

International Renaissance Foundation

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION

The International Renaissance Foundation (IRF) *is an integral part of the Open Society Institute network (established by American philanthropist George Soros) that incorporates national and regional foundations in more than thirty countries around the world, including Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. IRF was founded in 1990.*

The mission of the International Renaissance Foundation – is to promote open democratic society in Ukraine by providing financial and organizational support for important civil society initiatives.

IRF remains one of the largest donor foundations in Ukraine, supporting civil society organizations working in areas that are part of the Foundation's priorities. Every year, IRF provides up to \$7 million in support to NGOs in different regions of Ukraine. In addition to offering grants to other organizations, IRF also pursues its own (operational) activities, implementing projects in its target sectors that are also selected by public representatives. The Foundation is also well-known as an expert organization, initiator of effective projects, open discussions and catalyst of social change.

Openness and transparency of donor activities, and conformity with the needs of society are the main principles that guide the work of the International Renaissance Foundation. The public is involved in the distribution of Foundation funds for the needs of building a democratic open society through participation in the Executive Board and IRF Program Boards.

IRF distributes the majority of its grants to non-governmental organizations after **open competitions** are held for projects pursuing the program priorities set by leading representatives of local civil society

The **IRF Board** is the main public body that forms the strategy for the entire organization. The Foundation's priorities are determined by the Executive Board and Program Boards, whose members include prominent Ukrainian public figures and experts in IRF target sectors.

The funds operated by IRF come mostly from its main founder George Soros. IRF also receives support from international donors, as well as Ukrainian and foreign organizations and individuals.

Since its founding, the International Renaissance Foundation has provided more than \$12 million in grants to various Ukrainian non-governmental organizations (NGOs), scientific-research organizations, academic institutions and publishing houses.

You can learn more about the International Renaissance Foundation on our website www.irf.ua.

INTRODUCTION

In 2009, public participation in decision-making and advancing key reforms in Ukraine took on even greater importance. NGOs, like most public institutions, were working in the midst of a deep financial and economic crisis, made worse by the permanent political crisis of recent year. The social situation in the country was made worse by the complex presidential elections. Political populism did not help NGO efforts. Public opinion was focused mainly on political events and less on defending the population's real interests and introducing relevant reforms in different areas in which the non-profit sector actively works..

In 2009, the International Renaissance Foundation provided \$6.5 million in support to socially important public initiatives. During the year, IRF supporting more than 550 projects implemented by Ukrainian non-governmental organizations and institutions in different regions of Ukraine. These are organizations in Kyiv, cities, towns, raion centers of Ukraine that work to defend human rights, enhance the impact of civil society and public control over government, promote Ukraine's European integration and the development of independent media, implement initiatives in the education and health sectors, and carry out projects to protect vulnerable groups and integrate national minorities into Ukrainian society.

During the elections, IRF supported public initiatives aimed at ensuring the honest and fair expression of the will of the people, in particular **conducting a national exit poll** as a means of control over the integrity of the vote count. With IRF support, a public platform for reform was created, without which Ukraine can't become a developed European country. The **modernization strategy for Ukraine**, which was widely publicized and discussed in the regions, proved that civil society is capable of articulating and defending priorities for a consolidated reform strategy for the country. 2009 marked the **release of the 500th book** translated into Ukrainian and published with IRF support. Understanding the effect of the financial crisis on Ukraine, in 2009 the International Renaissance Foundation together with the Open Society Institute Emergency Fund launched the new **Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program**, with the aim of helping people, cultural and community groups hardest hit by the financial and economic crisis.

Enhancing our own openness remains a key principle for IRF. **The new initiative on strategic communication and management skills** which IRF began to implement in 2009 significantly expanded opportunities for public participation in open dialogue and common identification of vectors for civil society development. The updated website (www.irf.ua) is to become a platform for e-communication, increased feedback between IRF and representatives of civil society, government and media. All those interested are invited to discuss a wide range of topics related to IRF, including participation in the annual planning of program strategies, announcing and implementing grant competitions, assessing supported projects, providing proposals on how to improve the work of IRF as an integral component of civil society in Ukraine.

The results of the Foundation's charitable donor work were made possible thanks to the work of **independent experts** – members of the IRF Executive Board and Program Boards. We are sincerely grateful to all the Foundation's friends and partners, whose contribution to our common cause is mentioned below. Without such cooperation, we would have lost the opportunity to carry out many civic initiatives on time.

This report presents the socially important initiatives supported by the International Renaissance Foundation in 2009.

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In 2009, the **CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCE PROGRAM** (*Program Director - Oleksiy Orlovsky*) supported NGOs and civic associations in monitoring government activities, defending and lobbying the common interests of different groups, and ensured their participation in the development and implementation of legal and regulatory acts on the national and local level. The Program supported active civil society organizations, endorsing the following forms of public self-organization.

Among the projects supported by the Program to promote the development of such effective tools of public control as **public expert examinations**, it's worth noting the "Electronic desktop for the public expert: internet resource for civic activists" project. With support from the IRF, a special internet resource for people who want to conduct public examinations was elaborated. The site is called "Electronic desktop for the public expert" (ngoexpert.in.ua and civicexpert.in.ua).

As a part of the "**Electronic register of public examinations – component of the Government portal**" project an electronic register was created and after it is tested, it will be given to the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to maintain. It is expected that the online register will appear on the Civil Society and Government website (<http://civic.kmu.gov.ua/civic/control/uk/index>) in April 2010.

The large-scale nationwide project "**Territorial Reform: from modeling to implementation**" was completed. Its goal was to promote administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine. As a part of this project, a Concept for administrative and territorial reform and draft law on the territorial structure of Ukraine were developed and discussed publicly, modeling was done of the territorial structure of 16 pilot raions in 4 oblasts of Ukraine, a study was done of the history of administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine in 1907-2009, a number of brochures were issued, etc. For more information about this project and its results, visit: <http://www.csi.org.ua>.

In cooperation with the UNITER Program and East Europe Foundation, in early 2009 the first joint competition was announced, aimed at **supporting reforms on the local level**. One interesting project currently being implemented is the "Public campaign for enforcement of the law at parking areas in Kyiv". As part of the project, legal support and consultations were given to drivers who had wheel locks placed on their cars, and a lobbying campaign was launched to cancel certain acts of the Kyiv city government that permit this form of parking enforcement. Other noteworthy projects were "Ternopil – City Statute" and "Introducing a Statute for Zhytomyr City". Ternopil and Zhytomyr are two of the few remaining oblast centers that still do not have a statute. In Ternopil, a working group, created by an order from the mayor, along with experts has developed a draft statute. In Zhytomyr the efforts have focused on public discussion and revision of the draft statute that had been developed previously.

Exit poll 2010. During the presidential elections in Ukraine in January-February 2010, the IRF traditionally supported public initiatives aimed at ensuring the honest and fair expression of the will of the people, in particular conducting at national exit poll as a means of control over the integrity of the vote count. On the initiative of the IRF a consortium of NGOs was created to conduct the National Exit Poll 2010 (www.exitpoll.org.ua). The exit poll during the 2010 presidential elections not only drew attention to the elections, but also performed its control function by reducing the likelihood of fraud.

Civic Assembly of Ukraine. The Third Civic Assembly of Ukraine (CAU) "Civil Society Action during the State Crisis" was held in March 2009. The proposals developed during regional roundtables on priority public actions during the political crisis were presented. More than 350 representatives of NGOs, experts, activists and journalists from all regions of Ukraine participated. The Assembly noted the existence of a crisis on three levels (socio-economic, political-legal, and constitutional). The participants concluded that political-legal and constitutional reform is needed. Changes to the election law, Constitutional reform by calling a Constitutional Assembly, judicial and administrative reform – is just a partial list of the necessary changes. As a result of the Third CAU, the "Public Legislative Initiative" was implemented as parts of which four draft laws were developed and submitted to the Verkhovna Rada for consideration: on transparency of decision-making and financial reporting by state and local government bodies, on transparency of decision-making and financial reporting by political parties, on the procedure for drafting and approving a new version of the Constitution of Ukraine, on changes to the presidential

election law. For more information about the initiative, visit: <http://gau.org.ua>

“Modernization strategy for Ukraine”. The International Renaissance Foundation initiated the creation of a consortium of leading independent experts and the development of a comprehensive analytical document to serve as an independent, non-party affiliated program that would be important in the pre- and post-election period. This modernization strategy for Ukraine will serve as a guide for public opinion in understanding the state of affairs, priorities for reform and outlook for the country's development for progressive politicians, the new President and Government of Ukraine, and the general public. The full and abridged versions of “Modernization Strategy for Ukraine. Reform Priorities” can be found on the website of the Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives (www.parlament.org.ua), International Renaissance Foundation (www.irf.ua), Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (www.ier.kiev.ua), Centre for Political and Legal Reforms (www.pravo.org.ua), and the Civil Space (www.civicua.org) and Maidan portals (www.maidan.org).

Electronic democracy in Ukraine (*manager - Olesia Arkhypska*). Electronic governance (e-governance) is the interaction between government and citizens, government and business, and within government using computer networks. In 2009 a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed by IRF, the State Committee on Informatization of Ukraine, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, State Enterprise “Ukrinformresource”, and the Sevastopol office of the All-Ukrainian committee to support UN environmental programs on developing and implementing the joint program “Facilitating the introduction of e-governance, electronic democracy and informatization of local government in Crimea”. The program is to be implemented in the cities of Alushta, Sudak and Yalta. Owing to the work of the Regional Center for e-Government in Crimea (Sudak) an online distance education program was developed and launched for civil servants and representatives of NGOs. Within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the IRF and the State Committee on Informatization, a draft “Concept for the development of e-government in Ukraine” was developed, discussed with the public and submitted to the government for approval. With support from IRF, the Public Council on Information-Communication Technologies prepared and provided the presidential candidates with “Guidelines: on urgent measures for the development of information society in Ukraine”. (For more details, visit the Civil Society Impact Enhancement Program section on the IRF website: <http://www.irf.ua>)

With the aim of **supporting public monitoring of energy policy and development of energy-saving in Ukraine**, in 2008-2009 the Program significantly expanded its cooperation with the Revenue Watch Institute (New York), analogous Open Society Institute (OSI) programs in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan. In 2008, the IRF and OSI experts and experts from these countries developed a strategic document to extend the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to countries that transport hydrocarbon resources across their territories. This document was presented during the EITI Conference in Doha, Qatar in February 2009. Following the active distribution of this document, the European Commission began demanding that the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine take steps to increase transparency in the gas sector by joining the EITI. As a result of outside pressure and lobbying efforts by the Association “EnergyTransparency”, on September 30, 2009 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted Resolution № 1098 “On Ukraine joining the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative”. This document approved the text of the Cabinet of Ministers declaration on Ukraine joining the EITI, the First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine was appointed as Commissioner on the EITI, and a working group on EITI implementation was formed.

A new international initiative launched in 2009 was the project by the NGO “Dixi Group” called **“Monitoring of the disclosure and access to public information”**. This is a component of an international project implemented using the same methodology in Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and Georgia, aimed at comparing the accessibility to public information in different sectors in the given countries. Project activities include an analysis of Ukrainian legislation in terms of protecting citizens' right to free access to public information in the energy sector, monitoring the actual implementation of legislation by the authorities by sending standard appeals to the authorities from members of the public, journalists, NGOs and individuals, preparation and publication of an analytical report, etc. (<https://ua-energy.org/post/view/10>).

Social integration of ethnic minorities. With the aim of overcoming national and ethnic biases to attain the proper level of tolerance and social integration of ethnic minorities, the Program supported a project by the NGO “Informational Press Center” aimed at building ethnic and religious tolerance, facilitating the integration into Ukrainian society of repatriated individuals, providing informational and legal assistance to residents of Crimea from different ethnic groups in addressing the common land issues. The main project activity was the production and broadcasting on several local television channels of shows about solutions to problems addressed by the project.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM (*Program Director - Victoria Tymoshevska*) work to protect the health rights of vulnerable populations by supporting and developing the capacity of vulnerable populations and activist organizations, supporting the development and implementation of policies and practices in public health that meet international standards and are grounded in the principles of evidence-based medicine.

Law and Health. One of the accomplishments of the initiative in 2009 was the introduction of sustainable projects of practical defense of human rights and improvement of legislation in the public health field in close cooperation with the existing network of patient, human rights and medical organizations. The law and health initiative has for a long time been supporting projects on strategic litigations and protection of the health rights of vulnerable populations. At the same time, it launched innovative activities to protect human rights, which are of great importance for Ukraine, in particular, to prevent human rights violations in palliative care, to raise awareness of representatives of vulnerable populations of their health rights, to resolve disputes related to socio-medical examination of citizens, etc. The supported projects also include provision of free legal advice to patients and their families, awareness-raising activities on human rights in public health for health professionals, advocates and civil servants.

The web-portal on protection of patients' rights, www.healthrights.in, continued to operate. The number of visitors and referrals to information posted on the portal has significantly increased this year. The web-portal is a popular resource and a place to share information for journalists interested in patients' rights as well as rights of health care professionals.

With IRF support a course on “Medical Law” was developed for the medical higher education institutions. After it is piloted in the O.O. Bohomolets National Medical University and is approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, it is planned to be introduced as a required course in all medical higher education institutions in Ukraine.

A working meeting of human rights organizations that work in the area of public health was held in Kyiv in March 2009. A network of non-governmental organizations that will be involved in identifying potential strategic litigations was created.

Harm Reduction. With Program support, NGOs of people directly affected by such problems as drug use and HIV/AIDS carried out advocacy work at the national and local levels to improve access of injecting drug users (IDUs) to relevant medical and social services and to prevent human rights violations by health professionals and law enforcement bodies.

The All-Ukrainian NGO “Association of Substitution Maintenance Therapy Participants” launched its activities and in 2009 grew into a national network that brought together members of the substitution maintenance therapy programs (SMT) in 16 regions of Ukraine. The goal of the Association is to represent the interests and protect the rights of SMT patients in Ukraine. The Association works on ensuring access to treatment for patients who undergo treatment in in-patient health care facilities and are in need of SMT treatment at the same time, in particular, for pregnant women in maternity clinics.

Another area of work of the Association was advocating the rights of those who have been expelled from treatment programs either unreasonably or in violation of procedures, evaluating a new approach to treatment, namely, by prescribing medicines, thus making the treatment process much easier for program participants, and protecting

patients from illegal actions by law enforcement bodies, etc.

Together with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, the fourth advocacy summer school for representatives of HIV-service NGOs was supported in order to build up their advocacy capacities. This year the school focused on issues related to the documentation of human rights violations and use of this data in advocacy. As a result of such intensive summer schools, a new generation of activists and leaders who have already proved their capacity to protect their rights and interests, is growing among people directly affected by drug use and HIV/AIDS.

With IRF support, a website was created on substitution maintenance therapy programs www.zapitay.in.ua.

Palliative care. We supported an initiative to develop the curricula on palliative care to improve in-service training for doctors and nurses at the National Medical Academy for Post-Graduate Education. At the end of 2009, the curriculum for such issue-based training for doctors and nursing staff was approved by the school's Academic Board.

Within the framework of an open competition four public initiatives were selected to create training and practical palliative care centers at hospices and palliative care units in four cities of Ukraine: Ivano-Frankivsk, Mykolaiv, Odesa and Cherkasy. Establishment of such centers will make it possible for doctors, nurses, medical school students, as well as social workers, psychologists and volunteers to gain knowledge and practical skills in palliative care.

Access to essential medicines. The first Ukrainian training focused on the impact of intellectual property rights on access to essential medicines was held in Ukraine with participation by NGO activities and government representatives. They discussed possible strategies and mechanisms of influence by civil society on the development of state policy on intellectual property, negotiations and signing of the abovementioned treaties and, as a result, improving access to expensive essential medicines protected by patents.

Health budget monitoring and advocacy. Due to the fact that only a small number of NGOs have access to information about budgets, and even fewer organizations are skilled in budget monitoring and cost analysis in public health, the first practical three-day training on budget monitoring and cost analysis was carried out in partnership with experts from Georgia. After the training, a competition among the participating organizations was held on budget monitoring and developing an advocacy strategy. These projects will be implemented in 2010-2011.

RULE OF LAW PROGRAM (*Program Director - Roman Romanov*) supports the civil society initiatives directed to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, to promote strengthened legal consciousness and public activity at the central and local levels

Public monitoring of the system of benefits and privileges in Ukraine. With IRF support, the NGOs conducted an analysis of the system of benefits in Ukraine and worked out recommendations on reforming the system for provision of social and economic rights and for bringing it closer to European standards. The Center for Public Advocacy created a project website (<http://www.pilga.in.ua>) that also provides information on social standards, including the catalogue of benefits in Ukraine that was created as part of the project.

Monitoring of observance of human rights in Ukraine. The most vulnerable segments of the population need separate attention. The Program supported the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation to monitor human rights in schools of social rehabilitation. For the first time, with support from the Program, human rights were monitored in 14 schools of social rehabilitation in 12 regions of Ukraine. Problems were identified and recommendations were developed.

Access to information. With support from the Program, NGO representatives submitted requests to the President of Ukraine for text of acts classified as "not for publication" and "off the record". They also initiated several legal

actions. Finally, in 2009 the President of Ukraine issued Decree that removed the unlawful classification “not for publication” from numerous presidential decrees and instructions. The decree also removed the unlawful classification from the Provisions on State Management, approved by Decree, dated February 17, 2002. Public activists had been demanding the official publication of this document for several years, including through the courts (the case is being considered by the Kyiv Administrative Appeals Court). For more details, please refer to: <http://www.khpg.org/index.php?id=1070546391>. With Program support, representatives of the NGOs frequently submitted information requests to the President of Ukraine demanding the text of acts illegally classified as “not for publication” and “off the record” and initiated several legal actions.

The brochure “The Right to Know in Ukraine” was published in June 2009. The publication provides systematized and generalized information about the activities of Ukrainian NGOs that the Rule of Law Program has been supporting during the last three years: public campaigns for protection of the right of access to information about activity of bodies of state authority; monitoring of transparency of bodies of state authority; creation of the National Registry of Information that is considered confidential information that is property of the state (for more details please refer to the IRF web site www.irf.ua, section “Publications and Research of the Rule of Law Program”).

Legal Empowerment for the Poor. Taking into account the acquired experience and the increased demand for legal aid (including resulting from the economic crisis), in cooperation with the Open Society Justice Initiative (Budapest), the Program launched a new initiative “Legal Empowerment for the Poor”. This component aims to improve the well-being of people living in poverty and social isolation by overcoming obstacles to key rights, namely: ownership rights, labor rights, entrepreneurial rights, and right of access to justice.

Centers for Legal Support and Consultations, created with support from the Program and participation of local government bodies, continued their activity in the cities of Bila Tserkva and Khmelnytsky. In 2009, more than 3,500 persons referred to each of the centres, which is a significant increase compared to previous years. Among those people there are pensioners, disabled persons, inmates, unemployed people, single mothers, families with many children and victims of crimes

Human rights in the Constitution of Ukraine. The political and economic crisis prompted the Program to support initiatives that promote awareness among society and government officials of the in-depth reasons for crisis developments and offer ways to overcome them. With support from the Program, the Kharkiv Human Rights Group analyzed Section 2 of the Constitution of Ukraine and held discussions on possible changes and additions in the context of discussions on constitutional reform.

Criminal justice reform in Ukraine. The Program continued to support for public defenders offices that provide defense in criminal cases for persons who can not afford a lawyer (these projects operate in Kharkiv, Khmelnytsky and Bila Tserkva; for more details please refer to the website: www.pravo.prostir.ua, section “Library”). The work of the Public Defenders Offices was given a positive evaluation by experts from the Council of Europe and was taken into account by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine during the development of a corresponding draft law, which was later approved by the government and submitted for consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The parliament adopted as a basis the draft law on free legal aid. The Program plans to provide further support for the finalization of this draft law during its review by the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy.

With support from the Program and assistance from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the Kharkiv Institute for Social Studies published information materials about the rights of persons who are kept in custody and distributed these materials in all temporary detention facilities. In October 2009, an electronic system of registration of visitors was installed and launched into operation in the Zhovtnevyi Raion Department of the Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Kharkiv Oblast. Every person independently registers his/her visit to the Raion Department and gets a document confirming the visit

International protection of human rights. The Rule of Law Program also helped NGOs present alternative reports on human rights within the framework of UN mechanisms. All-Ukrainian NGO “Women’s Consortium of Ukraine” presented experts of the UN Committee with a report on Ukraine’s implementation of provisions of the

UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Protection of Children's Rights Foundation presented the public in Ukraine with a report (that is alternative to the state report on the same topic) on Ukraine's implementation of provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. A campaign for Ukraine's entry into the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People and Facultative Protocol was initiated by the National Assembly of Disabled People with support from the Program in 2008. The campaign resulted in the adoption by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the Law of Ukraine, dated December 16, 2009, #1767-VI "On Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Disabled People and its Facultative Protocol" (http://gska2.rada.gov.ua/pls/zweb_n/webproc4_1?id=&pf3511=36658).

In 2009, the Program continued to facilitate the development of the practice of protection of human rights in national and international jurisdictions by supporting strategic litigation. A specialized Internet resource: www.hr-lawyers.org was created with Program support to present the work of the lawyers and results of activities on strategic judicial protection.

Human Rights Awareness. The 6th International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival (www.docudays.org.ua) took place in Kyiv with support from the Rule of Law Program. More than 60 films from 24 countries were presented, along with world premieres and presentations of new films by Ukrainian filmmakers. Almost 18 thousand spectators attended film screenings and festival related events. Film screenings and festival events took place in more than 100 communities in 20 regions of Ukraine. The festival was held for the first time in Alchevsk, Zaporizhzhia, Rivne and Ternopil.

For the fourth time the Program provided support to the Forum of Human Rights Organizations of Ukraine that took place in May 2009. More than 250 participants – representatives of NGOs from Ukraine and abroad – participated in the Forum. (<http://www.khpg.org/index.php?id=1241100312>).

In cooperation with Norwegian Helsinki Committee, the IRF provided support to events of the National Educational Program "Understanding the Human Rights" (for more detailed information please refer to the web site: www.edu.helsinki.org.ua).

Thanks to support from IRF, the book "Pursuing the Public Interest" was published in cooperation with the Public Interest Law Institute (Budapest – New York). The publication contains the best examples of work by Ukrainian organizations and provides answers to such questions as how to define the public interest, who can represent and act to protect the public interest, and how to find balance in the public interest.

EUROPEAN PROGRAM (*Program Director – Iryna Solonenko, Program Senior Manager – Dmytro Shulga*) aims at promoting Ukraine's European integration by providing financial and expert support to relevant civil society initiatives.

Contribution by Ukrainian civil society to the development of the Eastern Partnership Initiative. On the initiative of the IRF European Program, representatives of Ukrainian civil society developed and submitted their proposals for the European Commission's Communication on the Eastern Partnership, which was developed in December 2008 (<http://eu.prostir.ua/calendar/31791.html>). These proposals were also distributed among the EU member states. They drew a positive response from representatives of the European Commission and individual EU member states, and some were included in the European Commission's Communication. Also with Program support, experts from several Ukrainian think-tanks drafted an analytical report identifying components of the Eastern Partnership that would have added value for Ukraine, and in doing so increase awareness of the Eastern Partnership among state authorities, the expert community and the broader public (report in Ukrainian http://www.ucipr.kiev.ua/files/books/EaP_2009u.pdf). Prior to the first meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, held in Brussels in November 2009, participants (including 31 from Ukraine), with support from IRF, developed proposals on the organization, institutional structure and work of the Civil Society Forum. This first meeting demonstrated the maturity of civil society in Eastern Partnership countries and their ability to be involved in the policy process through expert support and monitoring.

Civil society monitoring of the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Action Plan (project of the consortium of think-tanks that includes the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research, Center for Political and Legal Reforms, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, and Internews). The EU-Ukraine Association Agenda, introduced in 2010, is a new instrument for supporting reforms in Ukraine and preparing and facilitating the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. The Association Agenda was preceded by the EU-Ukraine Action Plan, the implementation of which was monitored in 2006-2008 with support from IRF. The goal of this project, slated to begin in 2010, is to systematically follow the Ukrainian government's implementation or non-implementation of the provisions of the Association Agenda and provide feedback on ways to improve this process, as well as to keep the public informed so as to increase public demand for reforms outlined in the document.

Increasing the presence of Ukrainian expert opinion in the EU. With IRF support, a series of events were held in Western European cities throughout 2008-2009 aimed at increasing awareness about Ukraine and impact of the Ukrainian expert community on decision-making in the EU. Throughout 2008, a group of experts from leading Ukrainian think-tanks, in cooperation with leading think-tanks in France and Germany, organized expert discussions in Paris and Berlin on pressing European and Euro-Atlantic integration issues. In late 2009, discussions were held in Berlin, Bonn and Munich with Ukrainian experts on Ukraine's future after the presidential elections and presentations were made of the publication "Ukraine in Europe: Questions and Answers" (the text is available in the European Program section of the IRF website: www.irf.ua), written and published by experts from the School for Policy Analysis at the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" with support from the International Renaissance Foundation and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

Expert proposals on EU financing for Ukraine and the European Commission's annual report on Ukraine. In 2009, experts from the IRF European Program became involved in consultations on forming priorities and principles for EU funding for Ukraine in 2011-2013 (as part of the mid-term review of the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument). IRF experts participated in consultations organized by the Delegation of the European Union (then the European Commission) to Ukraine, and offered their suggestions (<http://www.eu.prostir.ua/themes/rada/achievements/proposals.html>) in response to requests by the European Commission. IRF experts also provided proposals for the content of the European Commission's (EC) annual report on the implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy in Ukraine (ENP) in 2009.

Removing visa barriers between Ukraine and the EU. A number of projects aimed at monitoring the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (monitoring the work of consulates of EU member states) that were supported by IRF in 2008-2009 grew into a consolidated civic initiative called "Europe without Barriers" (<http://www.novisa.com.ua>). The initiative completed three major studies the results of which indicate that the Agreement has become a first step in the right direction, but has failed to compensate for all the negative consequences of the introduction of visa requirements by new EU member states and their joining the Schengen area. The initiative also advocates the abolishment of visa restrictions for Ukrainian citizens by offering Ukraine a roadmap for a visa-free travel (or similar document) and Ukraine's implementation of necessary reforms. "Europe without Barriers" has already become a recognized initiative among expert circles in Ukraine and the EU, and the government and media, who often request materials from the initiative.

Integrating Ukrainian researchers into the European research space. With support from the IRF European Program, a series of events were held at leading Ukrainian research centers (Luts'k, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk) aimed at preparing Ukrainian scientists to participate in EU science and research programs. The project had the support of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and was particularly relevant given that 2009 was declared the European Year of Creativity and Innovation. Each event generated considerable attention among researchers: there were more than 100 participants in each seminar. It is expected that as a result of the events there will be a significant increase in the number of Ukrainian researchers that apply to participate in EU programs. This will promote Ukraine's integration into the European research space and improve prospects for utilizing Ukraine's scientific and technological potential.

The **Network of European Information Centers (EIC)** in Ukraine, which was established and supported by IRF, today includes 22 actives Centers (contacts for all EICs can be found here: <http://ukrcei.org>). In 2009, the EIC network became an important participant in nationwide events on European integration through the celebration of *Europe Day*; the *Tolerance as a path to Europe* campaign (<http://tolerant.org.ua>) and the national competition among seniors at general education schools “*EUROPA NOSTRA*” (<http://www.europanostra.info>); and took part in organizing the *Youth Creativity and Innovation Fair* (<http://www.innovate.at.ua>).

Nationwide Ukrainian competition among secondary school students Europe Nostra. For the first time in Ukraine, with support from the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine and the IRF European Program, a nationwide competition on European integration for secondary school students was held called Europa Nostra. The competition was held in two rounds, with 495 school teams from throughout Ukraine (1485 students and teachers) participating. 27 teams (one winner from each oblast and the cities of Sevastopol and Kyiv) had the chance to compete in the second round for the main prize – a trip to Brussels. The winning team was from Velyki Mosty, Lviv Oblast. The competition became an important instrument for upper secondary school students to increase their knowledge about European integration, learn skills on how to independently search for information and think creatively. For more about the project, visit: <http://www.europanostra.info>.

Television programs about the European experience with reforms. As part of a joint initiative with the East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program, two projects were implemented – a series of television talk shows – on the European experience with reforms in the city of Vinnytsia (on TRK Vinnychyna) and Crimea (on TRK Chornomorska). Live on air discussions were held with independent experts from Ukraine and new EU member states – Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Latvia and Lithuania – about the European experience with reforms and prospects for introducing European standards in Ukraine in such areas as human rights, activities of civil society organizations, local government, education and independent testing, public health and patients rights, municipal services and tariffs, regional economic development, the environment and others.

The goal of the **MASS MEDIA PROGRAM** (*Program Manager - Vitaliy Zamnius*) is to shape professional and socially responsible journalism in Ukraine.

School of Professional Journalism “New Ukraine” is a major educational project, initiated by the Program in 2009 aimed at creation of a community of professional and socially responsible journalists. About 40 percent of the class time is devoted to acquiring professional knowledge and skills. Classes in the School primarily focus on issues of ‘vision’ – from economy to environment. This year 26 young journalists (aged up to 35 years), who already had significant professional achievements, participated in the School. One of the important results of this year’s School was that most participants prepared and, what is important, continue to prepare materials for their publications on current topics that were studied in the School. For example, Ukraine’s influential regional publications significantly increased – both in terms of amount and quality – coverage of issues related to problems of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, the Crimean Tatars and others (more details at: www.parlament.org.ua).

Bureau for Investigative Journalism “Svidomo” was created in 2008 on the Program’s initiative and continued to operate in 2009 with support from the Program. Headed by the famous journalist Yegor Sobolyev, the Bureau sees its mission in carrying out social investigations, the purpose of which is not so much about disclosure of facts of corruption and other crimes, but rather about researching for reasons for socially significant processes taking place in the country and about helping readers to answer the question “*what can be done?*”. Today, the Bureau has about 20 partner publications, most of which are leading regional and local newspapers, throughout Ukraine with a total readership of about one million people. They all subscribe to the Bureau’s materials (about three information materials are prepared each month). This has helped the Bureau to become a successful and viable initiative. Certain investigations by the Bureau caused considerable stir among the public, such as the investigation into the cost of drugs that were purchased by the government to fight the influenza epidemic. More details at: www.kiev.svidomo.org/journalists.html.

In 2009 the Program also initiated support for other investigative journalism projects. Support of **Lviv's "Informator"**, one of the most powerful agencies for investigative journalism in Ukraine, was one of the brightest projects. "Informator" has its own weekly print publication, which is one of the leaders in terms of circulation in the region. During a six-month period "Informator" analyzed one hundred and fifty publications in the western region of the country looking for top examples of investigative journalism and the best authors. A broad network of investigative journalists was created on the basis of this research and the International Association of Investigative Journalists was registered. This and other initiatives facilitated an appreciable development of investigative journalism, which is crucial in terms of the mass media's role as "democracy watchdogs".

Among the Program's other notable projects is a distance media university project that is implemented by the Internet publication "Telekrytyka" using new communication technologies (more details at: <http://telekritika.ua/>). The organizers plan to provide journalists with free online access to recordings of lectures and master classes by leading Ukrainian media specialists.

EDUCATION PROGRAM (*Program Manager – Olena Zaplotynska*) seeks to utilize the potential of the Ukrainian third sector and research-academic institutions for the sustainable development of the education system and improving the quality of education in Ukraine.

"Public Platforms for Education Reform". In 2009, school staff, representatives of the community and local government discussed the issues strategic planning for schools and decentralization of school management. The results of the work of the public platforms in 2009 was published in informational bulletins "10 Days in the Netherlands", "Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine: New Horizons for Co-Operation", "National Conference: Planning School Development" (All materials are available on the project website: www.upper.org.ua).

As part of the **Law and Education Initiative**, the Program aims to facilitate the development of the legal and organizational environment for the rule of law in the Ukrainian education system. In 2009 an analysis was performed of current legislation regulating the education sector and problems that need urgent resolution were identified. The results of this initiative are outlined in the following publications: "Education Legislation of Ukraine and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea: Documents and Comments" and "Problems of Systematization and Codification of the Ukrainian Education Legislation", as well as on the education law website (www.edu-law.org.ua).

Rights of Children with Special Educational Needs to Equal Access to Quality Education. In 2009 public experts joined a working group formed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to develop a basic concept for the development of inclusive education in Ukraine and action plan (more information is available on the Step-by-Step website: <http://www.ussf.kiev.ua>). In 2009 the group developed a draft concept for development of inclusive education (the document is posted on the Ministry of Education's website <http://www.mon.gov.ua>) and an order was issued by the Ministry of Health that approves concrete steps for integrating children with special needs into society, and introducing inclusive and integrated education.

Developing models for university autonomy. In 2009, a consortium of nine universities developed a model and systematic indicators for assessing the quality of university education: internal (self-assessment), external – expert and public assessment based on models and principles of the ENQA (European Network of Quality Assurance) and EUA (European Universities Association). The results of a three-year sociological study supported by IRF indicated that the academic community in Ukraine was more familiar with and loyal to the model of university autonomy.

As part of the **Education Administration and Financing: Opportunities for Change** project, which aims to support professional expert assessments and development of practical recommendation for changes to the system of school financing and financial management, school directors received the practical manual "School Budget in the Current Environment". A series of practical seminars on school budget management was held for directors of schools in Kyiv.

School of Tolerance: History and Civic Education. Launched in 2009, the project aims to promote quality changes in the content of humanities education, overcoming ethnic and cultural exclusiveness, xenophobia, and intolerance, etc. IRF put together a group of experts from schools, the education ministry and civil society organizations (All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers of Social Disciplines) that began the preliminary analysis of the content of history textbooks in Ukraine that are recommended by the education ministry for secondary general education schools. Work has begun on drafting recommendations for the government on changes to the content of history textbooks and curricula.

External testing under public supervision. Since 2002, IRF has been the main initiator and supporter of introducing external testing in Ukraine. Throughout 2009 the work of the Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring focused on developing a system of public monitoring of the national independent external testing system. As part of the coalition of civil society organizations, the Center took part in the public campaign monitoring the administration of external testing in 16 oblasts of Ukraine. Monitoring efforts revealed that most organizational violations took place during the first subject administered – Ukrainian history – and helped recommendations to be developed for the Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment and Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine on ways to improve testing conditions for students with special needs, supervision of students outside of schools to prevent copying and sharing of information (results of monitoring are available on the website of the Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring: www.ukr-test.org). Center for Testing Technologies monitored the press and noted positive changes in public attitude towards the external testing system.

ANTI-CRISIS HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM (*Program Manager - Ruslan Kraplych*) is a new initiative of the Open Society Institute and the International Renaissance Foundation.

The Program was initiated in 2009 to mitigate the negative consequences of the global financial crisis in Ukraine and support innovative ideas of NGOs, charitable foundations, socially responsible businesses, state and local government bodies on ways to overcome the impact of the crisis on the most vulnerable social groups and the middle class.

Improving the health of vulnerable children. The Anti-crisis Humanitarian Program directed its first efforts to decrease the level of children's homelessness and neglect towards them. The Program supported 40 NGOs and charitable foundations that organized outdoor and school-based health-improvement summer camps across all regions of Ukraine for almost 2,500 children and teenagers from disadvantaged, single parent and problematic families (more details are on the IRF web site www.irf.ua , on the page of the Anti-crisis Program).

The tent camps were cost-effective and provided quality educational and social services to the children. Therefore, it was decided to facilitate dissemination of information about successful camps by publishing a methodological manual on how to organize a summer camp. The materials in the handbook were prepared by three NGOs from the Sumy, Volyn and Cherkasy Oblasts; they offered the best articles on legal aspects of organizing a camp, interesting educational programs (examples of games, songs, quizzes, etc.), methodologies for developing religious, ethnic and gender tolerance among youth and also programs for children with special needs and deviant behavior. The handbook will be distributed free of charge among Ukrainian NGOs that work with children and youth.

Anti-crisis Consortium. The Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program continuously encourages state authorities, local government institutions, non-governmental organizations, international donor organizations, businesses and charitable foundations to unite efforts and create a “consortium of benefactors” on the national and regional levels for joint resolution of crisis-caused negative social consequences.

In 2009, the International Renaissance Foundation signed the first Memorandum on creation of the consortium with leadership of Sumy Oblast State Administration and Sumy Oblast Council. The Memorandum envisages the organization of a joint competition to solicit anti-crisis projects from regional non-governmental organizations

working with children, youth and vulnerable social groups. The Sumy Oblast leadership pledged its readiness to allocate 700,000 UAH in the oblast budget for 2010 to fund projects submitted by non-governmental organizations working in the Sumy Oblast that will be supported by the International Renaissance Foundation within the framework of various competitions announced by the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program. (*More details: www.irf.ua, "the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program", Section "News"*).

ROMA IN UKRAINE PROGRAM. In 2009, the Program (*Program Manager - Nataliya Kyyak*) supported initiatives in the area of legal protection of Roma of Ukraine and facilitated development and implementation of state policy to improve the condition of Roma community in Ukraine; it also contributed to improvement of Roma population's access to medical services in order to prevent dangerous epidemics of socially dependent diseases among Roma (tuberculosis, hepatitis A, B and C, HIV/AIDS, etc.) and facilitated education of Roma youth in secondary special technical education institutions.

Roma population's access to medical services. Many Roma communities in Ukraine live under the conditions of extreme poverty with limited access to main social and medical services and the health condition of most Roma people is worse than that of other population groups. The Program supported Roma organizations that work to resolve healthcare issues of Roma. Roma medical centers were created to operate near places of compact living of Roma people in Zakarpattia Oblast where they suffer the most from socially dangerous and other diseases.

Cooperation of local authorities with Roma organizations. Last year the IRF managed to take a number of positive steps in the direction of establishing cooperation with authorities and resolving pressing problems of Roma on the local level. In particular, a regional program for support of Roma is operating in Cherkasy Oblast. Under the facilitation of the IRF, a sitting of a roundtable "Roma Community and Local Authorities of Cherkasy Oblast: A Step To Meet" was held. National-cultural associations of Roma ethnic group and representatives of authority bodies of the oblast participated in the roundtable and the purpose of the event was to analyze implementation of the Program, discuss current problems and their further resolution.

Employment and education of young Roma. Last year the Program gave special attention to employment of young Roma. In total, support was provided to 39 Roma students to help them get blue-collar occupations. Together with Germany's Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation, scholarships were provided to 46 Roma students for studying in bachelor's and master's programs and in postgraduate programs and that is almost by 50 percent more than in 2008.

EAST EAST: PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS PROGRAM (*Program Manager – Tetyana Kukhareno*), according to its mission, promoted direct involvement of the international community in solving key social issues in areas identified in the IRF strategy by exchanging international experience, analyzing best practices, expertise, ideas, etc.

International exchange of best practices. In 2009 the Program provided support to more than 40 international projects that were implemented in Ukraine and participation by Ukrainian activities and experts in events organized by partner organizations abroad. International exchanges contributed primarily to increasing awareness among target audiences and overall achievements in such areas as public policy, European integration, human rights, public health and social assistance.

Czech experience with European integration and introducing reforms. Most of the initiatives supported as part of last year's bilateral competition "Experience Exchange between the Czech Republic and Ukraine on European integration and introducing reforms" were implemented in 2009. The projects showed that there is interest in the best Czech practices in resolving important socio-economic problems and that they can be applied in Ukraine. The partners developed recommendations and shared best practices on important issues for Ukraine, such as: introducing energy saving measures in the residential sector, developing a socially and environmentally-

focused economy, employment for local populations in mountain villages and reviving traditional business, etc.

International regional partnerships. In cooperation with other Open Society Institute network foundations and the European Program, a number of important international regional initiatives were supported, thanks to which joint analysis of trends and policies in the eastern European region, and recommendations were developed for the public, institutions, governments and politicians that influence the decision-making process.

SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM (*Program Manager – Taras Lyuty*) focuses its work on supporting publishing and translation initiatives, promoting the effective use of open access to academic information through the internet, and enriching public communication in Ukraine by promoting the use of new media.

More than 500 books of humanities classics for Ukraine. The Translation Project, a joint initiative of the International Renaissance Foundation, the Open Society Institute Information Program and Next Page Foundation (Sofia, Bulgaria) has been active in Ukraine since 1998. On occasion of the publication of the 500th book title, a conference was held on October 20, 2009 to draw attention to the need to transform state policy on the book industry and translation work, and convey the message to the government of the need to support translations into Ukrainian by highlighting the achievements of the SCAAP Translation Project over the past 10 years. Discussions focused on problems of translating contemporary books in the humanities and support for such activities, and successes and challenges facing the Ukrainian book industry. For several weeks, an exhibit was held of books printed by publishers that work with IRF and an electronic catalogue “500 translations completed with support from IRF” was issued and electronic archive presented (books.irf.kiev.ua). Recognition was given to leading publishers, translators, editors and designers who made these books possible.

Open access to academic literature. In 2009, the Program Board together with the OSI network program, provided support to projects aimed at creating and expanding open access repositories of full-text academic publications and teaching materials at research and higher education institutions. Informational workshops were organized for interested scholars, librarians and academic institutions encouraging research and higher educational institutions to practice open access; informational workshops were organized for journalists about open access; competitions were held for journalists writing about open access; competitions were held for student research projects about open access. There is an increase in user rights to access information and its effective use in personal and public development.

In 2010, IRF programs will continue to actively support the development of open and democratic society in Ukraine.

We invite you to an open dialogue on the International Renaissance Foundation's website (www.irf.ua): to participate in discussions of strategic priorities for the Foundation's programs, competition announcements, and results of Foundation supported projects.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions for improving the work of the International Renaissance Foundation – an integral component of civil society in Ukraine.

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OVERALL STATISTICS

Total Number of Projects: **553**
Total Grant Amount: **\$ 6,516,928**
Number of Organizations: **367**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	13	\$ 158849
Vinnitsia Oblast	10	\$ 102980
Volyn Oblast	9	\$ 70954
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	13	\$ 153885
Donetsk Oblast	23	\$ 186531
Zhytomyr Oblast	3	\$ 20847
Zakarpattia Oblast	24	\$ 121188
Zaporizhzhia Oblast	6	\$ 22964
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	8	\$ 76542
Kyiv City	166	\$ 1970006
Kyiv Oblast	14	\$ 320440
Kirovohrad Oblast	9	\$ 82787
Luhansk Oblast	28	\$ 360698
Lviv Oblast	39	\$ 451414
Mykolayiv Oblast	10	\$ 98980
Odesa Oblast	13	\$ 135545
Poltava Oblast	8	\$ 118755
Rivne Oblast	14	\$ 144593
Sevastopol	3	\$ 43750
Sumy Oblast	12	\$ 129947
Ternopil Oblast	8	\$ 85264
Kharkiv Oblast	24	\$ 453645
Kherson Oblast	13	\$ 174073
Khmelnysky Oblast	7	\$ 182601
Cherkasy Oblast	10	\$ 55541
Chernivtsi Oblast	12	\$ 111363
Chernihiv Oblast	13	\$ 199403
Operational activities	41	\$ 483382

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Number of Projects:	99
Number of Organizations:	81
Total Amount:	\$ 1,533,150
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	25.41%

Program goal in 2009: to support NGOs and public associations in monitoring government activities, defending and lobbying the common interests of different social groups, participation in the development and implementation of state decisions on all levels through assistance to active NGOs and by strengthening the development of various effective forms of public self-organization.

Program priorities in 2009:

- Development of a system of independent public monitoring of activities and responsibility for the policy implemented by state and local self-government bodies and their officials.
- Ensuring participation of third sector organizations in the formation and implementation of state and local policy.
- Stimulating the public activity of members of territorial communities to resolve key issues that affect the quality of life at the local level.
- Support for the public initiatives designed to overcome national and ethnic biases and to attain the proper level of tolerance and social integration of ethnic minorities.
- Support for establishment of electronic forms of communication between government bodies and third sector representatives.
- Support of public monitoring of energy policy and development of energy-saving in Ukraine.

Competitions in 2009:

- **Competition "Ukraine National Initiatives to Enhance Reforms" (UNITER)**, run by the International Renaissance Foundation, East Europe Foundation, and PACT (the main implementer of the UNITER program), was aimed at supporting local level reforms that would influence state policy, protect citizens' rights and increase accountability of executive government. A total of 227 project proposals were received, of which 19 were supported by the East Europe Foundation and 9 by the IRF.
- **Competition "Public expert examination of the activities of executive power bodies"** to support public expert examinations of the work of executive power bodies by using the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolution from November 5, 2008 № 976 "On approving a procedure for promoting public expert examination of the activities of bodies of executive power" as a test case. (74 proposals received, 10 projects supported).
- **Competition "Mitigating the effects of the social and economical crisis on the local level"** - to support innovative approaches to solving local problems made more acute by the crisis,

including: identifying priorities and amounts for local budget spending, ensuring public control over local government bodies, bodies of executive power and their officials and their work on forming the revenues section of local budgets, use of budget funds and management of property and land resources of a local community, as well as in the area of social protection. (38 proposals received, 8 projects supported).

- **Competition "Micro-grants to support public initiatives"** – to provide NGOs with micro-grants for public initiatives in the area of development of local self-organization, defending individual rights and group interests in relations with state and local government, providers of social, housing, communal and other services. (79 proposals received, 7 projects supported).
- **Tender "Promoting local government reform"** – to promote public participation in reforming the system of local government in Ukraine. (6 proposals received, 1 project supported).
- **Competition "Public centers to support housing and communal services reform"** – to promote reform of housing and communal services on the local level through public centers. (61 proposals received, 7 projects supported).
- **Competition "Public participation in the development of legal acts"** – to develop public proposals on ways to resolve national and local problems through development, public debate and lobbying for the adoption of new legal acts and improvement of existing legal acts by bodies of state and local government and their officials. (38 proposals received, 9 projects supported).
- **Competition "Legal support for public initiatives"** – to provide legal support to public initiatives aimed at resolving key local development issues. (40 proposals received, 8 projects supported).

In 2009, the Program supported 15 non-competitive projects.

Important initiative and projects supported in 2009:

- **Public monitoring of the activities of state and local government bodies.** The Program announced a special competition called "Public expert examination of the work of bodies of executive power" to support public examinations of the activities of central and local bodies of executive power using the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Resolution № 976 from November 5, 2008 "On approving a procedure for promoting public expert examination of the activities of bodies of executive power" as a test case.

During the implementation of the projects within this direction, it became clear that not all executive bodies fulfill the provisions of this Resolution; they deny the performing of public examinations, do not provide requested documents, etc. As a result, certain NGOs were forced to appeal to courts. This was the case with the project "Public examination of the activities of local state administrations in the Lviv Oblast" implemented by the Youth Organization "Informational-Legal Center "Nashe Pravo". The Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR), with support from the Program, held a special training for grant recipients to provide guidance on how to apply legislation on public examinations and provide practical recommendations for resolving existing problems.

Among the other projects aimed at developing public expert examinations as a tool for public control, two more implemented by the Creative Union "TORO" (Kirovohrad) are worth mentioning. As part of the project "Electronic desktop for the public expert: internet resource for civic activists", this NGO, in partnership with the "Civic Space" Informational-Analytical Center and UCIPR, created a special internet resource for people who want to conduct public examinations. The site is called "Electronic desktop for a public expert" (ngoexpert.in.ua / civicexpert.in.ua) and allows readers to learn about the Ukrainian experience with conducting public examinations and planning their own expert campaign. The site provides useful legal and methodological documents and consultation

at all stages of the process, as well as a database of public examinations completed in Ukraine. The site also allows public experts to stay in constant contact through the Google Group “Civic Experts in Ukraine” (<http://groups.google.com/group/civicexperts?hl=uk>).

- **Electronic register of public examinations.** The Creative Union “TORO”, in cooperation with UCIPR, “Association of Population Self-Organization Assistance”, Civic Assembly of Ukraine, and “Gurt” Resource Center, initiated the project “Electronic register of public examinations – component of the Government portal” aimed at developing an electronic register of public examinations. After it is tested, the register will be given to the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to maintain. It is expected that the online register will appear on the Civil Society and Government website in April 2010 (<http://civic.kmu.gov.ua/civic/control/uk/index>). In addition, these NGOs worked with the Public Relations Department of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to develop and begin implementing the plan for joint government and public activities to increase the effectiveness of public examinations. The plan includes the creation of an electronic register of public examinations and the publications of a brochure on “Step-by-Step Instructions for Public Examinations”, a series of training seminars for public activists on how to utilize the public examination mechanism, developing materials for bodies of executive power on different types of assistance they can provide to public examinations, etc.
- **Ensuring participation of third sector organizations in the formation and implementation of state and local policy.** In 2009 the Civil Society Institute completed the large-scale nationwide project “Territorial Reform: from modeling to implementation” aimed at promoting administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine. As part of this project, a Concept for administrative and territorial reform and draft law on the territorial structure of Ukraine were developed and discussed publicly, modeling was done of the territorial structure of 16 pilot raions in 4 oblasts of Ukraine, a study was done of the history of administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine in 1907-2009, a number of brochures were issued, etc. The success of the project was largely due to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on joint initiatives to support administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine signed by the IRF, the Swiss-Ukrainian Decentralization Support to Ukraine Project”, East Europe Foundation, and the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction. For more information about this project and its results, visit: <http://www.csi.org.ua/www/?p=240#more-240>.
- **Promoting local government reform.** Another major problem that Ukraine has faced is the need to reform its system of local self-government. Understanding the need for such reforms, the IRF is supporting the project “Reforming the system of local government: developing and promoting the adoption of regulatory and legal acts to intensify local government reform in Ukraine” proposed by the Europe XXI Foundation. The project activities include a study of the history of local government reform in Ukraine, analysis of stakeholders’ positions, development of a series of bills on reforming local government, public discussions of draft laws and lobbying efforts in the Verkhovna Rada.

In cooperation with the UNITER Program and East Europe Foundation, in early 2009 the first joint competition was announced, aimed at **supporting reforms on the local level**. One interesting project currently being implemented is the “Public campaign for enforcement of the law at parking areas in Kyiv”. As part of the project, legal support and consultations were given to drivers who had wheel locks placed on their cars, and a lobbying campaign was launched to cancel certain acts of the Kyiv city government that permit this form of parking enforcement (<http://www.kpd.in.ua>).

Other noteworthy projects were “Ternopil – City Statute” and “Introducing a Statute for Zhytomyr City”. Ternopil and Zhytomyr are two of the few remaining oblast centers that still do not have a statute. In Ternopil, a working group, created by an order of the mayor, along with experts has developed a draft statute. In Zhytomyr the efforts have been focused on public discussion and

revision of the draft statute that had been developed previously.

- **Stimulating the public activity of members of territorial communities to resolve key issues that affect the quality of life on the local level.** Among the projects completed in 2009, we should mention the project by the Odesa Public Institute of Social Technologies to introduce a pilot program of public inspectors for communities' improvement. Owing to the effective cooperation between this NGO and the Main Department for Infrastructure Development and Energy-Saving of the Odesa Oblast State Administration, in 2009 the first announcement for applicants for community improvement inspectors was issued in the city of Odesa. (<http://gupri.odessa.gov.ua/Main.aspx?sect=Page&IDPage=19515&id=543>).
- In 2009 the Program continued its practice of announcing micro-grants competitions for public initiatives in the **sphere of development of local self-organization**, defending individual rights and group interests in relations with state and local government, providers of social, housing, communal and other services. Seven projects were supported, and the winners were to provide micro-grants to other public organizations, self-organization groups, condominium associations, and other initiative groups to solve local community issues through open and public competitions. More than 50 micro-grants were provided as the result of this competition.
- It is important to note that in 2009 the Program continued its practice of providing grants not only to NGOs and charitable foundations, but also to population self-organization bodies. The Program supported three projects by two population self-organization bodies: two projects by the "Committee of the Rusanivka Micro-District" (Kyiv) and one project by the "Committee of the Haharinets Micro-District" (Luhansk).
- With the goal of **overcoming national and ethnic biases to attain the proper level of tolerance and social integration of ethnic minorities**, the Program supported a project by the NGO "Informational Press Center" aimed at building ethnic and religious tolerance, facilitating the integration into Ukrainian society of repatriated individuals, providing informational and legal assistance to residents of Crimea from different ethnic groups in addressing the common land issues. The main project activity was the production and broadcasting on several local television channels of shows about solutions to issues addressed by the project.
- **Electronic governance (e-governance)** – is the interaction between government and citizens, government and business, and within government using computer networks.

In 2009 a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed by the IRF, the State Committee on Informatization of Ukraine, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, State Enterprise "Ukrinformresource", and the Sevastopol office of the All-Ukrainian committee to support UN environmental programs on developing and implementing the joint program "Facilitating the introduction of e-governance, electronic democracy and informatization of local government in Crimea". The program is to be implemented in the cities of Alushta, Sudak and Yalta.

Within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between the IRF and the State Committee on Informatization, a draft "Concept for the development of e-government in Ukraine" was developed, discussed with the public and submitted to the government for approval.

Owing to the work of the Regional Center for e-Government in Crimea (Sudak) an online distance education program was developed and launched for civil servants and representatives of NGOs on the topics of "e-Governance Technologies" and "Computer Awareness".

With support from the IRF, the Public Council on Information-Communication Technologies prepared and provided the presidential candidates with "Guidelines: on urgent measures for the development of information society in Ukraine".

With support from the IRF, in 2008 a project was implemented in the city of Vinnytsia “Introducing models of e-governance in the city of Vinnytsia” and the Transparent Office – Center for Administrative Services was officially opened. During a meeting in Vinnytsia in June 2009 dedicated to administrative reform, the President of Ukraine recommended that such offices be opened in all regions of Ukraine. <http://www.rbc.ua/rus/newsline/2009/06/30/560127.shtml>

- **“Modernization strategy for Ukraine”.** The International Renaissance Foundation initiated the creation of a consortium of leading independent experts and the development of a comprehensive analytical document to serve as an independent, non-party affiliated program that would be important in the pre- and post-election period. This modernization strategy for Ukraine will serve as a guide for public opinion in understanding the state of affairs, priorities for reform and outlook for the country’s development for progressive politicians, the new President and Government of Ukraine, and the general public. The full and abridged versions of “Modernization Strategy for Ukraine. Reform Priorities” can be found on the website of the Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives (www.parlament.org.ua), International Renaissance Foundation (www.irf.ua), Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (www.ier.kiev.ua), Centre for Political and Legal Reforms (www.pravo.org.ua), and the Civil Space (www.civicua.org) and Maidan portals (www.maidan.org).
- **Exit poll 2010.** During the presidential elections in Ukraine in January-February 2010, the IRF traditionally supported public initiatives aimed at ensuring the honest and fair expression of the will of the people, in particular conducting a national exit poll as a means of control over the integrity of the vote count. On the initiative of the IRF a consortium of NGOs was created to conduct the National Exit Poll 2010 (www.exitpoll.org.ua). The exit poll during the 2010 presidential elections not only drew attention to the elections, but also performed its control function by reducing the likelihood of fraud.
- **Civic Assembly of Ukraine.** The Third Civic Assembly of Ukraine (CAU) “Civil Society Action during the State Crisis” was held in March 2009. The proposals developed during regional roundtables on priority public actions during the political crisis were presented. More than 350 representatives of NGOs, experts, activists and journalists from all regions of Ukraine participated. The Assembly noted the existence of a crisis on three levels (socio-economic, political-legal, and constitutional). The participants concluded that political-legal and constitutional reform is needed. Changes to the election law, Constitutional reform by calling a Constitutional Assembly, judicial and administrative reform – is just a partial list of the necessary changes.

