T. Aitmatova	Women's Support Center PA, President (Bishkek)	51st Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, New-York, United States, February-March	1,313
A.A. Maamytova	OFC Sahna, actress (Bishkek)	Implementation of a joint project on the Kyrgyz epic, New York, United States, February-April	1,316
E.B. Akmatalieva	OshGU, Lecturer, World Languages Faculty (Osh)	Russian language: historical fates and modern times, Conference, Moscow, Russia, March	451
N.E. Kubakaeva	Leadership Youth Volunteer Organization, Chairperson of the Board (Karakol)	International Conference of members and partners of the European Voluntary Organizations Alliance, Antalya, Turkey, March	521
D. B. Sagynbaev	Osh branch of the Moscow Entrepreneurship and Law Institute, lecturer (Osh)	Education and development - 2007 Conference, Thailand, March	874
A. E. Sarbagisheva	National Center for Pediatrics and Child Surgery, Pediatrician (Bishkek)	Diagnosis and treatment of surgical pathology of newborns, Scientific and practical workshop, St. Petersburg, Russia, March	484
E. V. Buldakova	Presidential Administration of the KR, Assistant to the President (Bishkek)	"Freedom of information: creation of an open and transparent state International program, London, Great Britain, March	872

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E.Sh. Sharsheeva	National Hospital of the MoH of the KR, Physician, Ultrasound, Maternity Department (Bishkek)	Specialization in doppler metering in obstetrics and gynecology, Moscow, Russia, March-April	371
D. B. Alymbaeva	KRSU, Professor of the Infectious Disease Department (Bishkek)	Hepatology today, 12th Russian Conference, Moscow, Russia, March	493
R. A. Sultangaziev	National Hospital of the MoH of the KR, Physician, SG Department (Bishkek)	Emergency surgery and portal hypertension internship, Moscow, Russia, March-April	493
B. M. Murzayeva	Bilek PA, Assistant Coordinator (Isfana)	Exchange program in the social sphere, Helsinki, Finland, April-May	1009
A. R. Kalandarov	Peremena Center for Innovation in Education, Education and Development Manager (Bishkek)	Human Rights Education: techniques and methodology", methodological workshop, Perm, Russia, April	760
A. M. Chakiev	KRSU, Postgraduate of the Hospital Surgery Department (Bishkek)	Esophagus surgery, Workshop for surgeons Moscow, Russia, April	536
A. M. Turgunbaeva	IUK, lecturer in the International Relations Department (Bishkek)	Academic internship / archive and library studies, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, April-May	253
A. S. Begimkulova	National Center for Oncology, Oncologist-ophthalmologist (Bishkek)	Retraining course, Moscow, Russia, May	500
A. E. Umetova	IIMA under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Senior Expert (Bishkek)	General Meeting on Migration: challenges and solutions, Moscow, Russia, April	382
G. Z. Kudabaeva	Academ i K Center, Director (Bishkek)	Evaluation of the efficiency of projects and programs Research and Education Workshop, Moscow, Russia, May	606
CH. J. Sagyndykova	Osh Interregional Center for Oncology, Postgraduate (Osh)	Actual issues of Experimental and Clinical Oncology Regional Conference of Young Scientists, Tomsk, Russia, April	563
G. A. Zakharova	Clinic of Professor Asymbekova, prenatal psychologist (Bishkek)	Prenatal children and society. The role of prenatal psychology in obstetrics World Conference, Moscow, Russia, May	541
A. U. Diayrbekov	Oymo Young People's creative studio, Director/ Assistant Producer (Bishkek)	"It's me" International Youth Film Festival, Yerevan, Armenia, April	379
A. N. Niyazova	KRSU, head of the Civil Law and Process Department, (Bishkek)	The Civil Code of the RF in action Scientific and Practical Conference, Moscow, Russia, April	595

