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It often happens that disabled people are not needed in social life, they are not always integrated into the public life. It is very important to ensure that the problems of disabled people are solved not only in a few separate countries, but could be tackled everywhere in a systematic way.

During local conflicts, wars, natural catastrophes or technological disasters, disabled or differently-abled individuals often have no chance to survive. Critical situations in society make position of disabled people much worse, turning them into the most unprotected class in any society.

In countries with autocratic, totalitarian or dictatorial leadership, the existence of disabled people can not be called life, it is a mere survival. In such countries, struggle of disabled people for their rights is often equivalent to death. Disabled people make the most numerous minority in the world, being in the most adverse situation. Being a physically disabled person myself, from 2006 to 2012 I was an active participant in a movement for people with different abilities in my country. I managed an NGO of disabled people, in Uzbekistan's capital city and on the national level. Because of my civic position and my fight against corruption, I was subjected to prosecution by the authorities. The authorities of the country started judicial and legal process against me. During those three years, the authorities tried but couldn't prove my guilt. Inconsistent and self-contradictory decisions and definitions of courts of various instances were made. Threats, violence, provocations and prosecutions became a part of my life in 2009-2012. In autumn 2012, I was compelled to leave my country. In October 2013, the authorities of Germany granted me political asylum under §16 of German constitutions.

Our movement "Equal Opportunities for All" pursues the following goals:

- to advocate human rights and basic freedoms specified in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- to provide equal access of socially vulnerable classes in the Central-Asian countries (people with disabilities, orphans, women subjected to violence, migrants, etc.) to quality education at all levels; to guarantee the implementation of constitutional rights of these deprived classes.

The methods and strategies we use to achieve these goals are:

- analysis of the situation and identification of the needs of the target audience;
- organisation of social functions and events, aimed to attract people's attention to the problems of our target audience;
- spreading information, through mass media and social networks, about people's constitutional rights;
- discussing the life and struggles of our target audience on the international level; voicing their problems, searching for solutions.

I would also like to underline that we are now in the process of applying for grants, so that the movement "Equal Opportunities for All" could be registered and could start operating officially as soon as possible.



## I Want to Live

*I Want to Live* project was born out of strong feeling of compassion towards those who struggle for existence in multiple conflict zones on our planet; it was born out of fear that local military clashes would develop into global conflicts. My goal is to draw public attention towards the fragility of human life and make a strong appeal to all the people of our planet to protect peace in this world.

My name is Hasanboy Burhanov. I raise my voice in defence of peace, and I say: "I want to live!". I am saying this on my own behalf, and on behalf of those who have been and are still suffering in war zones, having fallen victims to military activities and conflicts of all scales.

*I Want to Live* movement aims to bring peace to everyone and provide equal opportunities for all. Together with a group of like-minded individuals, I have done my best to ensure that usual appeals to maintain peace and abolish violence we hear everyday could find a new meaning in our societies. We want every citizen of the Earth to be able to enjoy peace, to evolve, and positively use her or his personal potential. We have launched, under the same title *I Want to Live*, a short video about our project. It has been translated into 18 major languages of the world and can be viewed on our Youtube channel.

The next step we are planning needs support from all those individuals who share our anti-war ideas. We are planning to organize an anti-war rally titled *I Want to Live*. This rally is planned to run for three years, the route will go across five continents on the globe. Programs and functions promoting peace and security would be arranged in different countries en route, under the slogan *Life Without War*. Every 200 km. of this route will be marked by a symbolic plate with the name "Peace Street" written in different languages. These plates will serve as a reminder to all of us, that saving peace in the world is only possible when each and every person consciously contributes to this cause.

We can already foresee numerous hurdles on our way. There are difficulties that we will need to overcome, and we need people's support for that. Our wish is that *I Want to Live* project brings together all active and independently thinking individuals, who can not be indifferent to our planet's future. We hope that there is a number of political and social activists, as well as ordinary citizens, who will want to join our project, who will participate in the events organized by us in its framework, and who will be ready to support this movement financially and informationally.

Let's fling the goodness boomerang and change our world to the better! Let the launch of our project be the new beginning for the peace-keeping processes in the whole world.

Even the smallest person is able to change the future—this is my firm belief.

If my dream is your dream, if you want to save our beautiful planet, do join in! This pacifist project needs your support. This will be your personal investment into our future and into peace in the world.

Sincerely yours,

Hasanboy Burhanov