As a result of the Third CAU, the “Public Legislative Initiative” was implemented as parts of which four draft laws were developed and submitted to the Verkhovna Rada for consideration: on transparency of decision-making and financial reporting by state and local government bodies, on transparency of decision-making and financial reporting by political parties, on the procedure for drafting and approving a new version of the Constitution of Ukraine, on changes to the presidential election law. For more information about the initiative, visit: <http://gau.org.ua>.

- With the aim of **supporting public monitoring of energy policy and development of energy-saving in Ukraine**, in 2008-2009 the Program significantly expanded its cooperation with the Revenue Watch Institute (New York), analogous Open Society Institute (OSI) programs in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan. In 2008, the IRF and OSI experts and experts from these countries developed a strategic document to extend the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to countries that transport hydrocarbon resources across their territories. This document was presented during the EITI Conference in Doha, Qatar in February 2009.

Following the active distribution of this document, the European Commission began demanding that the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine take steps to increase transparency in the gas sector by joining the EITI.

(<http://www.delo.ua/news/110047>). As a result of outside pressure and lobbying efforts by the Association “EnergyTransparency”, on September 30, 2009 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted Resolution № 1098 “On Ukraine joining the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative”. This document approved the text of the Cabinet of Ministers declaration on Ukraine joining the EITI, the First Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine was appointed as Commissioner on EITI, and a working group on EITI implementation was formed.

A new international initiative launched in 2009 was the project by the NGO “Dixi Group” called “Monitoring of the disclosure and access to public information”. This is a component of an international project implemented using the same methodology in Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and Georgia, aimed at comparing the accessibility to public information in different sectors in the given countries. The project activities include an analysis of Ukrainian legislation in terms of protecting citizens’ right to free access to public information in the energy sector, monitoring the actual implementation of legislation by the authorities by sending standard appeals to the authorities from members of the public, journalists, NGOs and individuals, preparation and publication of an analytical report, etc. (<https://ua-energy.org/post/view/10>). After the completion of similar studies in Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan and Georgia, the results will be consolidated in a separate international comparative study.

Difficulties in implementing program priorities:

It should be noted that the Program was being implemented in 2009 against the backdrop of a deep socio-economic and political crisis. Political populism associated with preparations for the presidential elections, permanent opposition among political forces in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine that weakened parliament’s ability to address key social problems and reduced financing from state and local budgets for public initiatives, along with many others factors negatively affected the environment for the development of civil society in general. In 2009 the Verkhovna Rada failed to adopt any regulatory and legal acts which would have directly contributed to the development of civil society institutions. The legislature also did not consider bills developed in previous years mainly by NGOs and with Program support that would have strengthened legislation for public and charitable organizations, self-organization groups, condominium associations, etc.

Equally problematic was the situation in the executive branch. Some of the acts approved in 2009 by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine unfortunately had a negative effect on cooperation between the executive and civil society organizations. An illustrative example is the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution № 1302 dated November 26, 2009 “On additional measures to ensure public participation in shaping and implementing public policy”. According to one of its provisions, public councils of central executive bodies can now only include representatives of national organizations, which automatically denies representatives of leading local NGOs the opportunity to participate. A similar assessment can also be made of the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution № 1103 dated October 14, 2009 “On amendments to the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution № 976 from November 5, 2008”. By adopting this document, the government abolished the provision requiring the creation of a special register of public examinations, commissioning the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers to ensure that certain information is available on the government website “Civil Society and Government”. We should note that Resolution № 976 from November 5, 2008 had been developed with support from the Program.

Under such circumstances, the Program was forced to somewhat refocus its activities on the national level and devote a significant portion of its activities to supporting projects on the local level.

Partnership and cooperation:

In early 2009, the first joint competition aimed at supporting local level reforms was announced together with **UNITER and the East Europe Foundation**.

In recent years the IRF Program has expanded its cooperation with the **Open Society Institute network** and donors.

Joint competitions with the **OSI-LGI Program** promoted administrative and territorial reform, local government and housing and communal services reform, and supported important local initiatives to mitigate the effects of the socio-economic crisis and provide legal assistant to public initiatives.

Together with the **OSI Think Tank Fund**, joint financing was provided for the activities of think tanks on the regional level.

As a result of activities in cooperation with the Revenue Watch Institute (RWI), Open Society Institute (OSI) programs in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan, a strategic joint document on extending the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to countries that transport hydrocarbon resources across their territories was developed and presented during the EITI Conference in Doha, Qatar.

In terms of its e-government activities, the Program actively cooperates with the **e-Governance Academy** (Tallinn, Estonia), which was established with support from the OSI Information Program (Budapest), UN Development Program and the OSI East East Program. Partners in this area include the **State Committee on Informatization of Ukraine, State Enterprise “Ukrinformresource”, Ministry of Regional Development and Construction, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Executive Committees of City Councils in Sudak, Alushta, Yalta, Vinnytsia, Mykolaiv, and Ivano-Frankivsk. Business structures: Ukrainian Internet Association, Kvazar-Micro, Hewlett-Packard in Ukraine, IBM in Ukraine, Intel Ukraine Microelectronics Ltd., Microsoft, and Aplana.**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	6	\$ 101982
Vinnytsia Oblast	1	\$ 4750
Volyn Oblast	2	\$ 16500
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	5	\$ 63500
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$ 2700
Zhytomyr Oblast	1	\$ 14000
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$ 5000
Kyiv	29	\$ 553948
Kyiv Oblast	2	\$ 21000
Kirovohrad Oblast	5	\$ 61290
Luhansk Oblast	6	\$ 81500
Lviv Oblast	7	\$ 73000
Mykolayiv Oblast	3	\$ 32208
Odesa Oblast	2	\$ 39000
Rivne Oblast	5	\$ 68500
Sevastopol	2	\$ 30500
Sumy Oblast	2	\$ 45920
Ternopil Oblast	3	\$ 45000
Kharkiv Oblast	3	\$ 58140
Kherson Oblast	2	\$ 24500
Chernivtsi Oblast	5	\$ 62250
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$ 29000
Operational Projects	4	\$ 98962

Joint Competition with the UNITER Program and East Europe Foundation

Number of Projects: **9**
 Number of Organizations: **9**
 Total: **\$ 100000**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.66%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of projects	Amount
Volyn Oblast	1	\$ 5000
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$ 15000
Zhytomyr Oblast	1	\$ 14000
Zakarpattya Oblast	1	\$ 5000
Kyiv	3	\$ 36000
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$ 15000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Foundation for Safe Society" (01033, Kyiv, P.O. Box 100, tel. +38 (044) 331-68-31)

Project Manager: Vasyl Stadnyk

Project Description: Independent public study of the problem of corporate raid, expert examination and analysis of regulatory and legislative framework with the assistance of leading experts in law and economy, NGO involvement (primarily business) into active measures against corporate raids, development of an efficient information exchange between experts on corporate raid.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: NGO "Hope of Generation" (44863, Volyn Oblast, Turiyskyi Raion, Makovychi, tel. +38 (0336) 39-87-22)

Project Manager: Olha Cheren

Project Description: Development of the statute for local community of Makovychi and training community activists on legal mechanisms of solving local issues.

Grant: \$ 5000

Organization: Youth NGO "Creative Youth Association "Nivroku" (46016, Ternopil, Symonenka St., 1, Office 129, tel. +38 (0352) 420-172

Project Manager: Volodymyr Khanas

Project Description: Involving local community of Ternopil to participation in the processes of decision-making, strengthening accountability of city authorities before the public through development and adoption of the city statute.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: Body of self-organization of population – committee of the microraion "Gagarinets" (91057, Luhansk, Gagarina Quarter, 14, Office 10, tel. +38 (0642) 50-84-24)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kirillova

Project Description: Creating favourable conditions for securing participation of Luhansk self-organization bodies in the processes of policy and reforms planning on the local level.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Dnipropetrovsk City NGO “Association for Protection of the Rights of Consumers of Housing and Communal Services “Nash Dim” (Our House) (49089, Dnipropetrovsk, Suvorova St., 14, Office 61, tel. +38 (056) 788-42-75)

Project Manager: Pavlo Khobot

Project Description: Enhancing effectiveness of apartment houses management in Dnipropetrovsk by elaboration and dissemination of an effective model of management with the participation of condominium associations.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: NGO “Carpathian Agency for Human Rights “Vested” (88015, Uzhhorod, 8 Berezhnya St., 46/125, tel. +38 (0312) 61-96-61)

Project Manager: Mykola Yatskov

Project Description: Introducing long-term planning in the town of Vynohradov for social and economic development of the community.

Grant: \$ 5000

Organization: Zhytomyr Oblast Center for Youth Initiatives (10008, Zhytomyr, Ivana Kocherhy St., 11, tel. +38 (0412) 41-89-82)

Project Manager: Andriy Kartashov

Project Description: Introducing Statute of the local community of Zhytomyr in order to increase and improve the existing instruments of direct democracy to secure influence of active citizens on local authorities, local policy-making and professional development of NGOs.

Grant: \$ 14000

Organization: Body of self-organization of population “Committee of microraiion “Rusanivka” (02154, Kyiv, Rusanivska Naberezhna, 20, Kyiv 02154, tel. +38 (044) 295-18-74)

Project Manager: Andriy Nesterkov

Project Description: Creating a city union of self-organization bodies, providing legal aid to Kyiv self-organization bodies’ leaders concerning protection of citizens’ rights and balanced development of Kyiv, raising awareness of city residents on possible ways of self-organization and joint actions to resolve common problems through the web site of city union.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Public NGO “Direct Action Committee” (Kyiv, Pidvysotskoho St., 10, Office 3, tel. +38 (098) 552-77-00)

Project Manager: Dmytro Hnap

Project Description: Cancellation of illegal practices of locking wheels in Kyiv through organization of local initiative to amend the “Rules of Parking Vehicles in Kiev”, approved by the decision of Kyiv city council 47/207 of 26.09.2002, providing information, legal and practical assistance to car owners in Kyiv in order to release them from locking wheels free of charge and create a support group for the local initiative.

Grant: \$ 14000

Public Expert Examination of the Activities of Executive Power Bodies

Number of Projects: **9**
 Number of Organizations: **9**
 Total: **\$ 108,00**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.79 %**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$ 15500
Kyiv	2	\$ 27500
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 13500
Lviv Oblast	2	\$ 19000
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 11000
Kherson Oblast	1	\$ 12500
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$ 9000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Association of Philanthropists" (04209, Kyiv, Obolonsky Prosp., 37-V, Office 9, tel. +38 (044) 412-39-82)

Project Manager: Serhiy Bortkevych

Project Description: Conducting a public examination of executive bodies' activity concerning implementation of current legislation to counteract tuberculosis, based on that evaluating of effectiveness of providing anti-tuberculosis assistance to citizens, preparing proposals on the possible ways to solve socially significant issues in the field of counteracting tuberculosis in Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 18000

Organization: NGO "Institute of Regional Development" (79008, Lviv, Halytska Sq., 7, tel. +38 (0322) 97-18-54)

Project Manager: Iryna Fedun'

Project Description: Enhancing the proficiency of public influence on the activity of authorities through the public examination on the basis of elaboration, testing of mechanisms and conducting of public examination in the field of price regulation, and disseminating experience of public examination.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: Youth Organization "New Generation" (73000, Kherson, Mykolayivske Shose St., 19-A, Office 411, tel. +38 (0522) 41-03-00, 48-57-48)

Project Manager: Olha Zhukova

Project Description: Determining peculiarities of implementation, achieved objectives and tasks of oblast program on securing gender equality in the oblast until 2010, based on the public examination of activity of Kherson oblast state administration; providing Kherson oblast state administration with relevant professional proposals and recommendation for making effective administrative decisions with consideration of public opinion.

Grant: \$ 12500

Organization: Youth Organization “Informational-Legal Center “Our Right” (Our Right) (79058, Lviv, Gazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. +38 (032) 294-92-63)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Zhukrovsky

Project Description: Facilitating public examinations of local state administrations activities in Lviv Oblast and promoting institutes of civil society to conduct public control over officials' activities in order to enhance public participation in shaping and implementing public policies, solving issues of local importance and increasing transparency and openness of these bodies.

Grant: \$ 7000

Organization: Chernivtsi Oblast NGO “Bukovyna Center for Election Technologies” (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, Office 16, tel. +38 (0372) 55-58-06)

Project Manager: Ihor Havrada

Project Description: Testing procedure of public examination of Chernivtsi Oblast State Administration activities concerning implementation of the Program of Supporting National Cultural associations, Ethnic Communities in Chernivtsi Oblast and Ukrainian diaspora in 2007-2009.

Grant: \$ 9000

Organization: Rivne Oblast NGO “Committee of Voters of Ukraine” (33028, Rivne, Knyahyni Olhy St., 8, 2nd floor or P.O. Box 80, tel. +38 (0362) 26-39-43, 26-38-47)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Horetsky

Project Description: Conducting public examination of State Register of Voters bodies' activity in Rivne oblast through practical application of Cabinet of Ministers' of Ukraine regulation from November 5, 2008 # 976 “On approval of the Procedure of assistance to conducting public expertise of executive bodies' activity”.

Grant: \$ 11000

Organization: Dnipropetrovsk Oblast NGO “Dnipropetrovsk Coordination-Expert Center for Regulatory Policy” (49102, Dnipropetrovsk, Zelena St., 1/110, tel. +38 (056) 77-66-456)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Litvinov

Project Description: Increasing the capacity of civil society institutions and public experts to conduct public examination of local executive bodies' activity through improving proficiency of 15 public experts in methodology elaboration and conducting public examination of local executive bodies' regulatory activity.

Grant: \$ 15500

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Human Rights Women's NGO “Chaika” (Seagull) (91021, Luhansk, Haivoho Quarter, 6 A, tel. +38 (0642) 65-49-14)

Project Manager: Tetyana Martyanova

Project Description: Promoting real reform of housing and public utilities service in Luhansk Oblast by working out proposals for executive bodies, enhancing transparency of Luhansk Oblast State Administration in the sphere of housing and communal service by conduct of public examination.

Grant: \$ 13500

Organization: Body of self-organization of population “Committee of microraiion “Rusanivka” (02154, Kyiv, Rusanivska Naberezhna, 20, Kyiv 02154, tel. +38 (044) 295-18-74)

Project Manager: Alla Poplavska

Project Description: Improving the quality of housing and public utilities services which are provided to residents of Rusanivka district trough introducing mechanisms of public participation and public control over the process of policy making and implementation of city activities “Your House, Your Yard” by Dniprovsky district state administration in Kyiv.

Grant: \$ 9500

Mitigating the Effects of the Social and Economical Crisis on the Local Level

Number of Projects: **8**
 Number of Organizations: **8**
 Total: **\$ 98000**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.62%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 9000
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$ 9000
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 8000
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 20000
Ternopil Oblast	2	\$ 30000
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$ 12000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Yevpatoria Regional Development Center" (97400, AR Crimea, Yevpatoria, Internatsionalna St., 133, tel. +38 (06569) 42-6-42)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Sharapov

Project Description: Conducting public examination of regulations and decisions adopted by Yevpatoria city executive committee concerning promotion of small and middle business development, and public monitoring of efficiency of budgetary funds use.

Grant: \$ 9000

Organization: Chernihiv City NGO "Public Council" (14017, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 891, tel. +38 (0462) 67-75-75)

Project Manager: Kateryna Herasymenko

Project Description: Contributing to mitigation of the consequences of the socio-economic crisis at the local level by providing public control over activity of local self-government bodies and local executive bodies concerning forming of revenues of Chernihiv city budget.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: City NGO "Small Business Laboratory" (07100, Kyiv Oblast, Slavutych, Heroyiv Dnipra St., 2, tel. +38 (04479) 3-01-71, 2-47-80)

Project Manager: Valentyna Darnopykh

Project Description: Creating tools for introducing intencificational methods of communal property management by enhancing effectiveness of administrative decision-making and involvement of public initiative for creating conditions for obtaining revenues to budget of Slavutych.

Grant: \$ 9000

Organization: Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation (33028, Rivne, Drahomanova St., 11 (P.O. Box 114), tel. +38 (0362) 22-10-81)

Project Manager: Viktor Prazhmovsky

Project Description: Expanding the coverage of system of social discounts "MnOGOkartka" during 9-month period, involving at least 10000 people and 300 stores and organizations to charity that will provide social discounts for residents of 6 largest towns of Rivne Oblast (Zdolbuniv, Ostroh, Dubno, Kostopil, Sarny, Kuznetsovsk).

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: Youth NGO “Creative Youth Association “Nivroku” (46016, Ternopil, Symonenka St., 1, Office 129, tel. +38 (0352) 420-172)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Khanas

Project Description: Enhancing efficiency of Ternopil Oblast budget through community participation in the processes of budget making and control over its implementation.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: Youth Organization “Informational-Legal Center “Our Right” (Our Right) (79058, Lviv, Gazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. +38 (032) 294-92-63)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Zhukrovsky

Project Description: Facilitating and introducing efficient instruments of public control over local self-government agencies’ and officials’ activities in Lviv in budget policy making, including increasing transparency of budget making and public reporting on the results of local budget implementation, as well as providing community participation in budgetary process and monitoring of efficiency of budgetary funds use at the local level.

Grant: \$ 8000

Organization: NGO “Luhansk Oblast Foundation “Region and Community” (91000, Luhansk, Pushkina St., 8, Office 304, tel. +38 (0642) 93-24-59)

Project Manager: Nataliya Boyko

Project Description: Developing and introducing innovative approaches to solving local issues influenced by the crisis, minimizing financial pressure on local budgets, elaborating and introducing new legislation in the system of preparation and implementation of financial and property decisions on land resources.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Ternopil Regional Office of the Association of Ukrainian Cities (46001, Ternopil, R. Barvinskykh St., 7, 2nd floor, tel. +38 (035) 225-35-50; (035) 252-66-27)

Project Manager: Ihor Hirchak

Project Description: Introducing an innovative model of rural (green) tourism development as a tool for mobilizing domestic capacity of rural communities of Ternopil Podnistrovyia to overcome the consequences of economic crisis.

Grant: \$ 15000

Micro-grants to Support Public Initiatives

Number of Projects: **7**
 Number of Organizations: **7**
 Total: **\$ 127000**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.10%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$ 15000
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 20000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 17000
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 20000
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 18000
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$ 20000
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$ 17000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Territory of Success" (25011, Kirovohrad, Yehorova St., 19, Office 2, tel. +38 (0522) 27-09-63)

Project Manager: Inha Dudnik

Project Description: Facilitating development of local communities of Kirovohrad Oblast and promoting of gaining experience in solving local communities' problems.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: Western Ukrainian Regional Non-Profit NGO "Volyn Resource Center" (33028, Rivne, P.O. Box 201, tel. +38 (0362) 22-31-75)

Project Manager: Ruslana Stasiuk

Project Description: Providing support to implementation of micro projects of public initiatives in the sphere of self-organization development in local communities of Rivne Oblast.

Grant: \$ 18000

Organization: NGO "Local Self-Government Support Association" (91493, Luhansk, Shevchenko Quarter, 14/67, tel. +38 (0642) 59-97-05)

Project Manager: Nataliya Shevchenko

Project Description: Developing community initiatives to self-organization by elaborating and implementing of effective mechanisms for defending their own rights and group interests in relations with state authorities.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: "Ukrainian National Home in Chernivtsi" Association (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 52-80-59)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Kovalchuk

Project Description: Public support in the form of micro grants for local initiatives of self-organized groups of Chernivtsi residents to address systemic problems of civil society organizations and facilitating their initiatives aimed at tackling housing problems, ecological, social and other pressing issues of their communities, also by means of disseminating information on successful stories of solving community problems and protection their legal rights.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: Development of Ripkynsky Region”
(15000, Chernihiv Oblast, Ripkynsky Raion, Ripky,
Sviatomykolaivska St., 92, tel. +38 (04641) 2-31-00)

Project Manager: Oksana Necheporuk

Project Description: Supporting important community initiatives in the field of community development and solving urgent problems of local communities by implementing systemic changes to the mechanism of social order, conducting of educational activities and providing micro grants.

Grant: \$ 17000

Organization: Odesa Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian
NGO “Committee of Voters of Ukraine”
(65023, Odesa, P.O. Box 209,
tel. +38 (048) 716-40-18, (048) 716-46-83)

Project Manager: Nadiya Bondarenko

Project Description: Promoting development of community initiatives in Odesa Oblast through provision and management of micro grants to non-governmental organizations, self-organization bodies, condominium associations and initiative groups of community activists for solving urgent problems of local communities in Odesa Oblast, on the basis of open competition.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: NGO Development Foundation The West-
Ukrainian Resource Center (79008, Lviv, Lysenka St.,
21, tel. +38 (0322) 97-66-24)

Project Manager: Vasyl Poluyko

Project Description: Strengthening capacity of residents of 12 “villages without village council” in defending their rights and group interests for solving local problems in Lviv, Ternopil, Ivano-Frankivsk oblasts.

Grant: \$ 17000

CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Promoting Local Government Reform

Number of Projects:	1
Number of Organizations:	1
Total Amount:	\$ 70000
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	1.16%

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Foundation “Europe XXI” (Kyiv,
Peremohy Prosp., 5, Office 6, tel. +38 (044) 236-08-96)

Project Manager: Halyna Usatenko

Project Description: Ensuring the adoption of parliamentary decision on reforming local self-government in Ukraine based on a comprehensive

research of reform experience in Ukraine, analysis of stakeholders’ positions, including sectoral policy actors of the parliamentary factions and other entities of the legislative process that affect decision-making.

Grant: \$ 70000

Public Centers to Support Housing and Communal Services Reform

Number of Projects: **7**
 Number of Organizations: **7**
 Total Amount: **\$ 89200**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.48%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Volyn Oblast	1	\$ 11500
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$ 13000
Kyiv	1	\$ 13700
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 12000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 13000
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 12000
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$ 14000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Center for Civic and Cultural Initiatives Support "Tamarisk" (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, P.O. Box 907, tel. +38 (0562) 716-45-77, 716-45-76)

Project Manager: Tetiana Barashkova

Project Description: Contributing to creation of new condominium associations and enhancing effectiveness of the existing condominium associations in Dnipropetrovsk by providing consultative, informational, organizational, technical and primary legal aid, disseminating the best practices in reforming the housing and municipal service system in the region.

Grant: \$ 13000

Organization: Volyn Oblast Youth NGO "Volyn Institute for Support and Development of Public Initiatives" (43000, Lutsk, Hlushets St., 49, Office 51, tel. +38 (0332) 78-59-65)

Project Manager: Petro Lavryniuk

Project Description: Contributing to creation of new condominium associations and enhancing effectiveness of the existing condominium associations in Lutsk by providing them with legal, informational, consultative,

technical and other kinds of services through the creation of the Association of Condominiums in Lutsk, conducting awareness-raising activities concerning dissemination of idea of necessity to create new condominiums, raising awareness about existing condominiums in the city.

Grant: \$ 11500

Organization: Lviv NGO "Center for the Study of Local Self-Government" (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Projydz, 6, (3rd floor), tel. +38 (032) 24-324-16)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryhilevych

Project Description: Developing and improving the activity of "Regional informational and study centre for management of city reality" in Lviv, the main tasks of which are educational and informational engagement in the western region of Ukraine for condominiums associations leaders, communal enterprises' leaders and firms managers on the basis of 3-4 days study seminars in partner cities of Western Ukraine, and providing consultancy by Centre experts (via telephone, Internet, practical lessons).

Grant: \$ 13000

Organization: Chernivtsi City NGO "Community Association "Bukovyna Partnership Agency" (58000, Chernivtsi, Nikitina St., 2, 3rd floor, tel. +38 (0372) 523-745, 573-034)

Project Manager: Lidiya Antsyperova

Project Description: Enhancing transparency in the field of providing public utilities services to population by intensifying activity of the local condominium associations, and creating preconditions for demonopolization of public utilities services market.

Grant: \$ 14000

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Center for Political and Sociological Studies "Politsocium" (91055, Luhansk, Oktiabryska St., 46, tel. +38 (0642) 52-81-31)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Ivanov

Project Description: Enhancing proficiency of existing condominiums' activists and initiative groups for creation of new condominiums through conducting trainings in order to promote housing and utilities service reform in Luhansk oblast.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: Voznesensk City NGO "Voznesensk Economic Development Agency" (56500, Mykolayiv Oblast, Voznesensk, Lenin St., 41 (2nd floor), tel. +38 (05134) 3-22-50)

Project Manager: Serhiy Averkov

Project Description: Improving the efficiency of existing condominium associations, promoting creation of new ones by providing informational and consultative assistance, and creating favourable conditions for their development.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: Public Legal Assistance Center "Public Defender" (Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 44, Building E, Office 24, tel. +38 (044) 201-64-79)

Project Manager: Serhiy Shumikhin

Project Description: Maintaining Support Centres of Housing and Public Utilities Reform in Solomyanskyy, Desnyanskyy, Dniprovskyy, Svyatoshynskyy, and Holosiyivskyy districts of Kyiv by providing free consultancy services, training for initiative groups, disseminating information about condominiums, preparing proposals and lobbying decisions at Kyiv City State Administration aimed at improving efficiency of network of condominiums.

Grant: \$ 13700

Public Participation in the Development of Legal Acts

Number of Projects: **9**
 Number of Organizations: **9**
 Total: **\$ 100000**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.66%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 6000
Vinnytsia Oblast	1	\$ 4750
Kyiv	1	\$ 15000
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$ 12000
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$ 8000
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 19000
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 16000
Chernivtsi Oblast	2	\$ 19250

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Center for Public Expertise"
 (02140, Kyiv, Bazhana Prosp. 10, Office 264,
 tel. +38 (093) 246-02-46)

Project Manager: Liubomyr Chorniy

Project Description: Creating necessary preconditions for introducing of the mechanisms of social services contracting by studying the existing practices at the local level, foreign experience, researching existing legislative, administrative and financial grounds for elaboration of respective draft laws and recommendations on their implementation.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: Public Information and Methodological Center "Vsesvit" (61003, Kharkiv, Sliusarny Prov. 10, Office 2, tel. +38 (057) 731-10-76)

Project Manager: Nataliya Zubar

Project Description: Ensuring proper, timely, full informing of citizens about the executive bodies' activities and

securing real opportunities for public control over activities of the executive authorities by amending the Order of publishing information about activity of executive authorities in the Internet.

Grant: \$ 16000

Organization: Chernivtsi City Youth Association "Union of Active Youth" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 52-80-59)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Beshley

Project Description: Creating preconditions for development of the institute of house managers in Chernivtsi through preparation by NGO and condominiums leaders of Regulation on arrangement and provision of managing services for houses, buildings or group of buildings, and lobbying the adoption of this statute by city council.

Grant: \$ 7000

Organization: City NGO “Small Business Laboratory” (07100, Kyiv Oblast, Slavutych, Heroyiv Dnipro St., 2, tel. +38 (04479) 3-01-71, 2-47-80)

Project Manager: Valentyna Darnopykh

Project Description: Creating a system of efficient management of land resources through elaboration, public discussions and public lobbying of adopting new and improving existing legislation by the local self-government bodies.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Association for the Support of Public Self-Organization” (65014, Odesa, Marazliyivska St., 38, tel. +38 (048) 738-68-30)

Project Manager: Andriy Krupnyk

Project Description: Creating preconditions for the direct participation of local communities members in solving issues of local importance and developing citizens' self-organization bodies through legislative provision of conducting general meetings of local communities members.

Grant: \$ 19000

Organization: NGO “Yevpatoria Regional Development Center” (97400, AR Crimea, Yevpatoria, Internatsionalna St., 133, tel. +38 (06569) 42-6-42)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Sharapov

Project Description: Elaborating and introducing “Guidelines for development of targeted programs in Yevpatoriya” aimed at solving the issue of elaborating local development programs and providing public control over their implementation.

Grant: \$ 6000

Organization: Creative Society “Technologies for Optimal Personal Growth” (25005, Kirovohrad, P.O. Box 48, tel. +38 (0522) 27-27-54)

Project Manager: Lidiya Zhabchyk

Project Description: Creating legal conditions for the development of the system of self-organization bodies in Kirovohrad through conduct of public representation campaign to support public version of Regulation on self-organization bodies system.

Grant: \$ 8000

Organization: Khmilnyk Raion NGO “Pravo” (22000, Vinnytsia Oblast, Khmilnyk, 1 Travnia St., 9, Office 29, tel. +38 (067) 425-84-95)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Dorokh

Project Description: Preparing proposals to amend the Statute of local community of Khmilnyk by the public concerning the order of local initiatives introduction through the elaboration, public discussion and public lobbying for adoption of respective proposals.

Grant: \$ 4750

Organization: Chernivtsi Oblast NGO “Committee of Voters” (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 555-734)

Project Manager: Ihor Babyuk

Project Description: Improving effectiveness of self-organization bodies in Chernivtsi in solving local problems through elaboration of draft regulation “On self-organization bodies in Chernivtsi”, conducting of advocacy-campaign for its adoption, and providing legal, consultative, informational, technical and other assistance to representatives of self-organization bodies by organizing community liaison office and training activities.

Grant: \$ 12250

Legal Support to Public Initiatives

Number of Projects: **8**
 Number of Organizations: **8**
 Total: **\$ 105000**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.74%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	2	\$ 20000
Kyiv	1	\$ 20000
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$ 11500
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 16000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 12000
Sumy Oblast	1	\$ 13500
Kherson Oblast	1	\$ 12000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Association of Investors for Construction of Residential House" (03022, Kyiv, Vasylykivska St., 34, Office A 405, tel. +38 (044) 229-57-79)

Project Manager: Valeriy Bykovets

Project Description: Providing assistance to initiative groups of private investors in housing construction in self-organization and legal support to protection of their rights and group interests in relations with developers, state authorities and local self-government bodies; representing and defending the interests of private investors in the courts.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: NGO "Center for Public Advocacy" (79008, Lviv, Rodyny Krushelnytskykh St., 3/13, tel. +38 (032) 235-45-19)

Project Manager: Tetyana Yatskiv

Project Description: Providing legal support to public sector organizations, condominium associations, public initiatives and projects in the sphere of local development and community relations with the authorities.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: Kirovohrad Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian NGO "Association for Public Self-Organization" (25005, Kirovohrad, P.O. Box 48, tel. +38 (0522) 27-27-54)

Project Manager: Nataliya Krauze

Project Description: Increasing capacity of self-organization bodies in Kirovohrad in securing real influence over local policy making and implementation through legal representation of their interests by professionals of the Center for Local Democracy Development.

Grant: \$ 11500

Organization: Public Association "For the Future of Kherson" (73000, Kherson, Suvorova St., 37, tel. +38 (0552) 26-31-46)

Project Manager: Halyna Bakhmatova

Project Description: Increasing capacity of self-organization bodies and initiative groups in defending their rights to receive quality communal services by providing them with legal assistance, information and consultancy.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Organization “Eastern Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives” (“Total Action for the Support of Human Rights and Democracy”) (91005, Luhansk, 30th Quarter St., Building 2, Office 14, tel. +38 (0642) 49-13-76)

Project Manager: Yuliya Rashchupkina

Project Description: Providing effective implementation of initiatives of self-organization bodies, condominium associations and local initiative groups in Luhansk Oblast in the field of planning and construction through provision of free qualified legal support for their implementation.

Grant: \$ 16000

Organization: Sumy Single and Disabled Mothers NGO “Verbena” (40034, Sumy, M. Lushpy Prosp. 10/338, tel. +38 (0542) 32-47-37, 79-90-02)

Project Manager: Nelya Polishchuk

Project Description: Providing free legal advice to condominiums, self-organization bodies and initiative groups of people in resolving important issues of local significance. Conducting trainings for members of condominium associations, self-organization bodies and initiative groups of people on legal aspects of their activities.

Grant: \$ 13500

Organization: Dnipropetrovsk City NGO “Association for Protection of the Rights of Consumers of Housing and Communal Services “Nash Dim” (Our House) (49089, Dnipropetrovsk, Suvorova St., 14, Office 61, tel. +38 (056) 788-42-75)

Project Manager: Pavlo Khobot

Project Description: Promoting the efficiency of existing condominiums and cooperatives of Dnipropetrovsk by providing them with legal assistance through establishing Legal Liaison Office for condominiums and cooperatives of Dnipropetrovsk.

Grant: \$ 13000

Organization: Pavlohrad City Charitable Foundation “Horeniye” (51400, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Pavlohrad, K.Marksa St., 98/401, tel. +38 (05632) 6-02-81)

Project Manager: Olena Hrechko

Project Description: Providing legal support to the of NGOs, condominium associations and self-organization bodies of Pavlohrad by creating and organizing legal consultancy centre.

Grant: \$ 7000

CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Support to Civil Society Initiatives Aimed at Overcoming National and Ethnic Prejudice

Number of Projects: **1**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total: **\$ 15000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.25%**

Project Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Information Press Center” (95005, Simferopol, Sevastopolska St., 8, Office 106, tel. +38 (0652) 25-15-48)

Project Manager: Valentyna Samar

Project Description: Facilitating tolerant relations in ethnic and religious spheres, promoting integration

of repatriates into the Ukrainian society, providing information and legal assistance to residents of Crimea of different ethnic groups in addressing their common problems of land.

Grant: \$ 15000

Promoting Public Monitoring of Revenues in the Energy Sector of Ukraine

Number of Projects: **4**
 Number of Organizations: **3**
 Total: **\$ 77300**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.28%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$ 54800
Sevastopol	1	\$ 22500

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "School for Political Analysis" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. +38 (044) 230-82-39, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Rostyslav Pavlenko

Project Description: Informing civil society on the real situation and conditions of the parties in gas supply crisis; enhancing public monitoring of the energy sector in Ukraine as a whole and conflict resolution in particular.

Grant: \$ 2800

Organization: NGO "School for Political Analysis" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. +38 (044) 230-82-39, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Rostyslav Pavlenko

Project Description: Strengthening public control over the functioning of energy sector of Ukraine, uncovering of the most urgent issues in the sphere of energy sector management and looking for the ways to eliminate them, advocacy of the transparency strategy to be chosen by the government and energy companies.

Grant: \$ 37000

Organization: Center for the Study of Geopolitical Problems and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation in the Black Sea Region "Nomos" (99007, AR Crimea, Sevastopol, M. Muzyky St., 24, # 2, tel. +38 (0692) 45-04-51)

Project Manager: Mykhaylo Honchar

Project Description: Involvement the managing entities in oil and gas sphere to the EITI initiatives in order to develop transparency of oil and gas sector, support national economic and social development and ensure energy security of the state and effective international cooperation.

Grant: \$ 22500

Organization: NGO "Dixi Group" (02154, Kyiv, Rusanivsky Blvd., 6, Office 22, tel. +38 (066) 723-94-10)

Project Manager: Olena Pavlenko

Project Description: Promoting better accessibility of public information in energy sphere controlled by the government to further compare the degree of openness of public information in Ukraine with those in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

Grant: \$ 15000

E-Governance

Number of Projects: 6
Number of Organizations: 4
Total: \$ 151 000
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 2.50 %

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	3	\$ 71982
Kyiv	1	\$ 42748
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 16708
Operational Projects	1	\$ 19562

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Crimean Center for Initiatives in Electronic Government” (98000, AR Crimea, Sudak, Zhovtneva St., 34, tel. +38 (006566) 33-852)

Project Manager: Viktor Khrapak

Project Description: Maintaining Regional Center for E-Governance Development in AR Crimea

Grant: \$ 15282

Organization: State Enterprise “State Center of Information Resources of Ukraine”(01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 22, tel. +38 (044) 270-61-99)

Project Manager: Serhiy Dziuba

Project Description: Establishing and opening of the Ukrainian Center for E-Governance Development.

Grant: \$ 42748

Organization: Sevastopol Branch of All-Ukrainian Committee for Support of United Nations Environment Programme (99011, AR Crimea, Sevastopol, Demydova St., 13, tel. +38 (0692) 55-90-66)

Project Manager: Oleksandry Prymalenny

Project Description: Preparing and public discussion of the project “Programs of E-Governance Development in AR Crimea”. Introduction of e-governance technologies with local self-government bodies of the following towns: Alushta, Sudak and Yalta.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: Foundation for Mykolayiv City Development (54001, Mykolayiv, P.O. Box 54, tel. +38 (0512) 47-38-79)

Project Manager: Mykhaylo Zolotukhin

Project Description: Conducting analysis of policy of Mykolayiv city council on the operational access of citizens to information, timeliness of providing administrative services and activities to implement e-governance at the local level.

Grant: \$ 16708

Organization: NGO “Crimean Center for Initiatives in Electronic Government” (98000, AR Crimea, Sudak, Zhovtneva St., 34, tel. +38 (006566) 33-852)

Project Manager: Viktor Khrapak

Project Description: Supporting activities of the Crimean Regional Center for E-Governance Development on promoting policy of e-governance and e-democracy development in AR Crimea, conducting research and development, educational, informational and technological activities.

Grant: \$ 41700

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olesya Arkhypska

Project Description: Developing and organizing public discussion of the draft Concept of E-Governance Development in Ukraine

Grant: \$ 19562

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **15**
 Number of Organizations: **14**
 Total: **\$ 184060**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **3.05 %**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	6	\$ 63010
Kirovohrad Oblast	2	\$ 26790
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 4000
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 3500
Rivne Oblast	2	\$ 19500
Sumy Oblast	1	\$ 32420
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 32140
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$ 2 700

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Foundation for Local Self-Government of Ukraine (01133, Kyiv, Lesi Ukrainky Blvd., 26, Office 228, tel. +38 (044) 285-77-58, 286-4863)

Project Manager: Mykola Pukhtynsky

Project Description: Accelerating decentralization of state power in the conditions of the financial and economic crisis by means of mobilization of existing intellectual resources of Ukrainian and international experts, scholars, members of Ukrainian Parliament, representatives of the executive bodies, local self-government, non-governmental organizations, business circles; preparing materials for conduct of parliamentary committee and inter-committee hearings on this issue.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Donetsk Oblast NGO "Political Science Research Center" (83001, Donetsk, Universytetska St., 24/48, tel. +38 (062) 304-40-97)

Project Manager: Yevhen Tarasov

Project Description: Promoting the development of public monitoring of the quality of public services provided to people in Donetsk Oblast by local self-government and local state authorities.

Grant: \$ 2700

Organization: Creative Society "Technologies for Optimal Personal Growth" (25005, Kirovohrad, P.O. Box 48, tel. +38 (0522) 27-27-54)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Khmara

Project Description: Developing Electronic register of public examinations, testing of the register and its subsequent submission for maintenance to the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 11000

Organization: Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation (33028, Rivne, Drahomanova St., 11 (P.O. Box 114), tel. +38 (0362) 22-10-81)

Project Manager: Ruslan Kraplych

Project Description: Disseminating an effective model of assistance to poor people in communities which envisages consolidation of people, business, charitable organizations, mass media and authorities, through publishing of the book (case-study) "The system of social discount" during five-month period in Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 6000

Organization: Non-Profit NGO “Western Ukrainian Social Partnership Center” (33000, Rivne, P.O.Box 114, tel. +38 (0362) 22-10-81)

Project Manager: Olena Herus

Project Description: Summing up and discussing effective practices of creating, funds raising and development of endowment; preparing by engaged experts and submitting a draft bill on inviolable capital (endowment) for consideration to the Ukrainian Parliament, with participation of at least 20 influential charitable and non-governmental organizations.

Grant: \$ 13500

Organization: NGO “Information Law Institute” (79000, Lviv, Khvylyovoho St., 38/41, tel. +38 (032) 261-46-71)

Project Manager: Halyna Chernyavska

Project Description: Enhancing NGOs’ influence on solving problems of Lviv community through awareness raising, monitoring and covering results of public hearings in the city and implementation of the funding social and cultural projects on the web site www.ngo.lviv.ua.

Grant: \$ 4000

Organization: Center for Near Eastern Studies (01001, Kyiv, Hrushevskoho St., 4, Office 210, tel. +38 (044) 279-07-72)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Bohomolov

Project Description: Disseminating results of the project “Muslims and Power: a Test for Civic Tolerance” conducted by the Center with the support of the International Renaissance Foundation, among politicians, experts, journalists and scholars.

Grant: \$ 800

Organization: NGO “Social Indicators” Center” (04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 92, tel. +38 (044) 537-33-76)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Dyshlevy

Project Description: Holding a national survey in Ukraine, including preparation and print of field documents, conduct of poll, monitoring and data input, as well as the analysis of the survey results. The questionnaire is translated and adjusted to the case of Ukraine by experts of the Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Science of Ukraine. Results of the survey are published in a special brochure.

Grant: \$ 18500

Organization: Creative Society “Technologies for Optimal Personal Growth” (25005, Kirovohrad, P.O. Box 48, tel. +38 (0522) 27-27-54)

Project Manager: Alla Voloshyna

Project Description: Promoting development of public examination instruments in Ukraine through creation of a specialized Internet resource on training community activists to conduct public examination.

Grant: \$ 15790

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Civic Network “OPORA” (01103, Kyiv, Pidvysotskoho St., 10, Office 3, tel. +38 (044) 503-08-23)

Project Manager: Vasyli Kosyi

Project Description: Conducting public examination of Mass Media and Public Relations Department at Kyiv City State Administration, elaborating proposals for optimization of Kyiv budget.

Grant: \$ 12000

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Institute for Policy Analysis and Strategy” (03057, Kyiv, S. Perovskoi St., 5, Office 900, tel. +38 (044) 456-13-86)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Kiliyevych

Project Description: Developing basic knowledge and skills among NGO-grantees of UNITER competition “Let’s Unite for Reforms” concerning practical application of methods of public policy analysis by conducting a two-day training “NGOs’ rights and capacity to develop public policy”.

Grant: \$ 2500

Organization: Voznesensk City NGO “Voznesensk Economic Development Agency” (56500, Mykolayiv Oblast, Voznesensk, Lenin St., 41 (2nd floor), tel. +38 (05134) 3-22-50)

Project Manager: Serhiy Averkov

Project Description: Involving public to development and implementation of energy and resource saving technologies and ensuring their incorporation in developing local policy.

Grant: \$ 3500

Organization: Sumy City NGO “Center for Regional Policy Studies” (40030, Sumy, P.O. Box 44, tel. +38 (0542) 60-10-13)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Khoruzhenko

Project Description: Increasing understanding among residents of Sumy Oblast the role of expert environment as an important component in the process of local policy making and implementation, improving coverage of the activity of the most influential civil society organizations in Sumy Oblast, informing the public and regional authorities about possible and actual threats to institutional development of public policy in Sumy Oblast, enhancing the level proficiency and ethics in cooperation between regional authorities and non-governmental organizations in terms of increasing NGOs impact on local policy making. The project is being implemented in the frameworks of re-funding of the out-of-competition project initiatives supported by Think Tank Fund of Open Society Institute (OSI TTF).

Grant: \$ 32420

Organization: Kharkiv City NGO “Kharkiv Institute for Social Research” (61000, Kharkiv, L. Svobody St., 34, Office 245, tel. +38 (096) 364-87-14)

Project Manager: Denys Kobzin

Project Description: Supporting institutional development of NGO Kharkiv Institute for Social Researches in the framework of re-funding out-of-competition initiatives

supported by Think Tank Fund of Open Society Institute (OSI TTF). Organizational development support of the NGO “Kharkiv Institute of Social Research” is provided in the frameworks of re-funding of the out-of-competition project initiatives supported by Think Tank Fund of Open Society Institute (OSI TTF).

Grant: \$ 32140

Organization: International League “Mothers and Sisters of Ukrainian Youth” (03141, Kyiv, Solomyanska St., 29, Office 9, tel. +38 (044) 467-20-88)

Project Manager: Halyna Yablonska

Project Description: Promoting tolerance and mutual understanding among residents of Crimea, mainly Crimean Tatars and Ukrainians, as well as other ethnic groups representatives, demonstrating on historical examples that coexistence of different peoples in Crimea can bear the prospect of cooperation and mutual assistance and that differences in religion, languages, ethnic origin do not pose threat but provide unique useful potential for prosperity of Crimea and its residents.

Grant: \$ 19210

CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Activities Initiated and Implemented by the Program

Number of Projects: **1**
Total: **\$ 15000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.25%**

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Orlovsky

Project Description: Establishing a long-term partnership between Ukrainian civil society platforms and public platforms in the EU in order to enhance the level

of Ukrainian civil society integration into European civil society. The project is part of the component “Pan-European networking of non-governmental organizations”.

Grant: \$ 15000

Projects Supported by the IRF Executive Board

Number of Projects: **14**
Number of Organizations: **11**
Total: **\$ 293590**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **4.87%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	10	\$ 211190
Sevastopol	1	\$ 8000
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Operational projects	2	\$ 64400

Organization: NGO "Civic Movement "Officers' League of Sevastopol" (99029, Sevastopol, Generala Ostriakova Prosp., 15/15, tel. +38 (0692) 44-37-14)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Lukichov

Project Description: Providing social and psychological support to former military men in the conditions of the economic crisis in the country: conducting computer literacy courses, promoting further employment of the disabled people in the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 8000

Organization: International Charitable Foundation "Art Treasury" (01103, Kyiv, Kikvidze St., 4a, Office 49, tel. +38 (044) 490-13-42)

Project Manager: Tetyana Lohush

Project Description: Strengthening institution of philanthropy as an effective mechanism for development of democracy in Ukraine through holding celebration for the Day of Kyiv, charity ball during which funds were raised for further use for charitable purposes (purchase of books for libraries, orphanages and boarding schools).

Grant: \$ 8000

Organization: NGO "The Center for Economic Development" (04116, Kyiv, Starokyivska St., 10, 3rd floor, Office 211, tel. +38 (044) 379-29-08)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Pashkaver

Project Description: Development of methodological approaches and specific proposals for the elaboration

of comprehensive policy of improving the management system of state property. Making impact on public perception about the need to reduce the level of economic activity of a state in crisis conditions.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Dytyachy Svit" (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 15, tel. +38 (044) 481-09-49)

Project Manager: Serhiy Letenko

Project Description: Informing the public about the best philanthropic initiatives in 2008 according to the results of the Second National Contest "Philanthropist of the Year."

Grant: \$ 2000

Organization: Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation (01001, Kyiv, Tryokhsvyatytelska St., 4, Office 321, tel. +38 (044) 279-16-70)

Project Manager: Valentyn Omelyanchyk

Project Description: Conducting a round table on the "Problem of Legitimacy of Power in Democratic Society and Democracy in Ukraine" with participation of Professor Pierre Rosenvallon (College de France), on the occasion of publication of Ukrainian translation of his book "Democratic Legitimacy".

Grant: \$ 950

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “Viktor Pinchuk Foundation – Social Initiative” (01601, Kyiv, Shovkovychna St., 42/44, tel. +38 (044) 490-48-35)

Project Manager: Olena Rozanova

Project Description: Implementing value-based leadership principles through the conduct of “Responsible Leadership” seminars in the framework of the Aspen-Ukraine Program.

Grant: \$ 29750

Organization: Public Information and Methodological Center “Vsesvit” (61003, Kharkiv, Sliusarny Prov. 10, Office 2, tel. +38 (057) 731-10-76)

Project Manager: Nataliya Zubar

Project Description: Promoting the conscious choice of citizens in presidential elections by providing them with access to information about presidential candidates' intentions, proficiency, specific sources of funding election campaigns of the candidates.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: “Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after O. Razumkov” NGO (01034, Kyiv, Mazepy St., 34, 2 floor, tel. +38 (044) 201-11-98)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Shangina

Project Description: Study of the level of Ukrainian citizens' participation and willingness to participate in public life, including the activities of public associations.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Democratic Initiatives Foundation (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box V-271, tel. +38 (044) 581-33-17, 510-05-42)

Project Manager: Ilko Kucheriv

Project Description: Conduct of a major national exit poll by an established Consortium of NGOs during the first and second rounds of presidential elections in 2010.

Grant: \$ 49990

Organization: NGO “Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives” (04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (044) 531-37-68)

Project Manager: Kateryna Sidash

Project Description: Preparation, publication and discussion of the “Strategy of Modernization of Ukraine”, a result of joint efforts of leading Ukrainian experts consortium. This analytical document provides an independent nonpartisan strategy for conducting reforms in key areas of society and vision of country development for forward-looking politicians, presidential candidates in Ukraine, as well as for wider public discussions during the presidential campaign 2009-2010.

Grant: \$ 83000

Organization: Democratic Initiatives Foundation (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box V-271, tel. +38 (044) 581-33-17, 510-05-42)

Project Manager: Iryna Bekeshkina

Project Description: Conducting a comprehensive nationwide public opinion survey (2000 interviews), dedicated to the study of expectations of the society, diagnosing society in 2010, identifying the most important urgent problems that should be primarily addressed by the authorities and public.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: International NGO “We are Ukrainians” (01011, Kyiv, Rybalska St., 2, Office 208, tel. +38 (044) 280-75-85)

Project Manager: Myroslava Svystovych

Project Description: Preparation and dissemination among voters of well-argued information about legal consequences of one of the possible results of the ballot - when the majority of voters do not support any of the proposed candidates.

Grant: \$ 2500

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Andriy Kohut

Project Description: Facilitating a common position of civil society concerning the activities in the conditions of state crisis by means of holding regional discussions and national assembly. See: Civic Assembly of Ukraine <http://gau.org.ua>

Grant: \$ 34400

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Andriy Kohut

Project Description: Drafting bills in accordance with the position of Emergency Civic Assembly and advocating their submission for consideration into Verkhovna Rada. See: Civic Assembly Ukraine, <http://gau.org.ua>

Grant: \$ 30000

2009 Annual Report



PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Open society – Open dialogue

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Number of Projects:	67
Number of Organizations:	39
Total Amount:	\$882449
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	14.63%

Public Health Program Mission: to promote human rights in public health by supporting and developing the capacity of vulnerable populations and activist organizations, to support the development and implementation of policies and practices in public health that meet international standards and are grounded in the principles of evidence-based medicine.

Public Health Program Components:

- Law and Health
- Harm Reduction
- Palliative Care
- Health Budget Monitoring and Advocacy
- Access to Essential Medicines
- Health Media

Public Health Program Priorities:

- Support to comprehensive national and regional activities aimed at protection of the rights of patients and health professionals, preparation of analytical reports on the state of human rights in public health in Ukraine.
- Support to civil society involvement in the development and assessment of drafts of public health regulations and decrees; participation in the harmonization of laws on patients' rights and, as a component of these measures, raising awareness of the general public, vulnerable populations and professional community to health law.
- Development of legal aid with a focus on strategic litigations that will have systemic impact on the protection of human rights, particularly for vulnerable populations, such as drug users, patients of substitution maintenance therapy programs and people living with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis, as well as patients who are in need of palliative care.
- Support to monitoring and documentation of the cases of human rights violations related to access to health care for IDU (including penitentiary institutions, pre-trial detention facilities and places of arrest) and as well as to establish relations with law enforcement agencies. Support to initiatives aimed at reducing discrimination and violation of rights of IDUs and PLWH by the law enforcement agencies.
- Promoting the development of a palliative care system for terminally ill patients in Ukraine in accordance with international practices and integration of palliative care into the public health

system, supporting integration of palliative care training into in-service training programs for health professionals and development of protocols that meet international standards.

- Provision of legal aid to palliative patients and their families in hospices and palliative care units, documenting patients' stories related to denial of medical care and pain relief and use of the documented cases to advocate for changes in the current law and practices in palliative care.
- Increasing accessibility of budget-related information and transparency of budgetary processes in order to enhance participation in public debates and to make necessary changes to budgets by strengthening the capacity of NGOs to conduct independent monitoring of budgets, to summarize and publicize the results, to organize hearings to enable open discussion of the monitoring results and to take an active part in the budget planning processes.
- Creating strategies of cooperation between NGOs and the mass media, including ensuring proper presentation of work by NGOs in the media, provision of technical and expert support to NGOs nationally and regionally to enhance the effectiveness of their work with the mass media, as well as supporting the creation of information products built on the principle of citizen journalism and dedicated to coverage of socially important public health issues.

Public Health Program Competitions in 2009:

- Competition **“Support and development of non-governmental organizations working in palliative care in Ukraine”**, to support initiatives to create palliative care training centers in various regions of Ukraine that will serve as resource centers to train multidisciplinary teams to provide palliative care services.

Total projects submitted during competition - 15; projects supported - 4

- Competition **“Support of NGO activities to document human rights violations in palliative care” (joint competition of “Law and Public Health” and “Palliative Care”)**, to support NGOs willing to conduct research on human rights of palliative care patients in Ukraine, to document violations of such rights and to develop an advocacy action plan to change state policy and laws on provision of medical aid to palliative patients.

Total projects submitted during competition - 6; projects supported - 3

- Competition **“Conducting public health research focused on the component “Budget monitoring and advocacy” among applicants to a doctoral degree in public health”**, to support focused researches of the public health budget and mechanisms of its implementation; this competition is also aimed at building-up of a team of professionals in budget analysis and monitoring in public health.

Total projects submitted during competition - 5; projects supported - 1

- Competition **“Legal initiatives in public health: legal aid, strategic litigation and advocacy for the rights of vulnerable populations”**, to support provision of legal aid to injecting drug users (IDUs) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) focusing on strategic litigations and protection of human rights; it is expected that the results of the cases will have a systemic impact and will change the practice of human rights violations of IDUs and PLHA.

Total projects submitted during competition - 4; projects supported - 4

- Competition **“Advocacy initiatives by IDU and PLHA to strengthen protection of human rights and to improve access to medical services for IDU and PLHA”**, to support the advocacy capacity, conduct local or national advocacy campaigns by drug-user organizations to promote harm reduction approaches and policy as well as wider engagement of the

representatives of vulnerable populations in decision-making processes and, correspondingly, in the local and national executive authorities in order to expand access of IDUs to medical and social services.