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M. M. Esengulova	I. Arabaeva KSU, Senior lecturer, Education Department (Bishkek)	Psychology and education: problems of teaching and scientific ideas Scientific and practical conference, St. Petersburg, Russia, May	676
U. B. Shermatova	National Center for Pediatrics and Child Surgery, Researcher and Doctor of the Infant Pathology Department (Bishkek)	White Nights - 2007, Course on resuscitation and intensive therapy of infants St. Petersburg, Russia, May-June	585
S. K. Kaldybaev	Naryn State University, Director of the Center for monitoring the quality of education (Naryn)	Moscow Summer School on objective teaching assessment of students and the quality of teaching tasks, Moscow, Russia, July	669
A. D. Sultanbaev	The Union of Journalists of the KR, Chairperson (Bishkek)	The role of the mass media in modern society, World Congress of Journalists, Moscow, Russia, June	623
A. M. Kalchakeeva	KRSU, Associate Professor of the Finance and Credit Department (Bishkek)	Education for life: continuous education for sustainable development International Conference, St. Petersburg, Russia, June	648
V. A. Gritsenko	Spravedlivos Regional human rights organization, Chairperson of the Board (Jalalabat)	Exchange of experience on how to set up and manage a Rehabilitation Center for victims of torture and cruel treatment, Tbilisi, Georgia, June	912
K. U. Usenov	City psychiatric aid center, Director (Bishkek)	Exchange of experience on how to set up and manage a Rehabilitation Center for victims of torture and cruel treatment, Tbilisi, Georgia, June	912
A. A. Isaev	Center for museum initiatives NGO, Board member (Bishkek)	Intermuseum-2007 International Festival, Moscow, Russia, May	623
E. V. Jolobova	For You Russian newspaper, Senior Editor (Bishkek)	Socio-political World Congress of Newspapers, Paris, France, June	566
S. R. Moldoisaeva	KSMA, clinical graduate student, Department of basic and clinical pharmacology (Bishkek)	Security of medications: from development to medical application Conference Kiev, Ukraine, June	829
A. K. Tynaliev	Theater of the oppressed in Kyrgyzstan in Jany-Jer Project Assistant Coordinator (Bishkek)	Workshop on the Theater of the Oppressed with Sanjay Ganguly, Vienna, Austria, June	887
I. T. Turdubaeva	Osh branch of the Association of fruit and vegetable enterprises, Managing Director (Osh)	Processing and packaging of fruit and vegetables training program Washington DC, USA, June-July	554
B. Omurbek	Osh fruit and vegetable complex, Director (Osh)	Processing and packaging of fruit and vegetables training program Washington DC, USA June-July	482

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A. A. Azhibekov	Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry of the KR, leading specialist (Bishkek)	International workshop for supervisors of rural youth activities, Hörsching, Germany, July	880
A. B. Alisheva	Civil Initiative on Internet Policy PA, Lawyer (Bishkek)	International Summer School of the Media Law, Ukraine, Kiev, June-July	757
E. V. Samaeva	Republican Burns Center, clinical doctor (Bishkek)	Intensive course of plastic and reconstructive surgery, Moscow, Russia, June	594
D. A. Atykanova	Vitlayn Promotion Center, Producer (Bishkek)	Congress of Ethnographers and Anthropologists, Saransk, Russia, July	688
E. V. Lapteva	Resource center for the elderly PA, Coordinator of work with volunteers (Bishkek)	International School of Gerontology and Geriatrics, St. Petersburg, Russia, July	528
Z.O. Satybaldiyeva	The Times of Central Asia, Independent newspaper Reporter (Bishkek)	Support to independent media in Central Asia Program, Warsaw, Poland, July	312
A. S. Kotov	KSMA, Lecturer in the Pharmacology and Pharmaceutical Chemistry Department (Bishkek)	Scientific research into diseases of the gastrointestinal tract and liver, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, July-August	890
A. D. Torgoev	Central Asian Institute for Applied Research of the Earth, Junior Scientist in engineering seismology (Bishkek)	Seismology, analysis of seismic data, Training Course, Potsdam, Germany, August-September	915
M. A. Turdumambetova	Sanitation and epidemiological station of Kyrgyz Railways, Chief Doctor (Bishkek)	Environmental alternatives in sanitation, Training Course Stockholm, Sweden, September-October	865
D. I. Kabak	Open Position PA, President (Bishkek)	Session of the UN committee to combat racial discrimination, Geneva, Switzerland, August	946
N. A. Utesheva	Young People's human rights group NGO, Coordinator of educational program (Bishkek)	Session of the UN committee to combat racial discrimination, Geneva, Switzerland, August	946
A. K. Sharshebaev	Experimental methodological expedition of the Institute of Seismology NAS KR, Engineer-programmer ICC (Bishkek)	Modern Methods of processing and interpreting seismological data, International Seismology School, Perm, Russia, August	802
S. A. Groshev	Center for Postgraduate Medical Education, Graduate of the Neuropathology and Psychiatry Department (Bishkek)	Cerebral pathology and stroke Russian International Congress St. Petersburg, Russia, September	1001
K. A. Uzakbaev	National Center for Pediatrics and Child Surgery, Director (Bishkek)	International Congress of Pediatricians, Athens, Greece, August	968
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A. T. Koichumanova	Oi-Art Production Company, Director (Bishkek)	International film festival, Locarno, Switzerland, August	938
Z. D. Mendikulova	Center for promoting water supply, sanitation and hygiene related issues in Kyrgyzstan PA, Chairperson (Bishkek)	Workshop of the Council for Cooperation on Water Supply and Sanitation, Stockholm, Sweden, August	882
Z. A. Kadenova	OshTU, senior lecturer, Department of Applied Informatics in the Economy (Osh)	Inverse and incorrect tasks of mathematical physics, International Conference, Novosibirsk, Russia, August	1286
A. Moldosheva	Freelance Advisor on Gender Issues (Bishkek)	Regional information-educational program of the Crisis center for women, Altenbuchen, Germany, August	824

