



GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY PROJECTS

Projects implemented in 2002

ARMENIA

Participation of an anti-trafficking expert in a panel discussion. Supported the participation of an anti-trafficking expert from the Ukrainian NGO La Strada in a seminar on trafficking in human beings during the Yerevan Human Rights Film Festival; promoted the sharing of experiences on anti-trafficking issues among OSCE participating States.

AZERBAIJAN

Support to non-Azeri communities in Baku. Supported non-Azeri communities reintegrate into society and regain their rights; monitored the resolution of individual complaints resolution.

Civil dialogue in the regions. Initiated dialogue between local authorities and civil society in rural regions of the country and assessed needs for further action.

Co-operation between NGOs and police on human rights. Supported police training in international human rights standards.

KAZAKHSTAN

Seminar on international standards in labour rights and their incorporation into Kazakh legislation. Sponsored the first countrywide seminar on international labour rights and labour migration in Kazakhstan. The project also covered illegal labour migration.

Monitoring the rights of illegal labour migrants in southern Kazakhstan. Supported research on monitoring the rights of illegal labour migrants, as well as the adoption of legislation on labour migration and the legalization of illegal migrants as a conflict-prevention approach to interethnic problems.

Follow-up roundtable on import and storage of radioactive waste. Supported a follow-up roundtable on the recommendations that emerged from the October 2001 conference on import and storage of radioactive waste in Kazakhstan.

Support to the Co-ordination Council on death-penalty moratorium. Raised awareness among the population on issues related to the application of the death penalty and mobilized public support for a moratorium on capital punishment.

Training on lobbying campaigns. Trained a group of professionals as trainers on how to carry out lobbying campaigns in the parliament and in the regions.

Publication of public informational material on women's rights. Produced and published posters and postcards on gender equality in public life and politics.

Training of journalists on human rights. The purpose was to ensure adequate coverage of human rights issues in the Kazakh media by training journalists in international human rights standards and human rights institutions and to mobilize public support for the media to raise human rights issues.

KYRGYZSTAN

Publication and distribution of a newspaper for prisoners. Supported the publication of a newspaper for prisoners. The newspaper is distributed free of charge in Kyrgyz prisons to help inmates reintegrate into society after their release.

Roundtable on election processes. Examined the elections held in Kyrgyzstan in 2002 and their shortcomings in preparation for a referendum on constitutional reform in December 2002.

Roundtable on human rights monitoring in orphanages. Conducted an in-depth analysis of the findings of monitoring reports on the human rights of children in Kyrgyz orphanages.

NGO forum in Osh on civil society and development. Discussed the role and contribution of NGOs to the country's development and supported dialogue between the NGO community and governmental structures.

Sociological research on youth and religion in eastern Kyrgyzstan. In support of discussion on tolerance and conflict prevention among young people.

Gender mainstreaming into national plan on equality and human rights. In support of discussion on the recognition of equal rights between men and women.

Forum of leaders on solutions to crisis. Promoted transparency and openness regarding difficult situations in the country and presented ideas and possible solutions to political and social problems.

MOLDOVA

Expert participation in anti-trafficking conference in Kazakhstan. Supported the participation of a Moldovan expert at an anti-trafficking conference in Kazakhstan to share Moldova's experience with effective legislative measures to counter trafficking in human beings.

POLAND

Web guide for tolerance education. Supported the development of a web guide on tolerance education.

TAJIKISTAN

Human rights training for secondary-school students. Trained a group of young human rights activists from Kumsangir, the ethnically mixed southern region of Tajikistan, as a contribution to conflict prevention.

Civic education programme: Promoted tolerance and plurality of opinions and fostered awareness of rights and responsibilities among young people in Khatlon, the province most affected by the civil war. The programme aimed to support the new mandate of the OSCE Centre in Dushanbe.

Journalistic competition on 10th anniversary of adoption by Tajikistan of UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Encouraged the engagement of journalists in the promotion and protection of human rights in post-civil-war society throughout the country.

Roundtable on freedom of religion. Convened a meeting of secular and religious leaders to discuss the freedom-of-religion situation in Tajikistan and to promote international standards on freedom of religion and belief

Access to higher education for girls in Qarategin Valley. Promoted access to higher education for girls from remote districts of Tajikistan.

UZBEKISTAN

Gender youth conference. Supported a youth conference on gender-mainstreaming issues and equal rights and opportunities.

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Micro-level media advocacy on women's rights. Assisted in improving public education on women's rights by increasing public access to information through three local television stations.

Prevention of sexual harassment at schools and universities in Montenegro. Trained young women on how to protect themselves and prevent sexual harassment in educational institutions.