Total projects submitted during competition - 3; projects supported - 2

- Competition **“Introduction and use of effective legal mechanisms to resolve disputed issues on socio-medical examination”**, to support the establishment of centers providing free legal advice to resolve conflicts resulting from socio-medical examination, and their operations for one year.

Total projects submitted during competition - 7; projects supported - 2

- Competition **“Training on the health rights of vulnerable populations”**, to support NGOs in raising awareness on the human rights and health rights of vulnerable populations and on international and national standards of protection of human rights and patients' rights.

Total projects submitted during competition - 11; projects supported - 4

- Competition **“Coverage of acute public health issues/topics in mass media by civil society organizations”** focused on promoting dialogue between health care providers and civil society activists via the mass media for the purpose of developing mutual understanding of the key problem issues in public health and possible solutions; transformation of the negative attitudes towards people from risk groups, better understanding of human rights in the public health context by direct work with the mass media.

Important initiatives and projects supported by the Public Health Program in 2009:

Law and Health. One of the accomplishments of the initiative in 2009 was the introduction of sustainable projects of practical defense of human rights and improvement of legislation in the public health field in close cooperation with the existing network of patient, human rights and medical organizations.

The law and health initiative has for a long time been supporting projects on strategic litigations and protection of the health rights of vulnerable populations. At the same time, it launched innovative activities to protect human rights, which are of great importance for Ukraine, in particular, to prevent human rights violations in palliative care, to raise awareness of representatives of vulnerable populations of their health rights, to resolve disputes related to socio-medical examination of citizens, etc. The supported projects also include provision of free legal advice to patients and their families, awareness-raising activities on human rights in public health for health professionals, advocates and civil servants.

- **The web-portal on protection of patients' rights**, www.healthrights.in, continued to operate. The number of visitors and referrals to information posted on the portal has significantly increased this year. The web-portal is a popular resource and a place to share information for journalists interested in patients' rights as well as rights of health care professionals. The web-portal will continue working to raise awareness among patients of their rights and ways to protect them, to eliminate legal nihilism and distrust of the citizens to the courts and other state authorities.
- In February 2009, **the first Ukrainian roundtable “Human Rights in Palliative Care”** was held in Kharkiv. Over 30 professionals from different regions of Ukraine, as well as international experts from Georgia, Hungary, Australia and the US, working in palliative care and human rights took part in the roundtable. The roundtable united efforts of experts on palliative care and medical

law, representatives of NGOs, public health managers and practicing health professionals. The participants identified priorities in the development of the legal framework necessary to further develop palliative care in Ukraine, and discussed the urgent legal issues on regulation of provision of palliative care.

- **A course on “Medical Law”** was developed for the medical higher education institutions. After it is piloted in the O.O. Bohomolets National Medical University and is approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, it is planned to be introduced as a required course in all medical higher education institutions in Ukraine.
- Through an open competition, a law school graduate was awarded a one-year **Fellowship in health law** that includes studies of international legal standards of human rights protection in public health. Among the key duties of the Fellow is participation in the development and application of the *Practical Guide* for lawyers on human rights in public health and conducting medical cases, assisting in the organization of trainings on health law, working with appeals from citizens and other duties. These annual fellowships will help train a new generation of lawyers who will have knowledge and skills to protect human rights in public health.
- A working meeting of human rights organizations that work in the area of public health, organized by the Institute for Legal Research and Strategies and held in March 2009, brought together over 30 representatives of human rights organizations and patients' organizations. The meeting created a space to share experience in human rights work and to identify a list of urgent problems that can be a subject of strategic litigation. Further to the meeting, a network of non-governmental organizations that will be involved in identifying potential strategic litigations was created.
- Development of **the first Ukrainian Practical Guide for Lawyers on human rights in health care and conducting medical cases** has entered its final stage. Later, it is planned to be published in three languages: Ukrainian, English and Russian. The Guide will be useful to students, post-graduate students, researchers, and professors in law and medical schools. It will also be helpful for courts and other state authorities, defense lawyers, employees of health care facilities, representatives of the medical insurance system and human rights organizations to implement and protect the right to health care. A number of trainings are planned to be held on the *OSI Health and Human Rights Resource Guide*, which contains practical tools for advocates/ human rights practitioners who work, or are interested in working, in the field of human rights and public health.
- The tradition of providing coverage of human rights activities in public health was continued and thus support was given to the publication of the collected works *Right to Medical Aid in Ukraine 2008*, prepared by the Kharkiv Human Rights Group.
- Support continued for activities to ensure legal protection and representation of interests of injecting drug users (IDU) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLH) in 4 cities of Ukraine: Lviv, Mykolaiv, Poltava and Kherson. As a result of such work, the rights of IDU and PLH to access to proper medical and social aid were ensured. Legal support in criminal courts cases made it possible to prevent incarceration, or to reduce sentences, of the arrested representatives of the vulnerable populations.

Harm Reduction. With IRF support, NGOs of people directly affected by such problems as drug use and HIV/AIDS carry out advocacy work at the national and local levels to improve access of injecting drug users (IDUs) to relevant medical and social services and to prevent human rights violations by health professionals and law enforcement bodies.

- The All-Ukrainian NGO **“Association of Substitution Maintenance Therapy Participants”** launched its activities and in 2009 grew into a national network that brought together members of the substitution maintenance therapy programs (SMT) in 16 regions of Ukraine. The goal of the Association is to represent the interests and protect the rights of SMT patients in Ukraine. Its members actively and successfully represented interests and protected the rights of patients locally by taking part in activities of state decision-making bodies.

Among the issues that the Association works on include: initiating opening of new SMT programs at health care facilities, in particular, in small cities and TB treatment centers; ensuring access to treatment for patients who undergo treatment in other in-patient health care facilities and are in need of SMT treatment at the same time, in particular, for pregnant women in maternity clinics. Another area of work of the Association is advocating the rights of those who have been expelled from treatment programs either unreasonably or in violation of procedures, evaluating a new approach to treatment, namely, by prescribing medicines, thus making the treatment process much easier for program participants, and protecting patients from illegal actions by law enforcement bodies, etc. The Association is a key partner involved in the implementation of SMT programs in Ukraine; its representatives continuously take part in the activities of the Special Interagency Task Force on SMT at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, National Council to Combat TB and HIV/AIDS, Council of SMT Partners at the International Charitable Foundation *International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine* and contribute their suggestions on relevant by-laws that regulate treatment provision procedures.

- **The fourth advocacy summer school for representatives of HIV-service NGOs** was supported in order to build up their advocacy capacities. The summer school was carried out in collaboration with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine and this year focused on issues related to the documentation of human rights violations and use of this data in advocacy. As a result of such intensive summer schools, a new generation of activists and leaders who have already proved their capacity to protect their rights and interests, is growing among people directly affected by drug use and HIV/AIDS.
- With IRF support, a website was created on substitution maintenance therapy programs www.zapitay.in.ua.

Palliative care

- IRF has supported the initiative to develop the **curricula on palliative care to improve in-service training for doctors and nurses** at the P.L. Shupyk National Medical Academy for Post-graduate Education (NMAPE). At the end of 2009, the curriculum for such issue-based training for doctors and nursing staff was approved by the Academic Board of the NMAPE and it is planned to run the first training on the base of this curriculum as early as May 2010. Implementation of such issue-based programs to provide in-service training for medical staff is a fundamental step toward the development of the state system of palliative care in Ukraine.
- In the framework of an open competition “Support and building-up of non-governmental organizations working on the development of palliative care in Ukraine”, we selected and supported four public initiatives to create **training and practical palliative care centers** at hospices and palliative care units in four cities of Ukraine: Ivano-Frankivsk, Mykolaiv, Odesa and Cherkasy. Establishment of such centers will make it possible for doctors, nurses, medical

school students, as well as social workers, psychologists and volunteers to gain knowledge and practical skills in palliative care. Training in such centers will be carried out using the issue-based curriculum and at regional medical universities and colleges. Practicing physicians, hospital managers, professors from medical higher education institutions, leaders of volunteer movements, representatives of local authorities and activists are involved in establishing these centers.

- In order to ensure the sustainable development and integration of palliative medicine into the national health care system, we continue supporting the activities of the **Coordination Council for Palliative and Hospice Medicine at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine** and revision of the State Program for the Development of Palliative and Hospice Care for a period of 2010-2014. With participation of such institution as **the State “Institute of Palliative and Hospice Care at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine”**, the draft of the abovementioned program has been revised and is expected to be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.
- In the framework of joint activities of two program components, namely, “Law and Health” and “Palliative Care”, an open competition was held resulting in support for three NGO initiatives to document violations of human rights of palliative patients. Human Rights Watch (HRW), a well-known international human rights organization, will provide technical assistance to these projects to ensure that the process of documentation of violations of palliative patients’ rights is effective. In the framework of this cooperation, a practical workshop to discuss the issues related to palliative care provision, major violations, and possibilities of application of international mechanisms to protect the rights of palliative patients in Ukraine, was held in December 2009. The participants also discussed the methodology of documentation of violations of palliative patients’ rights and advocacy strategy in detail.

Access to essential medicines

- **The first Ukrainian training focused on the impact of intellectual property rights on access to essential medicines** was held in Ukraine with participation of NGO activists, practicing lawyers and opinion leaders. During the training, the participants discussed the continuing negotiations to sign free trade agreements between Ukraine and the EU countries, as well as with the European Free Trade Association. They paid particular attention to the agreements “On Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights” (TRIPS) and TRIPS Plus that directly impact access to essential medicines but at the same time contain provisions that make it possible to influence the level of access to medication protected by intellectual property rights. They also discussed possible strategies and mechanisms of influence by civil society on the development of state policy on intellectual property, negotiations and signing of the abovementioned treaties and, as a result, improving access to expensive essential medicines protected by patents.
- As a result of nearly half a year of work by the public initiative to aid patients with chronic viral hepatitis in Ukraine *Dolkar*, a **report on hepatitis C morbidity in Ukraine** was published and presented to the general public. The report analyzes documents that regulate screening, treatment and prevention measures, hepatitis C morbidity, monitoring of state procurement of medicines for hepatitis C patients and access to treatment. Further work on a wide scale is planned to raise awareness of modes of transmission, prevention and treatment of hepatitis C among the general public and target groups; activities also aimed at improving access to screening and treatment through the creation and implementation of state and local programs will be supported by the organization.

Health budget monitoring and advocacy

Due to the fact that only a small number of NGOs have access to information about budgets, and even fewer organizations are skilled in budget monitoring and cost analysis in public health, the first practical three-day training on budget monitoring and cost analysis was carried out in partnership with experts from Georgia. After the training, a competition among the participating organizations was held on budget monitoring and developing an advocacy strategy. These projects will be implemented in 2010-2011.

Challenges faced by the Program

Challenges that the Program faced while implementing its priorities and projects were related to the unstable political and economic situation, lack of real actions aimed at reforming the public health system, slowdown of adoption of by-laws, lobbying of adoption of by-laws by interested parties, and lack of coordination and cooperation between the state authorities. Political instability and frequent changes of key persons in the public health system, internal affairs and other respective state institutions, lack of consistency in decision-making and implementation of agreements significantly impact and limit the effectiveness of advocacy initiatives, related to reforms and changes in the legal framework. The absence of a national medical insurance system and inconsistencies in the legal framework created the grounds for systemic and non-punishable human rights violations in the health care field.

Unfortunately, the resources operated by society and the health care system are also quite limited: there is a lack of qualified lawyers/human rights advocates with experience in human rights advocacy in health care; insufficient capacity of NGOs in budget monitoring and advocacy work; financial resources used by the health care facilities are too small to implement the suggested reforms, which is a significant barrier to implementing the planned actions.

It is important to mention the following: a lack of a common vision of reforms in the health care system and legal approaches to ensure protection of patients' rights among professional NGOs; pessimism and unwillingness or fear by patients and representatives of vulnerable communities to confront physicians or representatives of state authorities; competition between the potential grantees in the civil sector which complicates open exchange of experience and ideas between different organizations; as a result, there is often lack of coordination and cooperation between the NGOs that work in one area.

Lack of internal communication and transparent decision-making mechanisms inside organizations sometimes result in failure to implement joint national initiatives. Therefore, a majority of the initiatives are implemented by individual organizations locally and there is no coordination and representation at the national level.

Partnership and Cooperation:

Key Program partners are representatives of the non-governmental and public sector, health care professionals and health care managers, human rights advocates and lawyers, patients' associations, medical and law schools and in-service training institutions for health care professionals, experts in medical law. At the level of the Open Society Institute, our partner is the Public Health Network Program and Human Rights Program in Budapest.

The Public Health Program works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, P.L. Shupyk National Medical Academy for Post-Graduate Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, State Penitentiary Department of Ukraine, Institute for Palliative

and Hospice Care at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, O.O. Bohomolets National Medical University, Advisory Board at the Committee on Public Health at the Parliament of Ukraine, Civil Society Council at the Ministry of Health, and Coordination Council for palliative and hospice medicine at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

The Public Health Program also continues building partner relations with other donors and international organizations working on public health. Among them are the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, All-Ukrainian Network of PLH, All-Ukrainian Coalition of HIV-Service NGOs, a number of UN programs in Ukraine, in particular, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), World Health Organization (WHO), World Bank, and other international donor organizations and their missions, such as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), office of the HealthRight International, R. Akhmetov Foundation, Bill Clinton Foundation, and others.

“Budget Monitoring and Advocacy in Health Care” Component

Number of Projects: 5
Number of Organizations: 4
Total: \$ 51692
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.86%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$ 9995
Kyiv	1	\$ 10000
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 9997
Poltava Oblast	1	\$ 9800
Operational Projects	1	\$ 11900

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Poltava Regional Development Agency” (36004, Poltava, Holovka St., 18, Office 52, tel. +38 (0532) 52-20-59)

Project Manager: Vadym Shtefan

Project Description: Planning budget monitoring and advocacy for improving access to quality and continued treatment of tuberculosis. Collecting necessary information, preparing tools for budget monitoring, developing a work plan, specifying criteria for monitoring in accordance with existing standards for TB diagnostics and treatment, signing memoranda on permanent cooperation with concerned parties, including representatives of specialized medical organizations, health care managers, economists and public.

Grant: \$ 9800

Organization: International Charitable Foundation “Vertical” (03115, Kyiv, Generala Vitruka St., 7A, Office 16, tel. +38 (044) 652-24-85)

Project Manager: Denys Kudelia

Project Description: Developing a plan for conduct of a comprehensive budget monitoring of tuberculosis diagnostics and treatment and procurement of

medicines; providing social services by means of situational analysis. Creating an effective team of experts consisting from health professionals, economists and people affected by TB for implementation of these activities on the regional and national level.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Charitable Organization “Svitanok” Club” (83003, Donetsk, Kapitina Ratnikova St., 8a, Office 1, tel. +38 (062) 386-82-46)

Project Manager: Svitlana Moroz

Project Description: Developing a system of comprehensive budget monitoring of access to treatment of opportunistic infections for HIV-positive children, which will enable advocacy for improving access for these children to free medicines. Raising awareness of parents and guardians about rights and mechanisms of their implementation (legal aid); ensuring procurement of medicines for treatment of opportunistic infections by medical institutions for children, which is provided by local budgets and laws of Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 9995

Organization: Luhansk Charitable Foundation “A Step to the Future” (91055, Luhansk, Kurakina St., 4/123, tel. +38 (0642) 93-26-10)

Project Manager: Larysa Anokhina

Project Description: Developing a system for health budget monitoring and identifying opportunities for funding substitution maintenance therapy programs with budget funds. Preparing analytical information for use in advocacy campaigns in Luhansk Oblast. Holding consultations with concerned parties and stakeholders at the local level; conducting situational analysis, assessment of needs in technical support and institutional development; signing of a memorandum of understanding and publishing results of situational analysis.

Grant: \$ 9997

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: Provision of organizational and technical support for a workshop on budget monitoring and advocacy in public health. Support to organizations interested in conducting research, budget monitoring and cost analysis at the local and national level with the purpose of future advocacy for necessary changes.

Grant: \$ 11900

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“Harm Reduction” Component

Number of Projects: **16**
Number of Organizations: **11**
Total: **\$ 331207**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **5.49%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	2	\$ 34000
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$ 20000
Kyiv	2	\$ 16443
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$ 100000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 23985
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 19970
Poltava Oblast	3	\$ 69946
Sumy Oblast	2	\$ 21130
Kherson Oblast	1	\$ 20000
Operational Projects	2	\$ 5733

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Kherson Oblast Charitable Foundation “Mangust” (73039, Kherson, 49 Gvardiyskoyi Diviziyni St., 3/83, tel. +38 (0552) 27 01 64)

Project Manager: Zhanna Ebert

Project Description: Providing legal protection to drug users and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) in

Kherson Oblast with a focus on matters of strategic importance that will have a systematic influence on the situation of human rights violations in relation to IDUs and PLHA.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: International Charitable Foundation
“International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine”
(03680, Kyiv, Dymytrova St., 5, Building 10A, 9th floor,
tel. +38 (044) 490-54-85, 490-54-86)

Project Manager: Pavlo Skala

Project Description: Creating favorable environment for implementation of harm reduction and substitution maintenance therapy programs in Ukraine. The project was carried out by components: initiating public discussion on the need to review legislation, which entails criminal liability for possession of drugs, with a view to bring legislation on drug control into accordance with the public health needs of most vulnerable groups to HIV, including drug users, for reducing law enforcement pressure on this vulnerable to HIV group; facilitating cooperation between NGOs that implement substitution maintenance therapy and harm reduction projects and law enforcement agencies at the local level (with the militia in the first place); production and distribution of a series of short educational films (five 5-20 minutes movies) about harm reduction, substitution maintenance therapy and prevention of harmful practices of drug production and consumption among the most vulnerable to HIV groups, including drug addicts.

Grant: \$ 100000

Organization: Charitable Association Helping People with HIV/AIDS “Svitlo Nadiyi” (36000, Poltava, Artema St., 28-A, tel. +38 (0532) 50-85-99, (050) 908-07-20)

Project Manager: Serhiy Zhuk

Project Description: Improving access of injecting drug users (IDUs) to substitution maintenance therapy programs by holding a regional media campaign aimed at IDUs themselves, their immediate surrounding, as well as health care providers and managers in Poltava Oblast (Poltava, Kremenichuk, Komsomolsk, Lubny, Hadyach).

Grant: \$ 9992

Organization: Sumy Oblast Youth NGO Club for the Resocialization of the Chemically Dependent “Chance” (40003, Sumy, Pryvokzalna St., 3A, tel. +38 (0542) 78-35-38)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Zahrebelny

Project Description: Improving access of drug users to quality and effective programs and services, as well as to accurate information about these services, by modifying current practices of assisting drug users in narcological dispensaries (harm reduction services based on narcology) and providing legal protection to drug users and providers of social and preventive services.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: Mykolayiv Association of People with HIV “Chas Zhyttia” (54055, Mykolayiv, Potyomkinska St., 138, tel. +38 (0512) 48-96-38)

Project Manager: Yevheniy Lukovenko

Project Description: Development of legal aid to injecting drug users (IDUs) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) with a focus on strategic litigations and human rights protection; participation in a study researching the impact of legal aid on the level of access of IDUs and PLHA to relevant health care services; support to advocacy initiatives aimed at changing practices of violations of IDUs and PLHA rights.

Grant: \$ 19970

Organization: Charitable Non-Governmental Foundation “Center for Social and Psychological Information “All Together” (79016, Lviv, Shevchenka St., 32/11, tel. +38 (0322) 270-45-94, (032) 298-44-41)

Project Manager: Mariya Kaminska

Project Description: Improving access of injecting drug users (IDUs) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) to qualified legal assistance with a focus on strategic matters that have a nation-wide impact. Monitoring the situation of human rights violations in relation to drug users and patients of the substitution maintenance therapy (SMT) programs, providing legal aid, including legal defence.

Grant: \$ 23985

Organization: Charitable Association Helping People with HIV/AIDS “Svitlo Nadiyi” (36000, Poltava, Artema St., 28-A, tel. +38 (0532) 50-85-99, (050) 908-07-20)

Project Manager: Maksym Demchenko

Project Description: Development of legal aid to injecting drug users (IDUs) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA), with a focus on strategic litigations. Implementation of advocacy initiatives in order to provide systematic influence on the situation with human rights violations in relation to IDUs and PLWH in Poltava Oblast. Conducting awareness-raising and educational activities among representatives of law enforcement agencies.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Virtus” (49005, Dnipropetrovsk, Furmanova St., 3, Office 44, tel. +38 (0562) 470-0511, 785-89-93)

Project Manager: Olha Belaiyeva

Project Description: Conducting a local media campaign to support advocacy initiatives aimed at improving access for women using drugs to social and medical services provided under respective state programs.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Drop-In Center”
(01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 52,
tel. +38 (044) 497-70-48, 272-33-59)

Project Manager: Pavlo Kutsev

Project Description: Creation and development of online community around the websites www.zpt.in.ua and www.motilek.com.ua with the purpose of providing systematic information to target groups, promotion of harm reduction philosophy among drug users and implementation of advocacy programs aimed at protecting rights of drug users and patients of the substitution maintenance therapy programs.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Charitable Organization “Your Choice” Club” (84646, Donetsk Oblast, Horlivka, P.O. Box 1913 (Peremohy Prosp. 72), tel. +38 (0624) 52-19-15)

Project Manager: Serhiy Poliekhin

Project Description: Improving access for drug users to narcological assistance at temporary detention facilities, providing legal protection to drug users, including legal defence in court; testing mechanism of receiving narcological assistance at temporary detention facilities in Horlivka.

Grant: \$ 20000

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS” (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 87b, tel. +38 (044) 467-75-67, 467-75-69, 467-75-84)

Project Manager: Inna Boyko

Project Description: Promoting positive public opinion about substitution maintenance therapy (SMT) programs by covering this topic in mass media: making a talk-show “Find a way out!” at the First National TV Channel, involving SMT patients, parents, professionals and medical practitioners.

Grant: \$ 6443

Organization: Charitable Association Helping People with HIV/AIDS “Svitlo Nadiyi” (36000, Poltava, Artema St., 28-A, tel. +38 (0532) 50-85-99, (050) 908-07-20)

Project Manager: Maksym Demchenko

Project Description: Developing organizational capacity of the Charitable Association Helping People with HIV/AIDS “Svitlo Nadiyi” (Poltava) for further stable development of strategy of assistance to vulnerable groups in Poltava.

Grant: \$ 39954

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Association of Participants of Substitution Maintenance Therapy of Ukraine (49128, Dnipropetrovsk, Brativ Trofimovykh St., 113, tel. +38 (056) 785-89-83)

Project Manager: Olha Beliyeva

Project Description: Providing legal protection to patients of substitution maintenance therapy (SMT) programs in Ukraine by creating and maintaining a mobile response team on violations of patients rights by law enforcement agencies.

Grant: \$ 24000

Organization: Sumy Oblast Youth NGO Club for the Resocialization of the Chemically Dependent “Chance” (40003, Sumy, Pryvokzalna St., 3A, tel. +38 (0542) 78-35-38)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Zahrebelny

Project Description: Enhancing capacity of a regional community of people using drugs and patients of substitution maintenance therapy (SMT) programs in advocacy and providing services of harm reduction from drug use by holding educational visits to Dnipropetrovsk.

Grant: \$ 1130

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Kucheruk

Project Description: Publication of a manual “Human Rights. Documentation and Advocacy. Guide for Organizations of People Who Consume Drugs”. The manual contains information on methods of documenting the violations of vulnerable groups' rights and use of this information for advocacy.

Grant: \$ 3000

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Kucheruk

Project Description: Providing organizational and technical support to participation of Kocherhan, a representative of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on enforcement of sentences, in the Conference on health care in penitentiary institutions with the purpose of exchanging experiences and studying of harm reduction programs in penitentiary institutions of the European Union countries.

Grant: \$ 2733

“Law and Health” Component

Number of Projects: **18**
Number of Organizations: **10**
Total: **\$ 264063**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **4.38%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 9990
Vinnysia Oblast	1	\$ 24475
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Kyiv	3	\$ 50740
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 9995
Lviv Oblast	4	\$ 65309
Kharkiv Oblast	3	\$ 69264
Operational Projects	3	\$ 14290

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Foundation for Medical Law and Bioethics of Ukraine” (79044, Lviv, Boikivska St., 10/3, tel. +38 (0322) 76-55-07)

Project Manager: Iryna Seniuta

Project Description: Organization and provision of a one-year Fellowship for a law-school graduate specialized in health law that includes studies of fundamentals of health law and law enforcement practices in health care in Ukraine, as well as international legal standards of human rights protection in public health. Among the key duties of the Fellow is participation in the creation and application of the Practical Guide for lawyers on the human rights in public health and conduct of medical cases.

Grant: \$ 19980

Organization: NGO “Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies” (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10397, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-72)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Providing legal assistance to patients, including those belonging to vulnerable groups, in enforcing the right to health care and medical assistance by providing advice on legal issues, mediation of conflicts in health care, identifying strategic medical litigations, legal and methodical support to NGOs working with vulnerable groups.

Grant: \$ 20700

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Foundation for Medical Law and Bioethics of Ukraine” (79044, Lviv, Boikivska St., 10/3, tel. +38 (0322) 76-55-07)

Project Manager: Iryna Seniuta

Project Description: Providing publication of the Ukrainian edition of the Open Society Institute manual “Human Rights and Health Care”: translation, editing, writing national comments, practical testing and review.

Grant: \$ 13789

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Foundation for Medical Law and Bioethics of Ukraine” (79044, Lviv, Boikivska St., 10/3, tel. +38 (0322) 76-55-07)

Project Manager: Iryna Seniuta

Project Description: Providing assistance to human rights and patients’ organizations in obtaining knowledge on key provisions of the Health Law and developing strategic litigation skills in the area of public health: organizing and conducting a School of Health Law to provide participants with necessary knowledge on the legal status of legal parties in healthcare, procedures and mechanisms to protect their rights, as well as international, national and regional legislation on health care and human rights protection.

Grant: \$ 16540

Organization: Vinnytsia Human Rights Group (21000, Vinnytsia, Kozytskoho St., 54/1, tel. +38 (0432) 270-112)

Project Manager: Dmytro Groysman

Project Description: Strengthening capacity of civil society organizations in protection of patients rights through generalization of experience of implementing projects supported by IMF in 2007-2009: analyzing projects on strategic litigations in 5 regions of Ukraine and one litigated case at the national level; conducting focus groups to identify the results of projects implementation and develop recommendations to strengthen the role of NGOs in protecting patients’ rights; publishing a report on the implementation of civic initiatives in the area of patients’ rights protection; discussing the report at the national level (holding a round table at the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights) and in the regions (presenting the report in press clubs).

Grant: \$ 24475

Organization: Charitable Aid Society to Disabled and Mentally Handicapped People “Dzherela” (04209, Kyiv, Bohatyrska St., 16A, Child Care Center 607, tel. +38 (044) 411-03-32, 411-82-13)

Project Manager: Rayisa Kravchenko

Project Description: Establishing a model legal aid center for disabled people undergoing psychiatric Medical Social Expert Commissions (MSEC) assessment in Kyiv. Developing methods and principles for the legal aid center in Kyiv and sharing them with over a hundred NGOs in Ukraine. In addition to establishing the center, the project aims at conducting campaign for its target audience in Kyiv and recruiting a public advocate who will represent the Center in the agencies of health services management to promote transparency of MSEC that assess people with mental and intellectual disabilities.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: NGO “Nikopol Center for Spiritual and Social-Psychological Rehabilitation “Vidkryti Dveri” (Open Doors) (53200, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Nikopol, V. Usova St., 34/37, tel. +38 (05662) 4-29-72)

Project Manager: Iryna Los’

Project Description: Conducting an awareness-raising campaign, based on the Resource Guide “Health and Human Rights”, aimed at disseminating knowledge about the rights of vulnerable groups among public health workers in Nikopol and in the region. Conducting trainings and providing training materials that can be used in a daily work of health workers, developing brochures on HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis for health care professionals in the context of human rights protection.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Luhansk Charitable Foundation “A Step to the Future” (91055, Luhansk, Kurakina St., 4/123, tel. +38 (0642) 93-26-10)

Project Manager: Larysa Anokhina

Project Description: Developing a comprehensive training module at the local level, based on the Resource Guide “Health and Human Rights”, by integrating legal aspects of working with vulnerable groups into the curriculum of higher education institutions.

Grant: \$ 9995

Organization: NGO “Center for Public Advocacy” (79008, Lviv, Rodyny Krushelnytskykh St., 3/13, tel. +38 (032) 235-45-19)

Project Manager: Oksana Koval’

Project Description: Assisting citizens in resolving conflicts that arise during the medical and social expertise, promoting awareness of the above mentioned issues and mobilizing the public to fight for their rights during Medical Social Expert Commissions (MSECs) and Specialized Medical Consultation Commissions (SMCC). The project aims at working out proposals to address flaws in the legal regulation of MSEC and SMCC activities and enforcing these proposals for introducing respective amendments into existing legislation of Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 15000

Organization: NGO “Legal Education” Foundation” (83050, Donetsk, Vatutina Prosp., 1-A, Office 104, tel. +38 (062) 337-93-84)

Project Manager: Liudmyla Deshko

Project Description: Inclusion of a Resource Guide “Health and Human Rights” into the curriculum for students in a legal clinic “Health law of Ukraine” at Donetsk National University. Use of the resource guide “Health and Human Rights” for disseminating knowledge on the rights of such vulnerable groups as people with mental disabilities and people living with HIV/AIDS among specialists in health law, in order to strengthen protection of human rights in public health.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Crimean Republican Charitable Foundation “Crimean World” (95017, Simferopol, Kyivska St., 38/34, tel. +38 (0652) 57-17-66)

Project Manager: Yevheniy Novytsky

Project Description: Enhancing capacity and knowledge of different target groups (health professionals, relatives of palliative patients and others) concerning protection of human rights in health care by conducting trainings based on the Resource Guide “Health and Human Rights” and promoting the use of the Guide among NGOs, local government officials and law students.

Grant: \$ 9990

Organization: NGO “Civic Movement “New View” (02092, Kyiv, P.O. Box 118, tel. +38 (044) 362-60-49)

Project Manager: Oksana Maslova

Project Description: Developing a national web site on health law and protection of patients rights (www.healthrights.in) for facilitating cooperation between the three target groups of the project (lawyers, patients and journalists) and for satisfying their professional needs. The web site complements the development of Practical Guide for lawyers on the human rights in public health and conduct of medical cases, by creating a feedback mechanism, updating website content and information exchange between target groups.

Grant: \$ 23320

Organization: NGO “Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies” (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10397, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-72)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Legal protection of victims of violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in health care through strategic judicial protection and strengthening the network of NGOs. The project center for legal aid is provided free legal assistance, funding is strategic litigation, public awareness and public authorities about the situation of human rights protection in health.

Grant: \$ 24900

Organization: NGO “Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies” (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10397, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-72)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Preparation and publication of a national NGOs report on securing human rights in health care. Improving awareness about human rights violations in health care and strengthening the capacity of human rights organizations in Ukraine. Creating new opportunities for cooperation among human rights organizations for better coordination of their activities. The project aims at presenting the outcomes of strategic litigations and providing recommendations on improving national legislation.

Grant: \$ 23664

Organization: NGO “Civic Movement “New View” (02092, Kyiv, P.O. Box 118, tel. +38 (044) 362-60-49)

Project Manager: Oksana Maslova

Project Description: Improvement and development of an international web site (www.health-rights.org), which is a “calling card” of national websites of countries participating in the Initiative “Law and Public Health”(in particular, Macedonia, Georgia, Armenia and Ukraine) that jointly implement projects aimed at development of national portals on patients rights. The project’s goal is to promote and add publicity to the Initiative activities among professionals working in law and health care. Creating a separate section, “Community of Health Care and Law Practitioners” for exchange of materials on cooperation with the media, workshops, training courses on health law and provision of assistance to patients.

Grant: \$ 17420

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Mariya Vynnytska

Project Description: Providing organizational and technical support for conduct of a round table on human rights in the frames of palliative care provision. Providing participation of international professionals (Hungary, Georgia, Australia and USA) and experts in the round table and in the elaboration of a common strategy for further development of palliative care in the context of human rights.

Grant: \$ 4530

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Mariya Vynnytska

Project Description: Providing technical support to participation of Ukrainian specialists in the meeting of interns in the field of rights and public health (Tbilisi, Georgia, October 7-10, 2009).

Grant: \$ 2630

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Artem Halushko

Project Description: Providing organizational and technical support for conduct of a two-day workshop (December 12-13, 2009) for human rights activists, lawyers and NGO representatives on documentation of human rights violations in the field of palliative care. During the training participants considered issues of palliative care and pain control. The participants also discussed the methodology of documentation of violations of the palliative patients' rights and advocacy strategy in detail.

Grant: \$ 7130

"Palliative Care" Component

Number of Projects: **15**
Number of Organizations: **10**
Total: **\$ 132392**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.19%**

Projects Supported by the Program:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Kyiv	5	\$ 44022
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 12170
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 14860
Cherkasy Oblast	1	\$ 10000
Operational Projects	4	\$ 21340

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Charitable Organization "Council for People of Elderly Age in Kyiv" (04114, Kyiv, Vyshhorodska St., 67, tel. +38 (044) 431-05-09)

Project Manager: Vira Chaykovska

Project Description: Developing a program for improving proficiency of health professionals in palliative care and providing methodological support to preparing a group of trainers in different regions of Ukraine for dissemination of knowledge on teaching fundamentals of palliative care.

Grant: \$ 13850

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association" (01133, Kyiv, Inzhenernyi Prov., 4, tel. +38 (044) 594-02-78)

Project Manager: Yuriy Hubsy

Project Description: Supporting activities of the Coordination Council for palliative and hospice medicine at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine in order to promote development of palliative care, elaboration of key documents, programs and regulations concerning activity of palliative care institutions.

Grant: \$ 6855

Organization: Kyiv City Branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (02099, Kyiv, Novodarnytska St., 26B, tel. +38 (044) 566-96-73)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Libanov

Project Description: The project provides for documenting violations of palliative patients rights, legal aid to such patients and their families in Kyiv. One of the main objectives of the project is to provide wider access for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA) to anaesthesia by collecting data about violations of PLHA rights in the provision of palliative care.

Grant: \$ 12909

Organization: NGO "Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies" (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10397, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-72)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: The project provides for documenting violations of palliative patients rights, legal aid to such patients and their families in Kharkiv Oblast. Following the results of the project, a joint letter on the situation with accessibility of anaesthesia in Ukraine will be prepared and sent to the national government agencies in charge of health care and to the International Commission on the Control of Drugs Trafficking.

Grant: \$ 14860

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Face to Face” (18008, Cherkasy, Smilyanska St., 80, Office 26, tel. +38 (0472) 63-80-93, (0472) 73-58-22)

Project Manager: Iryna Shliaha

Project Description: Establishing a training center of palliative care in Cherkasy Oblast, on the base of the Oblast Oncology Dispensary, and implementing a curriculum for doctors and nurses, based on Cherkasy Medical College and Center for Postgraduate Education.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Pchelka” (65009, Odesa, Admiralskyi Prosp., Building 1 “V”, Office 45, tel. +38 (094) 94-86-940)

Project Manager: Olena Pavlenko

Project Description: Establishing a training center of palliative care in Odesa Oblast, on the base of the Odesa Oblast Child Health Clinic, and implementing a curriculum at the Department of Postgraduate Education of Odesa State Medical University.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Mykolayiv Oblast Charitable Tuberculosis Foundation “Vita-Light” (54030, Mykolayiv, Velyka Morska St., 49, Office 52, tel. +38 (0512) 37-31-20, (0512) 76-83-00)

Project Manager: Eduard Horbatenko

Project Description: Establishing a training center of palliative care in Mykolayiv Oblast, on the base of the Mykolayiv Oblast Tuberculosis Dispensary and Mykolayiv Oblast Hospital for Veterans, and implementing a curriculum at the Mykolayiv Medical College.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: Rivne Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS” (33000, Rivne, Verbova St., 43/118, tel. +38 (0362) 63-02-33)

Project Manager: Yuriy Lazarevych

Project Description: The project provides for documenting violations of palliative patients rights, legal aid to such

patients and their families in Rivne Oblast. One of the main objectives of the project is to change an existing practice of providing anaesthesia and develop a plan for conducting advocacy activities based on the documented stories of palliative patients for improving public awareness about violations of human rights in the field of palliative care.

Grant: \$ 12170

Organization: Charitable Foundation for Aid to Incurable People “Mother Theresa” (76002, Ivano-Frankivsk, Novakivskoho St., 8, tel. +38 (034) 78-17-19, 50-14-00)

Project Manager: Liudmyla-Oksana Andriyishyn

Project Description: Establishing a training and methodological center, on the base of Ivano-Frankivsk hospice, and integrating a curriculum for family doctors, interns, medical college students, and nurses at the Department of Postgraduate Education in Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University.

Grant: \$ 10000

Organization: State Enterprise “Institute for Palliative and Hospice Medicine of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine” (02125, Kyiv, Petra Zaporozhtsya St., 26)

Project Manager: Olha Babiychuk

Project Description: Supporting expert elaboration of improved Draft Concept of State Aimed Social Program for Development of Palliative and Hospice Care in Ukraine for 2010-2014 years.

Grant: \$ 5000

Organization: State Enterprise “Institute for Palliative and Hospice Medicine of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine” (02125, Kyiv, Petra Zaporozhtsya St., 26)

Project Manager: Olha Babiychuk

Project Description: Development and maintenance of the web site of State Enterprise “Institute for Palliative and Hospice Medicine of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine” which will include information about the Institute, legislation on palliative care, information about regional partners, hospices, palliative branches, development of palliative care in Ukraine, literature and news.

Grant: \$ 5408

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: Providing organizational and technical support to the visit of the director of international initiative "Palliative Care" Mary Callaway and technical advisor Katalin Muszbek to preventive medical organizations that provide palliative care, for the purpose of assessing the needs and identifying potential partnership programs.

Grant: \$ 4990

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Kseniya Shapoval-Deyneha

Project Description: Reedition of the documentary and video clip "With Respect to Human Dignity" created by the IMF, which highlights the main problems of adherence of palliative patients rights in Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 3500

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: Translation of the textbook "Education in Palliative and End-of-life Care – Oncology". Distribution of the textbook in the libraries, secondary and higher medical educational institutions in order to improve access to modern educational literature on palliative care.

Grant: \$ 9900

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Kseniya Shapoval-Deyneha

Project Description: Design and printing of the brochure "Palliative Care" for distribution among partner medical organizations, educational institutions and NGOs concerned about the development of palliative care. Supporting conduct of information and educational activities.

Grant: \$ 2950

“Public Health and Media” Component

Number of Projects: **5**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total: **\$ 37655**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.62%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	1	\$ 9159
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 8490
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 11921
Operational Programs	2	\$ 8085

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Mykolayiv Oblast Charitable Tuberculosis Foundation “Vita-Light” (54030, Mykolayiv, Velyka Morska St., 49, Office 52, tel. +38 (0512) 37-31-20, (0512) 76 83 00)

Project Manager: Eduard Horbatenko

Project Description: Developing and implementing media outreach campaign for dissemination of information about palliative care. Conducting a number of activities aimed at raising awareness on palliative care issues and involvement of key professionals and decision-makers in order to change attitudes and promote positive decision-making regarding allocation of budget funds for the development of palliative care in Mykolayiv Oblast.

Grant: \$ 8490

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Life Without Pain” (65110, Odesa, Balkivska St., 4, Office 21, tel. +38 (048) 743-92-50)

Project Manager: Oleh Hryb

Project Description: Conducting awareness raising campaign aimed at changing the attitude of parents, a target audience, to planned immunization and increasing level of immunization among general population, as a result of awareness raising campaign. Creating and maintaining free and reliable information

resource on immunization issues to improve understanding of importance of vaccination and conscious decision-making. Holding open public hearings at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine concerning introduction of necessary changes into the schedule of planned immunization, promoting participation of leading experts, health professionals and public in these activities.

Grant: \$ 11921

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Valeriy Ivanov

Project Description: Drawing attention of Ukrainian society to the urgent problems in health care, in particular, problems of infectious and socially dangerous diseases, by conducting a practical training course for journalists specializing on public health; creating a communicative platform for discussions of the most burning issues in health care; further development of traditions of socially responsible journalism.

Grant: \$ 9159

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: Providing organizational and technical support to the coverage of public health topics by young journalists, graduates of Mohyla School of Journalism, through mini-grants. Conducting presentations of worked out materials for involvement of professionals capable of objective and effective coverage of health care issues and problems.

Grant: \$ 835

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: Design and printing of the manual on advocacy for grantees working in harm reduction. Distribution of the manual among organizations and activists aimed at raising their awareness and ability to develop and implement advocacy activities and defend their rights.

Grant: \$ 7250

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

“Access to Essential Medicines” Component

Number of Projects: **6**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total: **\$ 47440**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.79%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	2	\$ 14485
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$ 8925
Operational Projects	3	\$ 24030

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Foundation “Social Movement “Ukrainians Against Tuberculosis” (03110, Kyiv, P.O. Box 101, tel. +38 (044) 270 44 52)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Rudenko

Project Description: Holding a press conference on the situation in Kharkiv, referring to the decision to reduce the number of beds and medical personnel with

subsequent redistribution of patients into city and anti-tuberculosis hospitals of Kharkiv. Elucidation of possible negative consequences of this decision and attempt to resolve the situation with the assistance of mass media, public, experts and representatives of the Ministry of Health.

Grant: \$ 1545

Organization: International Charitable Fund for the Renaissance of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (04070, Kyiv, Skovorody St., 6, Office 45, tel. +38 (044) 238-27-63, 416-15-43, 417-84-61)

Project Manager: Zoryana Skaletska

Project Description: Holding an international workshop on "Intellectual Property, Human Rights and Access to Essential Medicines" in Kyiv, September 2009. During the five-day workshop, participants, including lawyers, professors, legal practitioners, NGO activists and health professionals, studied the key issues of intellectual property, free trade agreements between Ukraine and the EU, trade-related aspects of intellectual property, human rights in a health care system, and right to access medicines, in particular.

Grant: \$ 12940

Organization: City Youth NGO "Youth Alternative "M'ART" (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. +38 (046) 277-41-10)

Project Manager: Nadiya Samardak

Project Description: Raising awareness of public and young people primarily on hepatitis C, modes of transmission and preventive measures by conducting awareness-raising and educational campaign on the Internet by means of Web 2.0.; creating a virtual platform for discussions of the most pressing issues. Supporting key messages through leaflets, posters, stickers and articles in the media to provide reliable, quality and objective information. Holding a number of advocacy activities aimed at facilitating efforts of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine in the field of prevention, timely diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis (particularly hepatitis C) in Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 8925

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: The project aims at creating a circle of independent experts, such as: lawyers, human rights defenders and activists who are aware of the impact of intellectual property right, free trade agreements on access to essential medicines. Enhancing capacity of representatives of leading legal institutions and governmental agencies that are involved into negotiation and signing of agreement on trade-related aspects of intellectual property to use flexible regulations of these agreements for influencing access to medicines.

Grant: \$ 14380

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: Providing organizational and technical support for a two-day training for lawyers and teachers of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, in order to prepare and conduct the first training on the impact of intellectual property rights on access to essential medicines.

Grant: \$ 8300

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Tymoshevska

Project Description: Translation and editing of a report on hepatitis C morbidity in Ukraine, access to diagnostics and treatment, as well as prevention of hepatitis C in Ukraine for the purpose of report distribution among concerned activists, representatives of Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and in order to provide support for conducting a similar analytical research and elaborating recommendations for further activities.

Grant: \$ 1350

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: 2
Number of Organizations: 1
Total: \$ 18000
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.30%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	2	\$ 18000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: International NGO "International HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis Institute" (03150, Kyiv, Predslavynska St., 38, Office 143, tel. +38 (044) 528-37-14)

Project Manager: Mariya Makovetska

Project Description: Organizing and conducting activities, meetings and sessions of the technical review panel during the preparation of application to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for the ninth round of component "Tuberculosis". Providing involvement of a wide range of NGOs, representatives of the Ministry of Health and other governmental agencies, as well as doctors and international experts for revision of the application to the Global Fund. Providing translation of necessary documents and application.

Grant: \$ 14000

Organization: International NGO "International HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis Institute" (03150, Kyiv, Predslavynska St., 38, Office 143, tel. +38 (044) 528-37-14)

Project Manager: Mariya Makovetska

Project Description: Support to provision of a transparent and open process of writing an appeal on the decision concerning the ninth round from Ukraine to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, on behalf of the National Council on counteracting tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

Grant: \$ 4000

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RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

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RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

Number of Projects:	64
Number of Organizations:	45
Total Amount:	\$1,305,547
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	21.64%

Program Goal in 2009: to support the civil society initiatives directed to the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, to promote strengthened legal consciousness and public activity at the central and local levels.

Program Priorities in 2009:

- Support for the right of access to justice;
- Human rights litigation (especially in cases of public interest);
- Enhancing public awareness of human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as mechanisms for their protection;
- Anti-corruption activities of state authorities and local self-government bodies through the increased transparency of authorities' actions;
- Civil society support for the implementation of judicial reform (judiciary, legal procedures, criminal justice and penitentiary system);
- Introduction of free legal aid system (primary and secondary, and criminal and non-criminal cases);
- Development of administrative justice

Competitions in 2009:

- Competition **“Human rights in penal institutions”** was aimed at enhancing opportunities of civil society organizations, men of law and public activists to fight violations of human rights in penal institutions. 28 project proposals were submitted, of which 7 projects received IRF support.
- Competition **“Promotion of Ukraine’s criminal justice reform”** was aimed at involvement of the public into the analysis of activity and determination of directions and ways for reforming bodies and institutions of Ukraine’s criminal justice system. 10 project proposals were submitted, of which 4 projects received IRF support.
- Competition **“Protection of human rights through administrative justice mechanisms”**, within the framework of which support was provided to civic initiatives on carrying out complex measures, directed to judicial protection of human rights from actions and non-activity of bodies of the state authority, their officials and civil servants. 32 project proposals were submitted and 3 project proposals were supported.
- Competition **“Implementation of the right for access to information on activity of authorities”**, within the framework of which support was provided to NGO initiatives directed to implementation of the right of access to information, increasing transparency in activity of bodies of the state authority, their officials and civil servants. 55 project proposals were submitted and 10 project proposals were supported.

In 2009, 4 projects were supported within the framework of the Legal Empowerment for the Poor Initiative; 10 projects received IRF support under the Program priority “Introduction of free legal aid system in Ukraine”, and also 20 non-competitive projects were supported (out of 44 project proposals, submitted for consideration by the Program).

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects in 2009

- **Public monitoring of the system of benefits and privileges in Ukraine.** With IRF support, the NGO “Center for Public Advocacy” (Lviv) and NGO “Center for Public Expertise” (Kyiv) conducted an analysis of the system of benefits in Ukraine and developed recommendations for reforms that would bring the system closer to European standards and for provision of social and economic rights. The Center for Public Advocacy created a project website (<http://www.pilga.in.ua>) that also provides information on social standards, including the catalogue of benefits in Ukraine that was created as part of the project.

On October 7, 2009, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the Strategy for Regulation of the System of Benefits (available on the website of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine: <http://zakon.rada.gov.ua/>). The document takes into account to large extent the conclusions and recommendations developed by the Center for Public Expertise within the framework of the project implemented with support from the Rule of Law Program.

- **Monitoring of observance of human rights in Ukraine.** The most vulnerable segments of the population need separate attention. The Program supported the Protection of Children's Rights Foundation to monitor human rights in schools of social rehabilitation. For the first time, with support from the Program, human rights were monitored in 14 schools of social rehabilitation in 12 regions of Ukraine. Problems were identified and recommendations were developed.
- **Access to information.** With support from the Program, NGO representatives submitted requests to the President of Ukraine for text of acts classified as “not for publication” and “off the record”. They also initiated several legal actions. Finally, in 2009 the President of Ukraine issued Decree #963/2009 that removed the unlawful classification “not for publication” from numerous presidential decrees and instructions. The decree also removed the unlawful classification from the Provisions on State Management, approved by Decree #1180, dated February 17, 2002. Public activists had been demanding the official publication of this document for several years, including through the courts (the case is being considered by the Kyiv Administrative Appeals Court). For more details, please refer to: <http://www.khpg.org/index.php?id=1070546391>.

With Program support, representatives of the NGOs “Vsesvit” and “Alliance – Maydan” frequently submitted information requests to the President of Ukraine demanding the text of acts illegally classified as “not for publication” and “off the record” and initiated several legal actions.

With Program support, the Kharkiv Human Rights Group began working on the issue of principles of freedom of information in the work of specialized archival institutions. In particular, in cooperation with the special archive of the Security Service of Ukraine, analysis and publication of materials from the archives-investigative cases on victims of political repression who have not been rehabilitated.

The brochure “The Right to Know in Ukraine” was published in June 2009. The publication provides systematized and generalized information about the activities of Ukrainian NGOs that the Rule of Law Program has been supporting during the last three years: public campaigns for protection of the right of access to information about activity of bodies of state authority; monitoring of transparency of bodies of state authority; creation of the National Registry of Information that is considered confidential information that is property of the state (for more details please refer to the IRF web site www.irf.ua, section “Publications and Research of the Rule of Law Program”).

- **Legal Empowerment for the Poor.** Taking into account the acquired experience and the

increased demand for legal aid (including resulting from the economic crisis), in cooperation with the Open Society Justice Initiative (Budapest), the Program launched a new initiative “Legal Empowerment for the Poor”. This component aims to improve the well-being of people living in poverty and social isolation by overcoming obstacles to key rights, namely: ownership rights, labor rights, entrepreneurial rights, and right of access to justice.

Centers for Legal Support and Consultations, created with support from the Program and participation of local government bodies, continued their activity in the cities of Bila Tserkva and Khmelnytsky. In 2009, more than 3,500 persons referred to each of the centers, which is a significant increase compared to previous years. Persons seeking assistance from the centers included the following: pensioners (30%), disabled persons (6%), inmates (7%), unemployed people (10%), single mothers and families with many children (4%), victims of crimes (4%). They referred primarily for the following reasons: 26% - social protection; 20% – matters of civil law; 14% – matters of administrative law; 10.1% – matters of family law; 10% – matters related to housing; 7% – employment; 6% – land matters; 4% – entrepreneurial rights, 1% – matters of criminal law (consultations).

- **Human rights in the Constitution of Ukraine.** The political and economic crisis prompted the Program to support initiatives that promote awareness among society and government officials of the in-depth reasons for crisis developments and offer ways to overcome them. With support from the Program, the Kharkiv Human Rights Group analyzed Section 2 of the Constitution of Ukraine and held discussions on possible changes and additions in the context of discussions on constitutional reform.
- **Criminal justice reform in Ukraine.** The Program continued to support for public defenders offices that provide defense in criminal cases for persons who can not afford a lawyer (these projects operate in Kharkiv, Khmelnytsky and Bila Tserkva; for more details please refer to the website: www.pravo.prostir.ua, section “Library”). The work of the Public Defenders Offices was given a positive evaluation by experts from the Council of Europe and was taken into account by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine during the development of a corresponding draft law, which was later approved by the government and submitted for consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The parliament adopted as a basis the draft law on free legal aid. The Program plans to provide further support for the finalization of this draft law during its review by the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy.

During the last year, the Program expanded its cooperation with the Ministry of Internal Affairs in terms of protection of human rights. Public hearings on human rights and the work of internal affairs bodies were held for the first time. Recommendations were developed on the basis of the discussions and are available on the ministry's website.

With support from the Program and assistance from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the Kharkiv Institute for Social Studies published information materials about the rights of persons who are kept in custody and distributed these materials in all temporary detention facilities. In October 2009, an electronic system of registration of visitors was installed and launched into operation in the Zhovtnevyi Raion Department of the Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Kharkiv Oblast. Every person independently registers his/her visit to the Raion Department and gets a document confirming the visit

- **International protection of human rights.** The Rule of Law Program also helped NGOs present alternative reports on human rights within the framework of UN mechanisms. All-Ukrainian NGO “Women's Consortium of Ukraine” presented experts of the UN Committee with a report on Ukraine's implementation of provisions of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Protection of Children's Rights Foundation presented the public in Ukraine with a report (that is alternative to the state report on the same topic) on Ukraine's implementation of provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A campaign for Ukraine's entry into the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People and Facultative Protocol was initiated by the National Assembly of Disabled People with support from the Program in 2008. The campaign resulted in the adoption by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of the Law of Ukraine, dated December 16, 2009, #1767-VI "On Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Disabled People and its Facultative Protocol" (http://gska2.rada.gov.ua/pls/zwebn/webproc4_1?id=&pf3511=36658).

In 2009, the Program continued to facilitate the development of the practice of protection of human rights in national and international jurisdictions by supporting strategic litigation. A specialized Internet resource: www.hr-lawyers.org was created with Program support to present the work of the lawyers and results of activities on strategic judicial protection,.

With IRF support, the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union started monitoring Ukraine's implementation of rulings of the European Court of Human Rights. They are monitoring the government's implementation of individual measures and measures of a general nature that address systemic problems that are the primary reasons for human rights violations.

- **Human Rights Awareness.** The 6th International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival (www.docudays.org.ua) took place in Kyiv from March 27 - April 2, 2009 with support from the Rule of Law Program. More than 60 films from 24 countries were presented, along with world premieres and presentations of new films by Ukrainian filmmakers. There were also master classes by famous masters of documentary cinema, meetings with film directors and actors, discussions and seminars. Almost 18 thousand spectators attended film screenings and festival related events. The goal of the festival is to promote development of open dialogue about human rights through the art of cinema and to promote human dignity as a core value. Film screenings and festival events took place in more than 100 communities in 20 regions of Ukraine. The festival was held for the first time in Alchevsk, Zaporizhzhia, Rivne and Ternopil.

For the fourth time the Program provided support to the Forum of Human Rights Organizations of Ukraine that took place in May 2009. More than 250 participants – representatives of NGOs from Ukraine and abroad – participated in the Forum. (<http://www.khpg.org/index.php?id=1241100312>).