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Z. K. Kurmanov	UNDP in the Kyrgyz Republic, National consultant (Bishkek)	Parliaments in Central Asian countries: new challenges and trends, Global Economic Forum and Workshop, Krynica-Zdroj, Poland, September	1,011
L. N. Zakrzewskaya	Dance Sports Federation, Chairperson of the board of Judges (Bishkek), Congress of the KR,	Congress of judges and coaches, IDSF, Stuttgart, Germany, August	881
A. T. Sartmanbetova	Naryn rayon municipal resource center, Head, (Naryn)	Participation of the public in addressing locally emerging problems training course Glasgow, Scotland, August-September	1,435
Z. Z. Abdumanapova	K. Tynystanov Issyk-Kul State University, senior lecturer of the Department of Russian Language (Karakol)	Promoters of Siberian Philology, Russian scientific conference Novosibirsk, Russia, September	863
A. Musaeva	Republican Independent Association of Disabled Women of the KR, Chairperson (Bishkek)	International Assembly of Disabled Persons, Seoul, Korea, September	810
I. Kudaiberdiev	The Union of Young Disabled of Chui oblast, Lawyer (Bishkek)	International Assembly of Disabled Persons, Seoul, Korea, September	810
E. K. Doolotova	Tasha Miyasheva Oblast children's library (Osh), Director,	Problems of forming the funds for children's libraries in modern conditions Conference, Moscow, Russia, September	649
G.Ch. Donbaeva	Talas State University (Talas city), Dean of the Natural Science Faculty,	Resource-generating, low-waste and ecologically safe technologies of mineral resources exploitation International Conference, Karaganda, Kazakhstan, September	514
O. Sh. Shamshiev	Kyzyl-Kiya Institute of Nature Use and Geo-technologies of the KSTU, Director (Kyzyl-Kiya)	Resource-generating, low-waste and ecologically safe technologies of mineral resources exploitation International Conference, Karaganda, Kazakhstan, September	597
M. A. Medvedev	National Hospital of the MoH, Head of Department (Bishkek)	Modern methods of diagnosis and treatment of corneal diseases and eye sockets Conference, Moscow, Russia, September	532
A. A. Bolokbaeva	KSMI, Assistant of the Ophthalmology Department (Bishkek)	Modern methods of diagnosis and treatment of corneal diseases and eye sockets Conference, Moscow, Russia, September	532
D. A. Erkimbaev	M. Jangaziev Kyrgyz State Puppet Theater, Actor-puppeteer (Bishkek)	International Festival of Puppet Theaters, Rome, Italy, September-October	267

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T. G. Grin	Experimental Methodological Seismologic Expedition of the NAS KR, Chief Geo-physician (Bishkek)	Modern Problems of Seismic Engineering and Seismology Conference, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, October	335
S. K. Rysbaev	Kyrgyz Academy of Education, Head of department (Bishkek)	Biblimage-2007 International Festival, Russia, Moscow, October	499
A. A. Umuralieva	A. Umuraliev Bishkek City Drama Theater, , Assistant Art Director (Bishkek)	Semester in the High School for Performing Arts at RATI, Russia, Moscow, October	532
A. T. Abdullina	JAGU, Instructor of the ICT Department (Jalalabat)	International Conference "Sociology of Innovation: social mechanisms for an innovative environment", Russia, Moscow, November	511
E. K. Makimbetov	KRSU, Professor of special clinical disciplines (Bishkek)	Euro-Asian Congress of Pediatric Oncology, Mumbai, India, November	1,147

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