In cooperation with Norwegian Helsinki Committee, the Program provides support for the National Educational Program "Understanding Human Rights". The project is being implemented by the NGO "M'art" (Chernihiv) and the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union. 15 training courses were conducted for different target groups (young activists and representatives of NGOs – 6 groups; teachers – 3 groups; activists who work in the area of education on human rights – 2 groups; employees of law enforcement bodies (Assistants to the Minister of Department for Monitoring Observance of Human Rights in the Work of Bodies of Internal Affairs of the Apparatus of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine) – 1 group. 307 persons participated in the training courses of the program (33 of the 340 participants of different events are graduates of previous educational events of the program): 70 teachers; 127 young people; 43 activists of NGOs that work in the area of education on human rights; 26 Assistants to the Minister of Department for Monitoring Observance of Human Rights in the Work of Bodies of Internal Affairs of the Apparatus of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine; 28 representatives of NGOs that work in the interests of people with disability; 22 journalists; 24 activists who passed special training on monitoring human rights. More detailed information about the project is available on the website: www.edu.helsinki.org.ua).

Thanks to support from IRF, the book "Pursuing the Public Interest" was published in cooperation with the Public Interest Law Institute (Budapest – New York). The publication contains the best

examples of work by Ukrainian organizations and provides answers to such questions as how to define the public interest, who can represent and act to protect the public interest, and how to find balance in the public interest.

Publications and books, published within the framework of the Program's activity, are available on the IRF website: (www.irf.ua, Rule of Law Program, section "Program Activity").

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Volyn Oblast	1	\$15,000
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	2	\$30,992
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$11,700
Kyiv	9	\$113,803
Kyiv Oblast	4	\$154,870
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$6,973
Luhansk Oblast	8	\$166,026
Lviv Oblast	6	\$96,495
Odesa Oblast	1	\$8,620
Poltava Oblast	2	\$28,500
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$13,500
Kharkiv Oblast	10	\$277,107
Kherson Oblast	5	\$110,576
Khmelnysky Oblast	5	\$171,778
Chernihiv Oblast	3	\$79,357
Operational Projects	5	\$20,250

Access to Justice

Number of Projects: 11
Number of Organizations: 5
Total Amount: \$481,675
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 7.98%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv Oblast	4	\$154,870
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$160,707
Khmelnysky Oblast	4	\$162,348
Operational Projects	1	\$3,750

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Khmelnysky Regional Office of the Association of Ukrainian Cities” (29000, Khmelnysky, Gagarina St., 18, tel. +38 (0382) 76-54-03, 72-01-95)

Project Manager: Andriy Misyats

Project Description: Support of a pilot project on provision of primary legal aid by the Center for Legal Support and Consultations in Khmelnysky. Lawyers of the Center provide legal support and consultations to the residents of Khmelnysky.

Amount: \$39,348 (financed by two projects)

Organization: Bila Tserkva City NGO “Legal Unity” (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, 50 Richchia Peremohy Blvd., 96, Office 13, tel. +38 (04463) 4-04-40, 5-04-50)

Project Manager: Olha Nastina

Project Description: Support of the Center for Legal Support and Consultations in Bila Tserkva. Professional lawyers work at the Center and provide legal support and consultations to the residents of the city. The project is carried out in cooperation with local government.

Amount: \$38,735 (financed by two projects)

Organization: Khmelnysky Oblast Association of Lawyers “Defence Agency” (29013, Khmelnysky, Podilska St., 3, tel. +38 (0382) 70-09-62, (050) 376-12-71)

Project Manager: Nataliya Vahina

Project Description: Support of the Public Defender Office as a model for provision of free legal aid in criminal cases; collection of analytical and statistical information concerning needs and practice of provision of free legal aid in Khmelnysky. Within the framework of the project, six professional lawyers of the Office provide defense of persons in criminal cases from the moment of actual detention and during further stages of the process.

Amount: \$123,000 (financed by two projects)

Organization: Public Committee for the Constitutional Right to Legal Aid” (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, Skvyrske Shose, 194, Office 102, tel. +38 (04463) 4-47-33, (044) 223-31-51)

Project Manager: Viktor Kikkas

Project Description: Support of the Public Defender Office in Bila Tserkva. Within the framework of the project, a new model for provision of legal aid in criminal cases is to be tested; data is collected on the provision of free legal aid in criminal cases in the city of Bila Tserkva, as well as in a corresponding region. Six lawyers of the Office provide defense of persons in criminal cases from the moment of actual detention and during further stages of the process.

Amount: \$116,135 (financed by two projects)

Organization: Charitable Organization “Legal Aid Pilot Project” (61010, Kharkiv, Gagarina Prosp. 4, Office 87, tel. +38 (067) 574-31-26)

Project Manager: Oleh Timokhov

Project Description: Support of the Public Defender Office in Kharkiv. The Public Defender Office in Kharkiv expands its activity to cover the following districts of the city: Kominternivsky, Chervonozavodsky, Leninsky, Frunzensky, Ordzhonikidzevsky, Zhovtnevyi and Kyivsky. The project started its activity as a pilot project for testing a model for provision of free legal aid, proposed in the Concept of Introduction of Free Legal Aid System. Currently, thirteen lawyers work in the Office and they provide defense in criminal cases from the moment of actual detention and during further stages of the process.

Amount: \$160,707 (financed by two projects)

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation, (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Vasylyna Yavorska

Project Description: Participation of Ukrainian experts and advocates of Public Defender Offices in the Network meeting on free legal aid. The meeting took place in Sofia (Bulgaria). This is an annual meeting of experts involved in reforming the system of free legal aid in different countries. The meeting is organized by the Open Society Justice Initiative.

Amount: \$3,750

RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

Human Rights Litigation

Number of Projects:5

Number of Organizations:4

Total Amount:\$87,057

Share of Total Project Expenditures: 1.44%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$17,892
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$17,300
Lviv Oblast	1	\$11,835
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$40,030

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Dnipropetrovsk Oblast NGO “Dnipropetrovsk Coordination-Expert Center for Regulatory Policy” (49102, Dnipropetrovsk, Zelena St., 1/110, tel. +38 (056) 744-42-24).

Project Manager: Oleksiy Litvinov

Project Description: Enhancing the capabilities of NGO representatives from small towns of the Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kirovohrad, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Cherkasy Oblasts to use mechanisms of administrative justice through trainings based on the organization's experience appealing regulatory acts.

Amount: \$17,892

Organization: Lviv NGO “Center for the Study of Local Self-Government” (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Proyzd, 6, (3rd floor), tel. +38 (032) 24-324-16)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Zahainyi

Project Description: Promotion of the right to mediation in administrative court procedures in public legal disputes. Within the framework of the project, ten mediation procedures were conducted and practical recommendations were developed regarding other organizations' application of this practice.

Amount: \$11,835

Organization: NGO “Public Committee for the Protection of Citizen's Constitutional Rights and Freedoms” (91055, Luhansk, P.O. Box 98, tel. +38 (0642) 55-34-25)

Project Manager: Mykola Kozryyev

Project Description: Carrying out strategic cases under administrative lawsuits against Luhansk City Executive Committee in terms of non-activity regarding non-application of the practice of proper calculation of the cost of heating according to a criterion of climatic conditions. Development of a common methodology for proper calculation of the cost of heating according to a criterion of climatic conditions for the purpose of its introduction into the practical work of housing and communal services of Luhansk Oblast and Ukraine.

Amount: \$17,300

Organization: NGO “Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies” (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10397, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-72)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Launch of a special website “Strategic Litigation” for coverage of human rights organizations' activity on use of strategic litigation; familiarization of these organizations with both international and national mechanisms of defense. The web resource analyzes successful practices and provides constant communication between organizations, lawyers and advocates that are engaged in strategic litigation.

Amount: \$16,520

Organization: NGO “Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies” (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10397, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-72)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Enhancing interregional cooperation in the area of strategic litigation by conducting a working meeting of partner organizations (that are engaged in strategic litigation) from the countries of

post-Soviet space - Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the following: perspective directions of strategic litigation; problems related with implementation of rulings of international courts; standards of activity; and possible further strategies of actions.

Amount: \$23,510

RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

Access to Information

Number of Projects: **10**
Number of Organizations: **10**
Total Amount: **\$132,973**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.20%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$11,700
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$6,973
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$28,500
Lviv Oblast	2	\$32,500
Poltava Oblast	1	\$6,000
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$13,500
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$33,800

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Donetsk Oblast NGO “Ridna Krayina” (Native Country) (84330, Donetsk Oblast, Kramatorsk, Mariupolska St., 7, tel. +38 (06264) 41-91-99)

Project Manager: Artem Musiyenko

Project Description: Access to information of public interest litigation in Donetsk Oblast (cities of Horlivka, Druzhkivka, Kostyantynivka, Donetsk, Slovyansk and Kramatorsk).

Amount: \$11,700

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Organization “Public Service for Legal Assistance” (91042, Luhansk, P.O. Box 25, tel. +38 (0642) 71-04-16, (099) 006-58-84)

Project Manager: Yuriy Kachanyuk

Project Description: Monitoring implementation of the right of access to information about activity of bodies of the state authority that administer the coal industry and state coal production, coal processing and coal and mining enterprises of the Ministry of Coal Industry of Ukraine. Provision of legal aid in the regions of the project’s activity (Luhansk, Donetsk, Lviv, Volyn and Dnipropetrovsk Oblasts)

Amount: \$11,000

Organization: International Charitable Organization "Environment-People-Law" (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 316, tel. +38 (032) 257-682)

Project Manager: Andriy Petriv

Project Description: Enhancing transparency of state bodies of different levels by applying judicial mechanisms and carrying out educational work, in particular, by conducting the All-Ukrainian Seminar on Access to Information for civil servants in the environmental area and publishing a manual on issues of access to information.

Amount: \$17,500

Organization: Youth Organization "Informational-Legal Center "Nashe Pravo" (Our Right) (79058, Lviv, Gazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. +38 (032) 294-92-63)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Zhukrovsky

Project Description: Conducting a comprehensive study of implementation of the right of information about activity of public administration bodies in the city of Lviv. The study is to be carried out by means of the following: sending informational requests; appealing against violations in implementation of this right in administrative courts; generalizing the practical activity of public administration bodies in provision of information; and administrative courts' consideration of public legal disputes in this category of cases. Conducting a range of educational events, development of recommendations to improve the implementation of corresponding rights and freedoms.

Amount: \$15,000

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Organization "Eastern Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives" ("Total Action for the Support of Human Rights and Democracy") (91005, Luhansk, 30th Quarter St., Building 2, Office 14, tel. +38 (0642) 49-13-76)

Project Manager: Yulia Rashchupkina

Project Description: Monitoring access to master plans for 70 Ukrainian cities and analysis of grounds and reasons for categorizing them as confidential information (according to the results of a correspondence campaign). Conducting an informational-educational campaign based on the results of the monitoring.

Amount: \$17,500

Organization: Public Information and Methodological Center "Vsesvit" (61003, Kharkiv, Sliusarny Prov. 10, Office 2, tel. +38 (057) 731-10-76)

Project Manager: Nataliya Zubar

Project Description: Creation and publicizing of the National Register of Legal Acts that have been classified as restricted access. Continuation of public pressure (sending informational inquiries and requests; initiation of lawsuits, if necessary) on the President of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (if necessary, on other state bodies), for the purpose of full disclosure of acts, which earlier had the unlawful classifications of "not for publication" and "off the record". Support, improvement and development of the website "The Right to Know" <http://stop-x-files-ua.org/>

Amount: \$14,500

Organization: Youth NGO "Creative Youth Association "Nivroku" (46016, Ternopil, Symonenka St., 1, Office 129, tel. +38 (0352) 420-172)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Khanas

Project Description: Development, implementation and dissemination of a methodology of public monitoring of transparency of state and local government bodies regarding citizens' access to information about adoption and implementation of local budgets.

Amount: \$13,500

Organization: NGO "Expert Group" (Poltava Oblast, Kremenchuk, Shchorsa St., 72, Office 72, tel. +38 (097) 260-70-50)

Project Manager: Mykola Feldman

Project Description: Organizing actions of lawful public enforcement to get local self-government bodies of cities in the Poltava Oblast to provide information about their activities (such cities as Poltava, Kremenchuk, Lubny, Myrhorod, Komsomolsk)

Amount: \$6,000

Organization: NGO "Territory of Success" (25011, Kirovohrad, Chaikovskogo St., 42, tel. +38 (0522) 27-09-67)

Project Manager: Inga Dudnik

Project Description: Ensuring the right of access to information about the environmental impact of activities by companies in the Kirovohrad and Dnipropetrovsk Oblasts that extract and process uranium

Amount: \$6,973

Organization: Kharkiv Human Rights Group (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10430, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-71, (098) 236-52-07)

Project Manager: Yevhen Zakharov

Project Description: Developing proposals on ways to improve legal regulation and the practice of access to archives: analysis of Ukrainian legislation and practice of access to archives and comparison of the legislation with international standards of freedom of information;

studying the experience of other countries; developing recommendations regarding amendments to legislation and changes in the practice; selective analysis and publicizing materials of archive-investigative cases of victims of political purges who have not been rehabilitated; conducting a training seminar on freedom of information for employees of the central and oblast state archives of the Security Service of Ukraine.

Amount: \$19,300

RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

Human Rights Monitoring

Number of Projects: 4
Number of Organizations: 4
Total Amount: \$71,946
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 1.19%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	4	\$71,946

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO Association “Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union” (04071, Kyiv, Olehivska St, 36, Office 309, tel. +38 (044) 417-4118)

Project Manager: Maryna Hovorukhina

Project Description: Influence on the state to improve Ukraine’s implementation of rulings of the European Court of Human Rights, which can lead to a reduction in reasons for violations of rights and freedoms in the country: conducting an assessment of implementation of all rulings of the European Court of Human Rights in the context of individual and general actions (creation of a database on rulings, violations and possible actions for their elimination); development of an independent public report, assessment of actions that the country takes in terms of implementation of rulings; organizing a final national conference with participation of representatives of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, representatives of the state authority bodies and non-governmental organizations.

Amount: \$45,000

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO All-Ukrainian Foundation “Protection of Children’s Rights” (03150, Kyiv, Predslavynska St., 49, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 331-98-98, 528-37-48)

Project Manager: Yevheniya Pavlova

Project Description: Organizing and conducting a national campaign to disseminate information about the results of monitoring of Ukraine’s implementation of provisions of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – presentation of the alternative report.

Amount: \$8,200

Organization: All-Ukrainian Public Social-Political Association “National Assembly of People with Disability” (01034, Kyiv, Reytarska St., 8/5A, Office 110, tel. +38 (044) 279-61-82)

Project Manager: Nataliya Skrypka

Project Description: Monitoring the right of children in boarding schools of the 1st and 4th type run by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Ukraine; developing recommendations for bodies of state authority regarding making changes in the standards of living for disabled children at such boarding schools.

Amount: \$13,680

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Women's Consortium of Ukraine” (01001, Kyiv, Kostyolna St., 10, Office 28, tel. +38 (044) 592-68-54)

Project Manager: Nataliya Tochylenkova

Project Description: Participation of NGO representatives in the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women session to present a report (that is alternative to the state report on the same topic) on Ukraine's implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Amount: \$5,066

RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

Human Rights Education

Number of Projects: **10**
Number of Organizations: **8**
Total Amount: **\$158,457**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.63%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$20,407
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$24,538
Poltava Oblast	1	\$22,500
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$8,195
Kherson Oblast	3	\$34,705
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$48,112

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: City Youth NGO “Youth Alternative “M'ART” (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. +38 (046) 277-41-10)

Project Manager: Alyona Sheshenya

Project Description: Carrying out educational activities in the area of human rights for 5 target groups: activists of non-governmental organizations who are interested in organizing youth educational activities on human rights at the local level; journalists; young activists who

work in the interests of people with disability; activists of non-state organizations and initiative groups that are engaged in monitoring human rights; monitoring and evaluation of educational activities for the above indicated 5 target groups for the purpose to improve training courses within the framework of the program; provision of information support for the programs.

Amount: \$48,112

Organization: Kherson City Journalists Association "Pivden" (South) (73000, Kherson, Lenina St., 18, tel. +38 (0552) 26-50-39)

Project Manager: Andriy Matrosoy

Project Description: Conducting the 6th International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival "Docudays.ua": demonstration of the best documentaries on human rights from Ukraine, Europe and Asia; running seminars, trainings, debates on human rights topics; master classes by leading masters of documentary cinema.

Amount: \$28,980 (financed by two projects)

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO Association "Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union" (04071, Kyiv, Olehivska St, 36, Office 309, tel. +38 (044) 417-4118)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Yavorsky

Project Description: Running the Fourth Forum of Human Rights Organizations of Ukraine for the following purposes: development of human rights movement in Ukraine, defining possible strategies of further development; exchange of information about activity of human rights activists, effective methods for protection of human rights, new ideas and technologies of working of human rights activists; enhancing cooperation of human rights organizations.

Amount: \$13,397

Organization: NGO "Modern Information Technologies and Visual Arts Center" (61013, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10964, tel. +38 (057) 714-01-03)

Project Manager: Hennadiy Kofman

Project Description: Raising the quality and level of the Traveling Festival "Human Rights Documentary Days" and use of films in legal education of youth – conducting a training seminar for regional representatives of the International Festival "Human Rights Documentary Days" (September 30 – October 2, 2009, Kharkiv).

Amount: \$8,195

Organization: NGO "Association of Caricaturists" (03142, Kyiv, Vernadskoho St., 57, Office 39, tel. +38 (044) 424-70-99)

Project Manager: Kostiantyn Kazanchev

Project Description: Running the All-Ukrainian Contest of Caricatures to draw the attention of representatives of bodies of state authority, mass media, international institutions and the entire society to the problem of discrimination in Ukraine

Amount: \$6,560

Organization: NGO "Human Rights Center Postup" (91050, Luhansk, 30-letia Pobedy St., 2/50, tel. +38 (0642) 49-59-63)

Project Manager: Kostiantyn Ryeutsky

Project Description: Creation of a social network of human rights activists; the network is to have additional issue-related information services; the network will enable activists of the human rights movement in the region to receive and disseminate information in an easy way, plan their actions and campaigns, look for colleagues and partners for joint projects, engage in distance learning, receive experts' consultations, and create their own online projects.

Amount: \$24,538

Organization: Non-governmental Professional Organization "Ukrainian Bar Association" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 5, Office 15, tel. +38 (044) 492-88-48)

Project Manager: Denys Bugai

Project Description: Conducting trainings on legal topics for orphans of three children's homes; the topics relate to the mechanism for protection of their lawful rights and receiving lawful benefits.

Amount: \$450

Organization: Kherson City Journalists Association "Pivden" (South) (73000, Kherson, Lenina St., 18, tel. +38 (0552) 26-50-39)

Project Manager: Andriy Matrosoy

Project Description: Preparation and organization of the 7th International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival "Docudays.ua"

Amount: \$5,725

Organization: NGO "Expert Group" (Poltava Oblast, Kremenchuk, Shchorsa St., 72, Office 72, tel. +38 (097) 260-70-50)

Project Manager: Mykola Feldman

Project Description: Creating a program platform on the Internet for centralized provision of opportunities to the community of human rights NGOs for organization and conducting public campaigns on human rights protection.

Amount: \$22,500

Legal Empowerment for the Poor

Number of Projects: **6**
Number of Organizations: **4**
Total Amount: **\$158289**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.62%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$71,918
Kherson Oblast	2	\$75,871
Operational Projects	2	\$10,500

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Kherson Oblast Branch of Committee of Voters of Ukraine (73036, Kherson, Prydniprovskiy Spusk, 1, Office 8, tel. +38 (0552) 32-50-26)

Project Manager: Halyna Bakhmatova

Project Description: Provision of consultations and legal support to the population of Bilozerskyi and Kakhovskyi Raions in the Kherson Oblast by setting up Centers for Legal Support and Consultations.

Amount: \$39,566

Organization: NGO "Public Committee for the Protection of Citizen's Constitutional Rights and Freedoms" (91055, Luhansk, P.O. Box 98, tel. +38 (0642) 55-34-25)

Project Manager: Mykola Kozyryev

Project Description: To establish Centers for Legal Support and Consultations in Novoskopsky Raion of the Luhansk Oblast, in the cities of Alchevsk and Luhansk to help low-income citizens with their legal problems

Amount: \$39,888

Organization: Kherson Oblast Charity and Health Foundation (73000, Kherson, Frunze St., 2, Office 24, tel. +38 (0552) 49-60-03)

Project Manager: Natalya Bimbiraite - Antano Danute

Project Description: Providing access to legal information and legal support to low-income segments of the population by creating Centers for Legal Consultations and Support in Skadovskyi and Holoprystanskyi Raions of the Kherson Oblast and in the city of Kherson.

Amount: \$36,305

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (93404, Luhansk Oblast, Severodonetsk, Lenina St., 14, Office 26, tel. +38 (0645) 242-196)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Svyetikov

Project Description: Providing low-income citizens with legal support by setting up Centers for Legal Support and Consultations in Kreminsky and Stanychno-Luhansky Raions of the Luhansk Oblast.

Amount: \$32,030

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation,
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Vasylyna Yavorska

Project Description: Organizing meetings with experts on the implementation of the Legal Empowerment for the Poor Initiative in Ukraine, in particular, in the Luhansk and Kherson Oblasts. Organizing a meeting with project experts and sociologists on developing a methodology for conducting a study on legal issues that are of the biggest concern for the population of Ukraine.

Amount: \$5,500

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation,
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Vasylyna Yavorska

Project Description: Conducting the International Conference "Legal Empowerment for the Poor", with involvement of experts of the Open Society Justice Initiative (Budapest), partner organizations from the Kherson and Luhansk Oblasts, representatives of bodies of local self-government and bodies of the state authority. The purpose of the conference was the following: discussion of approaches to implementation of the Legal Empowerment for the Poor Initiative in Ukraine; exchange of experience between organizations; and defining conceptual foundations for operation of these organizations within the framework of the new Initiative.

Amount: \$5,000

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Criminal Justice Reform

Number of Projects: **9**
Number of Organizations: **6**
Total Amount: **\$93,015**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.54%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$12,270
Lviv Oblast	2	\$31,750
Odesa Oblast	1	\$8,620
Kharkiv Oblast	3	\$34,375
Operational Projects	2	\$6,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Kharkiv City NGO “Kharkiv Institute for Social Research” (61000, Kharkiv, L. Svobody St., 34, Office 245, tel. +38 (096) 364-87-14)

Project Manager: Andriy Chernousov

Project Description: Preparation and publication of informational materials on the rights of persons who are kept in custody. The brochures were distributed at special institutions of the Ministry of Internal Affairs throughout Ukraine.

Amount: \$6,500

Organization: Kharkiv City NGO “Kharkiv Institute for Social Research” (61000, Kharkiv, L. Svobody St., 34, Office 245, tel. +38 (096) 364-87-14)

Project Manager: Andriy Chernousov

Project Description: Development of an alternative system of assessment of activity of internal affairs bodies and its introduction in activity of these bodies. The system is to be based on public opinion surveys. Conducting a pilot survey in Kharkiv Oblast and presentation of its results during a sitting of the Public Council, affiliated with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

Amount: \$17,970

Organization: Odesa Human Rights Group “Veritas” (65023, Odesa, P.O. Box 259, tel. +38 (048) 784-03-94)

Project Manager: Iryna Tolopilo

Project Description: Development of recommendations and changes regarding the following: acceptance and registration of citizens' reports and communications about crimes and violations; improvement of the procedure for registration of hate crimes; improvement of the system for investigation improper behavior by police.

Amount: \$8,620

Organization: NGO “Center for Public Advocacy” (79008, Lviv, Rodyny Krushelnytskykh St., 3/13, tel. +38 (032) 235-45-19)

Project Manager: Leonid Tarasenko

Project Description: Analysis of activity and defining directions and ways for reforming bodies of prosecutor's office of Ukraine as Ukraine's criminal justice body. Involvement of the public, scholars and practitioners in the discussion on reforming the prosecutor's office in Ukraine; conducting the All-Ukrainian Conference according to the results of the analysis and publication of the results of the project's activity.

Amount: \$15,000

Organization: Regional NGO “Luhansk Legal Foundation” (91051, Luhansk, Yakira Quarter, 8/33, tel. +38 (0642) 61-43-22)

Project Manager: Mykola Mazur

Project Description: Monitoring and scientific analysis of legislative regulations and results of the practical activity of bodies of the criminal justice system; searching for and theoretical substantiation of ways for improving Ukraine’s criminal justice system; development of proposals for amendments to the current legislation.

Amount: \$12,270

Organization: Youth NGO “Center for Legal and Political Research “SIM” (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 106-66, Main Post Office, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Oleh Mytsyk

Project Description: Analysis of the practices and legislation on provision of the right for defense in criminal process. The organization is to conduct strategic litigation that concern implementation of the right for defense and development of an analytical report regarding possibilities for elimination of existing obstacles on the path of implementation of the right for defense.

Amount: \$16,750

Organization: Kharkiv Human Rights Group (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10430, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-71, (098) 236-52-07)

Project Manager: Yevhen Zakharov

Project Description: Facilitation of observance of human rights by employees of internal affairs bodies; the goal is to be achieved by conducting nationwide public hearings with participation of representatives of human rights organizations, scholars, employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and other bodies of state authority (October 2009, Kyiv)

Amount: \$9,905

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation, (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Liana Moroz

Project Description: Preparation and production of presentation discs on judicial reform in Ukraine and their distribution during the parliamentary sessions in Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; publication and distribution of a report on the activity of the Department for Monitoring Observance of Human Rights in the Work of Bodies of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

Amount: \$5,000

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation, (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Liana Moroz

Project Description: Support of public discussion on bringing Ukrainian criminal and procedural legislation in compliance with European standards in the area of human rights (November, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine).

Amount: \$1,000

Support of the Penitentiary System Reform

Number of Projects: **8**
Number of Organizations: **8**
Total Amount: **\$112,685**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.87%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Volyn Oblast	1	\$15,000
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$13,100
Kyiv	1	\$12,000
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$11,500
Lviv Oblast	1	\$20,410
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$9,430
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$31,245

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Dnipropetrovsk Oblast NGO “Promin” (49094, Dnipropetrovsk, Yaruzhna St., 49a, Office 17, tel. +38 (056) 78-98-018)

Project Manager: Olena Morhun

Project Description: Facilitation in protection of the rights of convicts in the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast by providing legal consultations and trainings for prisoners and by training heads of departments of penitentiary system on international penitentiary standards.

Amount: \$13,100

Organization: Khmelnytsky Oblast Public Association for Facilitation of Resocialization of People who are released from or are kept in places of deprivation of freedom “Alternatyva” (29009, Khmelnytsky, Horodovikova St., 8, Office 19, tel. +38 (067) 949-43-41)

Project Manager: Olha Pezhynska

Project Description: Provision of legal aid to convicts scheduled for release through participation in a resocialization program in four correctional facilities in the Khmelnytsky Oblast.

Amount: \$9,430

Organization: NGO “Advocacy Institute of Luhansk Region” (91042, Luhansk, P.O. Box 25, tel. +38 (099) 006 58-84)

Project Manager: Maksim Danylchenko

Project Description: Improving respect and defense of convicts’ rights in institutions of the penitentiary system of the Luhansk Oblast, by conducting comprehensive activities on legal education and legal protection of convicts.

Amount: \$11,500

Organization: Youth NGO “Association for the Protection of Rights of Volyn Youth” (43000, Lutsk, Shopena St., 18, Office 13, tel. +38 (03322) 483-12)

Project Manager: Andriy Havryshchuk

Project Description: Raising the effectiveness of activity of bodies and institutions of the penitentiary system of the Volyn Oblast in the area of resocialization, adaptation and correction of persons who were released on parole.

Amount: \$15,000

Organization: Charitable Organization “Guardianship Council” (79008, Lviv, P.O. Box 823, tel. +38 (032) 235-53-39)

Project Manager: Valentyn Zbyral

Project Description: Facilitation of protection of convicts' rights by providing them with legal aid and by involving public councils, supervisory commissions and the public in the process of control over observance of convicts' rights in the Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk Oblasts. The project is carried out in partnership with the Youth NGO “Center for Legal and Political Research “SIM”.

Amount: \$20,410

Organization: International NGO “Freedom House – Ukraine” (03150, Kyiv, Horkoho St., 160, Office 2, tel. +38 (044) 522-80-67)

Project Manager: Tetyana Yablonska

Project Description: Monitoring the observance, provision of rights and implementation of activities, aimed at social adaptation of minors in correctional institutions and in pre-trial detention centers in the Odesa, Khmelnytsky, Chernihiv and Luhansk Oblasts. Creation of a working expert group with participation of representatives of corresponding ministries and departments, NGOs and independent professionals (psychologists, medical professionals, sociologists, etc.), for the purpose of developing practical recommendations on psychological adaptation and

social rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents, as well as for the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Amount: \$12,000

Organization: Charitable Organization “Chernihiv Women's Human Rights Center” (14014, Chernihiv, Tolstoho St., 120, P.O. Box 797, tel. +38 (0462) 4-83-26)

Project Manager: Valentyna Badyra

Project Description: Provision of public control over respect for human rights in institutions of the penitentiary system in Chernihiv Oblast by carrying out activity of supervisory commissions. Conducting seminars for members of the city and oblast supervisory commissions. Provision of legal aid to convicts and staff of institutions of the penitentiary system in the Chernihiv Oblast.

Amount: \$13,560

Organization: City Youth NGO “Youth Alternative “M'ART” (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. +38 (046) 277-41-10)

Project Manager: Andriy Sapon

Project Description: Developing and testing a training course on human rights for employees of the penitentiary system.

Amount: \$17,685

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Projects Supported by the IRF Executive Board

Organization: National Union of Filmmakers of Ukraine (01033, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 6, tel. +38 (044) 227-75-57)

Project Manager: Serhiy Trymbach

Project Description: Launch of the Legal Aid Center at the National Union of Filmmakers of Ukraine, which will develop and implement specific mechanisms to secure adherence to copyright and related rights; development

of top-priority legal documents and regulatory acts to ensure the functioning of institutions in the area of screen media and individual activity of representatives of creative professions; public assessment of the proposed regulatory acts.

Amount: \$9,450

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Open society – Open dialogue

EUROPEAN PROGRAM

Number of Projects:	54
Number of Organizations:	46
Total Amount:	\$666,424
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	11.05%

Program goal in 2009: to promote Ukraine's European integration by providing financial and expert support to relevant civil society initiatives.

Program priorities in 2009:

- Enhancing civil society's contribution to shaping EU-Ukraine relations (expert support for the implementation of Ukraine's European integration policy and EU policy towards Ukraine; civil society monitoring of the implementation of Ukraine's European integration policy and EU policy towards Ukraine, including advocacy of relevant decisions and actions; development and institutionalization of horizontal links between Ukrainian civil society (particularly think-tanks) and leading European counterparts).
- Removing barriers for contacts between people from Ukraine and the EU;
- Raising public awareness on European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Competitions in 2009:

- Competition **"Expanding cooperation between Ukrainian and Western European think-tanks"** was aimed at establishing ties/cooperation between think-tanks from Ukraine and Western Europe in order to increase the influence of Ukraine's expert community on the decision-making process in the EU and enhance knowledge about Ukraine in the EU member states. The competition was announced twice in 2009. A total of 15 project proposals were submitted and 4 were supported.
- Competition **"European identity of Southern Ukraine"** was aimed at supporting projects to popularize European identity in southern regions (Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia Oblasts, Azov regions of the Donetsk Oblast, Crimea and Sevastopol). A total of 31 project proposals were submitted and 4 were supported.
- Competition **"Expanding the network of European Information Centers (EICs) at oblast public libraries"** focused on enhancing the work of existing European Information Centers at oblast public libraries and setting up EICs in new regions. A total of 20 project proposals were submitted and 14 were supported.

In 2009, 31 non-competitive projects were supported (46 non-competitive project proposals were received).

Important initiatives and projects supported in 2009:

- **Contribution by Ukrainian civil society to the development of the Eastern Partnership Initiative.** On the initiative of the IRF European Program, representatives of Ukrainian civil society developed and submitted their proposals for the European Commission's Communication on

the Eastern Partnership, which was developed in December 2008 (<http://eu.prostir.ua/calendar/31791.html>). These proposals were also distributed among the EU member states. They drew a positive response from representatives of the European Commission and individual EU member states, and some were included in the European Commission's Communication. Also with Program support, experts from several Ukrainian think-tanks drafted an analytical report identifying components of the Eastern Partnership that would have added value for Ukraine, and in doing so increase awareness of the Eastern Partnership among state authorities, the expert community and the broader public (report in Ukrainian http://www.ucipr.kiev.ua/files/books/EaP_2009u.pdf). Prior to the first meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, held in Brussels in November 2009, participants (including 31 from Ukraine), with support from IRF, developed proposals on the organization, institutional structure and work of the Civil Society Forum. This first meeting demonstrated the maturity of civil society in Eastern Partnership countries and their ability to be involved in the policy process through expert support and monitoring.

- **Civil society monitoring of the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agenda** (project of the consortium of think-tanks that includes the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research, Center for Political and Legal Reforms, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, and Internews). The EU-Ukraine Association Agenda, introduced in 2010, is a new instrument for supporting reforms in Ukraine and preparing and facilitating the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. The Association Agenda was preceded by the EU-Ukraine Action Plan, the implementation of which was monitored in 2006-2008 with support from IRF. The goal of this project, slated to begin in 2010, is to systematically follow the Ukrainian government's implementation or non-implementation of the provisions of the Association Agenda and provide feedback on ways to improve this process, as well as to keep the public informed so as to increase public demand for reforms outlined in the document.
- **Civil Society and the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.** The International Renaissance Foundation initiated and took part in a study on the role of civil society in the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. On the basis of an analysis of EU association agreements with third countries, precedents were identified that may be useful in the context of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. The report proposes creating a bilateral EU-Ukraine civil society platform that will work closely with official bilateral institutions established by the Agreement (more details are available on the European Space website: <http://www.eu.prostir.ua/news/26086.html>). Representatives of the Ukrainian delegation in Association Agreement talks held consultations with the authors of the report to properly reflect relevant provision in the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. Therefore, it can be said that the authors' recommendations were taken into consideration when drafting the Agreement.

Increasing the presence of Ukrainian expert opinion in the EU. With IRF support, a series of events were held in Western European cities throughout 2008-2009 aimed at increasing awareness about Ukraine and impact of the Ukrainian expert community on decision-making in the EU. Throughout 2008, a group of experts from leading Ukrainian think-tanks, in cooperation with leading think-tanks in France and Germany, organized expert discussions in Paris and Berlin on pressing European and Euro-Atlantic integration issues. In late 2009, discussions were held in Berlin, Bonn and Munich with Ukrainian experts on Ukraine's future after the presidential elections and presentations were made of the publication "Ukraine in Europe: Questions and Answers" (the text is available in the European Program section of the IRF website: www.irf.ua), written and published by experts from the School for Policy Analysis at the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" with support from the International Renaissance Foundation and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

- **Expert proposals on EU financing for Ukraine and the European Commission's annual report on Ukraine.** In 2009, experts from the IRF European Program became involved in consultations on forming priorities and principles for EU funding for Ukraine in 2011-2013 (as

part of the mid-term review of the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument). IRF experts participated in consultations organized by the Delegation of the European Union (then the European Commission) to Ukraine, and offered their suggestions (<http://www.eu.prostir.ua/themes/rada/achievements/proposals.html>) in response to requests by the European Commission.

IRF experts also provided proposals for the content of the European Commission's (EC) annual report on the implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy in Ukraine (ENP) in 2009. Starting in 2008, every spring the European Commission issues progress reports on neighboring countries, inviting civil society organizations to contribute to these documents. Ukrainian civil society organizations were asked to provide comments on what should be reflected in the EC report on Ukraine, which will be published in May 2010. IRF provided an overview of the current situation and proposals on reforms in the following areas: democracy and rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms, support to Roma population in Ukraine and fighting discrimination, development of civil society and local self-government (report is available on the IRF website: www.irf.ua).

- **Removing barriers for people-to-people contacts between Ukraine and the EU.** A number of projects aimed at monitoring the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (monitoring the work of consulates of EU member states) that were supported by IRF in 2008-2009 grew into a consolidated civic initiative called "Europe without Barriers" (<http://www.novisa.com.ua>). The initiative was founded on the belief in the need to cancel visa barriers in Europe, as an out-dated and ineffective way of controlling migration. The initiative focuses on three areas:
 - Ensuring the proper implementation of the EU-Ukraine Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas (by monitoring the work of consulates). The initiative completed three major studies; the results of the latest were presented in September 2009. The results indicate that the Agreement has become a first step in the right direction, but has failed to compensate for all the negative consequences of the introduction of visa requirements by new EU member states and their joining the Schengen area (<http://www.novisa.org.ua/library/235089.html>).
 - Advocating changes to the agreement. Thanks to efforts by the initiative, the agreement is supposed to broaden the range of individuals eligible for simplified visa procedures and free Schengen visas.
 - Advocating the abolition of visa restrictions for Ukrainian citizens by offering Ukraine a roadmap for a visa-free travel (or similar document) and Ukraine's implementation of the necessary reforms."Europe without Barriers" has already become a recognized initiative among expert circles in Ukraine and the EU, and the government and media, who often request materials from the initiative.
- **Integrating Ukrainian researchers into the European research space.** With support from the IRF European Program, a series of events were held at leading Ukrainian research centers (Lutsk, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Donetsk) aimed at preparing Ukrainian researchers to participate in EU science and research programs. The project had the support of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and was particularly relevant given that 2009 was declared the European Year of Creativity and Innovation. Each event generated considerable attention among researchers: there were more than 100 participants in each seminar. It is expected that as a result of the events there will be a significant increase in the number of Ukrainian researchers that apply to participate in EU programs. This will promote Ukraine's integration into the European research space and improve prospects for utilizing Ukraine's scientific and technological potential.
- The **Network of European Information Centers (EIC)** in Ukraine, which was established and

supported by IRF, today includes 22 active Centers (contacts for all EICs can be found here: <http://ukrcei.org>). In 2009, the EIC network became an important participant in nationwide events on European integration through the celebration of *Europe Day* (<http://eu.prostir.ua/news/234790.html>); the *Tolerance as a path to Europe* campaign (<http://tolerant.org.ua>) and the national competition among seniors at general education schools “EUROPA NOSTRA” (<http://www.europanostra.info/>); and took part in organizing the *Youth Creativity and Innovation Fair* (<http://www.innovate.at.ua/>). Throughout the year there was a significant increase in the level of the network’s self-organization. An initiative group was formed during the 2008 EIC Forum and was fundamental in organizing, improving the functioning of, and building communication between EICs, particularly through their google group: eurocentres-ua@googlegroups.com. In June 2009, the annual EIC Network Forum was held, during which participants identified key needs and the initiative group shared ideas on ways to increase the capacity of the European Information Centers.

- **Nationwide Ukrainian competition among secondary school students Europe Nostra.** For the first time in Ukraine, with support from the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine and the IRF European Program, a nationwide competition on European integration for secondary school students was held called Europa Nostra. The competition was held in two rounds, with 495 school teams from throughout Ukraine (1485 students and teachers) participating. 27 teams (one winner from each oblast and the cities of Sevastopol and Kyiv) had the chance to compete in the second round for the main prize – a trip to Brussels. The winning team was from Velyki Mosty, Lviv Oblast. The competition became an important instrument for upper secondary school students to increase their knowledge about European integration, learn skills on how to independently search for information and think creatively. For more about the project, visit: <http://www.europanostra.info>.
- **Television programs about the European experience with reforms.** As part of a joint initiative with the East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program, two projects were implemented – a series of television talk shows - on the European experience with reforms in the city of Vinnytsia (on TRK Vinnychna) and Crimea (on TRK Chornomorska). Live on air discussions were held with independent experts from Ukraine and new EU member states – Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Latvia and Lithuania – about the European experience with reforms and prospects for introducing European standards in Ukraine in such areas as human rights, activities of civil society organizations, local government, education and independent testing, public health and patients rights, municipal services and tariffs, regional economic development, the environment and others. The programs were popular among the regional television audience and were recognized professionally (the program on medicine on TRK Chornomorska won an award in the national competition for journalists “Change Yourself – Change the World” run by the EU funded project “Support to Secondary Healthcare Reform”).

Favorable trends and difficulties for the program in 2009:

An important achievement in 2009 was the signing and entry into force of the EU’s Lisbon Treaty, ending the four-year institutional crisis in the EU. The EU’s institutional crisis began in spring 2005, when French and Dutch citizens voted in national referendums against the EU’s Constitutional Treaty, which called for the reform of EU institutions and decision-making process. The Lisbon Treaty was a second attempt at necessary institutional reforms. An important outcome of this event was the creation of the post of EU Commissioner (member of the European Commission) with a portfolio that combined EU enlargement policy and the European Neighborhood Policy, while EU foreign policy issues would be assigned to a newly created position that combines the post of the High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission. Thus we can expect

even greater evolution of the European Neighborhood Policy (to which Ukraine is subject) in terms of acquiring instruments to support the reform process in the partner countries resembling those of the EU enlargement policy. Also, the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine was renamed the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine. Thus began the almost two-year reform of the new EU External Action Service, as a result of which the EU Delegation will be staffed by representatives of the European Council and EU member states.

Another important event in 2009 was the launch of the EU's Eastern Partnership Initiative. In May 2009, the inaugural Summit of the initiative was held, and in November the first Civil Society Forum of the EU Eastern Partnership was held, which was attended by 31 participants from Ukraine. In December 2009 the first ministerial meeting of Foreign Ministers of participating countries was held. In 2009, work plans were also produced on four multilateral thematic platforms, enabling the platforms to start working in 2010. The launch and implementation of the Eastern Partnership initiative creates additional opportunities for Ukraine's European integration and strengthening the role of civil society in this process. An especially important achievement is the institutionalization of the role of civil society through the creation of the Civil Society Forum.

Finally, several rounds of negotiations were held in 2009 on the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, which allowed to essentially close negotiations on political and sectoral components and significantly advance negotiations on a deep and comprehensive free trade area between Ukraine and the EU. Also in 2009, the EU-Ukraine Association Agenda was launched. The EU-Ukraine Association Agenda is the successor of the EU-Ukraine Action Plan, which was implemented in 2005-2008. It is a new instrument for supporting the process of reforms in Ukraine and preparing Ukraine and the EU to implement the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. It offers civil society more control over the reform process in Ukraine.

The main difficulty in 2009, as in previous years, was growing disappointment in European integration in Ukraine and lack of interest by the political elite to consolidate efforts to implement the necessary reforms. As before, European integration remains a focus for a small number of central government officials and a relatively small circle of NGOs. A telling example was the attempt in April 2009 to restore visa requirements for EU citizens to visit Ukraine. Thanks in part to efforts by experts from the "Europe without Barriers" initiative, top-ranking officials were convinced to reject this policy. Another telling example is that the topic of European integration was hardly present in the campaign programs and rhetoric of the presidential candidates in Ukraine. Moreover, some candidates relied on the idea of a "third way" for Ukraine, in other words, non-integration with the EU and denying EU rules and standards. Finally, the launch of EU Eastern Partnership Initiative drew negative reactions from Ukrainian officials, which were transmitted by the media. Only later (telling was the article by the deputy foreign minister in *Dzerkalo Tyzhnia* in summer 2009) was there a reassessment of the initiative and awareness of the opportunities that Ukraine can take advantage of.

Another problem was the continued disinformation of Ukrainian citizens about the true state of affairs in relations with the EU coming from top officials. For a long time leading up to the EU-Ukraine Summit in December 2009, the president and prime minister were telling citizens that the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement would be signed by the end of 2009. When the signing did not happen (which was predictable, given the long process of negotiations on a deep and comprehensive free trade area), the majority of media in Ukraine wrote about the EU-Ukraine summit as a failure, during which the EU once again "rejected" Ukraine. Finally, due to the economic crisis, the State Budget for 2009 did not include funds for the state program to inform the public about European integration. Therefore, efforts by the IRF European Program and civil society experts from other organizations to support relevant NGO projects from the state budget of Ukraine did not find real support.

Partnership and Cooperation:

In 2009, the program cooperated with the East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program of the Open Society Institute, Open Society Institute Office in Brussels, Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland), Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and International Integration, Coordination Bureau on European and

Euroatlantic Integration of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Ukrainian Delegation to negotiations on the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine, Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine, Council of Europe Information Office, Civil Society Expert Council with the Ukrainian side of the EU-Ukraine Cooperation Committee, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, “Europe without Barriers” Civic Initiative, and All-Ukrainian Network of European Information Centers in Ukraine.

Expenditures by region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 6,000
Vinnytsia Oblast	2	\$ 27,429
Volyn Oblast	1	\$ 2,950
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Donetsk Oblast	4	\$ 37,624
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$ 7,250
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	2	\$ 25,936
Kyiv	14	\$ 249,295
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$ 16,000
Lviv Oblast	8	\$ 118,425
Mykolaiv Oblast	2	\$ 21,000
Odesa Oblast	4	\$ 40,470
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 7,104
Sumy Oblast	2	\$ 27,967
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$ 8,200
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Chernivtsi Oblast	2	\$ 22,125
Chernihiv Oblast	3	\$ 30,649

Enhancing Civil Society's Contribution to Shaping EU-Ukraine Relations

Number of Projects: 7
Number of Organizations: 7
Total Amount: \$ 114,172
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 1.89%

Expenditures by region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	6	\$ 94,252
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 19,920

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: NGO "Independent Center for Political Studies" (01034, Kyiv, Lysenka St., 8, Office 9, tel. +38 (044) 279-24-35, 599-42-51, 599-4251)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Martyniuk

Project Description: Analysis of the Eastern Partnership initiative from a bilateral and multilateral dimensions perspective to identify its added value for Ukraine's European integration.

Grant: \$ 12,790

Organization: International NGO "Internews-Ukraine" (04112, Kyiv, Ryzka St., 15 (P.O. Box 57), tel. +38 (044) 458-44-40)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Yermolenko

Project Description: Media support for the analytical component of civil society monitoring of the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agenda in 2010 in order to attract widest possible public attention in Ukraine to assessments of monitoring by independent experts. The analytical component of public monitoring of the Association Agenda will be carried out by a consortium of think tanks that includes the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research, Center for Political and Legal Reforms, and Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting. Because the latter project was supported at the start of 2010, more detailed information will be available in the European Program report for 2010. The goal of civil society monitoring is to systematically follow the Ukrainian government's implementation or non-implementation of the provisions of the Association Agenda and provide

feedback on ways to improve this process, as well as to keep the public informed so as to increase public demand for reforms outlined in the document.

Grant: \$ 18,924

Organization: NGO "CENTRE UA" (04071, Kyiv, Kostiantynivska St., 2-A, tel. +38 (067) 466-06-55; (066) 732-50-88)

Project Manager: Lyubov Akulenko

Project Description: Organizing and supporting the work of the secretariat of the Civil Society Expert Council with the Ukrainian side of the EU-Ukraine Cooperation Committee.

Grant: \$ 7,780

Organization: NGO "School for Political Analysis" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. +38 (044) 230-82-39, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Haran

Project Description: Preparation and publication of the brochure "Ukraine in Europe: Questions and Answers". Presentations of the brochure in Berlin, Munich, Cologne and London in late 2009-early 2010 in cooperation with the Liberal Institute of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Germany) and the London office of the European Council on Foreign Relations. The project is co-financed by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

Grant: \$ 17,898

Organization: NGO "Information and Research Center "Global" (65082, Odesa, Dvoryanska St., 2, Odesa National University named after I. Mechnikov, Center for International Studies, tel. +38 (0482) 68-72-84)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Dubovyk

Project Description: Preparation and presentation in Lisbon of the joint Ukrainian-Portuguese study under the working title "Ukraine on the road to the EU and Portugal". Research areas included: democratic political reform, the socio-economic situation, approximation of legislation, judicial reform, energy situation, migration, national security, etc. Project partner - Portuguese Institute of International Relations, New University of Lisbon (www.ipri.pt).

Grant: \$ 19,920

Organization: NGO "Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives" (04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (044) 531-37-68)

Project Manager: Angela Yevhenyeva

Project Description: Tripartite (together with the British Centre for European Reform and Spanish FRIDA)

study "Why Europe matters? Measuring the impact of the EU on the development and adoption of legislative decisions in Ukraine" and sharing its results in Ukraine, Great Britain and Spain. The overall objective of the study is to show citizens of the EU Ukraine's connection to the overall context of Europe, and citizens of Ukraine – the existence of the European factor in legislative developments in Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 19,760

Organization: "Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after O. Razumkov" NGO (01034, Kyiv, Mazepa St., 34, 2 floor, tel. +38 (044) 201-11-98)

Project Manager: Mykhailo Pashkov

Project Description: Organizing the roundtable "Ukraine in the European Security System: challenges and prospects" in Kyiv together with the Spanish International Affairs and Foreign Policy Institute (INCIPE) as a continuation of the "Ukrainian-Spanish Strategic Dialogue" launched in 2008.

Grant: \$ 17,100

EUROPEAN PROGRAM

Removing Barriers to Contacts Between People from Ukraine and the EU

Number of Projects: **11**
 Number of Organizations: **10**
 Total Amount: **\$ 110,075**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.82%**

Expenditures by region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Volyn Oblast	1	\$ 2,950
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$ 3,600
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$ 7,250
Kyiv	3	\$ 48,460
Lviv Oblast	3	\$ 42,215
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 3,400
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 2,200

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: NGO "Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Iryna Sushko

Project Description: Continued monitoring of the implementation of the EU-Ukraine visa facilitation agreement by consulates of Schengen countries in Kyiv. Coordinating the work of the consortium of NGOs "Europe without Barriers" with similar monitoring in cities where Schengen country consulates are located: Berehove, Donetsk, Lutsk, Lviv, Mariupol, Odesa, Uzhhorod, and Kharkiv. Independent expert assessment of negotiations on a visa-free regime (EU-Ukraine visa dialogue).

Grant: \$ 19,900

Organization: NGO "Center for Strategic Partnership" (88017, Uzhhorod, Universytetska St., 21, tel. +38 (0312) 64-44-51)

Project Manager: Svitlana Mitrayeva

Project Description: Continued monitoring of the issuing of visas to citizens of Ukraine by the Consulate General of Poland in Uzhhorod, Consulate of Hungary in Berehovo, and Consulate General of Slovakia in Uzhhorod within the framework of the implementation of the visa facilitation agreement between Ukraine and the EU and the agreements on local border traffic with Hungary and Slovakia.

Grant: \$ 7,250

Organization: Youth NGO "Association for the Protection of Rights of Volyn Youth" (43000, Lutsk, Shopena St., 18, Office 13, tel. +38 (03322) 483-12)

Project Manager: Iryna Omelchuk

Project Description: Continued monitoring of the issuing of visas to citizens of Ukraine by the Polish Consulate in Lutsk within the framework of the implementation of the visa facilitation agreement between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$ 2,950

Organization: NGO "Lviv Legal Society" (79058, Lviv, Hazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. +38 (0322) 294-92-63)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Zhukrovsky

Project Description: Continued monitoring of the issuing of visas to citizens of Ukraine by the Polish and Czech consular offices in Lviv within the framework of the implementation of the visa facilitation agreement between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$ 3,400

Organization: NGO "Information and Research Center "Global" (65082, Odesa, Dvoryanska St., 2, Odesa National University named after I. Mechnikov, Center for International Studies, tel. +38 (0482) 68-72-84)

Project Manager: Denys Kuzmin

Project Description: Continued monitoring of the issuing of visas to citizens of Ukraine by the Polish and Greek Consulates in Odesa within the framework of the implementation of the visa facilitation agreement between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$ 3,400

Organization: Kharkiv Public Foundation for Local Democracy (61003, Kharkiv, Rozy Luxembourg Square, 10, 7th floor, tel. +38 (057) 731-60-44)

Project Manager: Maryna Bakhtiozhina

Project Description: Continued monitoring of the issuing of visas to citizens of Ukraine by the Polish Consulate in Kharkiv within the framework of the implementation of the visa facilitation agreement between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$ 2,200

Organization: Donetsk Oblast NGO "Institute for Social Research and Political Analysis" (83001, Donetsk, Shchorsa St., 12, Office 11, tel. +38 (062) 305-02-59)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Kipen

Project Description: Third stage of monitoring of the issuing of visas to citizens of Ukraine by Czech and Greek consular offices in the Donetsk region within the framework of the implementation of the visa facilitation agreement between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$ 3,600

Organization: NGO "Europe without Barriers" (Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Iryna Sushko

Project Description: Translation of the EU Visa Code into Ukrainian along with extensive explanations of changes in comparison with previous EU documents (Schengen Convention, Common Consular Instructions) and provisions of the EU-Ukraine visa facilitation agreement. Preparation, presentation and discussion of the publication with the working title "EU Visa Code and Visa Facilitation Agreement: how to properly use them" during four public events in Kyiv, Uzhhorod, Lviv and Donetsk in order to increase awareness of ways Ukrainian citizens can take advantage of the provisions of the new visa code and facilitation agreement.

Grant: \$ 13,580

Organization: NGO “Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine” (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Iryna Sushko

Project Description: Presenting in Kyiv and Brussels the joint recommendations developed together with the Brussels European Policy Centre on tactics and strategies for moving toward a visa-free regime (on a diplomatic level and necessary reforms). The recommendations apply not only to Ukraine, but also other Eastern Partnership countries.

Grant: \$ 14,980

Organization: International Charitable Foundation “Caritas Ukraine” (79016, Lviv, Ozarkevycha St., 4, tel. +38 (032) 225-68-91)

Project Manager: Ihor Markov

Project Description: Expert survey (survey of experts from countries with Ukrainian labor migrants – Spain, Italy, Germany and Ireland – using the Delphi method) to determine current trends and forecast models of

migration processes, particularly Ukrainian migration in Western Europe, and developing basic models for the coordination of migration policy in EU-Ukraine relations. The results were published in an analytical report and presented at a press conference in Kyiv, and roundtables in Warsaw, Frankfurt and Rome.

Grant: \$ 18,980

Organization: Youth NGO “Ukrainian Youth Academy” (79021, Lviv, S. Petliura St., 49/97, tel. +38 (0322) 76-95-45)

Project Manager: Olena Yaremko

Project Description: Organizing European. Neighbourhood Day at the Boder 835 border mark located on the Buh River not far from the communities of Krech and Novovolynsk (Volyn Oblast, Ukraine) and Krylow (Lublin Voivodeship, Poland) in order to establish a public partnership and unite the efforts of NGOs, government, border services and businesses from both sides of the border.

Grant: \$ 19,835

EUROPEAN PROGRAM

Raising Public Awareness on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

Number of Projects: **11**
Number of Organizations: **11**
Total Amount: **\$ 150,137**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.49%**

Expenditures by region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Donetsk Oblast	3	\$ 34,024
Kyiv	3	\$ 54,863
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 10,000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 17,900
Mykolaiv Oblast	1	\$ 15,000
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 15,000
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$ 3,350

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Intellectual Initiatives Mission” (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 1/3-5, Office 46, tel. +38 (044) 279-86-24, 229-86-24)

Project Manager: Taras Kinko

Project Description: Organizing an information campaign in Dnipropetrovsk, Luhansk, Lviv and Kharkiv to prepare civil servants, scientists, inventors, students, teachers and businesses to cooperate on their own with European scientists, research and innovation programs.

Grant: \$ 19,993

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illichia Prosp., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Dyomkina

Project Description: Conducting the nationwide competition for school children and teachers on EU-Ukraine relations “EUROPA NOSTRA” (<http://www.europanostr.info>); selecting the competition winners and awarding them with a trip to Brussels, Belgium. The project is co-financed by the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 16,074

Organization: National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (04070, Kyiv, H. Skovorody St., 2, Building 1, Office 216, tel. +38 (044) 425-60-96)

Project Manager: Nataliya Amelchenko

Project Description: Conducting mapping study on the development of the discipline “European studies” and developing content for Ukrainian higher education institutions; analyzing relevant state policy and presenting the results during a roundtable.

Grant: \$ 19,870

Organization: Youth NGO “Youth Center for Humanities” (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Youth Center for Humanities (Center for Intercultural Communication NaUKMA), Building 6, Office 206, tel. +38 (044) 425-68-65, 417-35-20)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Yermolenko

Project Description: Expansion, content and optimization of the website dedicated to Ukraine's integration into the European education space (www.eu-edu.org).

Grant: \$ 15,000

Organization: Western Ukrainian Media Center “New Journalism” (79007, Lviv, Hrebinka St., 5, Office 1, tel. +38 (032) 225-60-14, (050) 370-27-14)

Project Manager: Mykola Chuhayevsky

Project Description: Producing a series of five 15-minute educational films “Europe above the Black Sea” that highlight the “unknown” and “forgotten” pages of European history in southern Ukrainian cities and regions; airing the films on 15 television channels in southern regions of Ukraine; publishing a special issues of the magazine “Media-Krytyka” and distributing it to journalists in southern regions of Ukraine; presenting the series of films in Crimea.

Grant: \$ 17,900

Organization: Odesa City NGO “Face to Face” (65014, Odesa, Marazliyivska St., 38, tel. +38 (048) 738-68-30)

Project Manager: Hanna Trepalyuk

Project Description: Conducting the information campaign “Odesa – Window to Europe” to promote the idea of European identity and European prospects for the city and oblast among residents of Odesa.

Grant: \$ 15,000

Organization: Mykolaiv City Charitable Foundation “Meta “From Joint Vision to Joint Actions” (54003, Mykolaiv, Potyomkinska St., 143a, tel. +38 (0512) 55-03-60)

Project Manager: Tetyana Tverda

Project Description: Conducting the information campaign “European City Mykolaiv is Open to the World” to promote the city's European identity.

Grant: \$ 15,000

Organization: NGO “Mariupol Union of the Youth” (87500, Donetsk Oblast, Mariupol, Khmelnytskoho Blvd., 24-A, tel. +38 (0629) 54-38-51)

Project Manager: Yulia Myroshnichenko

Project Description: Conducting an information campaign for youth in Mariupol, Donetsk Oblast to promote the European identity of the region's residents.

Grant: \$ 12,000

Organization: Chernihiv City Youth NGO “Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies” (14005, Chernihiv, Myra Prosp., 68, Office 916, tel. +38 (0462) 66-11-27)

Project Manager: Hennadiy Maksak

Project Description: Increasing awareness of European integration issues in the Chernihiv Oblast by organizing meetings for representatives of local media and NGOs with leading Ukrainian experts on EU-Ukraine relations.

Grant: \$ 3,350

Organization: Luhansk Oblast NGO “Business Club “European Choice” (93400, Luhansk Oblast, Severodonetsk, Nauky St., 13, tel. +38 (06452) 2-80-41)

Project Manager: Halyna Tryakina

Project Description: Conducting a large-scale youth campaign to inform the residents of Severodonetsk

and the Kreminsky raion in the Luhansk Oblast about Ukraine’s European integration, EU history, and role of the public as a whole in international and interethnic communication.

Grant: \$ 10,000

Organization: Donetsk City NGO “Center for International Security” (83112, Donetsk, Leninsky Prosp., 92/87, tel. +38 (062) 304-51-42)

Project Manager: Andriy Karakuts

Project Description: Studying the Lithuanian experience of membership in Euro-Atlantic structures, followed by an informational tour to eight cities in the Donetsk Oblast on the topic of Ukraine’s Euro-Atlantic integration.

Grant: \$ 5,950

EUROPEAN PROGRAM

Development of European Information Centers in regions of Ukraine

Number of Projects: **19**
Number of Organizations: **14**
Total Amount: **\$ 186,820**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **3.10%**

Expenditures by region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 6,000
Vinnitsia Oblast	2	\$ 27,429
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	2	\$ 25,936
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 6,960
Mykolaiv Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 7,104
Sumy Oblast	2	\$ 27,967
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Khmelnitsky Oblast	1	\$ 6,000
Chernivtsi Oblast	2	\$ 22,125
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$ 27,299

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: Public Center “Business Initiatives” (76019, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnistrovska St., 26, tel. +38 (0342) 77-65-55)

Project Manager: Lesya Verbovska

Project Description: Organizing a forum of the national network of European Information Centers with the participation of representatives of libraries and NGOs; identifying and discussing areas for further development of the network, improving coordination and developing ways to strengthen cooperation between the European Information Centers.

Grant: \$ 19,936

Organization: Sumy City NGO “Center for European Initiatives” (40030, Sumy, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 10, Oblast Science Library, European Information Center, tel. +38 (0542) 65-04-88, 79-86-68, 79-11-78)

Project Manager: Anna Desyatova

Project Description: Holding a five-day training on standards and innovative methods of working with youth for representatives of European Information Centers; Organizing a final conference to present achievements and share experiences of activities organized in the three months following the training; issuing a methodological manual.

Grant: \$ 19,970

Organization: NGO “Vinnytsia Regional Information Center “Kreativ” (21036, Vinnytsia, 40-Richchia Peremohy St., 50/156, tel. +38 (0432) 524-58-06, 518-8606)

Project Manager: Oksana Bondar

Project Description: Providing content for and creating a webportal for the European Information Centers Network in Ukraine (www.ukrcei.ua); conducting a training for EIC representatives on PR and how to manage their own webpage on the portal; designing and distributing image products; increasing the activity of the EIC Network googlegroup.

Grant: \$ 19,429

Organization: “Ukrainian National Home in Chernivtsi” Association (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 52-80-59)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Saryk

Project Description: Promoting greater activity by European Information Centers by providing micro-grants; preparing literature to be distributed to EICs; increasing network activities; supporting the work of the EIC Netrok initiative group.

Grant: \$ 16,125

Organization: Chernihiv City NGO “Siversky Institute of Regional Studies” (14000, Chernihiv, Myru Prosp., 43, tel. +38 (0462) 676-052)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Chabak

Project Description: Training for European Information Center staff on aspects of Ukraine’s European integration and skills needed for informational work.

Grant: \$ 19,300

Organization: Public Center “Business Initiatives” (76019, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnistrovska St., 26, tel. +38 (0342) 77-65-55)

Project Manager: Lesya Verbovska

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast Library named after I. Franko. Organizing school competitions, a joint educational working meeting with the Lviv and Chernivtsi EICs; photo, book and art exhibits. Organizing competitions and quizzes for regional youth as part of Europe Day celebrations in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Regional Charitable Foundation “Rivne. European Choice” (33027, Rivne, Mury Prosp., 2/45, tel. +38 (0362) 23-23-25)

Project Manager: Taras Hayun

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Rivne state oblast library. Organizing thematic book and photo exhibitions, workshops for oblast Euro clubs and press conference for regional media; conducting educational seminars, trainings, and public hearings. Organizing large-scale events as part of Europe Day celebrations in Rivne.

Grant: \$ 7,104

Organization: Sumy City NGO “Center for European Initiatives” (40030, Sumy, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 10, Oblast Science Library, European Information Center, tel. +38 (0542) 65-04-88, 79-86-68, 79-11-78)

Project Manager: Anna Desyatova

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Sumy Oblast Library named after N. K. Krupskaya; holding a press conference, organizing seminars for representatives of raion European information points and media, thematic festivals, trainings, role playing games for youth, roundtables for civil servants and representatives of NGOs; supporting the functioning of the network of school Euro clubs in the city of Sumy; organizing events during Tolerance Week and Europe Day celebrations in the city of Sumy.

Grant: \$ 7,997

Organization: "Ukrainian National Home in Chernivtsi" Association (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 52-80-59)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Staryk

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Chernivtsi Oblast Library named after M. Ivasiuk. Organizing monthly training and educational events for different target audiences: seminars for Euro clubs, photo exhibits, virtual tours, online conferences, lectures, conferences, creative and research competitions for school children in the Chernivtsi and Sumy Oblasts, opening a film club. Organizing events in celebration of Europe Day, the 60th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration, and European Day of Languages.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Mykolayiv Oblast Branch of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (54027, Mykolayiv, Admiralska St., 20, Office 216, tel. +38 (0512) 37-43-56)

Project Manager: Mykola Stetsenko

Project Description: Expanding the work of the European Information Center at the Mykolaiv Oblast Library. Creating an electronic presentation "Virtual Tour through the Countries of the European Union"; organizing monthly events (interactive seminars, trainings, roundtables, excursions, etc.) for youth, seniors, representatives of regional NGOs, educators, representatives of government and libraries in the region. Organizing a poster competition and suveys as part of Europe Day celebrations in the city of Mykolaiv.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Simferopol City NGO "Regional Resource Agency "Crimea-Perspective" (95006, Simferopol, Khatska St., 13, Office 1, tel. +38 (0652) 505-812)

Project Manager: Yuriy Shamkov

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Crimean Republican Library named after I. Franko in Simferopol. Organizing debate clubs on European integration in Crimean cities that have school Euro clubs (Simferopol, Sevastopol, Bakhchysaray and Yalta); organizing close to 20 debate tournaments in these cities; developing and distributing a manual on conducting Euro debates. Organizing a public intellectual event at the EIC during Europe Day celebrations in Simferopol.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: NGO "Vinnytsia Regional Information Center "Kreativ" (21036, Vinnytsia, 40-Richchia Peremohy St., 50/156, tel. +38 (0432) 524-58-06, 518-8606)

Project Manager: Olena Krynychna

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Vinnytsia Oblast Library named after K.A. Timiryazev; organizing seminars for representatives of raion libraries in the oblast, weekly meetings of the Polish Club, trainings for Euro clubs and providing support for the functioning of the network of school Euro clubs in the city of Vinnytsia. Organizing events for Tolerance Week, European Youth Week and Europe Day in the city of Vinnytsia.

Grant: \$ 8,000

Organization: Chernihiv City NGO "Siversky Institute of Regional Studies" (14000, Chernihiv, Myru Prosp., 43, tel. +38 (0462) 676-052)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Chabak

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Chernihiv Oblast Library named after V. H. Korolenko; organizing meetings of the French language club and film club, training seminars for teachers, photo exhibits, video conferences, youth debates, press conferences for journalist; Organizing events for Tolerance Week and Europe Day celebrations in the city of Chernihiv.

Grant: \$ 7,999

Organization: "Agency for the Sustainable Development of the Luhansk Region" NGO (91000, Luhansk, Brativ Palkynkh St., 45-A, Office 22, tel. +38 (064) 258-19-98)

Project Manager: Nataliya Datchenko

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Luhansk Oblast Library named after M. Gorky. Creating and developing a network of European Information Centers at libraries in 7 raions in the oblast; organizing 8 training seminars for representatives of raion libraries; organizing a competition among raion Centers; providing continuous informational support for raion EICs. Organizing events as part of Europe Day celebrations in the Luhansk Oblast.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Khmelnytsky Oblast Association "Podillya First" (29000, Khmelnytsky, Starokostiantynivske shose St., 17/1, tel. +38 (0382) 76-34-34)

Project Manager: Vyacheslav Tretyak

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Khmelnytsky Oblast Library named after M. Ostrovsky. Systematic support for the work of 26 European information points at raion libraries in the oblast; organizing seminars, competitions, experience exchanges, generalizing best practices of the work of these information points and issuing a methodological manual. Organizing events as part of Europe Day celebrations in Khmelnytsky.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Lviv City NGO "Institute for Political Technologies" (79008, Lviv, Rynok Sq., 8, tel. +38 (032) 235-48-61)

Project Manager: Oleh Protsak

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Lviv Oblast Library; organizing seminars and thematic lessons for youth, monthly Days of National Communities, press conferences; preparing and distributing an electronic newsletter; organizing events during Tolerance Week and Europe Day celebrations in the city of Lviv.

Grant: \$ 6,960

Organization: All-Ukrainian Youth NGO "European Future of Ukraine" (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, Heroiv Stalinhradu St., 35, Office 22, tel. +38 (056) 374-11-81, (056) 373-64-84)

Project Manager: Klyment Rohovsky

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Library. Organizing monthly virtual tours to European countries, regular meetings of the European languages club, conferences and training seminars on European education, roundtable, a regional forum for representatives of raion European information points. Organizing thematic events as part of Europe Day, Easter and Youth Day celebrations.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Kirovohrad Regional Information Service for Women (25006, Kirovohrad, K. Marx St., 24, tel. +38 (0522) 22-65-79)

Project Manager: Valentyna Kozlova

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Kirovohrad Oblast Library named after D. I. Chyzhevsky. Organizing a series of informational events for different target audiences: roundtables, seminars, informational weeks, informational sessions, presentations, a regional survey and publication of results; creating a youth discussion film club; developing raion centers of European information. Organizing events as part of Europe Day celebrations in the city of Kirovohrad.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Kharkiv Public Foundation for Local Democracy (61003, Kharkiv, Rozy Luxembourg Square, 10, 7th floor, tel. +38 (057) 731-60-44)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Nikitchuk

Project Description: Expanding the activities of the European Information Center at the Kharkiv Oblast Library; organizing seminars and trainings for teachers and library staff, a final press conference; developing and issuing methodological recommendations on creating school Euro clubs; organizing the IV Forum of Euro Clubs and events as part of Europe Day celebrations in the city of Kharkiv.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **4**
Number of Organizations: **4**
Total Amount: **\$ 42,820**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.71%**

Expenditures by region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	1	\$ 14,320
Lviv Oblast	2	\$ 26,350
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 2,150

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: Lviv Oblast Organization of All-Ukrainian NGO "Civic Network OPORA" (79007, Lviv, Nalyvaika St., 7/6, tel. +38 (0322) 54-61-63)

Project Manager: Iryna Shvets

Project Description: Conducting a study and issuing a publication on European NGO platforms and what forms of cooperation they could have with Ukrainian NGOs. Presenting the publication at an international conference in Lviv for the purpose of further discussions of forms of cooperation between Ukrainian and European civil societies.

Grant: \$ 15,430

Organization: Lion's Society (79000, Lviv, Yu. Drohobycha St., 8/12, tel. +38 (0322) 74-42-64)

Project Manager: Andriy Nechyporuk

Project Description: Organizing the international conference "For Our Freedom! For our Common Future!" dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the fall of communist regimes in Central and Eastern Europe.

Grant: \$ 10,920

Organization: All-Ukrainian Public Association "Ukraine-NATO Civic League" (02140, Kyiv, Bazhana Ave., 30/32, tel. +38 (044) 574-75-03)

Project Manager: Serhiy Dzherdzh

Project Description: Participation by representatives of NGOs and the media from 27 regions of Ukraine in the 55th General Assembly of the Atlantic Treaty Association (October 2009, Kyiv).

Grant: \$ 14,320

Organization: NGO "Promotion of Intercultural Communication" (SMS)" (65014, Odesa, Bazarna St., 11, Office 27)

Project Manager: Olha Zhurzhenko

Project Description: Organizing the International Student Model United Nations at the Odesa National University.

Grant: \$ 2,150

European Integration Projects Supported by the IRF Executive Board

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$ 62,400**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.03%**

Expenditures by region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	1	\$ 37,400
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 25,000

Organization: Lviv City NGO "Western Analytical Group"
(79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Prosp., 6,
tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Orest Drul

Project Description: Analysis of social developments
in Ukraine and Europe and their interdependence.
Explaining to Ukrainian society the current context of
world trends and promoting understanding of social
processes taking place in Europe and Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 25,000

Organization: Charitable Organization "Yalta European
Strategy" (01011, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 45/2, Office 27,
tel. +38 (044) 238-22-98)

Project Manager: Inna Pidluska

Project Description: Participation of Ukrainian independent
experts and leading journalists in the 6th Yalta
Annual Meeting "Ukraine and the World after the
Crisis"; discussing reforms and Ukraine's prospects
of overcoming the economic crisis, development of
relations between Ukraine and the EU, preserving
Ukraine's European integration course after the
presidential elections.

Grant: \$ 37,400

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MASS MEDIA PROGRAM

Open society – Open dialogue

MASS MEDIA PROGRAM

Number of Projects:	38
Number of Organizations:	33
Total Amount:	\$321,388
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	5.33%

The Program Goal in 2009 was to shape professional and socially responsible journalism in Ukraine.

Program Priorities in 2009:

- Promotion of increasing professional level of journalism;
- Development of the genre of investigative journalism to increase transparency of authorities;
- Monitoring of implementation and support of the development of media legislation

Competitions and Tenders in 2009:

- Competition **“Cooperation of mass media with NGOs: development of professional analytics in the mass media”** was aimed at the following: establishing cooperation between the mass media and independent analytical centers and public experts; increasing the quality and number of analytical materials in the mass media; encouraging the mass media to prepare quality materials on topics that are IRF priorities. The total number of submitted applications was 61 and 11 of them were given support.
- Competition **“Monitoring and increasing effectiveness of journalistic investigations in the regions”** was aimed at conducting campaigns on monitoring the effectiveness of journalistic investigations and lobbying to increase the level of response by the authorities to these investigations. In total, 16 applications were received and 7 of them were supported.
- Competition **“Monitoring of observance of journalists’ rights and professional standards of journalism”** was aimed at creating public control mechanisms and monitoring observance of journalists’ rights by the authorities, employers, etc., as well as monitoring of the mass media for observance of professional standards, with mandatory publicizing of the results. The total number of received applications was 17 and 4 of them were supported.
- Competition **“Enhancing quality of coverage of court activity in the mass media”** aimed to provide financial assistance to projects to help develop journalists’ knowledge and skills for coverage of court activity, issues of judicial reform, etc. In total, 19 applications were received and 8 of them were given support.

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects in 2009:

- **School of Professional Journalism “New Ukraine”** is a major educational project, initiated by the Program in 2009. Classes in the School primarily focus on issues of ‘vision’ – from economy to environment. About 40 percent of the class time is devoted to acquiring professional knowledge and skills. Another goal of the School is to create a community of professional and socially responsible journalists who will maintain contact with each other in the future, promote development of the profession and uphold professional standards. The Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives implemented the project; this NGO already has many years of successful experience running the School of Political Studies, a similar project for a wider audience.

In 2009, 26 young journalists (aged up to 35 years), who already had significant professional experience, became the participants of the School. One of the important results of this year's School was that most participants prepared and, what is important, continue to prepare materials for their publications on current topics that were studied in the School. For example, Ukraine's influential regional publications significantly increased – both in terms of amount and quality – coverage of issues related to problems of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, the Crimean Tatars and others (more details at: www.parlament.org.ua).

- **Bureau for Investigative Journalism “Svidomo”** was created in 2008 on the Program's initiative and continued to operate in 2009 with support from the Program. Headed by the famous journalist Yegor Sobolyev, the Bureau sees its mission in carrying out social investigations, the purpose of which is not so much about disclosure of facts of corruption and other crimes, but rather about researching for reasons for socially significant processes taking place in the country and about helping readers to answer the question “what can be done?”. Today, the Bureau has about 20 partner publications, most of which are leading regional and local newspapers, throughout Ukraine with a total readership of about one million people. They all subscribe to the Bureau's materials (about three information materials are prepared each month). This has helped the Bureau to become a successful and viable initiative. Certain investigations by the Bureau caused considerable stir among the public, such as the investigation into the cost of drugs that were purchased by the government to fight the influenza epidemic. More details at: www.kiev.svidomo.org/journalists.html.
- In 2009 the Program also initiated support for other investigative journalism projects. Support of **Lviv's “Informator”**, one of the most powerful agencies for investigative journalism in Ukraine, was one of the brightest projects. “Informator” has its own weekly print publication, which is one of the leaders in terms of circulation in the region.

During a six-month period “Informator” analyzed one hundred and fifty publications in the western region of the country looking for top examples of investigative journalism and the best authors. A broad network of investigative journalists was created on the basis of this research and the International Association of Investigative Journalists was registered. This and other initiatives facilitated an appreciable development of investigative journalism, which is crucial in terms of the mass media's role as “democracy watchdogs”.

- Among the Program's other notable projects is a distance media university project that is implemented by the Internet publication “Telekrytyka” using new communication technologies (more details at: <http://telekritika.ua>). The organizers plan to provide journalists with free online access to recordings of lectures and master classes by leading Ukrainian media specialists.

Difficulties in Attaining the Program Priorities and New Perspectives:

While implementing its initiatives, the Program encountered a number of obstacles that have become rather traditional, namely the complexity of the country's political situation and lack of political will for making important legislative decisions, such as on the creation of Public Broadcasting and denationalization of state and municipal mass media. These and other difficulties and also objective circumstances related to the development of communication technologies and mass media on the whole prompted the Program to reformat its activities in 2010-2011 to a great extent.

Thus, in our view, at the forefront of media development today is the search for new strategies using the latest achievements in the area of communication and the Internet - creating Internet and mobile communication platforms for ‘traditional’ mass media, searching for new audiences, sources of information, distribution channels, etc.

It is also necessary to provide feedback and build relations between the mass media and audiences. We plan to support projects aimed at increasing public media literacy in order to create demand for high-quality journalism.

In addition to its traditional directions, the Program will also actively develop the abovementioned directions in 2010.

Partnership and Cooperation:

The Program cooperates with other international and national donor organizations such as OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine and the U-Media Project, which is implemented by the Internews Network and financed by the United States Agency for International Development, among others.

Close cooperation with corresponding bodies of state authority, including local, serves as a basis for successful implementation of many of our projects.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$7,710
Vinnitsia Oblast	1	\$3,576
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$5,575
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$3,350
Zaporizhzhia Oblast	1	\$5,647
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	2	\$11,150
Kyiv	12	\$150,951
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$9,970
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$6,704
Luhansk Oblast	3	\$25,355
Lviv Oblast	3	\$19,144
Odesa Oblast	1	\$5,000
Poltava Oblast	1	\$8,500
Rivne Oblast	3	\$27,978
Sumy Oblast	1	\$5,477
Cherkasy Oblast	3	\$16,961
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$5,000
Operational Projects	1	\$3,340

Promotion of Increasing Professional Level of Journalism

Number of Projects: **22**
Number of Organizations: **22**
Total Amount: **\$157,188**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.61%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$7,710
Vinnytsia Oblast	1	\$3,576
Volynska Oblast	1	\$5,650
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$5,575
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$3,350
Zaporizhzhia Oblast	1	\$5,647
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	2	\$11,150
Kyiv	5	\$59,480
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$6,704
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$9,995
Lviv Oblast	2	\$9,708
Poltava Oblast	1	\$8,500
Sumy Oblast	1	\$5,477
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$9,666
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$5,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: City NGO “Narodna Dopomoha – Lviv”
(79495, Lviv, Ivana Franka St., 69, Lviv-Vynnyky,
tel. +38 (032) 243-51-03)

Project Manager: Taras Kushnir

Project Description: Conducting an informational training-seminar for mass media representatives on coverage of the alcoholism problem in Ukraine, with participation of Ukrainian and Polish experts.

Amount: \$2,738

Organization: Ukrainian Association of Press Publishers
(04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 22, Office 20,
tel. +38 (044) 425-5787)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Pohorelov

Project Description: Conducting 12 trainings in eight

Ukrainian cities for journalists and editors that practice analytics as a journalistic genre and write on topics that are among the IRF priorities. Creation and distribution of an electronic collection of information and contact information for analytical and expert centers in Ukraine.

Amount: \$22,000

Organization: International NGO “Internews-Ukraine”
(04112, Kyiv, Ryzka St., 15 (P.O. Box 57),
tel. +38 (044) 458-4440)

Project Manager: Andriy Kulakov

Project Description: Conducting a three-day training in Kyiv on court journalism for journalists from regional mass media in Ukraine

Amount: \$5,115

Organization: Cherkasy Oblast Youth NGO “Association of Young Legislators” (18000, Cherkasy, spusk Ostrovskeho 32/1, Office 1, tel. +38 (0472) 38-48-17, 56-12-28, 38-48-17)

Project Manager: Oleh Kushnir

Project Description: Approval and implementation of “Rules of accreditation of journalists and freelancers in judicial authorities” in the Cherkasy Oblast; the rules are developed by the Institute of Mass Information and approved by the National Commission for the Establishment of Freedom of Speech and Development of the Information Sector; conducting three one-day legal seminars on the topic “Judicial Power and Mass Media: Establishing a Dialogue” for journalists of print and electronic mass media. Conducting a roundtable on the topic “Courts and Mass Media: Dialogue between the Third and Fourth Powers”. Announcement of a competition for journalists for the best coverage of court activity in the Cherkasy Oblast.

Amount: \$4,985

Organization: Poltava Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian Organization of Disabled People “Union of Organizations of Disabled People of Ukraine” (36023, Poltava, Koneva Blvd., 6/1, tel. +38 (05322) 24-883, (0532) 569560)

Project Manager: Serhiy Chumak

Project Description: Coverage of problematic issues of the region in the mass media (in the region’s own mass media outlets and in the oblast’s mass media outlets), on the websites of the organization and the Appeals Court of Poltava Oblast. Running a summer educational camp. Organization of legal consulting centers in Novo-Sanzharsky, Lubensky, Kotelevsky, Dykansky and Shyshatsky Raions. Organization of a talk show and informational-educational programs on television and radio.

Amount: \$8,500

Organization: NGO “Ukrprostir” (69005, Zaporizhzhia, Patriotychna St., 76b/57, tel. +38 (06123) 9-30-47)

Project Manager: Natalia Selyukova

Project Description: Conducting a research on expert potential of the region’s NGOs and creation of a list of public experts who can provide the media with professional commentary. Organizing exchange visits of NGOs and mass media representatives. Running a television program and a radio program with participation of a journalist and an NGO representative. All participants of the ‘internship’ are to prepare recommendations for their colleagues and partners and those recommendations should be taken into account in the NGOs’ work with the mass media and

vice versa. Preparation and distribution of a digest to the mass media – an information newsletter with news about the ‘the third sector’ in the Zaporizhzhia Oblast. Preparation of a radio program – a digest with news about the ‘the third sector’ in the Zaporizhzhia Oblast. Preparation of a television program about a meeting with NGOs representatives. Running a training for NGOs of Zaporizhzhia, Energodar and Berdyansk on issues of communication with the mass media and cooperation with NGOs. Assistance to NGOs and mass media in establishing contact by consulting. Monitoring the mass media for coverage of NGO activities.

Amount: \$5,647

Organization: Volyn Oblast NGO “Volyn Press Club” (43025, Lutsk, Shevchenka St., 14, tel. +38 (0332) 72-45-48)

Project Manager: Bohdana Stelmakh

Project Description: Conducting trainings for journalists of regional mass media and public figures to increase their professional level and establish effective communication between them. Creation of the Information-analytical website “Public Sector of Volyn”; creation of an open forum on the website for discussion and proposals. Publication of a presentation booklet “Public Organizations of Volyn”.

Amount: \$5,650

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Organization “Uzhhorod Press Club” (88000, Uzhhorod, Sobranetska St., 3, tel. +38 (03122) 61-24-79)

Project Manager: Iryna Breza

Project Description: Conducting trainings and practical classes with attending court sittings and with involvement of specialists on media law and representatives of Uzhhorod City District Court. Conducting roundtables with participation of judges, journalists, analysts and leaders of public organizations to discuss and raise a public debate on the coverage of court activities, professional level of judges and quality of information that is currently provided by journalists about the judicial system of Ukraine and Zakarpattia Region.

Amount: \$3,350

Organization: International Charitable Foundation
"Academy of Ukrainian Press" (04060, Kyiv, Vavilovykh
St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. +38 (044) 440-95-35)

Project Manager: Valeriy Ivanov

Project Description: Preparation of a training package
"How to cooperate with the mass media: risks and
advantages". Conducting the training for journalists who
write about public health.

Amount: \$6,500

Organization: Chernivtsi City NGO "Community Association
"Bukovyna Partnership Agency" (58000, Chernivtsi,
Nikitina St., 2, 3rd floor, tel. +38 (0372) 523-745,
573-034)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Zavialov

Project Description: Organization and conducting an
interactive training for representatives of mass media
and non-governmental organizations. Running joint
meetings of the media club "Nezalezhnyi Sector"
(Independent Sector) for shaping a vision of local
problems. Initiation of a column with analytical materials
regarding the most important issues in the Chernivtsi
Oblast.

Amount: \$5,000

Organization: Sumy City Association Civic Office
"Pravozakhyst" (40030, Sumy, Chervona Sq., 6,
Office 4, tel. +38 (0542) 610-901)

Project Manager: Ihor Rekun

Project Description: Analyzing the region's key
newspapers (publications during the last six months)
for coverage of court activity and availability of court
reporting as a journalistic genre. Conducting a training
for journalists on basics of court reporting. Running
a lecture-seminar for journalism students on court
reporting ; running a competition among journalists for
the best court reporting. Introduction of a permanent
column on court activity in a private oblast public socio-
political newspaper "V Dvukh Slovakh" (In a Few Words)
and posting the court reporting materials on the website
"Volia Hromady" (The Will of the Community). Running
a survey among journalists and editors regarding the
interest of the mass media in courts reporting.

Amount: \$5,477

Organization: City NGO "Severodonetsk Agency for
Community Development" (93400, Luhansk Oblast,
Severodonetsk, Lenina St., 32a,
tel. +38 (06452) 551-50)

Project Manager: Vira Popsui

Project Description: Development of a methodology for
information coverage of the local community activity.
Implementation of "Program for local mass media
on how to cover activity of Severodonetsk territorial
community". Initiation of the section "Community
Indicator" on the television channel "STV" and in the
newspaper "Severodonetski Visti" (Severodonetsk
News). Conducting trainings for NGOs on increasing
the level of communication cooperation with the mass
media. Conducting trainings for journalists on effective
use of the potential of analytical centers and specifics of
coverage of certain topics that are important for society.

Amount: \$9,995

Organization: Vinnytsia Oblast NGO "Vinnytsia Press Club"
(21027, Vinnytsia, Kosmonavtiv Prosp., 42/71,
tel. +38 (0432) 52-59-73)

Project Manager: Roman Kovalsky

Project Description: Conducting trainings and seminars
for mass media representatives on the following
topics: "Court reporters' application of Ukrainian and
international legal norms", "Application of ethical norms
in a court reporter's work", "Access to court information.
Working with the press service.", "Court reform: key
concepts. What information will be of use for journalists".

Amount: \$3,576

Organization: NGO "Lviv Legal Society" (79058, Lviv,
Hazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. +38 (0322) 294-92-63)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Zhukrovsky

Project Description: Launching and running the center
for promotion of legal journalism in the Lviv Oblast.
Conducting a content analysis of publications in Lviv's in
terms of court reporting, creation of a database on court
news reports, placement of published news reports on
the special blog "Court reporting: blog for lawyers and
media". Providing consulting service for mass media
representatives on interaction with courts in the Lviv
Oblast. Running a training seminar for journalists on
specifics of coverage of court sittings on the following
topic: "School of court reporting for beginners";
conducting three one-day training seminars in raion
centers of the Lviv Oblast on specifics of court reporting
as a journalistic genre.

Amount: \$6,970

Organization: NGO "Association of Media Lawyers" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 27-A, tel. +38 (044) 235-33-31)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kotyuzhynska

Project Description: Development of a video course – materials of a training for journalists on legal, creative and ethical aspects of coverage of court proceedings and access to information in courts. Running a training for journalists and video recording of the event. Placement of the video course on the Internet and running a promotional campaign about the course.

Amount: \$4,000

Organization: Center for Civic and Cultural Initiatives Support "Tamarisk" (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, P.O. Box 907, tel. +38 (0562) 716-45-77, 716-45-76)

Project Manager: Natalia Russu

Project Description: Organization and conducting roundtables with participation of representatives of NGOs and managers of local media outlets on the following topics: "Interaction of NGOs and mass media as a factor for provision of transparency of democratic processes under the conditions of social and political changes in Ukraine", "Specifics of activity of NGOs and its coverage in local mass media". Running a training "Practical experience in preparation of public events with mass media involvement" for representatives of NGOs. Organizing an integrated seminar "Editorial policy of local mass media regarding coverage of activity of non-profit organizations" for NGOs managers media experts. Consulting journalists on issues and activity of civil society organizations in the region.

Amount: \$5,575

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Volia" (20300, Cherkasy Oblast, Uman, Bilshovytska St., 7, Office 41, tel. +38 (04744) 4-20-21)

Project Manager: Anna Slutska

Project Description: Running a training "Practical mechanisms of establishing effective relations with mass media" to teach a group of representatives of NGOs and mass media skills for effective communication cooperation.

Amount: \$4,681

Organization: Kolomyia City Organization of All-Ukrainian NGO "Civic Network "OPORA" (78200, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Kolomyia, I.Mazepy St., 1, tel. +38 (03433) 7-28-06, (097) 729-07-09)

Project Manager: Ivan Marunyak

Project Description: Launching and running a school of public journalism for representatives of local NGOs and public activists. Creation of a column on the public sector of the city of Kolomyia in the newspaper "Kolomyiska Pravda".

Amount: \$6,150

Organization: NGO "Municipal Center for Strategic Planning and Marketing Research" (27500, Kirovohrad Oblast, Svitlovodsk, Yuvileyna St., 1, Office 120, 119, tel. +38 (05236) 7-39-17, 2-06-26, (067) 578-96-05)

Project Manager: Vadym Stepanets

Project Description: Conducting a roundtable on the topic "Voice of Community in Media". Running a one-day seminar "Technology of Analysis of Local Politics". Running analytical programs (five programs) "Local politics, as viewed by the community" on the television channel "Veselka" and publication of the newspaper "Svitlovodsk Inform" with analytical materials. Printing a brochure "NGOs and the Media: Points of Interaction".

Amount: \$6,704

Organization: Kolomyia Territorial Organization "Zelenyi Svit" (Green World) (78200, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Kolomyia, Popadyuka St., 20, tel. +38 (03433) 2-34-87)

Project Manager: Vasyl Herula

Project Description: Publication of the newspaper "Lyudyna i Ekologiya" (Man and Ecology) that will publish materials on pressing problems of the region and the community.

Amount: \$5,000

Organization: Bakhchisaray Raion NGO “Ukrainian House” (98400, AR Crimea, Bakhchisaray, Simferopolska St., 38-V, Office 9, tel. +38 (0652) 27-45-66)

Project Manager: Andriy Shchekun

Project Description: Modernization and development of the informational-analytical website “Media Crimea”. Conducting a sociological research on cooperation between the mass media and NGOs in seven cities and seven rural areas in Crimea. Publication of the informational and analytical collection “Crimean Aspects” based on the results of the research. Running three chat conferences with public leaders of Crimea. Publication of analytical articles about the socio-political condition in Crimea.

Amount: \$7,710

Organization: NGO “Telekrytyka” (01030, Kyiv, Shevchenko Blvd., 34-B, tel. +38 (044) 235-70-91)

Project Manager: Natalia Lyhachova-Chernolutska

Project Description: Creation of an educational video page “Media-profi” on the website “Telekrytyka” Creation of a professional forum on issues of media education. Recording lectures and trainings of well-known media experts and their placement on the website “Media-profi”.

Amount: \$21,865

MASS MEDIA PROGRAM

Promotion of journalistic investigations to increase transparency of Ukrainian authorities

Number of Projects: **9**
Number of Organizations: **9**
Total Amount: **\$94,886**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.57%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$42,762
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$15,360
Lviv Oblast	1	\$9,436
Odesa Oblast	1	\$5,000
Rivne Oblast	2	\$22,328

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “For Professional Journalism” (01054, Kyiv, P.O. Box 154, tel. +38 (050) 944-03-25, (044) 425-31-55)

Project Manager: Yegor Sobolyev

Project Description: Conducting investigations of problems that are significant for society, within the defined directions and distribution of investigations

among local and national publications; organization of a network of journalists-investigators from all parts of Ukraine for exchange of experience, information and support; consulting and provision of legal assistance to journalists who strive to start their own investigations or experience difficulties with their investigations.

Amount: \$24,000

Organization: "Agency for Investigative Journalism" Limited Liability Company (79071, Lviv, Shchyretska St., 36, tel. +38 (032) 295-90-01 / 02 02)

Project Manager: Dmytro Dobrodomov

Project Description: Monitoring mass media outlets for availability and quality of materials of journalistic investigations. Creation of an association of journalists-investigators. Development of a program and running courses for journalists who work (or plan to work) in the field of journalistic investigations.

Amount: \$9,436

Organization: "Regional Press Development Institute" NGO (01601, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz, 3, Office 404, tel. +38 (044) 289-07-25)

Project Manager: Kateryna Laba

Project Description: Monitoring journalistic investigations, collecting available information on responses by the authorities to investigations, dissemination among the mass media and journalists information about opportunities for obtaining legal assistance in drafting appeals to bodies of state authority. Drafting information inquiries to bodies of state authority concerning responses to publications of journalistic investigations. Provision of legal assistance to journalists-investigators and/or their editorial offices in their submission of corresponding appeals to bodies of state authority (information requests, etc.). Informing the public about responses to investigations. Developing advice for investigators on typical tactics of behavior to ensure successful results.

Amount: \$9,940

Organization: International NGO "Internews-Ukraine" (04112, Kyiv, Ryzka St., 15 (P.O. Box 57), tel. +38 (044) 458-4440)

Project Manager: Andriy Kulakov

Project Description: Monitoring printed mass media in the city of Cherkasy and Cherkasy Oblast for stories about journalistic investigations. Conducting a legal analysis of the best selected materials in the genre of investigative journalism. Preparing official inquiries to corresponding bodies of state authority. Running an expert survey to determine effectiveness of responses by state authorities to journalistic investigations and initiating investigations of the facts provided in journalistic materials. Preparation and publication of an analytical report based on the results of the survey.

Amount: \$8,822

Organization: Rivne Oblast Human Rights NGO "Agency for Investigative Journalism" (33010, Rivne, Dubenska St., 46, Office 75, tel. +38 (066) 257-13-31)

Project Manager: Antonina Torbich

Project Description: Monitoring journalistic investigations in five oblasts of Western Ukraine. Sending out information inquiries and appeals to bodies of state authority of these oblasts, monthly distribution of information to mass media outlets and publications in the five oblasts; conducting a press conference in the city of Rivne.

Amount: \$8,518

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Organization "Eastern Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives" ("Total Action for the Support of Human Rights and Democracy") (91005, Luhansk, 30th Quarter St., Building 2, Office 14, tel. +38 (0642) 49-13-76)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Shcherbachenko

Project Description: Monitoring effectiveness of journalistic investigations in the Luhansk Oblast. Running a campaign for publicizing and public discussion of the results of the monitoring. Conducting an expert survey of journalists who carry out investigations. Running a training for journalists "How to prepare and carry out an effective journalistic investigation". Provision of legal consultations to journalists who have expressed their readiness to appeal against inactivity of law-enforcement bodies and bodies of state authority and have decided to act in such a manner on the basis of their publications. Organizing presentations for students who study journalism "Investigative Journalism in the Luhansk Oblast: the current state and perspectives of the genre".

Amount: \$7,500

Organization: Starobilsk Raion Women's Human Rights Organization "Viktoria" (92700, Luhansk Oblast, Starobilsk, Proletarska St., 1A, tel. +38 (06461) 3-22-67)

Project Manager: Vira Flyat

Project Description: Public monitoring of responses from relevant bodies of state authority in the Starobilsky, Svativsky and Novopskovsky Raions to journalistic investigations. Publicizing and conducting a wide public discussion on the results of the monitoring of responses from the prosecutor's office to journalistic investigations in three regions. Preparation and publication of the monitoring report. Running an informational-educational campaign for dissemination of experience of cooperation between NGOs and local journalists. Running a seminar on dissemination of experience of cooperation between "Viktoria" NGO and local journalists in carrying out journalistic investigations in Starobilsk.

Amount: \$7,860

Organization: "Television and Radio Company "ONT" Limited Liability Company (65012, Odesa, Rishelyevska St., 68 g, tel. +38 (0482) 300-852)

Project Manager: Viktoria Chyndatska

Project Description: Creation of the Bureau of Journalistic Investigations "Narodnyi Kontrol" (People's Control). Carrying out journalistic investigations on pressing problems in the city of Odesa. Production and broadcasting of nine programs "People's Control" on "ONT" television channel, based on appeals of Odessa residents. Running one-day seminars for journalists.

Amount: \$5,000

Organization: City NGO "Rivne Press Club" (33010, Rivne, Dubenska St., 113 v, tel. +38 (0362) 43-82-03)

Project Manager: Kateryna Ivanova

Project Description: Creation of 10 multimedia journalistic investigations. Broadcasting a series of monthly programs of journalistic investigations (10 programs) on a local private television channel "Rivne-1". Publication of journalistic investigations in "Rivnenska Hazeta" (Rivne Newspaper) and on information websites: www.ogo.ua, www.gazeta.rv.ua, www.4vlada.com, www.rivne1.tv.

Amount: \$13,810

Monitoring of implementation and support of the development of media legislation

Number of Projects: **4**
Number of Organizations: **4**
Total Amount: **\$37,265**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.62%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	2	\$20,000
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$9,970
Cherkasy Oblast	1	\$7,295

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: "Institute of Mass Information" NGO (01133, Kyiv, Krupskoi St., 8, tel. +38 (044) 461-90-23)

Project Manager: Viktoria Syumar

Project Description: Daily monitoring of violations of journalists' rights in all regions of Ukraine. Provision of consultations on protection of journalists' rights through a hotline for journalists. Publication of the report "Freedom of Speech Barometer". Publicizing of the results of the monitoring. Issuing a publication about typical violations of the rights of journalists and mass media in Ukraine.

Amount: \$10,000

Organization: Cherkasy Oblast Youth NGO "Association of Young Legislators" (18000, Cherkasy, spusk Ostrovskoho 32/1, Office 1, tel. +38 (0472) 38-48-17, 56-12-28, 38-48-17)

Project Manager: Oleh Kushnir

Project Description: Continuation of the work of the Oblast Legal and Analytical Center "MEDIA-PRAVO" (Media Law). Running three one-day legal seminars "Interrelations of editorial offices of municipal mass media with their founders" and an issue-related training "Observance of professional journalistic standards during the presidential elections in Ukraine" for editors

and journalists of print and electronic municipal mass media outlets. Provision of legal consultations to municipal mass media outlets and journalists. Issuing a special newsletter "Media-Advokat" (Media Lawyer). Running an expert evaluation of journalistic materials before their printing or broadcasting to prevent lawsuits. Conducting a legal expert evaluation of documents of establishment of municipal mass media outlets and their collective agreements with respect to compliance with current legislation of Ukraine. Issuing the handbook "Professional journalism or survival of municipal mass media?". Publication of the reference book "Municipal mass media. Elections of the President of Ukraine". Monitoring observance of legislation in the municipal mass media and observance of ethical standards of journalism in the Cherkasy Oblast. Monitoring amounts of financing provided by founders to their municipal mass media outlets; monitoring financing of municipal mass media during the presidential elections in Ukraine, along with provision of ratings of financing; conducting a roundtable on the topic "Founders and staff of editorial office of municipal mass media: opposition or cooperation?". Running two press conferences to provide general information on the state of freedom of speech in the Cherkasy Oblast.

Amount: \$7,295

Organization: NGO “Studio of Media Projects “Democracy Watchdogs” (02156, Kyiv, Sholom-Aleikhem St., 22, Office 215, tel. +38 (044) 513-28-42)

Project Manager: Ihor Chaika

Project Description: Organization a mobile camera crew to monitor observance of journalists' rights by bodies of state authority, employers, etc. Monitoring the mass media for observance of professional standards and publicizing the results. Within the framework of the Traveling Festival of the 6th International Festival “Days of Documentary Cinema on Human Rights” Docudays.ua: production and demonstration of a special program of documentaries on issues of freedom of speech, ethics in journalism, corporate solidarity, lack of bias, morality, counteraction to expansion of corruption in Ukrainian mass media, and society's right to objective information; organization of public debates devoted to problems of violations of journalists' rights, mass media, freedom of speech and freedom of expression under the conditions of the global economic crisis and on the eve of the presidential elections in different regions of Ukraine, with participation of well-known journalists, media experts, media lawyers, human rights activists, representatives of the public and local authorities. Creation and support of an interactive page on the

website “Democracy Watchdogs” (www.guard.in.ua), to provide an opportunity to submit complaints regarding violations of journalists' rights, mass media, freedom of speech and freedom of expression and publicizing information regarding violations of freedom of speech.

Amount: \$9,970

Organization: NGO “Association of Media Lawyers” (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 27-A, tel. +38 (044) 235-33-31)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kotyuzhynska

Project Description: Providing professional legal support to journalists and mass media if officials and representatives of state authorities bring a suit against them or if they experience problems due to information publicized about the activities of authorities. Improvement of judicial practice regarding consideration of information disputes according to standards of the European Court of Human Rights. Analysis and generalization of judicial practice for the purpose of preparation of proposals for amendment of the Resolution of the Plenary Assembly of the Supreme Court of Ukraine on consideration of information disputes.

Amount: \$10,000

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$32,049**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.53%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	2	\$28,709
Operational Projects	1	\$3,340

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives”
(04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (044) 531-37-68)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Synyooky

Project Description: Support for the operation and maintenance of a virtual media library that collects the following: results of research activity in the media sphere; news about the main development trends on the media market of Ukraine and abroad; and normative-legal documents.

Amount: \$10,080

Organization: International Charitable Foundation
“Academy of Ukrainian Press” (04060, Kyiv, Vavilovkyh St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. +38 (044) 440-95-35)

Project Manager: Valeriy Ivanov

Project Description: Monitoring leading Ukrainian channels for their level of objectiveness/bias by analyzing the content of television programs. Publicizing and disseminating the results.

Amount: \$18,629

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation,
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Vitalii Zamnius

Project Description: Participation of representatives from Ukraine in the NGO Forum on Media and New Communications, 4-6 May 2009, Paris (France)

Amount: \$3,340

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Open society – Open dialogue

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Number of Projects:	27
Number of Organizations:	16
Total Amount:	\$581,776
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	9.64%

Program goal in 2009: to contribute to systemic changes in Ukraine's education, aimed in elevating the quality of education, providing equal access to quality education and introducing best European practices into educational sphere.

Program Priorities in 2009:

- To provide legal support for educational activities, implementing the rule of law in the educational sphere;
- To introduce changes in the system of education management and financing (decentralizing the system and introducing institutional autonomy);
- To develop the system for public quality monitoring and assessment in education,
- To promote different forms of quality inclusive education;
- To introduce principles of ethnic, cultural and gender tolerance in teaching humanities.

Competition in 2009:

- **Competition “Implementation of ‘rule of law’ in Ukrainian education system”** was aimed at supporting public and expert initiatives to develop and to discuss changes to education legislation; to harmonize Ukrainian education laws with legislation in related fields, as well as to develop training and teaching courses on education law in higher education institutions. The competition was announced in 2009; a total of 23 proposals were received and 8 supported.

In 2009, the Program supported 11 projects out of 19 non-competitive projects.

Important Initiatives and Projects Supported in 2009:

“Public Platforms for Education Reform” – this joint Ukrainian-Dutch project was launched by IRF and the International Center for School Improvement – (APS International Ltd., Netherlands) in 2006 with the goal of starting open and democratic discussions on education problems in Ukraine involving all stakeholders (local education authorities, teachers, school directors, parents). Two public platforms that unite educational activists, experts, parents and representatives of local governments were created in Poltava and Odesa, with a coordination center in Kyiv.

In 2009, the project participants focused on the issue of “school administration and decentralization of management” and worked to build effective dialogue and public discussion on strategic planning for schools with the participation of school staff, representatives of the community and local government. A series of events were organized in Poltava, Odesa and Kyiv on the topic of development planning for a modern school.

In the past year the project worked with educators from eight regions of Ukraine (Sumy, Luhansk, Volyn, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Cherkasy Oblasts) to get them involved in an active dialogue on schools improvement.

In May 2009, the most active participants took part in a study trip to the Netherlands, where they learned about the Dutch school system, innovative approaches used by teachers and school principals.

Informational bulletins were published in 2009 based on the results of project activities “10 Days in the Netherlands”, “Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine: New Horizons for Co-Operation”, “National Conference: Planning School Development”. All materials, including those published in 2007-2008, are available on the project website (www.upper.org.ua).

Law and Education Initiative. The initiative was launched in late 2008 to facilitate the development of the legal and organizational environment for the rule of law in the Ukrainian education system.

As a result of the work of organizations supported in 2009 (see above, the initiatives will be completed in May-June 2010) legislation was drafted and was subject to a broad public debate in Donetsk, Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Kharkiv and Chernivtsi.

Preliminary projects results are reflected in the following publications: “Education Legislation of Ukraine and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea: Documents and Comments”, “Problems of Systematization and Codification of the Ukrainian Education Legislation”, “Civil Law Agreements in Education Sphere”, “Fundamentals of Employment Law for Directors of Academic Institutions”. An education law website was launched (www.edu-law.org.ua).

Inclusive education The projects of 2009 followed initiatives implemented and supported by IRF programs in 2005-2008: “Rights of Children with Special Educational Needs to Equal Access to Quality Education”, “Creating a Favorable Legal Environment for the Further Development of the Inclusive Model of Education in Ukraine” (Education Program) and “Education Policy on Inclusive Education: International Experience and Ukrainian Realities” (East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program).

Project activities were focused on approximation of Ukrainian legislation in the field of inclusive education to the international standards in human rights.

In 2009, a working group was formed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to develop a basic concept for the development of inclusive education in Ukraine and action plan (for more details, see <http://www.ussf.kiev.ua> and articles from the newspaper “Citizen of Ukraine” <http://gukr.com/article2371.html>). The group has developed a draft concept for development of inclusive education (the document is posted on the Ministry of Education’s website <http://www.mon.gov.ua/main.php?query=gr>) which was approved by the Ministry as a core for an action plan on introducing inclusive education in general education in 2009-2012.

Project participants were also involved in drafting a series of orders of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (CMU), such as “On approving a plan for introducing inclusive and integrated education in general education institutions for the period through 2012” (№1482-r from December 3, 2009), CMU Resolution № 784 from July 29, 2009 “On approving the plan for creating an obstacle free environment for persons with physical disabilities and groups with limited mobility for 2009-2015”. The project will continue in 2010.

University Autonomy as a Component of Civil Society. The project aims to introduce a university autonomy model which provides wider institutional, financial and academic autonomy to universities and increases university responsibility for the academic and societal performance, introduces accountability and transparency into relations between university, society and government. The project is implemented

by a consortium of eight universities: Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv), National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", University of Economics and Law "Krok" (Kyiv), Dnipropetrovsk National University, V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University and Donetsk National University.

In 2009, the participants' focused on developing a model and systematic indicators for assessing the quality of university education: internal (self-assessment), external – expert and public assessment based on models and principles of the ENQA (European Network of Quality Assurance) and EUA (European Universities Association).

In 2009 a three-year sociological monitor on attitudes among the academic community towards university autonomy was completed. The results indicate positive changes in understanding and appreciation of "university autonomy".

The Ministry of Education has officially put an university autonomy agenda into it's action plan, which includes changes in educational legislation.

Education Administration and Financing: Opportunities for Change. In 2009 a practical manual was published for school directors "School Budget in the Current Environment". The manual became extremely popular after discussions were held of the draft government resolution "On priority measures to strengthen financial autonomy of general education schools" that calls for a phased transition to financial autonomy by opening an account and setting up an accounting system in schools. However, most general education schools are not ready to manage their own budgets and school directors need training in financial management. Therefore, a series of practical seminars on school budget management were held in Kyiv in December 2009. In 2010 we plan to continue trainings throughout the oblasts of Ukraine, as well as continue studying the system of financing of general education schools with the aim of developing expert recommendations on necessary changes.

School of Tolerance: History and Civic Education. Launched in 2009, the project aims to promote quality changes in the content of humanities education, overcoming ethnic and cultural exclusiveness, xenophobia, and intolerance and to introduce the concepts of multiculturalism, ethnic and cultural tolerance, which is extremely important for post-communist Ukraine.

In March 2009, IRF put together a group of experts from schools, the education ministry and civil society organizations (All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers of Social Disciplines) that began the preliminary analysis of the content of history textbooks in Ukraine that are recommended by the education ministry for secondary general education schools. In May-December 2009 a series of working seminars were held that became the basis for work on the expert report "History Education in Ukraine: paths to school tolerance" and drafting of recommendations for the government on changes to the content of history textbooks and curricula. The project will continue in 2010.

Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring. Since 2002, IRF has been the main initiator and supporter of introducing external testing in Ukraine. As part of the project "Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring", testing technology and procedures were developed and approbated that became the basis for independent external assessment, which has been administered nationwide since 2007.

Throughout 2009 the work of the Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring focused on developing a system of public monitoring of the national independent external testing system. As part of the coalition of civil society organizations, the Center took part in the public campaign monitoring the administration of external testing in 16 oblasts of Ukraine. Monitoring efforts revealed that most organizational violations took place during the first subject administered – Ukrainian history – and

helped recommendations to be developed for the Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment and Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine on ways to improve testing conditions for students with special needs, supervision of students outside of schools to prevent copying and sharing of information (results of monitoring are available on the website of the Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring: www.ukr-test.org).

Considerable effort was spent in 2009 on providing informational support for the external testing system. The Center supported the initiative to create a self-supporting system of support for external testing by expanding the group of advisors: from representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment, to employers, graduates, students and their parents. The monitoring of media undertaken by the Center has proven positive changes in attitude of public towards external testing system

An important aspect of introducing external testing and admission to institutions of higher education based on results is monitoring the quality of students selected on the basis of test results.

Despite the successful introduction of external testing and some public monitoring mechanisms, problems with the quality of the tests, ways of challenging test results and political situation indicate the urgent need to improve the content of the tests, and develop and introduce a regulatory foundation for external testing.

Difficulties encountered in 2009:

- Education remains a centralized hierarchical system dominated by bureaucracy, with the impact of consumers of education services on the quality of these services and the decision-making process is considerably limited. Management and financing of education remains outdated and inefficient. The education bureaucracy, engaging in dialogue with the public, manages to imitate reforms and adopts language of reforms, but quite often distorts their actual content or even sabotages them;
- The public (academic and general) continues to have limited influence on the executive and legislative branches of government. The level of consolidation of education activists is low, and they lack organizational skills and legal knowledge;
- Education is increasingly becoming subject to political manipulation. Political discussions on education are used as populist rhetoric and the humanities are being transformed into an object of ideological speculation, which creates obstacles for public consolidation and raises a number of problems - from ethical to political;
- Education, despite its high social status, remains a marginal area for the authorities and politicians, they use education problems almost exclusively for self-promotion and PR for their political forces;
- Legislation that should be the regulatory foundation for education is controversial and does not meet public needs and challenges. Legal awareness and legal culture of all participants in the education process is extremely low.

Partnership and Cooperation:

The IRF Education Program cooperates with governmental and non-governmental, Ukrainian and international organizations. The program works with experts from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. Verkhovna Rada committee for science and education, relevant ministries and agencies, municipal and oblast education departments, and post-graduate teaching institutes. IRF is part of a

consortium working on introducing university autonomy, which includes leading Ukrainian universities. Non-governmental partners of the IRF Education Program include All-Ukrainian Association of School Principals (with branches in all oblasts of Ukraine), the Charity Foundation “Pershe Veresnya” (22 branches in the oblasts of Ukraine), International Foundation for Education Policy Research, Step by Step Foundation, All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers of History, Citizenship and Social Studies and others.

The IRF Education Program has co-operated with British Council, Goethe Institute, Alliance Francaise, USAID, UNDP, cultural and education departments of the German, French, Polish, UK and US embassies.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Crimea	1	\$ 7,170
Kyiv	17	\$ 364,949
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 8,400
Operational Projects	8	\$ 201,257

University Autonomy as a Component of Civil Society

Number of Projects: **5**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total: **\$ 47,432**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.79%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	1	\$ 18,000
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 8,400
Operational Projects	3	\$ 21,032

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: Kharkiv City NGO “Eastern Ukrainian Foundation for Social Research” (61077, Kharkiv, Svobody Sq., 6, Offices 335-336, tel. +38 (057) 714-14-08, 714-21-34)

Project Manager: Vil Bakirov

Project Description: Organizing a roundtable to find solutions to the problem of public distrust in sociology and sociological research, increasing professional ethics of sociologists, strengthening responsibility for the quality of research, increasing knowledge and coverage of sociological issues by the media.

Grant: \$ 8,400

Organization: “International Foundation for Education Policy Research” (04080, Kyiv, Frunze St., 24-b, Office 1, tel. +38 (044) 455-69-81)

Project Manager: Oleh Sharov

Project Description: Developing a comprehensive proposal on improving the state system of accreditation in higher education, including documents and draft regulatory acts on accreditation and licensing, recommendations on their introduction and application, professional training program on accreditation procedures.

Grant: \$ 18,000

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Zaplotynska

Project Description: Developing models and indicators for

evaluating the quality of university education; polling the academic community on attitudes towards university autonomy and procedures for its practical application; organizing public events (seminars, roundtables) on problems of higher education; introducing based elements of university autonomy in universities that are members of the consortium.

Grant: \$ 9,400

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Zaplotynska

Project Description: Participation by Ukrainian experts (S. Kvit and A. Kashyn) in the International Conference on World-Class Universities in Shanghai to establish working relations and exchange opinions with leading international experts in the field of university ratings.

Grant: \$ 5,300

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Lutsyshyna

Project Description: Involving American experts in the development of recommendations on how to introduce a model of institutional manager of research projects within the framework of structured PhD programs.

Grant: \$ 6,332

Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine

Number of Projects:	2
Number of Organizations:	1
Total:	\$ 128,665
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	2.13%

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Zaplotynska

Project Description: Organizing a dialogue between the local academic community and local government; organizing public discussions on education problems; promoting and introducing initiatives for reforming school education on the local level.

Grant: \$ 52,060

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Zaplotynska

Project Description: Preparation and publication of materials for the project “Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine” (Informational bulletins: “10 Days in the Netherlands” on the Dutch education system; “Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine: New Cooperation Horizons”, which contains reports on trainings on modern school development planning, organized in the Luhansk, Volyn, Kharkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnipropetrovsk and Cherkasy Oblasts; and the brochure – “National Conference: Planning School Development”, which provides the reader with information about the project’s achievements in 2009).

Grant: \$ 76,605

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Law and Education

Number of Projects: **8**
Number of Organizations: **8**
Total: **\$ 126,865**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.10%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 7,170
Kyiv	7	\$ 119,695

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: NGO "Institute for Leadership, Innovations and Development" (01014, Kyiv, Bastionna St., 9, 8th floor, tel. +38 (044) 286-66-68)

Project Manager: Svitlana Kalashnikova

Project Description: Developing a package of teaching materials on the subject "Legal aspects of school administration", content for the section on "Education law"; training of trainers to teach the following courses.

Grant: \$ 10,000

Organization: Ukrainian Association for Management Development and Business Education, (02002, Kyiv, M. Raskovoi St., 11, Office 605, tel. +38 (044) 541-01-00)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Horokhova

Project Description: Drafting legislation on modernization and status of educational institutions, the system of higher education, licensing and accreditation, improving the quality of education, creating new mechanism for financing and administration of higher education institutions, modernizing the system of education and labor relations; Organizing public support for draft legislation and submitting draft legislation for consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 17,585

Organization: "International Foundation for Education Policy Research" (04080, Kyiv, Frunze St., 24-b, Office 1, tel. +38 (044) 455-69-81)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Merezhko

Project Description: Developing a course on comparative education law for master's degree programs and law schools.

Grant: \$ 12,960

Organization: NGO "Association of Kyiv Private Educational Institutions" (02121, Kyiv, Verbytskoho St., 24 B, tel. +38 (044) 560-96-58)

Project Manager: Svitlana Oleksiuk

Project Description: Researching the problems of legal status of private schools in Ukraine; drafting changes to education law on bringing private institutions into the legal field of Ukrainian education; lobbying for these changes by parliament.

Grant: \$ 4,800

Organization: NGO “Institute of Election Law” (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, Office 324, 04070, tel. +38 (044) 463-65-93)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Kovtunets

Project Description: Analyzing current education legislation; developing a methodology for reforming education legislation and its approbation during the development of a new version of a law on higher education”; developing a concept of a code of education law and the new version of the law on higher education.

Grant: \$ 39,250

Organization: Youth NGO “Vsesvit” (97400, AR Crimea, Yevpatoria, Internatsionalna St., 133, Office 31, tel. +38 (06569) 42-6-42)

Project Manager: Eduard Leonov

Project Description: Analyzing discrepancies between Ukrainian education legislation and regulations in effect in Crimea; Organizing debates and public discussions on the given problem among educators in Crimea; Organizing a public pressure campaign and lobbying changes to local government regulations that conflict with national legislation on education.

Grant: \$ 7,170

Organization: Charity Foundation “Pershe Veresnya” (01014, Kyiv, Tymiriazevska St., 2, tel. +38 (044) 286-45-94)

Project Manager: Lidia Danylenko

Project Description: Informational support for a group of experts working on drafting changes to Ukrainian legislation on education and related fields; publishing analytical reports on the Ukrainian education system and education law; organizing publications in the media; designing brochures and providing informational support for a public campaign to discuss draft changes to legislation.

Grant: \$ 24,800

Organization: NGO “Association of Kyiv School Directors” (04215, Kyiv, Radyanskoyi Ukrainy Prosp. 32-C, tel. +38 (044) 434-84-64)

Project Manager: Yuriy Shukevych

Project Description: Analysis of legislation that regulates the management and financing of secondary general education institutions in Ukraine; organizing public events to determine the readiness of schools and communities to school autonomy; drafting legislative proposals on how to secure the status of an autonomous institution.

Grant: \$ 10,300

Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring

Number of Projects: **2**
Numbers of Organizations: **2**
Total: **\$ 81,970**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.36%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$ 61,970
Operational Projects	1	\$ 20,000

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: International Charitable Organization “Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring Center” (01133, Kyiv, I. Kudri St., 32, Office 415, tel. +38 (050) 385-84-46)

Project Manager: Oksana Kopanska

Project Description: Organizing a series of events aimed at strengthening public support for independent external testing; working with journalists on writing materials about independent external testing, selecting spokespersons, putting together information about independent external testing, working with the Ministry of Education’s press services, introducing a system of rapid response to inquiries from journalists on education reform issues.

Grant: \$ 16,800

Organization: All-Ukrainian Youth NGO of Disabled People with Visual Deficiencies “Generation of Successful Action” (01133, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz, 5, Kyiv 01133, tel. +38 (044) 422-08-23)

Project Manager: Serhiy Vasin

Project Description: Developing recommendations and methods for adapting independent external testing materials and procedures for people with special needs (visually impaired); organizing a study visit for Ukrainian experts to Russia and Poland to learn about how they adapt testing for the visually impaired.

Grant: \$ 10,000

Organization: International Charitable Organization “Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring Center” (01133, Kyiv, I. Kudri St., 32, Office 415, tel. +38 (050) 385-84-46)

Project Manager: Oksana Kopanska

Project Description: Developing a pilot automated information system for monitoring the effectiveness of the mechanisms for admitting students based on independent external testing; conducting a study of public opinion on the independent external testing system.

Grant: \$ 35,170

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Olena Zaplotynska

Project Description: Analyzing independent external testing statistics for 2008/2007 to develop vector charts that reflect the results of independent testing by subject.

Grant: \$ 20,000

Rights of Children with Special Needs to Equal Access to Quality Education

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total: **\$ 50,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.83%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	2	\$ 50,000

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian Foundation “Step by Step”
(01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4,
tel. +38 (044) 235-11-36, 531-12-76)

Project Manager: Yulia Nayda

Project Description: Creating a team of project experts and four regional working groups in Crimea, the Lviv and Poltava Oblasts, and Kyiv to analyze international documents and Ukrainian practices of introducing inclusive education with the aim of developing a basic framework for inclusive education in Ukraine and mechanisms for introducing it; drafting changes to Ukrainian legislation on education and relative fields regarding introducing models of inclusive education on the national level.

Grant: \$ 30,000

Organization: All-Ukrainian Foundation “Step by Step”
(01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4,
tel. +38 (044) 235-11-36, 531-12-76)

Project Manager: Nataliya Sofiy

Project Description: Supporting the work of the All-Ukrainian Foundation “Step by Step”: organizing and participating in regional and international events, including the International Step by Step Association’s annual conference; auditing the organization’s activities.

Grant: \$ 20,000

EDUCATION PROGRAM

School of Tolerance: History and Civic Education

Number of Projects: 2
Number of Organizations: 1
Total: \$ 19,560
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.32%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	1	\$ 3,000
Operational Projects	1	\$ 16,560

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: Congress of National Communities of Ukraine (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, tel. +38 (044) 248-36-70)
Project Manager: Hanna Lenchovska
Project Description: Publishing a manual on the cultures and traditions of national minorities living in Ukraine for use in school and summer camp activities on ethnic and cultural tolerance.
Grant: \$ 3,000

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Olena Zaplotynska
Project Description: Creating an expert group to analyze textbooks on Ukrainian history; examining textbooks, course manuals and programs on Ukrainian history for cases of ethnic intolerance.
Grant: \$ 16,560

Education Administration and Financing:
Opportunities for Change

Number of Projects: 1
Total: \$ 15,000
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.25%

Projects supported by the program:

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Olena Zaplotynska
Project Description: Organizing a training for principals

of general education schools in Kyiv on managing a school budget in the current environment and under conditions of partial financial autonomy of schools.
Grant: \$ 15,000

Projects Supported by the IRF Executive Board

Number of Projects: 1
Total: \$ 112,284
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 1.86%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$ 112,284

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Committee of Voters of Ukraine” (04212, Kyiv, P.O. Box 56, Kyiv-212, tel. +38 (044) 419-00-61)

Project Manager: Nataliay Lynnyk

Project Description: Organizing a campaign of public monitoring of the objectiveness and impartiality of independent external testing procedures in 2009 (in the Khmelnytsky, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Volyn, Odesa, Donetsk, Chernivtsi, Zaporizhzhia, Kyiv and part of the Cherkasy Oblasts, and city of Kyiv); monitoring the testing process for shortcomings in order to develop proposals on how to correct them and introduce necessary changes to the procedures; informing the public about the results.

Grant: \$ 50,000

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Civic Network “OPORA” (01103, Kyiv, Pidvysotskoho St., 10, Office 3, tel. +38 (044) 503-08-23)

Project Manager: Andriy Hevko

Project Description: Monitoring the work of the Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment and its

regional branches in 16 regions of Ukraine; monitoring the work of admissions committees in 26 higher education institutions; organizing events to inform about the results.

Grant: \$ 48,882

Organization: NGO “Society for Deaf Teachers” (02173, Kyiv, Berezhnyakivska St., 16-A, Office 239, tel. +38 (044) 287-21-80)

Project Manager: Nataliya Kamenska

Project Description: Organizing a seminar and series of master classes on innovations in teaching methods for hearing-impaired teachers; studying independent methods for teaching in special schools for children with special needs.

Grant: \$ 13,402

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ANTI-CRISIS HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

Open society – Open dialogue

ANTI-CRISIS HUMANITARIAN PROGRAM

Number of Projects:	40
Number of Organizations:	33
Total Amount:	\$231,946
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	3.84%

Program Goal in 2009: to mitigate the negative consequences of the global financial crisis in Ukraine and support innovative ideas of NGOs, charitable foundations, socially responsible businesses, state and local government bodies on ways to overcome the impact of the crisis on the most vulnerable social groups and the middle class.

Program Priorities in 2009:

- To support social anti-crisis initiatives of NGOs that work with children and youth, help orphans, children and families in need, lonely disadvantaged pensioners and persons with special needs;
- To support humanitarian, cultural and educational programs of non-profit organizations that have been negatively affected by the economic recession;
- To support other projects implemented by NGOs and charitable organizations that aim to resolve problems of clearly defined target audiences hit by the financial crisis.

Competitions in 2009:

- **Competition “Health improvement and recreation for vulnerable children through outdoor and school-based summer camps”** was aimed at providing supervision for children during the summer holidays by organizing summer camps. The competition was announced jointly with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports of Ukraine. *143 project proposals* were submitted, of which *40 projects* received IRF support. The projects were submitted by NGOs, charitable foundations and secondary schools that organized outdoor and school-based camps for almost 2,500 children and teenagers from disadvantaged, single parent and problem families.
- **Competition “Publication of a methodological manual on organizing summer outdoor and school-based camps”** was announced to support the further development of alternative forms of summer recreation for children and to disseminate information about successful youth camps. *18 project proposals* were submitted, of which *1 project* received IRF support.
- **Competition “Support for cultural, humanitarian and art initiatives”** was announced in December 2009 to support humanitarian non-governmental organizations during the crisis period. *228 project proposals* were submitted and *25 proposals* were supported for the total amount of 769,743 UAH. (For more details please refer to the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program’s page on the IRF website www.irf.ua).

- **Competition “Provision of social services by NGOs and charitable organizations”** was announced to support projects to improve social services provided by NGOs and charitable foundations to different social groups hit by the financial crisis. *303 project proposals* were submitted and *18 proposals* were supported for the total amount of 1,105,391 UAH (For more details please refer to the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program's page on the IRF website www.irf.ua).

Important Initiatives and Projects Supported in 2009:

- **Improving the health of vulnerable children.** Through the competition “Health improvement and recreation for vulnerable children through outdoor and school-based summer camps”, support was provided to projects of 40 NGOs and charitable foundations that organized outdoor and school-based health-improvement summer camps across all regions of Ukraine for almost 2,500 children and teenagers from disadvantaged, single parent and problematic families.

The tent camps were cost-effective and provided quality educational and social services to the children. Therefore, it was decided to facilitate dissemination of information about successful camps by publishing a methodological manual on how to organize a summer camp. The materials in the handbook were prepared by three NGOs from the Sumy, Volyn and Cherkasy Oblasts; they offered the best articles on legal aspects of organizing a camp, interesting educational programs (examples of games, songs, quizzes, etc.), methodologies for developing religious, ethnic and gender tolerance among youth and also programs for children with special needs and deviant behavior. The handbook will be distributed free of charge among Ukrainian NGOs that work with children and youth.

- In December 2009, the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program announced two competitions: “Support for cultural, art and humanitarian initiatives” and “Provision of social services by NGOs and charitable organizations.” The results are published on the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program's page on the IRF website: www.irf.ua.

Cooperation and Partnerships

Anti-Crisis Consortium. The Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program continuously encourages state authorities, local government institutions, non-governmental organizations, international donor organizations, businesses and charitable foundations to unite efforts and create a “consortium of benefactors” on the national and regional levels for joint resolution of crisis-caused negative social consequences.

At the end of 2009, the International Renaissance Foundation signed the first Memorandum of Understanding on the creation of such a consortium with the leadership of the Sumy Oblast State Administration and Sumy Oblast Council. The Memorandum envisages the organization of a joint competition to solicit anti-crisis projects from regional non-governmental organizations working with children, youth and vulnerable social groups. The Sumy Oblast leadership pledged its readiness to allocate 700,000 UAH in the oblast budget for 2010 to fund projects submitted by non-governmental organizations working in the Sumy Oblast that will be supported by the International Renaissance Foundation within the framework of various competitions announced by the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program. (More details: www.irf.ua, “the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program”, Section “News”).

The Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program actively cooperates with other international donors, businesses and charitable foundations by constantly encouraging them to unite their efforts to overcome negative consequences of the crisis. This is to be done by creation of ‘the consortium of benefactors’ both on the national and regional levels. As of today, the following organizations have joined the International Renaissance Foundation’s ‘anti-crisis consortium’: International Charitable Fund “Ukraine 3000”, the Carpathian Foundation, Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation and All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation “Krona”.

Difficulties in Attaining the Program Priorities and New Perspectives

The financial and economic crisis, compounded by the permanent political crisis in Ukraine, has impacted almost all social groups in Ukraine and significantly hurt NGOs and charitable foundations. According to various estimates, financing of projects implemented by representatives of the third sector has decreased by 30-50 percent. Due to state and local budget deficits, the government and regional authorities had to suspend financing of many social and cultural programs and reduce expenditures on children's clubs, hobby groups, sports groups, etc.

The reduction in funding for social programs from the government and charitable foundations (both international and domestic) triggered a high demand for funds from the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program. Therefore, while administering and analyzing project proposals submitted in response to its calls for proposals, the program constantly faced the 'challenge of quantity.' In July 2009-January 2010 the program received almost 700 project proposals from NGOs and charitable foundations. However, the project proposals submitted were not always of high quality and their content did not comply with the terms or 'technical assignment' of the related calls for proposals.

Thus, the conclusion can be made that the financial and economic crisis led to higher demand for charitable assistance for traditionally vulnerable social groups and service NGOs. However, the crisis also significantly weakened the third sector. Due to financial difficulties encountered by non-profit organizations, a significant number of third sector representatives had to suspend their activities and look for opportunities in other professional areas. This resulted in a reduction in management staff at non-governmental organizations, which adversely affected the number of successfully operating NGOs and, consequently, the quality of projects implemented by them.

As a result, in 2010 the Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program plans to focus its efforts on providing institutional support to non-governmental organizations by encouraging initiatives in the areas of social entrepreneurship, Internet charity and getting ordinary citizens to provide financial assistance to NGOs that are carrying out high-quality social and humanitarian projects in cooperation with local communities and authorities.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$5,261
Vinnytsia Oblast	2	\$15,573
Volyn Oblast	4	\$30,854
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$3,818
Donetsk Oblast	2	\$13,911
Zhytomyr Oblast	1	\$4,647
Zaporizhzhia Oblast	4	\$12,422
Kyiv	4	\$21,993
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$1,820
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$9,246
Lviv Oblast	3	\$11,536
Mykolaiv Oblast	1	\$6,371
Odesa Oblast	1	\$5,972
Poltava Oblast	1	\$2,009
Rivne Oblast	4	\$26,425
Sevastopol	1	\$13,250
Sumy Oblast	4	\$29,162
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$5,874
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$11,801

Health improvement and recreation for children in outdoor and school-based summer camps

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Agency of Regional Development of Radekhiv Region" (80200, Lviv Oblast, Radekhiv, Vidrodzhennya Prosp., 3, tel. +38 (03255) 2-27-09)

Project Manager: Pavlo Zaluzhnyi

Project Description: Organization of summer recreation at the Nyvytska General Education School for children from villages in the Radekhiv Raion (Lviv Oblast).

Amount: \$4,837

Organization: NGO "Volyn Perspectives" (43005, Lutsk, P.O. Box 47, tel. +38 (03322) 555-42)

Project Manager: Nina Pakhomyuk

Project Description: Health improvement for children from disadvantaged families of the Lyubeshiv and Kamin-Kashyrsky Raions in the tent camp "Rovesnyk" on the shore of lake Lyubyaz (Volyn Oblast).

Amount: \$9,399

Organization: International Charitable Foundation "Ukrainian Legal Clinics Foundation" (01024, Kyiv, Pylypa Orlyka St., 9, Office 17, tel. +38 (044) 253-20-01)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Svyentytsky

Project Description: Recreation and health improvement for children from the villages of Melnyky and Medvedivka at a summer tent camp at the Melnyky General Education School (Cherkasy Oblast).

Amount: \$6,122

Organization: Mykolaiv City Charitable Foundation "Center for Social Programs" (54052, Mykolaiv, Zhovtnevyi Prosp., 325/1, tel. +38 (0512) 63-66-96)

Project Manager: Dmytro Murashko

Project Description: Organization of recreation and leisure for children from vulnerable social groups at the Radsad School-based Boarding House (Mykolaiv Oblast).

Amount: \$6,371

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Tvoye Dzherelo Nadiyi" (99040, Sevastopol, Khryukina St., 5, Office 45, tel. +38 (0692) 67-98-02)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Berezhnitsky

Project Description: Health improvement for children from disadvantaged families in a tent camp located in the Balaklava Natural Reserve, Aiya Cape, AR Crimea.

Amount: \$13,250

Organization: Stanytsya of Kramatorsk Plast – National Scout Organization of Ukraine (84301, Donetsk Oblast, Kramatorsk, Dvirtsya St., 28, tel. +38 (0626) 44-22-66)

Project Manager: Dmytro Kolesnyk

Project Description: Health improvement for children from disadvantaged families of the Donetsk Oblast in the tent camp "Lisova Fortetsya".

Amount: \$7,278

Organization: Youth Organization "Youth Parliamentary Club" (53403, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Marhanets, Bulvarna St., 1, tel. +38 (056) 653-24-31, (05665) 32-492)

Project Manager: Olena Zhadko

Project Description: Organization of recreation and leisure for children from vulnerable social groups at a school-based camp at General Education School #10 in the city of Marhanets, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast.

Amount: \$3,818

Organization: Children NGO "YunPresClub" (84646, Donetsk Oblast, Horlivka, Dymytrova Blvd., 76, Office 224, tel. +38 (06242) 43-1-78)

Project Manager: Iryna Shevchenko

Project Description: Health improvement for children from disadvantaged families in the Donetsk Region that suffered from the economic crisis; a tent camp was organized in Zaitseve (city of Horlivka, Donetsk Oblast)

Amount: \$6,633

Organization: NGO “Children’s Cossack Association of Rivne Region” (33028, Rivne, P.O. Box 114, tel. +38 (050) 689-02-49)

Project Manager: Viktor Prazhmovsky

Project Description: Recreation and health improvement for children from vulnerable groups of the population by organizing an educational and health-improvement tent camp and preparation of the handbook with methodological recommendations for NGOs regarding organization of tent camps for children from vulnerable social groups (Rivne Oblast).

Amount: \$11,984

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Open World” (69001, Zaporizhzhia, Shevchenka Blvd., 32, Office 1, tel. +38 (0612) 24-07-17)

Project Manager: Yulia Shapovalova

Project Description: Organization of a summer camp on regional studies in Zaporizhzhia to provide health improvement and recreation for children from vulnerable social groups and families affected by the crisis.

Amount: \$4,987

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Open World” (69001, Zaporizhzhia, Shevchenka Blvd., 32, Office 1, tel. +38 (0612) 24-07-17)

Project Manager: Yulia Shapovalova

Project Description: Support for health improvement activities and recreation for children from disadvantaged families by organizing their expeditions for regional studies around the Zaporizhzhia Oblast.

Amount: \$2,572

Organization: NGO “Hope of Generation” (44863, Volyn Oblast, Turiyskyi Raion, Makovychi, tel. +38 (0336) 39-87-22)

Project Manager: Olha Cheren

Project Description: Organization of recreation, leisure and health improvement for children in a school-based camp at the Makovychi General Education School.

Amount: \$3,156

Organization: International Charitable Foundation “Ukrainian Legal Clinics Foundation” (01024, Kyiv, Pylypa Orlyka St., 9, Office 17, tel. +38 (044) 253-20-01)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Svyentytsky

Project Description: Organization of the health-improvement tent camp “Veselka” for children from vulnerable social groups – residents of Volodarsk-Volynskyi and surrounding villages (Zhytomyr Oblast).

Amount: \$10,639

Organization: Volyn Oblast Youth NGO “Volyn Institute for Support and Development of Public Initiatives” (43000, Lutsk, Hlushets St., 49, Office 51, tel. +38 (0332) 78-59-65)

Project Manager: Stepan Sydoruk

Project Description: Organization of a tent camp for the purpose of provision of health improvement activities and summer recreation for children from disadvantaged families who reside in Lutsk, Volyn Oblast.

Amount: \$6,919

Organization: NGO “Philosophy of Heart” (21037, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 4033, tel. +38 (0432) 57-04-24)

Project Manager: Yulia Hryha

Project Description: Organization of a tent camp, active recreation and leisure for children and teenagers from Severynivka village, Vinnytsia Oblast.

Amount: \$11,931

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Malva Babanky” (20351, Cherkasy Oblast, Uman Raion, Babanka, Lenina St., 17)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Kyslytsia

Project Description: Organization of a tent camp for provision of health improvement activities and recreation for children from vulnerable social groups who reside in villages of the Uman Raion, Cherkasy Oblast.

Amount: \$5,535

Organization: Sumy Oblast Committee of Youth Organizations (40030, Sumy, Horkoho St., 2, Office 3, tel. +38 (0542) 77-03-29)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kravchenko

Project Description: Organization of leisure and health improvement for children from vulnerable social groups at the Samotoiyvka General Education School (Sumy Oblast).

Amount: \$3,449

Organization: Sumy Oblast Committee of Youth Organizations (40030, Sumy, Horkoho St., 2, Office 3, tel. +38 (0542) 77-03-29)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Ron

Project Description: Support of active recreation and health improvement for children from socially unprotected families by organizing daytime camping and canoe rides (Sumy Oblast).

Amount: \$10,792

Organization: Zaporizhzhia Oblast Charitable Foundation "Mariam" (72311, Zaporizhzhia, Lesi Ukrainky St., 28-A, tel. +38 (0619) 43-81-39)

Project Manager: Yuriy Babyuk

Project Description: Organization of a summer tent camp for foster children at the children's home "Nadiya" in the village of Prymorske, Zaporizhzhia Oblast.

Amount: \$4,316

Organization: Children NGO "Teatr Estrady "Klas" (94207, Luhansk Oblast, Alchevsk, Zaporizka St., 161, Office 21, tel. +38 (06442) 9-10-85)

Project Manager: Serhiy Zuyev

Project Description: Organization of a tent camp on the coast of the Black Sea for recreation and health improvement of orphans from the towns of Alchevsk and Brianka in the Perevalsky Raion, Luhansk Oblast.

Amount: \$5,261

Organization: Sumy City NGO "Youth Pedagogical Union" (40030, Sumy, Levanevskoho St., 26, tel. +38 (0542) 25-78-68)

Project Manager: Denys Nikitin

Project Description: Recreation and health improvement for children from disadvantaged families in a tent camp (Sumy Oblast).

Amount: \$12,421

Organization: Youth NGO "Vsesvit" (97400, AR Crimea, Yevpatoria, Internatsionalna St., 133, Office 31, tel. +38 (06569) 42-6-42)

Project Manager: Eduard Leonov

Project Description: Organization of a school-based camp at the Shtormivka General Education School in the Saki Raion (AR Crimea) to provide summer recreation and health improvement for children from vulnerable social groups.

Amount: \$5,261

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Intellect" (37800, Poltava Oblast, Khorol, Lenina St., 33, tel. +38 (053) 623-45-91)

Project Manager: Mykola Kopaihora

Project Description: Organization of a school-based summer camp to provide health improvement and development for children from vulnerable social groups who study at Khorol Public School in the Poltava Oblast.

Amount: \$2,009

Organization: Volyn District of Plast – National Scout Organization of Ukraine (43025, Lutsk, P.O. Box 229, tel. +38 (050) 438-29-13)

Project Manager: Fedir Shulhan

Project Description: Organization of a tent camp for the purpose of providing health improvement for children from disadvantaged families in the Volyn Oblast.

Amount: \$11,380

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Happy Child" (69095, Zaporizhzhia, P.O. Box 1878, tel. +38 (066) 513-34-35)

Project Manager: Albert Pavlov

Project Description: Organization of health improvement and leisure in Crimea for foster children and children from asocial families in the Zaporizhzhia Oblast.

Amount: \$547

Organization: NGO "Cooperation for Progress" (11700, Zhytomyr Oblast, Novohrad-Volynskiy, Voikova St., 87, Office 1, tel. +38 (066) 817-94-09)

Project Manager: Pavlo Linevych

Project Description: Organization of a summer environmentally-focused tourist camp for health improvement and recreation for children from vulnerable social groups who reside in the city of Novohrad-Volynskiy, Zhytomyr Oblast.

Amount: \$4,647

Organization: Ternopil Oblast Branch of Youth Organization "Plast – National Scout Organization of Ukraine" (Ternopil)

Project Manager: Nazariy Zelinka

Project Description: Organization of a tent camp for provision of recreation and health improvement for children from socially vulnerable groups who reside in the Ternopil Oblast.

Amount: \$5,874

Organization: Children NGO “Teatr Estrady “Klas” (94207, Luhansk Oblast, Alchevsk, Zaporizka St., 161, Office 21, tel. +38 (06442) 9-10-85)

Project Manager: Yaroslava Senyk-Gaiterova

Project Description: Organization of a camp for recreation and health improvement of disabled children from the towns of Alchevsk and Brianka in the Perevalsky Raion, Luhansk Oblast.

Amount: \$3,985

Organization: Rivne City Youth NGO “New Level” (33023, Rivne, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (0362) 43-67-96)

Project Manager: Serhiy Terentyev

Project Description: Organization of recreation and health improvement for children with special needs – foster children at the Rivne Oblast Sports Center for Disabled People “Invasport” in the tent camp “Ty Zmozhes!” (You will do it!) in the village of Sviate (Rivne Oblast).

Amount: \$2,415

Organization: Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation (33028, Rivne, Drahomanova St., 11 (P.O. Box 114), tel. +38 (0362) 22-10-81)

Project Manager: S. Shchur

Project Description: Recreation for children from disadvantaged families at a health-improvement day camp at the Holhochanska General Education Scholl (Ternopil Oblast).

Amount: \$2,888

Organization: Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation (33028, Rivne, Drahomanova St., 11 (P.O. Box 114), tel. +38 (0362) 22-10-81)

Project Manager: Mykola Matulyak

Project Description: Recreation and health improvement for children from disadvantaged families in a tent camp in Pidlyute; the camp was organized by Children-Youth Sports School in the Rozhniativ (Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast).

Amount: \$9,138

Organization: Kirovohrad Oblast NGO “Central Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives” (25026, Kirovohrad, Chervonozorivska St., 7, Office 2)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Tsytchenko

Project Description: Organization of recreation for children from vulnerable social groups of the village of Dykivka (Kirovohrad Oblast) by organizing a daytime school-based camp.

Amount: \$1,820

Organization: NGO “Agency for Economic Development of Turkovsky Region” (82547, Lviv Oblast, Turkovsky Raion, Borynia, Ivana Franka St., 4, tel. +38 (03269) 34-313)

Project Manager: Bohdan Komarnytsky

Project Description: Organization of a health-improvement day camp for children from vulnerable social groups in the town of Turka at the Regional Center for Creative Work of Children and Youth (Lviv Oblast).

Amount: \$2,699

Organization: Charitable Organization of Large Christian Families “Nadiya” (65025, Odesa, Bocharova St., 25, tel. +38 (0482) 711-85-58)

Project Manager: Viacheslav Baranov

Project Description: Health improvement and recreation for children with deviant behavior on the coast of the Black Sea at the Fontanka General Education School for Social Rehabilitation (Odesa Oblast).

Amount: \$5,972

Organization: NGO “Podillya Agricultural Consultative Service” (21000, Vinnytsia, Soborna St., 72/107, tel. +38 (0432) 35-00-22)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Kryzhanivsky

Project Description: Organization of recreation for village youth from Severynivka, Zhmerynka Raion (Vinnytsia Oblast) at a tent camp and doing restoration work at the local park of culture.

Amount: \$3,642

Organization: NGO “Foundation for Support of Youth and Olympic Swimming” (01011, Kyiv, Panas Myrnoho St., 9, tel. +38 (044) 280-65-66)

Project Manager: Denys Sylantyev

Project Description: Support for a sports camp – a swimming club in Hydropark in the city of Kyiv, offering free swimming lessons for all children aged 6-12 (July-August 2009).

Amount: \$2,089

Organization: Oblast NGO “Alliance of Roma of Cherkasy Region” (20200, Cherkasy Oblast, Zvenyhorodka, Bulvarna St., 3, tel. +38 (067) 220-14-68)

Project Manager: Petro Burlachenko

Project Description: Provision of social protection for Roma children and youth as representatives of one of the most vulnerable categories of the population: recreation and health improvement in the camp “Zvenyhora” in Khlypnivka, Zvenyhorodka Raion (Cherkasy Oblast).

Amount: \$6,266

Organization: Sumy City NGO "Youth Pedagogical Union"
(40030, Sumy, Levanevskoho St., 26.
tel. +38 (0542) 25-78-68)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Ron

Project Description: Preparation and publication of a collection of methodological materials on how to organize and run tent camps. The collection includes materials on legal aspects of camp organization, interesting educational-instructional programs, examples of games, songs, competitions, etc., and methodologies for development of religious, ethnic and gender tolerance among youth and also programs for working with children with special needs and deviant behavior. The handbook is distributed free of charge among Ukraine's NGOs that work with children and youth.

Amount: \$2,500

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Children in Need"
(80261, Lviv Oblast, Radekhivskyi Raion, Lopatyn,
Tsentralna St., 1, tel. +38 (097) 185-40-50)

Project Manager: Uliana Zhupnyk

Project Description: Provision of hot meals for 45 needy children from Lopatyn, Radekhivskyi Raion (Lviv Oblast). Prevention of social problems (homelessness, street upbringing, alcoholism among children) by supporting the work of hobby groups and groups helping children from problematic families with their homework.

Amount: \$4,000

Organization: International Charitable Foundation
"Ukrainian Legal Clinics Foundation" (01024, Kyiv,
Pylypa Orlyka St., 9, Office 17, tel. +38 (044) 253-20-01)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Svyentytsky

Project Description: Organization of a festive Christmas lunch for 500 homeless people in the city of Kyiv at a cafeteria of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, collection of charitable aid for the purchase and distribution of 300 holidays gifts to people living in homes for the elderly in the suburbs of Kyiv.

Amount: \$3,143

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Number of Projects:	32
Number of Organizations:	24
Total Amount:	\$198,544
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	3.29%

Program Goal in 2009: to promote initiatives aimed at developing and monitoring effective state policy on the Roma population of Ukraine; to facilitate improvement of the Roma population's access to medical services; to provide legal support for the Roma people of Ukraine; and to increase employment of Roma youth through vocational training.

Program Priorities in 2009:

- promote initiatives in the area of legal protection of Ukraine's Roma population;
- develop and implement state policy to improve the condition of Ukraine's Roma community;
- promote better access to medical services for the Roma population in order to prevent dangerous epidemics of social diseases;
- education of Roma youth in secondary special technical education institutions.

Competitions in 2009:

- **The competition "Improvement of State Policy on Roma Community in Ukraine"** was aimed at supporting initiatives focused on the implementation and analysis of state policy in the area of integration of the Roma community into Ukrainian society. 11 Roma organizations participated in the competition and support was provided to 7 projects that operate in the Zakarpattia Oblast (Uzhhorod), Cherkasy Oblast (Zolotonosha, Zvenyhorodka), Kherson, Kharkiv Oblast and Kyiv Oblast.
- **The competition "Improving the Roma Population's Access to Medical Services"** was aimed at supporting Roma organizations that work to resolve healthcare issues of Roma people. In total, 14 applications were submitted for the competition and 7 projects were given support.
- **The competition for provision of scholarships for studying at secondary special technical education institutions** focused on raising the level of employment among Roma youth by providing them with opportunities to get secondary professional education. The total number of submitted applications: 2 applications from organizations and 5 personal applications. Scholarships were given to five Roma youth and support was also given to two Roma organizations that provide vocational training. In total, support was provided to 39 Roma students to help them learn a trade.
- **Scholarship competition for Roma** students who study law and humanities.

In 2009, 13 projects were supported outside of the competitions (out of 29 projects submitted for consideration by the Program).

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects in 2009:

- **Roma population's access to medical services.** Many Roma communities in Ukraine live in extreme poverty with limited access to social and medical services and the health of most Roma

is worse than that of other groups. The Program supported Roma organizations that work to resolve healthcare issues of the Roma. Roma medical centers were created to operate near places of compact living of Roma people in the Zakarpattia Oblast, where they suffer the most from socially dangerous and other diseases. Such centers (medical rooms) operate at raion hospitals (towns Perechyn and Velykyy Bereznyy) and at NGO offices (town of Vynohradiv, city of Uzhhorod and village of Kontsovo).

Last year, the project “Cleanness is a guarantee of good health” was quite innovative. The project was carried out by the Charitable Foundation “Blaho” in the Uzhhorod Raion, Zakarpattia Oblast. The uniqueness of the project was that preventive work was organized in four camps in the Uzhhorod Raion, Zakarpattia Oblast: meetings were held with Roma on personal hygiene, infectious and viral diseases, and prevention of socially dangerous diseases.

Also in 2009, in cooperation with the Open Society Institute Public Health Program, the Roma in Ukraine Program launched an initiative to improve Roma health through the **creation of a network of Roma medical mediators**. Preparation, approval and testing of the National Program of Roma Mediators in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine will be the main step in 2010. This program will provide the Roma population with an opportunity to gain better access to medical services and thereby will reduce the level of socially dangerous diseases and improve overall health conditions.

- **Cooperation of local authorities with Roma organizations.** Last year IRF managed to take a number of positive steps in establishing cooperation with authorities and resolving pressing problems of the Roma on the local level. In particular, a regional program for support of Roma is operating in the Cherkasy Oblast. With support from IRF, a roundtable “Roma Community and Local Authorities of Cherkasy Oblast: A Step to Meet” was held. Roma national-cultural associations and local oblast authorities participated in the meeting to analyze the implementation of the program, discuss current problems and their further resolution.
- **Education and employment of Roma.** A scholarship competition for Roma students who study law and humanities was run as part of the program’s education activities. The competition was held together with Germany’s Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation. 51 students applied for scholarships to study in bachelor’s, master’s and postgraduate programs. Most applications were received from Roma students in the Zakarpattia and Cherkasy Oblasts and the fewest from Kyiv, Kyiv Oblast, the city of Odesa and other oblasts. Support was provided to 46 Roma students, which is almost 50 percent more than in 2008. Also, 11 students among the winners of the competition were given scholarships to study English, which will provide them with greater opportunities for professional growth and/or continuation of their education abroad. Most students (30) are studying law, and the rest are studying economics, psychology, international relations, tourism and other subjects.

Last year the Program gave special attention to employment of young Roma: five Roma youth and also two Roma organizations that provide vocational training – shoemaker, tailor, hairdresser and barber, car mechanic, metalworker – were provided with scholarships to study at the Uzhhorod Education and Production Center “NIKA” and shoe-repair shop of the Uzhhorod Vocational School #5. In total, support was provided to 39 Roma students to help them learn a trade.

- It is also worth noting that in addition to the Program’s main strategic priorities (cooperation with state authorities, medicine and education), the Roma in Ukraine Program supported the following: two Roma festivals in Uzhhorod that were devoted to World Roma Day (8 April); courses to prepare Roma children for attending school (Uzhhorod); helping a Roma camp to register their right of ownership to immovable property (Berehove, Zakarpattia Oblast); a human rights project for Roma of the Cherkasy Region; publication of the poem “Ruslan i Lyudmyla” by O.S. Pushkin in the Romani language, and several other projects.

The Program supported the **publication of the all-Ukrainian Romani newspaper “Romani Yag”** as the national voice of Ukraine’s Roma community. The newspaper provides opportunities for broader coverage and communication of Roma problems to the general public and authorities and offers potential solutions.

Creation of the Roma Council of Ukraine was the main result of the All-Ukrainian Congress that took place in Kyiv on 1-2 December 2009. The Council was created to raise the effectiveness of lobbying Roma problems on the national level. The Congress started with a press conference at the UNIAN Information Agency on December 1, 2009. After that a number of news items appeared in the mass media and there were 2 television news reports about the life of Roma people.

Difficulties in Attaining the Program Priorities:

The government’s lack of political obligations to improve the social and economic well-being and enhancing the social integration of the Roma people is one of the biggest obstacles for the Program in implementing its ideas. A national target program (national action plan) would provide an opportunity to more effectively and systematically resolve Roma issues: protection of human rights, healthcare, employment and others. The Roma in Ukraine Program will continue lobbying for Ukraine’s accession to the Decade of Roma Inclusion and the preparation and introduction of a target program on supporting Ukraine’s Roma population.

Partnership and Cooperation:

State Committee on Nationalities and Religions of Ukraine, Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, Department for Monitoring Observance of Human Rights in the Work of Bodies of Internal Affairs, Roma Education Fund (Budapest), Roma Health Program of the Open Society Institute (Budapest), Arts and Culture Network Program of the Open Society Institute (Budapest), Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, European Roma Rights Centre (Budapest), Carpathian Foundation, U.S. Peace Corps in Ukraine, Rotary Club (Uzhhorod).

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zakarpattia Oblast	20	\$101,578
Kyiv	2	\$45,000
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$7,000
Kherson Oblast	3	\$18,500
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$9,500
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$7,000
Operational Projects	3	\$9,966

Improvement of State Policy on Roma Community in Ukraine

Number of Projects: **7**
Number of Organizations: **7**
Total Amount: **\$35,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.58%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zakarpattia Oblast	2	\$8,500
Kyiv	1	\$5,000
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$7,000
Kherson Oblast	1	\$5,000
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$9,500

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Zvenyhorodsky Raion NGO “Romayi Katuna” (20200, Cherkasy Oblast, Zvenyhorodka, Bulvarna St., 3, tel. +38 (04740) 2-32-06)

Project Manager: Burlachenko Petro

Project Description: Development of effective regional policy on the Roma population in Cherkasy Oblast by generalizing the best European state policy on Roma people (within the Decade of Roma Inclusion) and an in-depth research of regional norms for Roma, conducting a final regional roundtable “Roma Community and Local Authorities of Cherkasy Oblast: A Step To Meet” in Cherkasy in July 2009.

Amount: \$3,000

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association “Romani Cgib” (Romany Language) (88000, Uzhhorod, Darvina St., 19, tel. +38 (0312) 63-81-35)

Project Manager: Borys Buchko

Project Description: Conducting a roundtable dedicated to the 5th anniversary of the creation of the Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association “Romani Cgib”.

Amount: \$2,000

Organization: Kherson City Roma Society (73003, Kherson, Horkoho St., 28, tel. +38 (0552) 49-32-70, (050) 588-05-55)

Project Manager: Yuriy Ivanenko

Project Description: Conducting an analysis of state

and local policies on national minorities. Resolution of pressing social-economic problems and preservation of cultural values of national minorities of the Kherson Region by involving representatives of national minorities in the process of shaping relevant general state and local policies and by shaping principles of socially responsible business and effective local authorities

Amount: \$5,000

Organization: Public Spiritual-Educational Organization “Chachimo” (62472, Kharkiv Oblast, Merefa, Obolonska St., 28-b, tel. +38 (066) 799-17-72)

Project Manager: Olena Marchuk

Project Description: To draw attention of the Government, authorities and the public to pressing problems of the Roma population in Ukraine related to ethnic, historical and social factors: conducting an expanded survey in Roma communities of Eastern and Western Ukraine, creating a database on current condition of the Roma ethnoses, further use of the created database in public and social work. A roundtable with participation of representatives of Roma third sector and representatives of different levels of state authority was the final event under the project. The purpose of the roundtable was to present the database and carry out strategic planning of joint actions under an arrangement “Roma community – state authorities”.

Amount: \$7,000

Organization: Uzhhorod Raion Organization “The Union of Ukrainian Women” (88000, Uzhhorod, Bokshaya St., 4 (P.O. Box 41 c), tel. +38 (0312) 3-64-40, (0312) 77-0-54)

Project Manager: Olena Fedorova

Project Description: Monitoring provision of healthcare and education rights to the Roma minority in the Uzhhorod Raion, Zakarpattia Oblast.

Amount: \$6,500

Organization: NGO “Forumo Romen Ukrainatar” (01001, Kyiv, Mala Zhytomyrska St., 9-B, tel. +38 (044) 278-87-11)

Project Manager: Petro Hryhorichenko

Project Description: Encouraging local authorities of the Kyiv Region to take actions focused on improving the social status of the Roma population; introducing the strategy of joint actions by the authorities and representatives of the Roma community.

Amount: \$5,000

Organization: Cherkasy Oblast NGO “Romani Rota” (19700, Cherkasy Oblast, Zolotonosha, Novoselivska St., 2 A, Office 61, Room 2, tel. +38 (067) 472-10-58)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bambula

Project Description: Encouraging local authorities of the Cherkasy Oblast to finance from the oblast budget events provided by the Program for Support of Roma of Cherkasy Oblast. Project activities will include: organizing meetings and consultations with representatives of relevant structures of the Cherkasy Oblast State Administration and Raion Administrations; working meetings with representatives of Roma NGOs in the Oblast; coverage of project activities in regional mass media; conducting a final roundtable.

Amount: \$6,500

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Improving the Roma Population’s Access to Medical Services

Number of Projects: **7**
Number of Organizations: **7**
Total Amount: **\$38,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.63%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zakarpattia Oblast	7	\$38,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association “Romani Cgib” (Romany Language) (88000, Uzhhorod, Darvina St., 19, tel. +38 (0312) 63-81-35)

Project Manager: Borys Buchko

Project Description: Helping the Roma of the Zakarpattia Oblast gain broader access to medical services,

providing opportunities for free preventive medical examinations, providing free consultations from a doctor-therapist and consulting psychologist in Roma settlements in the Shakhta microdistrict in Uzhhorod and the city of Mukacheve.

Amount: \$6,000

Organization: Perechyn Raion Cultural-Educational Association of Roma "Romani Yag" (89200, Zakarpattia Oblast, Perechyn, Tsehelna St., 20, tel. +38 (034) 527-27-14, (245) 2-27-14)

Project Manager: Andriy Tehel

Project Description: Continuation of operation of the medical-educational and preventive center in Perechyn, Zakarpattia Oblast; conducting preventive and explanatory work with young people.

Amount: \$6,000

Organization: Velykoberezhnyansky Raion Cultural-Educational Roma Association "Romani Yag" (89000, Zakarpattia Oblast, V. Berezhny, Partyzanska St., 57, tel. +38 (03135) 2-16-24)

Project Manager: Ivan Tyrpak

Project Description: Continuation of operation of the medical-consulting center affiliated with the Velykoberezhnyansky Raion Cultural-Educational Roma Association "Romani Yag".

Amount: \$6,000

Organization: Vynohradiv Raion Cultural-Educational Association of Roma "Romano Drom" (90312, Zakarpattia Oblast, Zymne, Volodymyr-Volynsk Raion, Vatutina St., 200, tel. +38 (031) 435-11-27)

Project Manager: Laslo Diuri

Project Description: Continuation of operation of the medical-consulting center "Health for Roma" (Vynohradiv, Zakarpattia Oblast).

Amount: \$6,000

Organization: Uzhhorod Raion Organization "The Union of Ukrainian Women" (88000, Uzhhorod, Bokshaya St., 4 (P.O. Box 41 c), tel. +38 (0312)3-64-40, (0312) 77-0-54)

Project Manager: Olena Fedorova

Project Description: Ensuring the functioning of the Health Room for Roma children and youth in the villages of Kontsovo and Kholmok in the Uzhhorod Raion; enhancing knowledge about basic hygiene and sanitary practices among Roma communities of these two villages.

Amount: \$6,000

Organization: Roma Youth NGO "Terne Po Neivo Drom" (Youth on the New Path), (88000, Uzhhorod, Shvabska St., 32, tel. +38 (050) 540-90-44)

Project Manager: Olodar Pap

Project Description: Raising awareness among the Roma population about HIV/AIDS and reducing the rate of HIV infection in the Roma community by developing a volunteer movement among Roma youth in the Zakarpattia Region.

Amount: \$3,000

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Charitable Foundation "Blaho" (88018, Uzhhorod, Shvabska St., 17/2, tel. +38 (063) 255-54-91)

Project Manager: Eleonora Kulchar

Project Description: Improving personal hygiene and sanitary practices among the Roma population to decrease morbidity rates by carrying out systemic preventive activities and by providing hygiene products.

Amount: \$5,000

Facilitation of education of Roma youth in secondary special education institutions

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$21,763**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.36%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zakarpattia Oblast	2	\$18,372
Operational Projects	1	\$3,391

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association "Bakhtalo-Drom" (Lucky Road) (88000, Uzhhorod, Voloshyna St., 14, Office 5, tel. +38 (03122) 2-97-29)

Project Manager: Zoltan Pap

Project Description: Social rehabilitation of the young generation of Roma by creating opportunities for professional education and by improving their social and economic condition: teaching shoe repair to four young Roma under an accelerated training program developed by activists of the Association "Bakhtalo-Drom" and Vocational School # 5 in the city of Uzhhorod; after completion of the training young people will be employed by shoe repair shops in the city of Uzhhorod and Zakarpattia Oblast.

Amount: \$3,372

Organization: Uzhhorod Training-Production Center "Nika" (88000, Uzhhorod, Onokivska St., 16, tel. +38 (0312) 63 85 56)

Project Manager: Borys Buchko

Project Description: Resolving the social and economic problems of the Roma minority of the Zakarpattia Region by overcoming unemployment: organizing six-month training courses for such professions as hairdresser/barber, tailor, car mechanic and computer skills for Roma youth of such cities as Uzhhorod, Perechyn, Mukacheve and Chop; the young people will be employed after completion of the courses in cooperation with the oblast employment center.

Amount: \$15,000

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation, (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, (044) 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Nataliya Kyyak

Project Description: Provision of individual scholarships for Roma youth to study at secondary special education institutions in 2009 and 2010 (Adam Oktavia (Uzhhorod), Oleksandra Savko (Uzhhorod), Fatima Hubenko (Amvrosiyivka, Donetsk Oblast), Anton Hubenko (Lutsk), Dmytro Krykunenko (Smila, Cherkasy Oblast).

Amount: \$3,391

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: 7
Number of Organizations: 7
Total Amount: \$78,256
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 1.30%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zakarpattia Oblast	4	\$21,256
Kyiv	1	\$40,000
Kherson Oblast	1	\$10,000
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$7,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: International Roma Organization “KETANE” (73000, Kherson, Horkoho St., 28, tel. +38 (055) 249-32-70)

Project Manager: Yuriy Ivanenko

Project Description: Conducting the All-Ukrainian Congress of Roma NGOs for the purpose of elaborating demands (Resolutions of the Congress) to the state regarding support for Roma communities in Ukraine and facilitating their integration into Ukrainian society; communication of these resolutions to state authorities.

Amount: \$10,000

Organization: NGO “Roma of Berehove” (90202, Zakarpattia Oblast, Berehove, Robocha St., 80, tel. +38 (03141) 24-939)

Project Manager: Eleonora Kulchar

Project Description: Ensuring social rights of the Roma in the town of Berehove, Zakarpattia Oblast: providing legal assistance to the Roma community to help with registration of their right of ownership to immovable property (consultations for citizens, analysis of cases, preparation of corresponding procedural documents).

Amount: \$5,000

Organization: Chernihiv City National-Cultural Society “Neve Roma” (14021, Chernihiv, Cherkaska St., 23, tel. +38 (04622) 2-72-67)

Project Manager: Mariya Ivanova

Project Description: Raising legal awareness among the Roma population of the Chernihiv Region; helping

overcome bias towards Roma by state authorities and mass media by providing free legal consultations in the city of Chernihiv and other places of compact settlement of Roma in the Chernihiv Oblast; monitoring observance of the rights of Roma; creation of a database on violations of their rights; conducting roundtables with participation of representatives of law-enforcement bodies, other bodies of state authority, mass media and human rights organizations.

Amount: \$7,000

Organization: Transcarpathian Regional Charitable Foundation “Romano Lungo Trayo” (Roma Long Life) (88000, Uzhhorod, Shandora Petefi Sq., 25/7, tel. +38 (03122) 36-156)

Project Manager: Gennadiy Chychak

Project Description: Providing Roma children of the Zakarpattia Region with the necessary knowledge and skills to attend general secondary schools by conducting weekly classes with Roma children at the Roma Center affiliated with the Charitable Foundation “Romano Lungo Trayo”; the classes are devoted to general, psychological and specialized training (music, drawing) for school. Second-priority results of the project: acquiring experience in creation and operation of such institutions, popularization of pre-school education among the Roma community.

Amount: \$4,500

Organization: Transcarpathian Roma Cultural-Educational Association “Romani Yag” (88007, Uzhhorod, Telmana St., 1/48 a, tel. +38 (0312) 638 241, 61-39-56, 61-41-21)

Project Manager: Aladar Adam

Project Description: Support for the biweekly publication “Romani Yag”, which is updated and expanded according to the needs of Roma community. The publication is the first and the only Roma newspaper in Ukraine, an independent information publication, around which the Roma community, cultural-educational and Roma human rights NGOs have united. The publication serves as a catalyst for shaping national consciousness and social activity of Roma in Ukraine.

Amount: \$10,000

Organization: International Charitable Organization “Chirikli” Roma Women’s Fund” (03127, Kyiv, Vasylkivska St., 53, Building 1, Office 93, tel. +38 (044) 257-19-29)

Project Manager: Zemfira Kondur

Project Description: Improving the health condition of the Roma in Ukraine by implementing the Program of Roma Medical Mediators.

Amount: \$40,000

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association “Amaro Drom” (88000, Uzhhorod, Timiriazeva 46, tel. +38 (03122) 25-509)

Project Manager: Omelyan Pap

Project Description: Organization of a New Year’s festival of works by Roma children’s creative groups.

Amount: \$1,756

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Activities Initiated and Implemented
by the Program

Number of Projects: 2
Total Amount: \$6575
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.11%

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation,
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09,
461-95-00)
Project Manager: Nataliya Kyyak
Project Description: Conducting specific events for Roma
organizations, including meetings of Roma human rights
organizations in Kyiv and a training for grantees of the
Program in Uzhhorod.
Amount: \$2,575

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation,
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09,
461-95-00)
Project Manager: Nataliya Kyyak
Project Description: Provision of financial assistance to the
All-Ukrainian Foundation “Roma Children of Ukraine”
for the purchase of New Year’s and Christmas gifts for
Roma children.
Amount: \$4,000

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Projects Supported by the IRF Executive Board

Number of Projects: 6
Number of Organizations: 6
Total Amount: \$18,950
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.31%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zakarpattia Oblast	5	\$15,450
Kherson Oblast	1	\$3,500

Organization: Kherson City Roma Society (73003, Kherson,
Horkoho St., 28, tel. +38 (0552) 49-32-70, (050) 588 05
55)
Project Manager: Yuriy Ivanenko
Project Description: Publication of the poem “Ruslan i
Lyudmyla” by O.S. Pushkin in Romani language
Amount: \$3,500

Organization: Transcarpathian Roma Cultural-Educational
Association “Romani Yag” (88007, Uzhhorod, Telmana
St., 1/48 a, tel. +38 (0312) 638 241,
(0312) 61-39-56, (0312) 61-41-21)
Project Manager: Aladar Adam
Project Description: Shaping tolerant multi-cultural society
in Ukraine by conducting events, dedicated to World
Roma Day, 8th of April: a seminar for leaders of Roma
NGOs of Ukraine on “The role of Roma NGOs during
the period of the economic crisis” and a festive concert.
Amount: \$2,000

Organization: NGO Zakarpattia Roma Society "Roma" (88007, Uzhhorod, Bohatyrsk St., 45, tel. +38 (0312) 61-37-58)

Project Manager: Svitlana Adam

Project Description: Celebration events dedicated to World Roma Day, 8th of April, in the city of Uzhhorod: cultural events, concert program (performances by students, Roma folklore groups), awarding the best students of Roma schools and participants of celebration of World Roma Day.

Amount: \$1,500

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association "Amaro Drom" (88000, Uzhhorod, Timiriazeva 46, tel. +38 (03122) 25-509)

Project Manager: Omelyan Pap

Project Description: Running a summer sports and health improvement camp for Roma children of school age: orphans, children from low-income, single parent and difficult families, persons disabled since childhood, street children and children from risk groups.

Amount: \$4,000

Organization: Association of Musical Culture of Transcarpathian Roma "Lautari" (88000, Uzhhorod, Novaka St., 4/10, tel. +38 (03122) 3-71-27)

Project Manager: Vilhelm Pap

Project Description: Organization of the 12th International Jazz Art Roma Festival in Uzhhorod, dedicated to commemorate Pap Vilmosh, its founder and president.

Amount: \$4,950

Organization: All-Ukrainian Foundation "Roma Children of Ukraine" (90644, Zakarpattia Oblast, Rakhiv, village of Rostoky, 380, tel. +38 (03132) 233-13)

Project Manager: Yuriy Slavita

Project Description: Provision of free legal and anti-discrimination assistance to the Roma population of Ukraine by launching and operating the All-Ukrainian Center for Legal Protection of Roma of Ukraine – "Telephone Hotline".

Amount: \$3,000

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Number of Projects:	84
Number of Organizations:	63
Total Amount:	\$547,759
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	9.08%

In 2009, the program continued to implement its strategies and mission - to promote direct involvement of the international community in solving key social issues in areas identified in the IRF strategy by exchanging international experience, analytics, best practices, expertise, ideas, etc.

The East East Program provides a platform in Ukraine to develop the international dimension for IRF program activities, particularly in the area of European integration. The Program gives priority to projects that address global or regional challenges and which involve several countries from the region, following the principle “think globally, act regionally, work locally”.

The Program’s priorities in 2009 included such areas as rule of law, European integration, public monitoring of government activities, access to information, freedom of speech, health and education. In general, the program’s activities focused on:

- Forming a system of public monitoring of the activities of state and local government bodies and officials in addressing pressing national and local problems (budget, oil and gas sector, utilities, etc.) and establishing a sustainable and systematic dialogue between the government and public;
- Developing, sharing and introducing best practices for fighting corruption;
- Developing a system of public self-organization and advocacy (on issues such as quality of housing and communal services, consumer rights, environmental protection);
- Sharing experiences on introducing informational-educational programs on human rights;
- Increasing the effectiveness of national policies on European integration, mobilizing public support for European integration policies (particularly best practices for increasing public awareness, expanding European studies, participation in EU programs and attracting EU funds on the local level);
- Participation by civil society in conflict prevention and conflict management (monitoring situations, mediation, developing alternative solutions and policies for conflict prevention, building intercultural dialogue and tolerance, etc.);
- Increasing the role of the media in society (socially responsible journalism and promoting transparency of government through investigative journalism);
- Development of the educational sphere (reforming education legislation in line with European standards, expert analysis of academic programs on history, developing models of financial autonomy for schools, introducing the foundations of university autonomy);
- Development of the public health system (protection of patients’ rights, development of palliative care, monitoring of budget expenditures in health care and access to essential drugs for different

groups of patients, involvement of vulnerable groups - IDUs and people living with HIV - in decision making).

Competition in 2009:

In 2009 the Program announced the open competition “**Experience of Civil Society’s Influence on Democratic Transformations**” that lasted throughout the year. The objective of the competition was to:

- Enhance the role of Ukraine’s civil society in the search for important social solutions through exchange of international experience, practices and ideas;
- Share the Ukrainian experience of democratic transformations and best practices to other countries through cooperation between civil society organizations in Ukraine and those countries.

A total of 81 proposals were submitted from Ukrainian NGOs and more than 50% were supported and recommended for support.

Important initiatives and projects supported in 2009:

In 2009 the Program provided support to more than 40 international projects that were implemented in Ukraine and participation by Ukrainian activities and experts in events organized by partner organizations abroad.

International exchanges contributed primarily to increasing awareness among target audiences and overall achievements in such areas as:

- *public policy*: public attention was drawn to the advantages of e-democracy and the need to develop the system of e-government with active participation by the third sector (with participation by representatives of five oblasts of Ukraine and experts from the Estonian e-Governance Academy); spreading European practices of local community participation in the decision-making process and monitoring the implementation by the authorities of adopted decisions, in particular, innovative mechanisms for developing cooperation between the public and government in small cities and rural areas through the work of social animators; spreading methods tested in Poland and the Czech Republic of public monitoring of local budget spending;
- *European integration*: sharing the best European experience of European integration public awareness campaigns; drawing public interest to the European reforms experience and introducing European standards of quality of life and services; sharing the experience of using ENPI for the development of cross-border cooperation in border regions of the Ukraine-Moldova-Romania triangle; in a joint project with the European Program an analysis was done of the prospects and value-added of the Eastern Partnership Initiative for Ukraine and other partner countries in the region along with the publication of recommendations for the public and governments; increasing awareness of the Ukrainian public, local officials and media about Euro-Atlantic integration through discussions with experts from Slovakia, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, the Czech Republic and Russia;
- *human rights*: together with Polish experts methods were developed for human rights training programs, and the expert knowledge of Ukrainian and Belarusian civic activists-trainers on human rights was increased (as part of a large-scale project supported together with the Rule of Law Program); best practices from the Czech Republic and Poland were shared on medical law and rights of people with intellectual disabilities; guidelines were developing for training programs for police officers on compliance with international human rights standards during police detention of persons with HIV/AIDS;

- *media*: increased awareness of journalists in the Chernihiv region of the work of the public sector and standards in media coverage of human rights issues on the basis of the Polish experience;
- *public health*: promoting best European practices for the development of palliative care, especially for incurably ill children; publication of a textbook on health insurance for law students, doctors and health care workers; increased awareness among Eurasian activists on methods of media coverage of problems of people living with HIV;
- *social assistance*: social workers in Zakarpattia were introduced to the Czech methodology of social work - outreach - with vulnerable youth, injecting drug users and sex workers; on the basis of the Polish experience community leaders from district cities of the Donbas region carried out small projects designed to overcome the social and economic effects of the crisis on the local level in regions with high unemployment; together with Czech specialists a city program (Lviv) was developed on social integration of persons with autism and ways to help families with autistic children.
- *working with youth*: participants from 12 countries of CEE developed recommendations for increasing involvement by young people in the development of youth policy and non-formal education for youth, according plan was developed for joint training for civil servants and youth leaders; best practices were shared of vocational work and specialized education among school children and students, along with successful techniques for finding employment and career success for young people (exchange of experience between experts from Poland, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Mongolia); together with Hungarian experts recommendations were developed on models for teaching children and youth with behavioral and emotional disorders; a special course was developed on critical thinking for high school humanities programs in cooperation with the OSI Education Program and experts from Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan; the collection "Young, Active, Responsible: territory of good 'Dobrochyn'" included the best models of school initiative teams in Odesa that joined the international Public Achievements Program.

Two other regional projects should be noted – **"Russia and its Neighbors – 2009"** and **"Ukraine-Moldova: moving towards European integration"**.

A multinational study was conducted as part of the first project by think tanks from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia, published under the title "The 'Humanitarian Dimension' of Russia's foreign policy towards Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Baltic States". Researchers analyzed issues such as Russia's program to increase loyalty among citizens and active introduction of a dual citizenship policy, the use of so-called "human rights rhetoric", as well as the need for Russia's neighboring countries to introduce alternative humanitarian policies and create Russian-language media products, etc. The publication is available on the Internet: http://spa.ukma.kiev.ua/pdfs/Research_2009_new.pdf.

Another project, which dealt with uniting the efforts of Ukraine and Moldova in the European integration progress, produced a list of joint recommendations by experts from more than ten countries (including EU member states, Georgia and Russia) that were addressed to the Ukrainian and Moldovan governments and law enforcement, European Commission, EU Council, EUBAM, international organizations working in Ukraine and Moldova, the public and journalists. The recommendations include proposals for joint resolution of many common problems of our region, by applying knowledge and experience of experts, analytical groups, mass media and the third sector of the European community (*the list can be found on the IRF website www.irf.ua in the East East Program's section, under news "Civil societies of Ukraine and Moldova unite for the sake of democracy and European integration " from 22 December 2009*).

Together with the IRF European Program support was given to two **informational-educational projects** in Vinnytsia and Crimea as part of which local channels aired live talk shows on European integration with experts from Poland, Estonia, Czech Republic, Latvia and Lithuania. Through this series of shows "Everything is Possible. European Choice" and "Views on Europe: the European experience of reforms"

viewers learned about the basic values of the European community, as well as the added value that a society gets from adhering to European standards in such areas as: human rights, activities of civil society organizations, local government, education and independent testing, public health and patients' rights, municipal services and tariffs, regional economic development, the environment, and others. An interactive survey of viewers revealed that the greatest interest was in topics related to public confidence in Europe's third sector, accountability of local government to the community, development of agriculture, health care, education, etc. Another area of interest for Ukrainians was philanthropy and the NGO sector: forms of philanthropy, public trust in charitable events and organizations in Europe, how NGOs report, is the European media interested in activities of the third sector, do NGOs receive funding from the state and how is this regulated on the legislative level, etc.

Most of the initiatives supported as part of last year's bilateral competition **"Experience Exchange between the Czech Republic and Ukraine on European integration and introducing reforms"** were implemented in 2009. The projects showed that there is interest in the best Czech practices in resolving important socio-economic problems and that they can be applied in Ukraine. The partners developed recommendations and shared best practices on important issues for Ukraine, such as: introducing energy saving measures in the residential sector, developing a socially and environmentally-focused economy, employment for local populations in mountain villages and reviving traditional business, etc. The following Ukrainian-Czech projects are worth mentioning:

- *"The Czech experience in implementing reforms in public participation in public policy at the local level"*. Innovative practices were shared during seminars for activists in the Luhansk region on community involvement in decision-making and monitoring the implementation of decisions by the authorities. The results of this informational-educational campaign were soon applied in the form of small projects initiated by local NGOs and jointly supported by donor funds and local budgets.
- *"Prevention of ethnic tension in Crimea: the role of local authorities, media and education"*. Experts on ethnic relations and tolerance organized a series of seminars for journalists, police, teachers and local authorities of Crimea, which allowed them to increase their level of awareness of methods to reduce ethnic tension, and detect and prevent hostile language in the daily activities of the institutions they represent.
- *"Development of medical law: Czech-Ukrainian experience and cooperation"*. The main result of this project a training methodology on medical law was developed and textbook published. The book, which is based on European practices, highlights principles of health insurance, insurance-related legal issues, insurance issues for Ukraine in preparation for the introduction of compulsory health insurance. The textbook is to become an important source of information and training for health care workers, lawyers and medical personnel with a basic knowledge of medical law (<http://medicallaw.org.ua/vidavnictvo/publikaciji/strakhuvannja-v-galuzi-okhoroni-zdorovja/>).

For more information about publications financed by the East East Program's international projects visit the IRF website www.irf.ua and the program activities section under the East East Program.

Support by East East for projects implemented abroad allows Ukrainian participants in international initiatives to present their best practices and learn about their counterparts' experience in resolving pressing problems in their countries. In 2009, 400 Ukrainian experts and activists took part in nearly fifty different events as part of projects supported by the East East Program in other countries.

Ukrainian experts had the opportunity at international and regional conferences to discuss with their foreign counterparts issues of regional importance, such as: transparency of contracts in the energy sector (Azerbaijan), impact of public evaluation on developing a new concept of Euro-Atlantic Integration (Romania), liberalization of the EU visa policy for neighboring countries (Serbia), combating human trafficking (Poland), avoiding political manipulation in the teaching of history (Moldova), formation of common youth policies in the European region (Romania), and others.

Participants of study visits saw successful development models and talked directly with specialists in areas such as: European and Euro-Atlantic integration in practice (Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Czech Republic, Bulgaria), socially and environmentally responsible economy (Czech Republic); anti-crisis practices in small cities (Poland), social assistance and social integration for people with disabilities (Poland), palliative care (Poland and Czech Republic), social work with the elderly (Georgia), and others.

Challenges faced by the Program:

The success of international exchanges depends largely on the motivation of partners and project participants, and how actively the elaborated ideas, recommendations, jointly planned initiatives, etc. are implemented further. Unfortunately, often we can't immediately assess the impact of supported projects because their indirect results may occur only later. For example, the application of recommended best practices or innovative techniques becomes visible after a probationary period, while changes in views by the target audience become noticeable during follow-up activities with people involved in the projects. The effectiveness of projects also depends on how persistent a community is in its cooperation with local authorities, how they attempt to incorporate what was learned through projects in local strategies, regulatory acts, procedures, development programs, etc. Thus, difficulties may arise if the materials are insufficiently convincing or the target audience is not motivated enough for change.

One of the objective challenges the Program faces was the flu epidemic in Ukraine and several other countries in November-December 2009, as a result of which the completion of many projects had to be postponed until the following year.

Partnership and Cooperation:

The East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program is grateful for the cooperation of diplomatic institutions of the Czech Republic, Romania, Moldova, Poland, Slovakia and other countries that take note of the program's initiatives and provide support for international projects. In particular, thanks to co-financing for a series of Ukrainian-Czech projects by the Czech Republic's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Transition Promotion Program, the effectiveness of civil society initiatives grew significantly.

We should also note the significant financial and expert support that our international projects have received from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the European Commission's Youth in Action Program, European Youth Fund (EYF), UNAIDS, NATO Information and Documentation Center, Norwegian Helsinki Committee, EU Project "Sustainable Integrated Land Use of the Eurasian Steppes", and Sumy-Hilfe Program (Germany). The Luhansk Oblast Council of People's Deputies also facilitated the implementation of a number of projects in the Luhansk Oblast.

A number of large-scale initiatives of the East East Program were supported and implemented together with the IRF European, Civil Society Impact Enhancement and Rule of Law Programs, and the Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland).

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of projects	Amount
AR Crimea	2	\$ 20736
Vinnytsia Oblast	3	\$ 27177
Donetsk Oblast	12	\$ 80601
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$ 4010
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	3	\$ 29456
Kyiv	30	\$ 160629
Luhansk Oblast	5	\$ 42579
Lviv Oblast	5	\$ 23862
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 941
Odesa Oblast	2	\$ 14562
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 8066
Sumy Oblast	1	\$ 291
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$ 9710
Kharkiv Oblast	3	\$ 10674
Kherson Oblast	2	\$ 497
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$ 7279
Chernivtsi Oblast	3	\$ 17988
Chernihiv Oblast	3	\$ 44472
Operational Projects	4	\$ 44229

International Projects Implemented in Ukraine

Number of Projects: **38**
Number of Organizations: **35**
Total: **\$ 392494**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **6.51%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 19935
Vinnytsia Oblast	2	\$ 23792
Donetsk Oblast	7	\$ 58151
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$ 4010
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	2	\$ 23810
Kyiv	11	\$ 111396
Luhansk Oblast	3	\$ 30137
Lviv Oblast	3	\$ 23223
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 11100
Rivne Oblast	1	\$ 8066
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$ 9710
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$ 7092
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$ 17600
Chernihiv Oblast	3	\$ 44472

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Charitable Foundation Lviv Center for Support of People with Pervasive Development Disorders "Open Heart" (79060, Lviv, Pulyuya St., 27, Building 3, tel. +38 (0322) 644-755)

Project Manager: Kateryna Ostrovska

Project Description: Holding a study visit of Ukrainian experts and parents of autistic children to the Czech Republic (July 26-29, 2009) and conducting two workshops in Lviv (August, 2 - 5 2009) in order to develop a standard model of quality of social services provided to people with disabilities, with consideration of the Czech experience in this field. Development of standard for rendering social support to family of autistic person. Raising awareness of Ukrainian professionals in educational and rehabilitation organizations, as well as parents of autistic children, about various forms of psychological, pedagogical and social aid to autistic persons and their families. Partner - Assisting to autistic Persons NGO (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 5315

Organization: City Youth NGO "Ecoclub" (33023, Rivne, P.O. Box 73, tel. +38 (0362) 23-70-24)

Project Manager: Andriy Martyniuk

Project Description: Conducting a study visit of Ukrainian experts to the Czech Republic (April 6-8, 2009) and workshops in Kyiv (October 19-20, 2009) aimed to support cooperation between public and local authorities in addressing the problem of energy saving and development of approaches to this issue in Ukraine, based on the Czech experience. Gaining knowledge about Czech experience in calculating energy expenditure and implementation of measures to save energy in residential areas. Developing capacity of Ukrainian experts to evaluate energy saving measures in private and public buildings, improvement of energy policy, solving problems of the poor and pricing of the fuel. Partner - Hnutí DUHA (Czech Republic)

Grant: \$ 8066

Organization: International Charitable Organization "Information Center "Green Dossier" (01033, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 53/80, Office 501, tel. +38 (044) 227-6277)

Project Manager: Tamara Mal'kova

Project Description: Conducting a series of activities, including a study visit to the Czech Republic (May 30 - April 4, 2009), training on entrepreneurship and environmental protection, and seminar on branding in one of the towns of Hutsulshchyna (May 13-15, 2009); developing a newsletter on best practices of White Carpathians . Dissemination of best practices of community involvement into the processes of local sustainable development through environmentally friendly entrepreneurship and agricultural reform in the Carpathian region; promoting European integration processes in the Carpathian region based on Aarhus and Carpathian Conventions. Partner - the Czech Environmental Partnership Foundation "Nadace Partnerství" (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 10850

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illichy Pros., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Diomkina

Project Description: Holding Ukrainian-Czech art workshop with elements of training in Donetsk (March 17-22, 2009) for strengthening the capacity of Ukrainian NGOs and the media to inform the public on various aspects of integration, strengthening the network of pro-European organizations in Ukraine by improving their capacity; developing strategies and mechanisms for raising public awareness about European integration through adjustment and use of the Czech experience. Partner - Europeum Institute for European Policy (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 11038

Organization: Podil Human Rights Center (21050, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 8216, tel. +38 (0432) 35-14-66)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Dovbysh

Project Description: Conducting a five-day seminar for representatives of NGOs and local councils of Vinnytsia Oblast (Pogrebyshe, Lypovets and Khmilnyk, October 6-10, 2009) in order to share Polish experience in controlling expenditures in local budgets, activities of municipal health care organizations for improvement of cooperation between NGOs and local self-government bodies and appropriate budgeting and use of budget funds, particularly in healthcare. Partners - Starostvo of Nowy Targ district, Non-government regional organization «S'warni» (Poland).

Grant: \$ 7227

Organization: Transcarpathian Oblast Charitable Foundation "Transcarpathia Against AIDS" (88000, Uzhhorod, Druhetiv St., 72, tel. +38 (0312) 61-76-47)

Project Manager: Ivan Myroniuk

Project Description: Holding workshops in Uzhgorod (April 5-11, 2009) and study tour for five Ukrainian specialists in HIV/AIDS infection and transmission issues to Prague (June 14-20, 2009). Disseminating effective methods of outreach work with target risk groups on the "routes" in Zakarpattia region, involvement of specialized NGOs from Zakarpattia to the international network of assistance to the needy, disseminating European practices of field work with sex workers etc. Partner - CEPROS (The Centre for Evaluation, Prevention and Research of Substance Abuse (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 4010

Organization: Chernihiv City Youth NGO “Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies” (14005, Chernihiv, Myra Prosp., 68, Office 916, tel. +38 (0462) 66 11 27)

Project Manager: Regina Husak

Project Description: Holding two training sessions for Ukrainian trainers in Ukraine (Poltava, March 21-23 and Chernihiv, March 29-31, 2009) and two study visits to Poland (May 16-21 and June 6-11 2009) for development of methodological model of civic and European education in Ukraine. Promoting youth development and education on the principles of respect for civil rights and European values, by developing appropriate methodology model of civic education and European education, based on the tested methodology model of Polish partners. Partner - European Cooperation Center (Poland).

Grant: \$ 13192

Organization: Women's Association of Kharkiv Region “Berehynia” (61145, Kharkiv, Svobody Sq., 5, Offices 127-128 (2nd entrance, 1st floor)

Project Manager: Liubov Chub

Project Description: Conducting introductory visit to the Czech Republic (April 28 - May 3, 2009) and working meeting in Kharkiv (May 8-10, 2009) on the budgetary issues in the frames of the project “Exchange of Experience on the Transparency of Budget Process with the Czech Non-governmental Organizations”. Analysis of budgeting and use of budget funds in Kharkiv Oblast in order to further promote transparency of the budget process and proper use of budget funds in Kharkiv Oblast. Improving public monitoring in time of changes to the Budget Code, dissemination of the European experience of public involvement in budget process. Partner - Public Association Oziveni (Prague).

Grant: \$ 7092

Organization: City Center of Humanistic Technologies “Ahalar” (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 69, tel. +38 (0462) 677-312)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Solonitsyna

Project Description: Conducting a training course “School of Communication. The Role of Mass Media in the Development of Civil Society” (Chernihiv, June 8-10, 2009) and study visit of 13 Ukrainian participants to Poland (Warsaw, October 5-11, 2009). Raising awareness of journalists from local mass media on the issues of human rights protection (including representatives of vulnerable and marginalized groups) and activities of civil society in general for professional coverage of these issues in the media through involvement of Polish and Ukrainian human rights activists and representatives of successful NGOs in the project. Partner - Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland).

Grant: \$ 12620

Organization: NGO “Institute of Political Education” (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 44-A, tel. +38 (044) 278-55-16, 278-55-43)

Project Manager: Olena Medvedeva

Project Description: Participation of Ukrainian experts in the seminar “Best Practices of Local Self-government Development” in Moldova (Chisinau, September 14-15, 2009) and conduct of introduction visit for members of local councils and city mayors from Moldova to Ukrainian towns (Kolomyia, Yaremche, Snyatyn, Kosiv, October 26-30, 2009). Exchange of experience and best practices of local self-government development between representatives of local authorities and NGOs from Ukraine and Moldova and further introduction of respective practices in Moldova and Ukraine. Partner - Business Consulting Institute (Moldova).

Grant: \$ 8505

Organization: Vinnytsia Oblast NGO “Podil Center for Social Technologies” (21018, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 4906, tel. +38 (0432) 57-88-42)

Project Manager: Oksana Yatsiuk

Project Description: Study visit of 8 Ukrainian journalists and experts to Czech Republic (Prague, March 23-29, 2009) and broadcasting 8 TV talk show programs in Vinnytsia in order to raise awareness of residents of Vinnytsia Oblast concerning European reform experience and prospects for its implementation in Ukraine through the series of TV talk-show programs made by Ukrainian journalists and experts during two study visits to partner countries of the project. Partners - Czech Institute for Integration of EU (Czech Republic) and Open Estonia Foundation (Estonia).

Grant: \$ 16565

Organization: City Charitable Foundation “Moloda Hromada” (Young Community) (65009, Odesa, Chernyakhovskoho St., 11, tel. +38 (048) 715-36-06)

Project Manager: Liudmyla Levykh

Project Description: Holding training for trainers from four oblasts of Ukraine and Azerbaijan on civic activity of school students in Odesa (July 3-9, 2009) and final conference “The Territory of Good Deeds” (March 2010). The project continues international initiative Public Achievements which was launched in Ukraine by Polish specialists in Zakarpattia, Ternopil and Kharkiv Oblasts and Crimea. Development of civic activity in communities based on schools, involvement of students, parents, teachers and representatives of local authorities and business. The task is to teach school students to identify problem areas, plan projects for problems solution, seek opportunities and funds for implementation of their initiatives, and conduct information and reporting campaigns in their communities. Partners - Education Society for Malopolska (MTO) (Poland), Bridge to the Future – Youth Social Union (Azerbaijan), Actions for Sustainable Society Advancement (ASSA), Center for Educational Initiatives, Council of Parents of School of Bakhchisaray (EMEL) (Ukraine).
Grant: \$ 11100

Organization: Donetsk Oblast Charitable Foundation “Aid to Disabled Children” (83087, Donetsk, Kalinina St., 42, Office 5, tel. +38 (062) 389-17-61; (062) 387-71-01)

Project Manager: Bohdan Shepeliuk

Project Description: Holding workshops and meetings for Ukrainian teachers working with children with special needs with representatives of local authorities (Donetsk, May 11-18, 2009) and study visit to Latvia (Riga, September 11-13, 2009). Introduction of early intervention techniques based on the Center for Social Adaptation of Children with Disabilities in Donetsk by creating groups of teachers to work with the target audience according to the early intervention techniques and general preparation of teachers. Partner – Latvian Portage Association.
Grant: \$ 11747

Organization: Donetsk City NGO “Foundation for Social Development “Nashe Maibutne” (Our Future) (83037, Donetsk, Kirova St., 121/7, tel. +38 (062) 349-81-04)

Project Manager: Maryana Rusaniuk

Project Description: Holding trainings for teachers from Donetsk and Donetsk Oblast, as well as meetings with representatives of local authorities on the issues of elimination of aggression in students environment and increasing efficiency of extra-curricular activity of schools (October 10-17, 2009) and two-week internship for two Donetsk professionals in Hungary (February 10-17, 2009). Study of innovative practices of Hungarian partner organization concerning work with children with behavioral and emotional disorders, behavior management of pupils and crisis intervention in schools. Partner - Pressley Ridge Foundation (Hungary).

Grant: \$ 6906

Organization: Chornomorska Television and Radio Company (95038, Simferopol, Radio St., 4, tel. +38 (0652) 51-56-98)

Project Manager: Natalya Andronaki

Project Description: Study visit of nine journalists and experts from Crimea to Latvia (Riga, May 23-30, 2009) and two visits to Poland (May-July 2009), with subsequent presentation of 12 talk shows in Simferopol to raise awareness of Crimean residents about reform experience of the European Union and the prospects of their implementation in Ukraine through a series of TV talk-show programs. Partners - Institute of Public Affairs, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland), Latvian Transatlantic Organization (LATO, Latvia).

Grant: \$ 19935

Organization: Ternopil Charitable Foundation "Business Incubator of Ternopil Region" (46008, Ternopil, Tantsorova St., 51, tel. +38 (0352) 528-310)

Project Manager: Ivanna Bakushevych

Project Description: Holding working meetings of Polish and Ukrainian experts in the field of regional development based on innovations and cluster models (Ternopil and Lviv, October 4-5, 2009), and conducting a scholarly forum in Ternopil and practical forum in Lviv (March 2010) on the methodology of regions of knowledge development, and presentation of the results in the publication "Regions of Knowledge in Eastern Europe". Dissemination of Polish practices in initiatives implementation in the field of regional development based on knowledge (part of knowledge management), particularly through the establishment of regional structures of new economy, which are centers for exchange of technology, experience, knowledge, etc. Partners – PPV Knowledge Networks (Lviv, Ukraine), Malopolski Institute Gospodarcy and Rzeszow School of Business (Poland).

Grant: \$ 9710

Organization: International Charitable NGO "East European and Central Asian Community of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirsk St., 87a, tel. +38 (044) 467-75-65)

Project Manager: Nataliya Leonchuk

Project Description: Conducting a study visit with the elements of development of effective communication strategies and PR-technologies for representatives of partner NGOs concerned about people living with HIV (PLWHA) from the six former Soviet countries (Kyiv, January, 28-31 2009). Disseminating experience of Ukrainian Network for the creation and development of national PLWHA association, which advocates access to treatment, care and support for people with HIV. Strengthening capacity of public organizations that provide legal and social services to PLWHA for the purposes of enhancing their impact on policy decisions concerning HIV/AIDS. Providing participants with information on the management structure of the Network, functions of departments and internal policy of the Network that can be adjusted to the activities of other organizations. Presentation of best practices of communication with media, coverage of HIV/AIDS issue, promoting development of regional centers and conduct of local and national advocacy campaigns.

Grant: \$ 1380

Organization: NGO "Center for Independent Political Research" (01034, Kyiv, Lysenka St., 8, Office 9, tel. +38 (044) 279-24-35, 599-42-51, 599-4251)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Martyniuk

Project Description: Holding an international conference for representatives of partner countries of Eastern Partnership initiative in Kyiv (April 27-28, 2009) and working meeting of OSI coordinators and international experts (April 29, 2009) for comprehensive analysis of the new EU initiative, Eastern Partnership. The project is a joint initiative with the IRF European Program. Elaborating preliminary analytical conclusions and proposals concerning additional value of the Initiative for Ukraine and partner countries and its use for the deepening of European integration in the short term; presentation of relevant recommendations to the authorities of Ukraine; beginning of the preparation of representatives of Ukraine and partner countries to the inaugural summit on Eastern Partnership which was held in May 2009.

Grant: \$ 16352

Organization: City Youth NGO “Youth Alternative “M'ART” (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. +38 (046) 277-41-10)

Project Manager: Nadiya Samardak

Project Description: Holding following activities: School of Human Rights, joint workshop with Belorussian human rights activists, workshop for Ukrainian journalists, three regional Schools in Ukraine and final workshop for the best Ukrainian and Belorussian graduates of Schools of Human Rights (May – November, 2009). Improving capacity of Ukrainian human rights activists in implementation of educational programs in the field of human rights, development of effective methodological framework for conduct of training activities on human rights for different target audiences, joint testing of Ukrainian-Polish models of educational programs in the field of human rights. The project is a joint initiative with IRF Rule of Law program

Grant: \$ 18660

Organization: Bukovyna Center for Reconstruction and Development (58000, Chernivtsi, Shteinberg St., 23, tel. +38 (0372) 52-00-85, additional 2-00-85, (03722) 7-03-30)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Kyrpushko

Project Description: Holding four international activities in the frames of the trilateral project “Strengthening the Involvement of Moldovan, Ukrainian and Romanian NGOs in ENPI Programming”: introductory seminar in Romania (in Suceava, February 25-27, 2009), Seminar “ENPI as a New Funding Instrument” in Ukraine (Chernivtsi, March 26-27, 2009), a working meeting “ENPI: New Opportunities for NGOs” in Moldova (Chisinau, October 19, 2009), and final conference in Bucharest (November 22-24, 2009). Involvement of NGOs to ENPI decision-making process, familiarization with the types and structure of ENPI Programming primary documents, developing general tools documents analysis and data collection in order to engage NGOs from Moldova, Ukraine and Romania to the ENPI monitoring and advisory participation in ENPI programming in these countries. Partners - Center for NGO's in Moldova “CONTACT”, Civil Society Development Foundation Romania (FDSC).

Grant: \$ 17600

Organization: “Agency for the Steady Development of the Luhansk Region” NGO (91000, Luhansk, Brativ Palkynykh St., 45-A, Office 22, tel. +38 (064) 258-19-98)

Project Manager: Artem Korochynsky

Project Description: Holding Ukrainian-Azerbaijani workshop for youth leaders (Luhansk, October 6-9, 2009) and study visit of young Ukrainian activists to Baku (March 2010). Creating conditions for introduction of new mechanisms of socio-cultural development of rural communities in Azerbaijan and Ukraine through the involvement of youth to cooperation and partnership between young civic activists of the two countries and local self-government agencies. Partner - Public Association «Youth for Development» (Azerbaijan).

Grant: \$ 12155

Organization: Lviv City NGO “Information Consulting Center” (79010, Lviv, Sevastopolska St., 5/5, tel. +38 (322) 35-68-48)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryhilevych

Project Description: Holding two seminars in Chernivtsi and Lviv (March 2010) for representatives of condominiums associations and NGOs, local self-government bodies and public utility companies of Ukraine. Developing an educational training program for leaders of condominiums associations, housing and public utilities companies and subsequent publication of a relevant brochure. Dissemination of Lithuanian and Polish experience of reforming municipal housing system, promoting creation of utility services market by central state authorities and local self-government agencies, comparing practical aspects of homeowners associations' functioning in Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine and arrangement of cooperation between utility services providers. Partners - Association of apartment houses owners of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine), Chernivtsi municipal council (Chernivtsi, Ukraine), Krakow Association of real Estate Managers (Poland), European Integration Studies Center (Lithuania).

Grant: \$ 8380

Organization: Medical Informational-Analytical Center "Vector" (04060, Kyiv, Shchusyeva St., 24, Office 11, tel. +38 (044) 235-65-87)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Volf

Project Description: Holding meetings with Polish and Tajik experts, along with presentations of experience of palliative care implementation in Ukraine (Kyiv, November 2 – 6, 2009). Study visit of Ukrainian experts group to Poland (December 16-20, 2009), and conducting a final forum on palliative issues in Sevastopol (February 2010). Studying Poland's experience of organizing palliative care for terminally ill children at home and based on that development of palliative care service at home implementation strategy in Ukraine in the conditions of the absence of pediatric hospices; designing pilot projects and local programs of palliative care at home and developing recommendations for creation of legislation for organizing system of palliative service, including those for children, according to the requirements of European and international standards. Partner - Pediatric hospice in Malopolska region (Poland).

Grant: \$ 16710

Organization: NGO "European Dialogue" (79019, Lviv, P.O. Box 2833, tel. +38 (032) 297-18-57)

Project Manager: Yaryna Boren'ko

Project Description: Holding educational workshop and meetings in school Euroclubs involving representatives of Ukrainian and Georgian school Euroclubs from small districts in the format administration-teacher-student (Lviv Oblast, February 7-13, 2010). Introduction into the history of school European clubs, developing vision on the role of school European clubs in promoting European integration processes, developing plans for partnership between schools and NGOs in Georgia and Ukraine; sharing Ukrainian experience of school European clubs as a form of educational activity in European integration and implementation of pro-European youth initiatives in small districts with school Euroclubs in Georgia that only begin their activity. Partner - Student-Youth Council (Georgia).

Grant: \$ 9528

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illichia Prosp., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Diomkina

Project Description: Holding an international workshop for representatives of youth organizations and state authorities involved into making and implementation of youth policies in the Eastern European and Caucasian countries (Donetsk, March 2010). Promoting youth participation in the processes of youth policy development and implementation in 11 countries of Eastern Europe and Caucasus; and adjustment of youth policies to the standards of Council of Europe and European Union with consideration of experience of post-socialist countries of the European Union. Publication of analytical brochure "Overview of youth policies in the countries of Eastern Europe and Caucasus" with recommendations on developing and implementation of comprehensive youth policies to the governments of participating countries. Partners - European Dialogue Society (Lviv, Ukraine), Youth Cooperation Center of Dilijan (Armenia), Azerbaijan Volunteers' Public Union (Azerbaijan), Youth Education Center "Fialta" (Belarus), Association of Young Leaders (Moscow, Russia), "D-Klub Ostrava" (Czech Republic), Academy for Peace Development (Georgia), "Free Learning Center" (Lithuania), Youth Forum "New Moldova" (Moldova), "Foundation of Borderland Culture" (Poland), Center of leisure time – Regional Youth Center (Slovakia).

Grant: \$ 8280

Organization: Democratic Initiatives Foundation (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box V-271, tel. +38 (044) 581-33-17, 510-05-42)

Project Manager: Iryna Bekeshkina

Project Description: Holding round tables and presentation of the results of public opinion survey in the frames of the project "Youth of the Three Post-communist Countries: Ukraine, Russia and Azerbaijan" (Kyiv, Vinnytsia, January-February 2010). Study of the current state of society in Ukraine, Russia and Azerbaijan and identifying the most critical problems of democracy development. Elaboration of a system of monitoring indicators for measuring democracy development and predicting what decisions present-day young people will make in 10 years. Partners - "Levada-Center" (Russia), FAR Center (Azerbaijan)

Grant: \$ 6340

Organization: Democratic Initiatives Foundation (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box V-271, tel. +38 (044) 581-33-17, 510-05-42)

Project Manager: Iryna Bekeshkina

Project Description: Holding round tables in Uzhgorod, Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv and Donetsk (September 27 - October 4, 2009) with Slovak and local experts in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration as participants, representatives of concerned NGOs and mass media. Disseminating Slovak experience in public diplomacy concerning European and Euro-Atlantic integration; enhancing the role and proficiency of think-tanks in the processes of European integration of Ukraine; searching common ways of overcoming current political and economic crisis. Partner – Institute of Foreign Affairs (Slovakia).

Grant: \$ 11828

Organization: Donetsk Oblast Public Center for Sobriety and Health Improvement "Iskra" (82017, Donetsk, Shevchenko Blvd., 54, tel. +38 (062) 386-81-90)

Project Manager: Kseniya Kolesnyk

Project Description: Holding thematic seminars for military students, law students and militia men with participation of Polish professionals and participants from Georgia (Donetsk, October 8-9, 2009). Facilitating knowledge of current and future militia officers on human rights and fundamental freedoms, the need to respect law, humanity during the investigation, detention or arrest of HIV-infected people, drug addicts and female sex workers; introduction of appropriate changes into studying curriculum for students and training centers for law enforcement agencies. Partners - Center of support of public initiatives «Chayka» (Rivne, Ukraine), Helsinki Fund on Human Rights in Warsaw (Poland), Center of defense of the Constitutional rights (Georgia).

Grant: \$ 3650

Organization: Public Youth Center "Etalon" (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19, tel. +38 (0342) 50-25-25)

Project Manager: Larysa Yevseyeva

Project Description: Holding a two-day workshop "Positive international models of public opinion influence on decision-making" and a three-day training session on the development of youth entrepreneurship centers for the NGO leaders of Azerbaijan and youth NGO leaders from different regions of Ukraine (Ivano-Frankivsk, January 24-29, 2010). Disseminating experience of implementation of educational programs in the area of human rights to labor and self-employment among the concerned agencies and organizations of Ukraine. Partners – Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Labor Center (Ukraine), 'Uluchay' Social and Economic Innovation Center, Public Association Intellect (Azerbaijan).

Grant: \$ 12455

Organization: Regional NGO "Donbas" Regional Development Agency" (83014, Donetsk, Livoberezhna St., 62A, tel. +38 (062) 335-70-57, 345-74-19)

Project Manager: Tamara Iziumova

Project Description: Holding workshops in the three cities of Donetsk Oblast on "Promoting Activity and Leadership Among Population During the Growing Job Market Crisis in Donbas", as well as four training sessions on social economy and role of local self-government (towns – Debaltseve, Dokuchayevsk, Torez; village – Mahnush, Donetsk Oblast, July 3-11, 2009). Facilitating potential community leaders who can encourage unemployed people and initiate activities to solve community problems by means of social entrepreneurship. Holding training sessions on social economy and role of local self-government, studying the best practices of social entrepreneurship in Poland, Russia and Ukraine. Partner - Center for Education and Dialog "Teotokos" (Poland).

Grant: \$ 8100

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Coalition for the Protection of the Rights of Disabled and Mentally Handicapped People” (02099, Kyiv, Shota Rustaveli St., 39-41, Office 1151, tel. +38 (044) 411-03-32, 496-52-92)

Project Manager: Rayisa Kravchenko

Project Description: Holding a workshop “The Quality of Social Services and its Implementation in Practice” for advocates for the rights of people with learning disabilities (October 5-9, 2009). Disseminating European practices of evaluation and implementation of quality changes in the field of social services for people with learning disabilities at the local level in Ukraine. Presentation of best practices of Ukraine, Czech Republic and Slovak Republic, the introduction of tested strategies in the area of protection of rights of people with learning disabilities, with consideration of opinions of clients and their families, introduction of models based on personality-centered work with clients, and individual planning of social services. Partners of the project – Quip – Association for Change (Czech Republic), Social Work Advisory Board (Slovakia).

Grant: \$ 6079

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Yuri Yenenko Charitable Foundation (91003, Luhansk, Shevchenko Quarter, 36/28, tel. +38 (0642) 63-70-10)

Project Manager: Olena Yenenko

Project Description: Holding two training sessions in Luhansk Oblast, the first one - on legal aid and interagency cooperation, the second one – on “hospice philosophy and psychological assistance to patients and their relatives” (March 25-28, 2010). Study of Czech experience of improving health care system and social protection in palliative care, introducing system of public monitoring over activities of authorities in health care system and social protection in Luhansk Oblast, and publication of brochure with recommendations according to the project results. Partner - “The Homecoming, a Non-Profit Hospice Organization” (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 11402

Organization: Ethalon Youth Public Center (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19, tel. +38 (0342) 50-25-25)

Project Manager: Lesya Aronets

Project Description: Conducting trainings for community activists of small towns and villages in Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil and Chernivtsi Oblasts of Ukraine (September 21 - October 4, 2009) Study of the Polish experience of social animation and introduction of fundamentally new models and mechanisms for teaching principles of “engaging” public, developing mechanisms for public participation and interaction with local authorities. Partner - Association for the Revitalization of Rural Areas “Country and Europe” (Poland).

Grant: \$ 11355

Organization: Donetsk City NGO “Center for International Security” (83112, Donetsk, Leninsky Prosp., 92/87, tel. +38 (062) 304-51-42)

Project Manager: Andriy Karakuts

Project Description: Holding the workshop “Ukraine-Russia Relations in the Context of Euro-Atlantic Security System Enlargement” for winners of the essay competition (Donetsk, December 20-24, 2009). Promoting understanding among Ukrainian and Russian young people of the necessity to support normalization of international relations and development of cooperation between civil society organizations. Promoting students' understanding of the long-term national interests of their countries, essence and dynamics of Euro-Atlantic Security System functioning. Encouraging research interest in contemporary issues of regional international politics and security policies. Partners – Volgograd Regional Information Agency “XXI century”, Volgograd Regional Department of Russian Youth Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation (Russia), Poznan Institute of Eastern Studies (Poland), Center for International Studies of Odessa National University, Research and Information Center for International Security and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation of Donetsk National University (Ukraine).

Grant: \$ 8430

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Institute for Budgetary and Socio-Economic Research” (01034, Kyiv, Yaroslaviv Val St., 14H, 1st Floor, Office 54)

Project Manager: Iryna Shcherbyna

Project Description: Study visit of 12 Ukrainian professionals to Slovakia (July 26 – August 2, 2009, Bratislava) and holding a final conference in Ukraine (December 27, 2009, Kyiv) in the frame of Ukraine-Czech project “Experience of Fiscal Decentralization in Slovak Republic for Ukraine”. Elaboration of a new system of financing local self-government based on the Slovakian experience of fiscal decentralization, which will make local budgets in Ukraine more independent, as well as enhance local community's influence on the budgeting process, its transparency and good governance. Project is the second stage of Ukraine-Czech initiative launched in 2008. Partner - Center for Economic & Social Analyses (Slovakia).

Grant: \$ 16548

Organization: NGO “School for Political Analysis” (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. +38 (044) 230-82-39, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Dmytro Kondratenko

Project Description: Holding the Ukrainian part of the series of international seminars in the framework of the initiative “Russia and its Neighbors” for public opinion leaders, NGOs, experts and journalists (Kyiv, December 17, 2009). Facilitating mutual understanding among international experts and society at large of the issues concerning development of international policy of the Russian Federation and neighboring countries for promoting democratic processes in the Baltic States, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Improving efficiency of international and internal policies of these countries and Russia. Partners-Center for East European Policy Studies (Latvia), Center Geopolitical Studies (Lithuania), Association for Participatory Democracy - ADEPT (Moldova), International Center for Defense Studies (Estonia) and International Center for Geopolitical Studies (Georgia).

Grant: \$ 11302

Organization: NGO “Local Self-Government Support Association” (91493, Luhansk, Shevchenko Quarter, 14/67, tel. +38 (0642) 59-97-05)

Project Manager: Nataliya Shevchenko

Project Description: Holding two workshops in Luhansk and Luhansk Oblast (June 30 – July 1, 2009) in order to study the Czech experience of collaboration between local authorities and civic organizations, reform of the local self-government system, community engagement to public policy implementation and decision-making process at the local level for the efficient development of Luhansk Oblast and promotion of democratic transformation in the course of the European integration of Ukraine. The project is the second stage of Ukraine-Czech Initiative. The first study visit of 7 representatives of authorities and civil society organizations from Luhansk to the Czech Republic took place in 2008. Partner – Agora Central Europe – association for democracy and culture.

Grant: \$ 6580

Organization: Association of Middle East Studies (01001, Kyiv, Hrushevskoho St., 4, Office 210, tel. +38 (044) 279-07-72)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Bohomolov

Project Description: Holding three final seminars in the AR Crimea in the framework of the project “Prevention of Ethnic Tension in Crimea: the Role of Local Government, Mass Media and Education” (June 25-27, 2009, Bakhchysaray). Teaching the target audiences how to identify the “language of hostility” and avoid expressions of xenophobia and hatred in local media and in activity of authorities, schools and militia; providing participants with European tools of social radicalism prevention, development of tolerance and fighting extremism via media, schools, militia and authorities. The project is extension of the initiative launched in 2008. Partners of the project - People in Need Foundation (Czech Republic) and the Crimean Independent Center of Political Researchers and Journalists (Ukraine).

Grant: \$ 5502

Participation of Ukrainian Citizens in Projects Abroad Supported by the East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program

Number of Projects: **42**
Number of Organizations: **36**
Total: **\$ 111036**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.84%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$ 801
Vinnytsia Oblast	1	\$ 3385
Donetsk Oblast	5	\$ 22450
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	1	\$ 5646
Kyiv	19	\$ 49233
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$ 12442
Lviv Oblast	2	\$ 639
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$ 941
Odesa Oblast	1	\$ 3462
Sumy Oblast	1	\$ 291
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$ 3582
Kherson Oblast	2	\$ 497
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$ 7279
Chernivtsi Oblast	2	\$ 388

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Charitable Organization “Teachers for Democracy and Partnership” (02166, Kyiv, Zhukova St., 45, Office 409, tel. +38 (044) 228-86-77)

Project Manager: Ihor Sushchenko

Project Description: Participation of 5 Ukrainian teaching professionals of critical thinking in three working meetings in Istanbul (1st Meeting - February 19-21, 2nd - June 3-9, 3rd - December 2009) in the framework of triangular project “Learning to Think Critically: an Elective Course for High School of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine”. Dissemination of Ukrainian experience of critical thinking programs and analysis of practices in Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan, where respective programs are also considered successful; and development of critical thinking in school students, which provides the ability to resist various forms of unauthorized intrusions into private life, manipulations with consciousness. Partners - FEIS (Foundation for Education Initiatives Support (Kyrgyzstan) and CIE (Center for Innovations in Education (Azerbaijan)).

Grant: \$ 18000

Organization: NGO “Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation” (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Nataliya Sad

Project Description: Participation of 24 representatives from Ukraine in the training course within the project “Euro-Atlantic Integration: Estonian Experience and Information Exchange” (Tallinn, Estonia, February 16-20, 2009). Dissemination of knowledge about democratic values and exchange of information on Euro-Atlantic integration among the leaders of Ukrainian non-governmental organizations and journalists; development of more effective strategies and facilitating a clear civil vision in decision-making processes. Partner - Estonian Atlantic treaty Association (Estonia).

Grant: \$ 11684

Organization: Vinnytsia Oblast NGO “Podil Center for Social Technologies” (21018, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 4906, tel. +38 (0432) 57-88-42)

Project Manager: Oksana Yatsiuk

Project Description: Study visit of 7 Ukrainian journalists and experts within the project “Looking at Europe. European Experience of Reform. A series TV talk-show programs in Vinnytsia Oblast (Tallinn, Estonia, February 23-27, 2009). Raising awareness of residents of Vinnytsia Oblast concerning European reform experience and prospects for its implementation in Ukraine through the series of TV talk-show programs made by Ukrainian journalists and experts during two study visits to partner countries of the project. Partners - Czech Institute for Integration of EU (Czech Republic) and Open Estonia Foundation (Estonia).

Grant: \$ 3385

Organization: International Women's Rights Center “La Strada – Ukraine” (03113, Kyiv, P.O. Box 26, tel. +38 (044) 205-36-94)

Project Manager: Tetyana Taturevych

Project Description: Participation of two Ukrainian experts in a working meeting within the project “Establishment of a Network to Address the Issue of Population Ageing in Central Asia and South Caucasus” (Tbilisi, Georgia, February 24 - March 1, 2009). Promotion of international principles and standards embodied in Madrid International Plan and strengthening partnerships aimed at improving quality of life of elderly people in partner countries; creating a network to help address the issue of population ageing related to the demographic and migration processes in the countries of Central Asia and South Caucasus. Partners - People's Harmonious Development Society, Taso Foundation (Georgia), Public Association Resource Center for the Elderly (Kyrgyzstan).

Grant: \$ 1033

Organization: Ukrainian Charity Organisation “Turbota pro Litnih v Ukraini” (Age Concern Ukraine) (02100, Kyiv, Bazhova St., 2, Office 23, tel. +38 (044) 559-38-63)

Project Manager: Halyna Poliakova

Project Description: Participation of a Ukrainian expert on ageing of population in a working meeting within the project “Establishment of a Network to Address the Issue of Population Ageing in Central Asia and South Caucasus” (Tbilisi, Georgia, February 24 - March 1, 2009). Promotion of international principles and standards embodied in Madrid International Plan and strengthening partnerships aimed at improving quality of life of elderly people in partner countries; creating a network to help address the issue of population ageing related to the demographic and migration processes in the countries of Central Asia and South Caucasus. Partners - People's Harmonious Development Society, Taso Foundation (Georgia), Public Association Resource Center for the Elderly (Kyrgyzstan).

Grant: \$ 478

Organization: International Women's Rights Center “La Strada – Ukraine” (03113, Kyiv, P.O. Box 26, tel. +38 (044) 205-36-94)

Project Manager: Tetyana Taturevych

Project Description: Participation of 12 Ukrainian specialists in a seminar for experts working in the field of combating human trafficking in Belarus, Ukraine and Poland within the project “Share Experience and Compare” (Warsaw, Poland, April 7-9, 2009). Creating a common platform for exchanging information and experience, sharing of best practices in combating human trafficking in Belarus, Ukraine and Poland; participants' presentation of their own achievements and cooperation with other NGOs in the field of prevention and combating human trafficking; working out joint conclusions and recommendations. Partners - La Strada Foundation against Trafficking in Persons and Slavery, Polish Ministry of Interior (Poland), Young Women Christian Association of Belarus (Belarus).

Grant: \$ 2509

Organization: NGO “Podillya” (03039, Kyiv, 40 Richchia Zhovtnya Prosp., 48, Office 31, tel. +38 (044) 593-24-38)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Riznyk

Project Description: Study visit of three experts on the implementation of rehabilitation system in Ukraine within the project “Cooperation between the public sector and non-profit organization for professional education and training of people with disabilities on the European, Polish and Ukrainian labor markets” (Zlotoriya, Poland, May 24-30, 2009). Facilitating cooperation between public sector and NGOs to help people with disabilities feel as a part of society and be fully involved in social dialogue, by the example of building a comprehensive system of rehabilitation in Zlotoriya district. Partner - District Authorities in Zlotoriya (Poland).

Grant: \$ 1710

Organization: Sumy City NGO “Center for European Initiatives” (40030, Sumy, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 10, Oblast Science Library, Center for European Initiatives, tel. +38 (0542) 65-04-88, 79-86-68)

Project Manager: Anna Desiatova

Project Description: Participation of a trainer on European education in the forum “Best Practices in Youth Policy Development” (Yassi, Romania, April 27-30, 2009). Promoting development of local communities in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia by development of common youth policies, studying and evaluation of the real state of aid which local authorities provide to youth organizations for the elaboration and full development of youth policies. Partners - Community Safety and Mediation Center, Association of Youth Local Groups (Romania).

Grant: \$ 291

Organization: Donetsk City NGO “Alliance” (83015, Donetsk, Naberezhna St., 149, Office 37, tel. +38 (062) 338-40-83)

Project Manager: Svitlana Zakrevska

Project Description: Participation of youth projects coordinator in the forum “Best Practices in Youth Policy Development” (Yassi, Romania, April 27-30, 2009). Promoting development of local communities in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia by development of common youth policies, studying and evaluation of the real state of aid which local authorities provide to youth organizations for the elaboration and full development of youth policies. Partners - Community Safety and Mediation Center, Association of Youth Local Groups (Romania). Grant: \$ 1235

Organization: Cherkasy City NGO “Industrial Management Expert Society” (18000, Cherkasy, Smilyanska St., 78, Office 310, tel. +38 (0472) 37-00-75)

Project Manager: Yuriy Novikov

Project Description: Study tour of 22 Ukrainian experts in the frames of the project “Socially and Environmentally Friendly Economy: Czech Experience for Ukraine” (Brno, Czech Republic, May 31 - June 7, 2009). Disseminating experience of functioning of socially and environmentally friendly economy and socially responsible business in conjunction with environmental protection and increasing consumer awareness about responsible consumption, including electricity consumption; disseminating European practices of cooperation between NGOs and local authorities in implementation of social and environmental projects that have an extra positive impact on local communities. Partners - Society for Fair Trade (Czech Republic), Information Educational Center of Borosan and Center of Economic Education (Ukraine).

Grant: \$ 6317

Organization: Kherson Oblast Youth NGO "Regional Development Youth Center" (73013, Kherson, P.O. Box 10, tel. +38 (0552) 44-28-40)

Project Manager: Maksym Yeligulashvili

Project Description: Participation of an expert on European education in the forum "Best Practices in Youth Policy Development" (Yassi, Romania, April 27-30, 2009). Promoting development of local communities in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia by development of common youth policies, studying and evaluation of the real state of aid which local authorities provide to youth organizations for the elaboration and full development of youth policies. Partners - Community Safety and Mediation Center, Association of Youth Local Groups (Romania).

Grant: \$ 230

Organization: NGO "School for Political Analysis" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. +38 (044) 230-82-39, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Rostyslav Pavlenko

Project Description: Participation of an expert on energy policy in the seminar "Rules of the Game: Enhancing Transparency of Investment Contracts in Extractive Industries" (Almaty, Kazakhstan, April 8-9, 2009). Analysis of the peculiarities and main requirements concerning the content of contracts in oil and gas sector; defining social and environmental standards of the contracts in mining industry; balancing protection of investors and public interests in order to increase knowledge of investment contracts concluded between the government and extractive industries. Partners - Soros Foundation-Kazakhstan, Public Association Tax Standards Formation (Kazakhstan), International Institute for Environment and Development (Great Britain).

Grant: \$ 802

Organization: Association of Middle East Studies (01001, Kyiv, Hrushevskoho St., 4, Office 210, tel. +38 (044) 279-07-72)

Project Manager: Ihor Semyvolos

Project Description: Participation of three Ukrainian experts in a training within the project "Transformation and Conflict Prevention in the Black Sea Region. Spring Peace Academy 2009" (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 11-22, 2009). Cooperation between regional and international experts, representatives of civil society and think tanks of Black Sea region for exchange of best practices and conduct of expert analysis of peacekeeping activities; analysis and transformation of existing conflicts and conduct of preventive measures with regard to potential conflicts for the purposes of developing a common Black Sea Platform for Peacebuilding and Prevention of Armed Conflicts. Partner - PATRIR (Romania).

Grant: \$ 2054

Organization: Simferopol City NGO "Integration and Development" Information and Research Center" (95006, AR Crimea, Simferopol, Khatska St., 13, Office 1, tel. +38 (0652) 505-812)

Project Manager: Dukhnych Olha Yevhenivna

Project Description: Participation of a Ukrainian expert in a training within the project "Transformation and Conflict Prevention in the Black Sea Region. Spring Peace Academy 2009" (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 11-22, 2009). Cooperation between regional and international experts, representatives of civil society and think tanks of Black Sea region for exchange of best practices and conduct of expert analysis of peacekeeping activities; analysis and transformation of existing conflicts and conduct of preventive measures with regard to potential conflicts for the purposes of developing a common Black Sea Platform for Peacebuilding and Prevention of Armed Conflicts. Partner - PATRIR (Romania).

Grant: \$ 801

Organization: Charitable Organization “Ukrainian Center for Understanding” (01023, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz, 8, Office 7, tel. +38 (044) 537-10-07)

Project Manager: Alyona Horova

Project Description: Participation of an expert on mediation in a training within the project “Transformation and Conflict Prevention in the Black Sea Region. Spring Peace Academy 2009” (Cluj-Napoca, Romania, May 11-22, 2009). Cooperation between regional and international experts, representatives of civil society and think tanks of Black Sea region for exchange of best practices and conduct of expert analysis of peacekeeping activities; analysis and transformation of existing conflicts and conduct of preventive measures with regard to potential conflicts for the purposes of developing a common Black Sea Platform for Peacebuilding and Prevention of Armed Conflicts. Partner - PATRIR (Romania).

Grant: \$ 765

Organization: Chernivtsi City Youth Organization “Ukrainian Youth Club” (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 55-57-34)

Project Manager: Olha Zakharchenko

Project Description: Participation of an expert on European education in the forum “Best Practices in Youth Policy Development” (Yassi, Romania, April 27-30, 2009). Promoting development of local communities in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia by development of common youth policies, studying and evaluation of the real state of aid which local authorities provide to youth organizations for the elaboration and full development of youth policies. Partners - Community Safety and Mediation Center, Association of Youth Local Groups (Romania).

Grant: \$ 264

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “The Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies” (01011, Kyiv, Kutuzova Prosp., 8, Office 107, tel. +38 (044) 295-90-30)

Project Manager: Anatoliy Podolsky

Project Description: Participation of a Ukrainian historian in the summer school “Manipulation of History: Lessons from the Neighbors (Chisinau, Moldova, July 6-11, 2009). Comprehensive discussion and common revision of the role of history in post-communist countries and defining new opportunities for development of European education in the Republic of Moldova through study of relevant experience in Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Organizer - ANTIM Association of young Historians of Moldova.

Grant: \$ 150

Organization: NGO “Vivat Sokrat” (61202, Kharkiv, L. Svobody Prosp., 35/292, tel. +38 (057) 336-41-92)

Project Manager: Nadiya Dubrovina

Project Description: Participation of 7 Ukrainian specialists in a study visit to the Czech Republic within the project “World in the Consumer Basket” (Brno, Prague, May 9-17, 2009). Attracting public attention in Ukraine to the standards of responsible consumption, health and environmental problems caused by improper and excessive consumption, and to the issues of fair trade. Raising awareness of Ukrainian citizens about responsible consumption and providing public with knowledge about the essence of fair trade as the European standard of providing commercial services (by the example of the Czech Republic). Partner - Society for Fair Trade (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 2307

Organization: NGO “School for Political Analysis” (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. +38 (044) 230-82-39, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Dmytro Kondratenko

Project Description: Participation of a political analyst in the international seminar “Russia and its Neighbors, 2009. International Seminar in Latvia” (Yurmala, Latvia, June 15-17, 2009). Facilitating mutual understanding among international experts and society at large of the issues concerning development of international policy of the Russian Federation and neighboring countries for promoting democratic processes in the Baltic States, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Improving efficiency of international and internal policies of these countries and Russia, cooperation between think tanks and experts. Partners - Center for East European Policy Studies (Latvia), Foreign Policy Association (Moldova), Center of Geopolitical Studies (Lithuania), International Center for Defense Studies (Estonia), International Center for Geopolitical Studies (Georgia).

Grant: \$ 473

Organization: International Charitable Organization "Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring Center" (01133, Kyiv, I. Kudri St., 32, Office 415, tel. +38 (050) 385-84-46)

Project Manager: Oksana Kopanska

Project Description: Participation of a representative of Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring Center in the Black Sea Fellowship Program (Sofia, August 31 - September 11, 2009). Comparative analysis of legal framework on activities of NGOs in Ukraine, Bulgaria and other Central and Eastern European countries, review of important EU legal cases on issues concerning civil society organizations, - will enable participants to improve their capacity in the legal field of public sector. Organizer - Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL, Bulgaria).

Grant: \$ 894

Organization: Cherkasy Oblast Youth NGO "Forpost" (Cherkasy, Konyeva St., 1, Office 78)

Project Manager: Anna Myhal'

Project Description: Participation of a representative from Cherkasy Oblast in the Black Sea Fellowship Program (Sofia, August 31 - September 11, 2009). Comparative analysis of legal framework on activities of NGOs in Ukraine, Bulgaria and other Central and Eastern European countries, review of important EU legal cases on issues concerning civil society organizations, - will enable participants to improve their capacity in the legal field of public sector. Organizer - Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL, Bulgaria).

Grant: \$ 962

Organization: Regional NGO "Donbas" Regional Development Agency" (83014, Donetsk, Livoberezhna St., 62A, tel. +38 (062) 335-70-57, 345-74-19)

Project Manager: Vyacheslav Koval

Project Description: Study visit of a group of Ukrainian community leaders from Donbas to Poland (Gliwice, September 4-12, 2009). Facilitating potential community leaders who can encourage unemployed people and initiate activities to solve community problems by means of social entrepreneurship. Holding training sessions on social economy and role of local self-government, studying the best practices of social entrepreneurship in Poland, Russia and Ukraine. Partner - Center for Education and Dialog "Teotokos" (Poland).

Grant: \$ 7460

Organization: All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers of History, Citizenship and Social Studies "Nova Doba" (79008, Lviv, Halytska St., 1/5, tel. +38 (0322) 74-34-55)

Project Manager: Polina Verbytska

Project Description: Participation of a Ukrainian historian in the summer school "Manipulation of History: Lessons from the Neighbors (Chisinau, Moldova, July 6-11, 2009). Comprehensive discussion and common revision of the role of history in post-communist countries and defining new opportunities for development of European education in the Republic of Moldova through study of relevant experience in Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine. Organizer - ANTIM Association of young Historians of Moldova.

Grant: \$ 107

Organization: Regional Information and Human Rights Center for Gays and Lesbians "Nash Svit" (Our World) (02100, Kyiv, P.O. Box 173, tel. +38 (044) 573-54-24)

Project Manager: Serhiy Ponomariov

Project Description: Participation of an expert on gender issues in the seminar "LGBT Families: a New Minority" (Ljubljana, Slovenia, October 15-18, 2009). Sharing best practices, evaluation of qualitative and quantitative indicators and analysis of public documents in the EU countries and neighboring countries concerning same-sex relationships and related issues, discussion of legal and social position on same-sex marriages for the purposes of promoting public understanding and tolerance to sexual minorities. Organizer - Peace Institute (Slovenia).

Grant: \$ 1010

Organization: "Agency for the Steady Development of the Luhansk Region" NGO (91000, Luhansk, Brativ Palkinykh St., 45-A, Office 22, tel. +38 (064) 258-19-98)

Project Manager: Hanna Aladzhalyan

Project Description: Study visit of 12 representatives of local authorities and NGOs from Luhansk Oblast within the project "Ukrainian Local Authorities Closer to Citizens" (Wroclaw, Poland, October 24-31, 2009). Gaining knowledge about Polish experience in local self-government reform implementation on the way towards EU membership, introduction of elements of the modern model of EU countries local self-government in the Ukrainian system of regional administration. Organizer - College of Eastern Europe Foundation named after Jan Novak - Jezioranski (Poland).

Grant: \$ 8242

Organization: NGO “Center for European and Transatlantic Studies” (03124, Kyiv, I. Lepse Blvd., 8, tel. +38 (044) 454-11-56)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Kolomiyets

Project Description: Participation of an expert on transatlantic relations in the international conference “NATO and New Strategic Concept: Romanian Priorities” (Bucharest, Romania, October 22-24, 2009). Elaborating a coherent and well reasoned position of Romania on Strategic Concept of Euro-Atlantic integration, which will be supported by the public and neighboring countries; open discussion regarding national security interests and international position towards the continuation of trilateral cooperation of Ukraine-Moldova-Romania at the level of NGOs and involvement of other partners Black Sea region and Western Balkans. Partner - Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning (Romania).

Grant: \$ 907

Organization: Kherson Oblast Youth NGO “Regional Development Youth Center” (73013, Kherson, P.O. Box 10, tel. +38 (0552) 44-28-40)

Project Manager: Maksym Yelihulashvili

Project Description: Participation of an expert on European education in the second forum “Common Youth Policy for Sustainable Development” within a project “Best Practices in Youth Policies Development” (Yassi, Romania, September 1-4, 2009). Promoting development of local communities in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia by development of common youth policies, studying and evaluation of the real state of aid which local authorities provide to youth organizations for the elaboration and full development of youth policies. Partner - Community Safety and Mediation Center (Romania).

Grant: \$ 267

Organization: Chernivtsi City Youth Organization “Ukrainian Youth Club” (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 55-57-34)

Project Manager: Olha Zakharchenko

Project Description: Participation of an expert on European education in the second forum “Common Youth Policy for Sustainable Development” within a project “Best Practices in Youth Policies Development” (Yassi, Romania, September 1-4, 2009). Promoting development of local communities in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia by development of common youth policies, studying and evaluation of the real state of aid which local authorities provide to youth organizations for the elaboration and full development of youth policies. Partner - Community Safety and Mediation Center (Romania).
Grant: \$ 124

Organization: NGO “School for Political Analysis” (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. +38 (044) 230 82 39, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Dmytro Kondratenko

Project Description: Participation of one political analyst in the three international seminars and participation of two experts in the fourth seminar within the initiative “Russia and its Neighbors, 2009” in Moldova (Chisinau, October 29-31), Lithuania (Vilnius, November 12-14), Estonia (Tallinn, November 19-21) and Georgia (Tbilisi, November 26-28, 2009). Facilitating mutual understanding among international experts and society at large of the issues concerning development of international policy of the Russian Federation and neighboring countries for promoting democratic processes in the Baltic States, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. Improving efficiency of international and internal policies of these countries and Russia, cooperation between think tanks and experts. Partners – Centre for East European Policy Studies (Latvia), Centre of Geopolitical Studies (Lithuania), Association for Participatory Democracy – ADEPT (Moldova), International Centre for Defense Studies (Estonia) and International Center for Geopolitical Studies (Georgia).

Grant: \$ 2146

Organization: NGO "Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives" (04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (044) 531-37-68)

Project Manager: Ihor Kohut

Project Description: Participation of an expert on European and Euro-Atlantic integration in the international conference "NATO and New Strategic Concept: Romanian Priorities" (Bucharest, Romania, October 22-24, 2009). Elaborating a coherent and well reasoned position of Romania on Strategic Concept of Euro-Atlantic integration, which will be supported by the public and neighboring countries; open discussion regarding national security interests and international position towards the continuation of trilateral cooperation of Ukraine-Moldova-Romania at the level of NGOs and involvement of other partners Black Sea region and Western Balkans. Partner - Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning (Romania).

Grant: \$ 717

Organization: Mykolayiv Association of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals "Liga" (54001, Mykolayiv, Potyomkinska St., 110, tel. +38 (0512) 35-81-42)

Project Manager: Oleh Aliokhin

Project Description: Participation of two Ukrainian experts in a seminar within the project "Strengthening Capacity of NGOs to Protect Sexual and Reproductive Rights of People in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania" (Timisoara, Romania, October 21-25, 2009). Raising awareness among human rights activists about advocacy instruments and means of protection sexual and reproductive rights of people in Central and East European countries; overcoming prejudices based on religious beliefs that may cause hostility to homosexual people in society and promote negative attitude of community to them. Partners - Euroregional Center for Public Initiatives (Romania), Genderdoc-M (Moldova)

Grant: \$ 941

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Salus" (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 320, tel. +38 (0322) 40-33-62)

Project Manager: Olena Kovalchuk

Project Description: Participation of a Ukrainian expert on reproductive health in a seminar within the project "Strengthening Capacity of NGOs to Protect Sexual and Reproductive Rights of People in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania" (Timisoara, Romania, October 21-25, 2009). Raising awareness among human rights activists about advocacy instruments and means of protection sexual and reproductive rights of people in Central and East European countries; overcoming prejudices based on religious beliefs that may cause hostility to homosexual people in society and promote negative attitude of community to them. Partners - Euroregional Center for Public Initiatives (Romania), Genderdoc-M (Moldova)

Grant: \$ 532

Organization: Regional NGO "Donbas" Regional Development Agency" (83014, Donetsk, Livoberezhna St., 62A, tel. +38 (062) 335-70-57, 345-74-19)

Project Manager: Vyacheslav Koval'

Project Description: Participation of a group of Ukrainian community leaders from Donbas in training sessions within the project "Anti-Crisis Package – Entrepreneurship as a Way to Employment" (Gliwice, Poland, November 10-20, 2009). Conducting trainings on implementation of efficient consultancy, comparative analysis of governmental support of entrepreneurship and opportunities for disabled people in Ukraine and Poland in the crisis period. Facilitating potential community leaders who can encourage unemployed people and initiate activities to solve community problems by means of social entrepreneurship. Partner - Center for Education and Dialog "Teotokos" (Poland).

Grant: \$ 7000

Organization: NGO "Insight" (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 351B, tel. +38 (050) 410-75-59)

Project Manager: Hanna Dovhopol

Project Description: Participation of a Ukrainian expert in a seminar within the project "Strengthening Capacity of NGOs to Protect Sexual and Reproductive Rights of People in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania" (Timisoara, Romania, October 21-25, 2009). Raising awareness among human rights activists about advocacy instruments and means of protection sexual and reproductive rights of people in Central and East European countries; overcoming prejudices based on religious beliefs that may cause hostility to homosexual people in society and promote negative attitude of community to them. Partners - Euroregional Center for Public Initiatives (Romania), Genderdoc-M (Moldova).

Grant: \$ 897

Organization: Association of Minimal Invasive and Palliative Therapy (83099, Donetsk, Illich Pros., 14, tel. +38 (062) 295-37-83)

Project Manager: Kseniya Koshelieva

Project Description: Participation of two Ukrainian experts from Donetsk Oblast in the final conference in Macedonia (Skopje, November 18-22, 2009). Development of international movement for patient safety by uniting efforts of patients organizations in Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Asia; engagement of participant countries into implementation of the World Declaration on Healthcare; mutual providing of information and sharing of experience in the field of protection of patients rights and improvement of national legislation regulating the issues of patients safety. Final meeting of experts, presentation of research results on healthcare system and recommendations for improvements at the international level in countries of this region.

Grant: \$ 1235

Organization: Kharkiv Charitable Foundation "Bney Brit" named after Isaac Babel (61001, Kharkiv, Gagarina Pros., 1, tel. +38 (057) 756-63-95)

Project Manager: Oleksandr El'kin

Project Description: Participation of six Ukrainian delegates in a seminar within the international project "We are United. Analysis of Coverage of the History of Jewish People in Central and Eastern Europe of the Twentieth Century" (Nowy Sacz, Poland, November 2-9, 2009). Review and analysis of the history presentation of the Jewish people in the context of general historical events of the 20th century in Central and Eastern Europe; search of new understanding of tolerance for other peoples; dissemination of project results to the public, particularly among students. Partners - Educational Society For Malopolska (Poland), Zachor Foundation for Social Remembrance (Hungary), Kurt and Ursula Schubert Institute of Jewish Studies (Czech Republic), Gymnasium in Detva (Slovakia).

Grant: \$ 1275

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Yuri Yenenko Charitable Foundation (91003, Luhansk, Shevchenko Quarter, 36/28, tel. +38 (0642) 63-70-10)

Project Manager: Olena Yenenko

Project Description: Study visit of 7 professionals in palliative care from Luhansk Oblast to the Czech Republic in the frames of the project "Use of Leading Czech Experience for Capacity Building of Professionals Working in Palliative Care" (Prague, February 10-14, 2010). Studying of the Czech experience of improving healthcare system and social protection in the field of palliative care, introducing system of public monitoring over activities of authorities in health care system and social protection in Luhansk Oblast. Partner – "The Homecoming, a Non-Profit Hospice Organization" (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 4200

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Child Well-Being Fund Ukraine" (04205, Kyiv, Marshala Tymoshenka St., 21, Building 2, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 537-20-16)

Project Manager: Yuliya Maliyenko

Project Description: Participation of 4 child protection specialists in the international seminar "Improving Prevention and Intervention in Cases of Child Abuse in eastern Europe" (Warsaw, October 26-28, 2009). Presentation of best practices of social work in cases of violence against children in the countries of Eastern Europe; search of effective ways of prevention and intervention of violence against children at risk. Organizer - Nobody's Children Foundation (Poland).

Grant: \$ 2266

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illichyha Prosp., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Diomkina

Project Description: Participation of 10 experts on European integration in an educational visit to the Czech Republic within the project "Strategies and Instruments of Raising Public Awareness on Various Aspects of European Integration" (Prague, December 14-20, 2009). Strengthening the capacity of Ukrainian NGOs and mass media to inform the public on various aspects of European integration, strengthening the network of pro-European organizations in Ukraine by enhancing their capacity, development of strategies and mechanisms to raise public awareness in Ukraine on European integration through the adjustment and use of the Czech Republic experience. Partner - Europeum Institute for European Policy (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$ 5520

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Spilna Sprava" (65009, Odesa, Marshala Hovorova St., 3, Office 24, tel. +38 (048) 702-48-52)

Project Manager: Olha Cherkez

Project Description: Participation of 8 experts on migration issues in an international conference within the project "Together towards building civil society" (Wroclaw, November 13-14, 2009). Sharing best practices, facilitating cooperation between Ukrainian, Polish and German NGOs through creation of a network of support for migrants and refugees in the participating countries. Partner - Euro-Concret Association (Poland)

Grant: \$ 3462

Organization: Ethalon Youth Public Center (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19, tel. +38 (0342) 50-25-25)

Project Manager: Lesya Aronets

Project Description: Study visit of 25 social animators from Ivano-Frankivsk, Zakarpattia, Chernivtsi and Ternopil Oblasts to Malopolska province (February 20-28, 2010). Studying of the Polish experience of social animation in rural communities and introduction of fundamentally new models and mechanisms for teaching fundamentals of "engaging" public, developing mechanisms for public participation and interaction with local authorities. Partner - Association for the Revitalization of Rural Areas "Country and Europe" (Poland).

Grant: \$ 5646

Organization: NGO "Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Iryna Sushko

Project Description: Participation of an expert on European Integration in the conference "The Western Balkans Towards White Schengen List" (Belgrade, December 18, 2009). Gaining knowledge on efficient methods of public involvement to the process of visa facilitation regime between EU and Ukraine by the example of successful experience in the Balkan countries, for which the EU lifted visa requirements and granted the right for visa-free travel to the Schengen countries in December 2009; analysis of Serbian and other Balkan countries experience on the way to obtain visa-free regime with the EU, as well as applying received information during the implementation of respective project in Ukraine concerning introduction of some elements of this experience in Ukraine. Organizer - European Fund for the Balkans "Grupa 484" (Serbia).

Grant: \$ 738

Activities Initiated and Implemented by the Program “East East”, Including in Cooperation with Other IMF Programs and OSI Foundations

Number of Projects: **4**
Total: **\$ 44229**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.73%**

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kukharenko

Project Description: Providing the implementation of the annual competition “International experience of civil society impact on democratic development”, facilitating sharing of best international practices of monitoring, analytics and expertise, advocacy and lobbying, promoting dialogue between public and authorities and so on. Informing Ukrainian public about activities and opportunities of East East Program for international projects implementation in the regions of Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 14933

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Kukharenko Tetyana Borysivna

Project Description: Holding an expert meeting on the implementation of e-governance system in Ukraine and other post-soviet countries based on the Estonian experience (April 15-16, 2009). Planning the next steps of cooperation with Academy of E-Governance in Estonia, particularly concerning the adjustment of the program “E-Democracy” and “TI+D” instruments, city community portal Open City Portal, electronic signing for inquiries and other services for citizens. Participants of the meeting - experts from Tallinn, Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Lviv and Dnipropetrovsk.

Grant: \$ 6285

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kukharenko

Project Description: Holding an international roundtable in Kyiv “Movement for European Integration: Uniting Efforts of Civil Societies of Ukraine and Moldova” (December 15-16, 2009). Coverage of the issues of bilateral relations between Ukraine and Moldova in the context of European integration processes and trends in the region. Strengthening a dialogue between civil societies of both countries for the purpose of creating favorable conditions for solving many common problems of the region by means of people’ diplomacy, involvement of knowledge and expertise of think tanks, experts, mass media and public sector of the European Community.

Grant: \$ 19901

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Iryna Solonenko

Project Description: Holding a working meeting for experts from Ukraine and EU countries on the issues of analysis and evaluation of political situation, economic reforms, foreign policy, level of political and social freedoms, level of civil society development in the context of European integration of Ukraine, five years after the Orange Revolution (Kyiv, December 2009). Preparation of an analytical report that will help international audience better understand the processes in Ukraine and will also contribute to understanding of the relevant processes by Ukrainian audience.

Grant: \$ 3110

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Number of Projects:	48
Number of Organizations:	35
Total Amount:	\$247,945
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	4.11%

Program Goal in 2009:

The Social Capital and Academic Publications Program (SCAP) provides broad support to publishing and translation initiatives and promotes the effective use of open access to academic information through the internet, as well as enriches public communication in Ukraine by promoting the use of new media.

Program Priorities in 2009:

- Translation project
- Open access to scientific literature
- Use of new media

TRANSLATION PROJECT

The essence of translation is not to convert from one language to another, but to cross over from culture to culture. Translation is the joint work of authors, translators and readers in searching for and reflecting on words, memories, and perspectives on the world. Financial and expert support is provided for the translation and publishing of books on history, culture, art, philosophy, political and legal thought, civil society, humanities and social sciences, etc., as well as for translations of works of fiction for children and adults by prominent foreign authors.

The Translation Project, a joint initiative of the International Renaissance Foundation, the Open Society Institute Information Program and Next Page Foundation (Sofia, Bulgaria) has been active in Ukraine since 1998. As of February 2010, 530 book titles have been translated into Ukrainian and published with program support and more than 100 are being prepared for printing. The project works in partnership with the Goethe Institute, German Embassy, Polish Institute in Kyiv, Polish Embassy, US Embassy, and British Council in Ukraine.

Competition “Translating German Literature into Ukrainian” (in partnership with the Goethe-Institute in Ukraine)

Competition goal: to translate and publish in Ukrainian (for the first time) books by contemporary German authors who write about civil society, rule of law, human rights, social and economic theory, globalization and European integration, mass media, information society, urban and community development, and

which foster better understanding between Germans and Ukrainians and stronger contacts between Ukrainian and German researchers.

Competition focus: To support the establishment of a strong, diverse and independent publishing industry as a necessary instrument of civil society.

In 2009, the expert council approved support for 19 German translation projects (a total of 56 proposals were received).

Competition “Publishing Contemporary Polish Scientific Literature and Fiction in Ukrainian” (in partnership with the Polish Institute in Kyiv)

Competition goal: To publish in Ukrainian (for the first time) contemporary Polish literature on communication between political and civil society: publications on rule of law, human rights and European integration processes, modern history, culture, the latest concepts on representing public interests at a time of crisis of representative democracy and protecting the interests of minorities.

Competition focus: To increase access to information for its effective use in solving important problems faced by Ukrainian society. Strengthening contacts between Poles and Ukrainians.

In 2009, the expert council approved support for 6 Polish translation projects (a total of 38 proposals were received).

Competition: Translating Modern American Literature into Ukrainian

Competition goal: To translate into Ukrainian and publish (for the first time) books by contemporary American authors that write about civil society, rule of law, human rights, social and economic theory, globalization, media and communication, information society, urban and community development, and which promote understanding and stronger contacts between Americans and Ukrainians.

Competition focus: To increase access to information for its effective use in solving important problems faced by Ukrainian society.

In 2009, the expert council approved support for 7 translation projects (a total of 24 proposals were received).

“SCHOLAR TRANSLATION LABORATORY” PROJECT

This project is implemented by the Youth Humanities Center with financial support from IRF and assistance from the National University of “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy”. The initiative aims to create an intellectual environment for professional discussions on strategy and academic quality of Ukrainian translations of Western non-fiction literature in the humanities and social sciences. The main component of the project is seminars, each of which is dedicated to a text that is being translated as part of the IRF Translations Project or humanities and social sciences terminology. The project promotes the development of the Ukrainian school of translation, and direct communication between translators, editors, linguists and experts in specific fields in the humanities and social sciences to approve terminology for translated texts and solve problems with the translation of a certain book.

The project maintains the Laboratory's website (www.ua-pereklad.org) and has started a blog called "Academic Translation" (www.ua-pereklad.blogspot.com). In 2009 the project focused its expert work on the *German-Ukrainian Dictionary of Philosophy and Humanities Terminology*.

Promoting open access to academic literature

Open access means free access for readers to quality research literature through the Internet with the right to read, download, copy, disseminate, print, search, refer to full-text articles, index, etc., i.e. to use this literature for any legal purpose without any financial, legal or technical restrictions (Open Access Initiative Budapest). The project is implemented in cooperation with the Open Society Institute Information Program (eIFL.net).

Competition "Open Access to Knowledge"

Competition goal: to increase access to information (primarily academic) so that it can be effectively used by researchers, educators, students and wider audiences.

Competition focus: to create open access repositories of full-text academic publications and teaching materials at research and higher education institutions.

In 2009 the program council and OSI network program provided support to 7 projects: Institute of Software Systems of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv) (www.eprints.isoftware.kiev.ua); Lviv City NGO "Centre for the Humanities" (Lviv) (www.humanities.lviv.ua); Oblast NGO "Center for Strategic Initiatives" (Khmelnitsky) (www.csi.km.ua); Youth NGO "Youth Association for the Study of Religions" (www.mar.in.ua); National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" (www.ukma.kiev.ua); Ternopil State Ivan Pul'uj Technical University (Ternopil) (www.tu.edu.te.ua). (A total of 13 proposals were received).

As a result of these projects, open access repositories of full-text publications and educational materials were created and expanded at research and higher education institutions. Informational workshops were organized for interested scholars, librarians and academic institutions encouraging research and higher educational institutions to practice open access; informational workshops were organized for journalists about open access; competitions were held for journalists writing about open access; competitions were held for student research projects about open access. There is an increase in user rights to access information and its effective use in personal and public development.

Using new media

New media refers to new ways of delivering information (online publications, presentations on CD, computer games, mobile phones, etc.) and social media, where information is created by the general audience (blogs, wikis, social services for storing photos/video). The ease of transfer of information makes the use of "new media" effective for public goals, and as a tool for strengthening civil society has become one of the main areas of focus for western civil society organizations. This initiative is being implemented together with the OSI Information Program and aims to disseminate information about the tools available through the Internet and ways to expand access to knowledge, introduce the practice of using the Internet as a tool for public activism campaigns and the development of an open society through online communities.

Competition “Using New Media”

Competition goal: to disseminate information about online tools and expand access to knowledge. Introduce the practice of using the Internet as a tool for public activism campaigns. Development an “open society” through online communities.

Competition focus: disseminating information about tools available through the Internet; Internet technology for NGOs and activists; developing an “open society” by creating online communities; coverage by online cultural resources of news about books.

In 2009 the program supported 5 projects: NGO “Internet Initiatives” (Kyiv) (<http://educamp.com.ua>); Charitable Organization “Center for Consumer Initiatives” (Kyiv) (www.consumerinfo.org.ua); NGO “Ukrprostir” (Zaporizhzhia) (www.ukrprostir.net); Youth Innovation Center “Media-M” (Kyiv) (www.media-m.org.ua); and Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation (Kyiv) (www.philosophy.ua/ua/org/uph), aimed at creating networks of educational conferences, developing manuals, informational materials about the Internet with the goal of increasing the communication capacity of NGOs, developing Ukraine’s intellectual space, and encouraging civic initiatives to use and spread information about “new media” (Total number of proposals received - 38).

500 BOOKS OF HUMANITIES CLASSICS

On occasion of the publication of the 500th book title, a conference was held on October 20, 2009 to draw attention to the need to transform state policy on the book industry and translation work, and convey the message to the government of the need to support translations into Ukrainian by highlighting the achievements of the SCAAP Translation Project over the past 10 years. Discussions focused on problems of translating contemporary books in the humanities and support for such activities, and successes and challenges facing the Ukrainian book industry. For several weeks, as exhibit was held of books printed by publishers that work with IRF and an electronic catalogue “500 translations completed with support from IRF” was issued and electronic archive presented (books.irf.kiev.ua). Recognition was given to leading publishers, translators, editors and designers who made these books possible.

From 1998-2009, the program supported 720 projects (\$4,213,002) of 97 publishers, who made a 50% contribution to each project. Over this period, the program made a significant contribution to the Ukrainian book industry: filled a gap in the area of translated works, gave Ukrainians the opportunity to read quality literature in their native language; strengthened ties between the Ukrainian and foreign academic community; provided professional training for publishers and translators; improved problems with distribution and information delivery; expanded the specialization of academic publications; launched new subject areas at publishing houses.

Difficulties encountered in 2009:

Although the program will be ending its grant activities in 2010, work is focusing on finding potential donors that can take over the legacy of the 10-year translation program. The program’s management is focusing on developing a final strategy and closing the program at IRF. An internal audit is being conducted of unfinished projects, as a result of which it was learned that despite the work undertaken within the project priorities, the social capital of Ukrainian academics remains low, translations need improvement, and books need promotion and wider distribution.

Partnership and Cooperation:

In Ukraine, the niche of donor-supported book publishing remains unfilled, particularly support for translation for foreign literature in the humanities and social sciences. Cultural departments at foreign embassies in Ukraine provide support to a small number of translation projects. In view of this, IRF decided to coordinate translation projects in Ukraine.

In late 2003, IRF and the Goethe Institute launched a joint program to support translations from German, which worked successfully in 2009. Agreement has been reached to continue working together on advocacy. An important achievement of cooperation with the Polish Institute in Kyiv was the presentation of joint programs at the Lviv Book Forum.

In 2009, IRF began working with the public affairs section of the US Embassy to jointly support the translation of contemporary American literature. The program also held advisory meetings with the Open Ukraine Foundation's Cultural Horizons Program regarding the publishing industry. Consultations were held on investigating corruption in the field of cultural support programs.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zhytomyr Oblast	1	\$2,200
Zaporizhzhia Oblast	1	\$4,895
Kyiv	33	\$146,589
Kyiv Oblast	6	\$34,600
Lviv Oblast	2	\$19,658
Ternopil Oblast	2	\$11,180
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$4,823
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$4,000
Operational Projects	1	\$20,000

Translating German literature into Ukrainian

Number of Projects: **19**
Number of Organizations: **14**
Total: **\$93,209**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.54%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zhytomyr Oblast	1	\$2,200
Kyiv	16	\$75,009
Kyiv Oblast	2	\$16,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Private Entrepreneur Oleksiy Zhupansky (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 7A, tel. +38 (044) 223-94-99)

Project Manager: Oleh Zhupansky

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Robert Musil 'Der Mann ohne Eigenschaften'.

Grant: \$ 10,000

Organization: "Publishing House "Kraina Mriy" Limited Liability Company (04074, Kyiv, Luhova St., 9, (building "Aspekt"), tel. +38 (044) 502-25-73)

Project Manager: Natalya Tysovska

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Preussler Otfried 'Der Rauber Hotzenplotz'.

Grant: \$ 2,500

Organization: "Nash Chas" Information-Analytical Agency (01034, Kyiv, Pavlivska St., 17, Office 81, tel. +38 (044) 569-10-74)

Project Manager: Nina Slyusarenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Alfred Doeblin 'Ermordung einer Butterblume und andere Erzählungen'

Grant: \$ 3,000

Organization: Ivan Franko Zhytomyr State University (10008, Zhytomyr, Velyka Berdychivska St., 40, tel. +38 (0412) 37-27-63)

Project Manager: Petro Saukh

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book 'Brecht, Bertolt: Ausgewählte Werke: Die Dreigroschenoper, Mutter Courage und ihre Kinder, Leben des Galilei'.

Grant: \$ 2,200

Organization: "Grani-T" Ltd. (02140, Kyiv, Borysa Hmyri St., 2, Office 10, tel. +38 (044) 200-12-57, 200-12-58, 200-12-59)

Project Manager: Diana Klochko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Michael Ende. 'Jim Knopf und Lukas, der Lokomotivfuehrer'.

Grant: \$ 4,000

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Zion" (03151, Kyiv, Donetska St., 35, Office 33, tel. +38 (044) 242-83-17)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Kvitka

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Christine Biernath. 'Keinen Schlag weiter!'

Grant: \$ 2,900

Organization: "Grani-T" Ltd. (02140, Kyiv, Borysa Hmyri St., 2, Office 10, tel. +38 (044) 200-12-57, 200-12-58, 200-12-59)

Project Manager: Diana Klochko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Walter Benjamin. 'Zur Kritik der Gewalt und andere Aufsätze'.

Grant: \$ 3,000

Organization: NGO "Dukh i Litera" (Spirit and Letter) Scientific Publishing Association (04070, Kyiv, Skovorody St., 2, Building 4, Office 210, tel. +38 (044) 425-60-20)

Project Manager: Leonid Finberg

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Martin Buber. "Ich und Du" and «Der Weg des Menschen nach der chassidischen Lehre».

Grant: \$ 3,000

Organization: International Charitable Foundation "Academy of Ukrainian Press" (04060, Kyiv, Vavilovych St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. +38 (044) 440-95-35)

Project Manager: Valeriy Ivanov

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Mai, Manfred 'Medienpolitik in der Informationsgesellschaft'.

Grant: \$ 3,200

Organization: International Charitable Foundation "Academy of Ukrainian Press" (04060, Kyiv, Vavilovych St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. +38 (044) 440-95-35)

Project Manager: Valeriy Ivanov

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Niklas Luhmann. 'Die Realitaet der Massenmedien'.

Grant: \$ 2,600

Organization: Dmytro Burago Publishing House (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 41, Kyiv-80, tel. +38 (044) 238-64-47, 238-64-49)

Project Manager: Dmytro Burago

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Kuebler, Hans D. 'Mythos Wissensgesellschaft'.

Grant: \$ 5,500

Organization: Youth NGO "Youth Center for Humanities" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Youth Center for Humanities (Center for Intercultural Communication NaUKMA), Building 6, Office 206, tel. +38 (044) 425-68-65, (044) 417-35-20)

Project Manager: Vakhtang Kebuladze

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Rentsch, Thomas: Die Konstitution der Mortalitaet: transzendente Anthropologie und praktische Philosophie.

Grant: \$ 4,000

Organization: "Metodyka" Limited Liability Company (03150, Kyiv, Kyiv - 150, P.O. Box 495, tel. +38 (044) 529-96-13)

Project Manager: Valentyn Kryvoruchko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Dr. Wolfgang Walther, Langenscheidt Standard Dictionary German.

Grant: \$ 16,900

Organization: Kastalia Social Adaptation and Integration Foundation (04210, Kyiv, Frunze St., 103A, Building 4, tel. +38 (044) 468-13-34)

Project Manager: Yevhenia Belorusets

Project Description: Creating a professional platform for translators, authors and artists. Organizing seminars and discussions on problems of translating German literature.

Grant: \$ 5,000

Organization: Private Entrepreneur Oleksiy Zhupansky (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 7A, tel. +38 (044) 223-94-99)

Project Manager: Oleh Zhupansky

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Bloch Ernst "Das antizipierende Bewusstsein".

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: "K.I.C." Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 1, tel. +38 (044) 462-52-69)

Project Manager: Yuriy Marchenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Matthias Herdegen "Volkrecht".

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Joint Ukrainian-American Enterprise "Krytyka" Magazine" LLC (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 255, tel. +38 (044) 235-80-03, 235-09-07)

Project Manager: Andriy Mokrousov

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Joseph Roth 'Hiob'.

Grant: \$ 4,509

Organization: NGO "Dukh i Litera" (Spirit and Letter) Scientific Publishing Association (04070, Kyiv, Skovorody St., 2, Building 4, Office 210, tel. +38 (044) 425-60-20)

Project Manager: Leonid Finberg

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by "Die kulturellen Werte Europas", Hrsg. Hans Joas.

Grant: \$ 6,000

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Zion" (03151, Kyiv, Donetska St., 35, Office 33, tel. +38 (044) 242-83-17)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Kvitka

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Gabi Kreslehner "Charlottes Traum".

Grant: \$ 2,900

SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

Translating Contemporary Polish Research Literature into Ukrainian

Number of Projects: **5**
Number of Organizations: **5**
Total: **\$17,500**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.29%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$9,500
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$4,000
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$4,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Charitable Fund "Calvaria Publishing House Foundation" (01054, Kyiv, P.O. Box 108, tel. +38 (0322) 98-00-39)

Project Manager: Anetta Antonenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Magdalena Tulli 'Sny i kamienie'.

Grant: \$ 1,500

Organization: "Books-XXI" Publishers, Ltd. (58000, Chernivtsi, Sheptytskoho St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 58-64-64)

Project Manager: Vasyl Dronyak

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Gustaw Herling-Grudzinski 'Inny Swiat. Zapiski sowieckie'.

Grant: \$ 4,000

Organization: "Universe" Publishers, Ltd. (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 32, Office 165, tel. +38 (044) 223-9499, 581-33-65)

Project Manager: Andriy Savchuk

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Kapuscinski Ryszard 'Podroze z Herodotem'.

Grant: \$ 4,000

Organization: "Nash Chas" Information-Analytical Agency (01034, Kyiv, Pavlivska St., 17, Office 81, tel. +38 (044) 569-10-74)

Project Manager: Nina Slyusarenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Andrzej Sulima Kaminski 'Historia Rzeczypospolitej Wielu Narodow 1505-1795'.

Grant: \$ 4,000

Organization: Joint Ukrainian-American Enterprise "Krytyka" Magazine" LLC (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 255, tel. +38 (044) 235-80-03, 235-09-07)

Project Manager: Andriy Mokrousov

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Andrzej Chciuk 'Atlantyda. Opowiesc o Wielkim Ksiestwie Balaku. Ziemia Ksiezykowa. Druga opowiesc o Wielkim Ksiestwie Balaku'.

Grant: \$ 4,000

SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

Translating Contemporary American Literature into Ukrainian

Number of Projects: **5**
Number of Organizations: **4**
Total: **\$20,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.33%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$10,400
Kyiv Oblast	2	\$9,600

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: "Maisternya Knyhy" Ltd. (03037, Kyiv, M. Kryvonosa St., 2B, tel. +38 (044) 248-89-31, 246-89-14)

Project Manager: Pavlo Sachek

Project Description: Translation and publication of the book by T. Bulat and T. Filenko "The World of Mykola Lysenko. National Identity, Music and Politics of Ukraine in the XIX - early XX Centuries".

Grant: \$ 2,000

Organization: Kyiv-Svyatoshyn Branch of the Ukrainian Children's Fund (01135, Kyiv Oblast, Boyarka, P.O. Box 192, tel. +38 (044) 390-11-39)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Samoylenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Charles King 'The Black Sea: A History'.

Grant: \$ 4,600

Organization: Kyiv-Svyatoshyn Branch of the Ukrainian Children's Fund (01135, Kyiv Oblast, Boyarka, P.O. Box 192, tel. +38 (044) 390-11-39)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Samoylenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Immanuel Wallerstein 'The Modern World-System I: Capitalist Agriculture and the Origins of the European World-Economy in the Sixteenth Century'.

Grant: \$ 5,000

Organization: NGO "Dukh i Litera" (Spirit and Letter) Scientific Publishing Association (04070, Kyiv, Skovorody St., 2, Building 4, Office 210, tel. +38 (044) 425-60-20)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Sihov

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Timothy Snider 'The Reconstruction of Nations: Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, 1569-1999'.

Grant: \$ 3400

Organization: Private Enterprise "Nauka" Publishers (03124, Kyiv, M.Vasylenska St., 13A, Office 68, tel. +38 (044) 497-81-69)

Project Manager: Andriy Ishchenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Stanley B. Greenberg. 'Dispatches from the War Room: In the Trenches with Five Extraordinary Leaders'.

Grant: \$ 5,000

Scholar Translation Laboratory

Number of Projects:	1
Number of Organizations:	1
Total:	\$5,000
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	0.08%

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Youth NGO "Youth Center for Humanities"
(04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, National University of
Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Youth Center for Humanities
(Center for Intercultural Communication NaUKMA),
Building 6, Office 206,
tel. +38 (044) 425-68-65, (044) 417-35-20)

Project Manager: Vakhtank Kebuladze

Project Description: Developing a common Ukrainian
humanities-social sciences terminology by developing
and publishing the German-Ukrainian dictionary of
humanities terms.

Grant: \$ 5,000

Using New Media in the World of NGOs

Number of Projects: **5**
Number of Organizations: **5**
Total: **\$24,500**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.41%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Zaporizhzhia Oblast	1	\$ 4,895
Kyiv	3	\$ 14,605
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$ 5,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation (01001, Kyiv, Tryokhsvyatytska St., 4, Office 321, tel. +38 (044) 279-16-70)

Project Manager: Serhiy Proleyev

Project Description: Creating modern effective forms of intellectual life and communication in the field of philosophy by using new (electronic) media.

Grant: \$ 4,700

Organization: NGO "Internet Initiatives" (03115, Kyiv, Pushynoi St., 8-161, tel. +38 (050) 640-41-68)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Azhniuk

Project Description: Increasing knowledge about practical uses for the Internet and social networks by training trainers who then organize training events for regional Ukrainian NGOs.

Grant: \$ 5,000

Organization: Charitable Organization "Center for Consumer Initiatives" (01024, Kyiv, Shovkovychna St., 30B, Office 26, tel. +38 (044) 256-84-84)

Project Manager: Vadym Aftandilyants

Project Description: Creating the multimedia manual "Virtual social networks in the work of public associations".

Grant: \$ 4,905

Organization: NGO "Ukrprostrir" (69005, Zaporizhzhia, Patriotychna St., 76b/57, tel. +38 (06123) 9-30-47)

Project Manager: Mykola Kolodyazhny

Project Description: Developing and distributing multimedia video clips on new web technologies in 2.0 format (Google, Blog, RSS, Wiki, CNS, Webinar and others).

Grant: \$ 4,895

Organization: Youth Innovation Center "Media-M" (03058, Kyiv, Polyova St., 49a, tel. +38 (044) 592-11-38)

Project Manager: Slanislav Shumlyansky

Project Description: Creating communities of public podcasters, increasing knowledge about the effectiveness of podcasting and creating a podcasting channel.

Grant: \$ 5,000

Open Access

Number of Projects: 7
Number of Organizations: 6
Total: \$ 34,061
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.56%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$ 8,400
Lviv Oblast	1	\$ 9,658
Ternopil Oblast	2	\$ 11,180
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$ 4,823

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Ternopil State Ivan Pul'uj Technical University (46001, Ternopil, Ruska St., 56, tel. +38 (0352) 52-41-81)

Project Manager: Oleh Shkodzinsky

Project Description: Creating an electronic university archive to ensure open access to research and methodological documents on engineering and technical fields.

Grant: \$ 3,680

Organization: Oblast NGO "Center for Strategic Initiatives" (29013, Khmelnytsky, Svobody St., 36, Office 601, tel. +38 (0382) 65-31-73)

Project Manager: Dmytro Nikitin

Project Description: Creating a common, general access electronic system for registering and indexing archival funds.

Grant: \$ 4,823

Organization: Institute of Software Systems of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (03680, Kyiv, Hlushkova Prosp., 40, Building 5, tel. +38 (044) 526-55-07)

Project Manager: Valeriy Reznichenko

Project Description: Increasing the effective use of information resources of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and informing the international community about the scientific achievements and development of the NASU.

Grant: \$ 2,500

Organization: Lviv City NGO "Centre for the Humanities" (79000, Lviv, Universytetska St., 1, Office 208, tel. +38 (032) 239-41-18)

Project Manager: Olena Haleta

Project Description: Providing open access to research materials and academic publications in the humanities by supporting the functioning of the Open Humanities Archive "Antropos".

Grant: \$ 9,658

Organization: Youth NGO "Youth Association for the Study of Religions" (03065, Kyiv, Komarova Prosp., 19, Office 42, tel. +38 (044) 408-57-62)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Khromets

Project Description: Creating a system of Islamic research in Ukraine.

Grant: \$ 2,000

Organization: National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (04070, Kyiv, H. Skovorody St., 2, Building 1, Office 216, tel. +38 (044) 425-60-96)

Project Manager: Tetyana Yaroshenko

Project Description: Creating a multidisciplinary open access archive to facilitate communication between Ukrainian and foreign researchers.

Grant: \$ 3,900

Organization: Ternopil State Ivan Pul'uj Technical University (46001, Ternopil, Ruska St., 56, tel. +38 (0352) 52-41-81)

Project Manager: Oleh Shkodzinsky

Project Description: Conducting a distance training and organizing a seminar for users of Open Access, increasing the institutional repository ELARTU.

Grant: \$ 7,500

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total: **\$ 24,500**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.41%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	2	\$ 4,500
Operational Projects	1	\$ 20,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: "Promin" Publishers Ltd. (01042, Kyiv, I.Kudri St., 32, Office 403, tel. +38 (044) 286-69-29)

Project Manager: Mykhailo Boychenko

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Luhmann, Nicklas, "Soziale Systeme".

Grant: \$ 2,000

Organization: Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation (01001, Kyiv, Tryokhsvyatytelska St., 4, Office 321, tel. +38 (044) 279-16-70)

Project Manager: Serhiy Proleyev

Project Description: Translation into Ukrainian and publication of the book by Apel K.-O. "Diskurs und Verantwortung".

Grant: \$ 2,500

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Taras Lyuty

Project Description: Organizing a conference, exhibit and meetings commemorating the publication of the 500th book translated into Ukrainian as part of IRF SCAAP programs.

Grant: \$ 20,000

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Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total: **\$ 29,175**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.48%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	2	\$19,175
Lviv Oblast	1	\$10,000

Organization: Independent Cultural Journal “Ji” (79005, Lviv, Hrushevskoho St., 8, Office 3A, tel. +38 (0322) 60-22-90)
Project Manager: Taras Vozniak
Project Description: Support for four editions of the Independent Cultural Journal “Ji” “Holocaust in Lviv”, “Tatar Crimea”, “Chernivtsi – Crucible of Cultures”, “Consequences of WW II” and its free of cost distribution to NGOs, government institutions, diplomatic mission, local government bodies, central and regional libraries.
Grant: \$ 10,000

Organization: State Enterprise “State Specialized Publishing House “Muzychna Ukraina” (Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 32a, tel. +38 (044) 235-11-08)
Project Manager: Olesya Tomenko
Project Description: Publication of the book of songs “White Birds of the Snow” to share songs from this book with music groups, choirs and singers – ranging from village clubs, cities, rations and professional and amateur performances - to preserve the songs of Ukrainian culture.
Grant: \$ 4,375

Organization: “Fact” Publishers, Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 76, tel. +38 (044) 287-18-82)
Project Manager: Leonid Finkelstein
Project Description: Promotion of the publication of the one volume book of dramas by Lesia Ukrainka: organizing a series of presentations in Ukrainian cities, lectures, roundtables and reader conferences with the participation of leading literary critics and researchers of works by Lesia Ukrainka.
Grant: \$ 14,800

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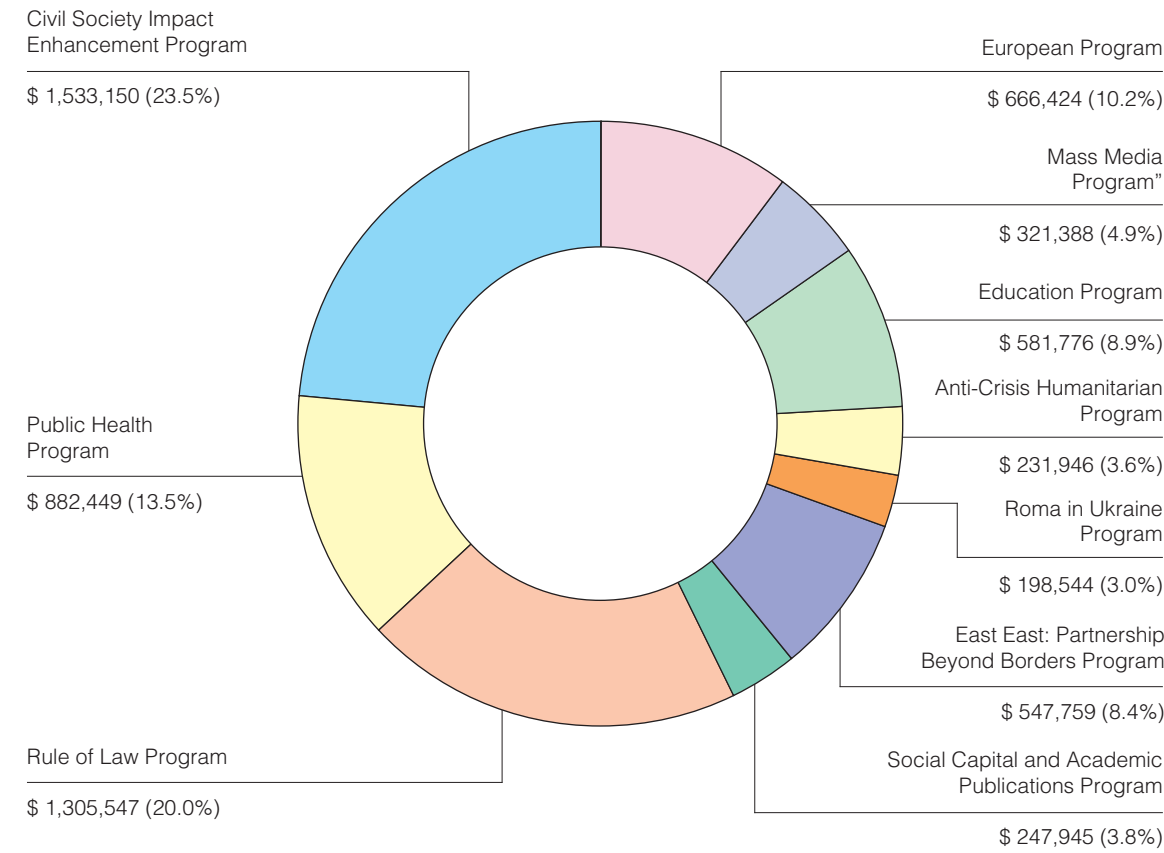
Cost Structure by Line of Activities

LINE OF ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Civil Society Impact Enhancement Program	99	\$ 1,533,150
Public Health Program	67	\$ 88,2449
Rule of Law Program	64	\$ 1,305,547
European Program	54	\$ 666,424
Mass Media Program	38	\$ 321,388
Education Program	27	\$ 581,776
Anti-Crisis Humanitarian Program	40	\$ 231,946
Roma in Ukraine Program	32	\$ 198,544
East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program	84	\$ 547,759
Social Capital and Academic Publications Program	48	\$ 247,945
Total	553	\$ 6,516,928

Distribution of Supported Projects by Region of Ukraine

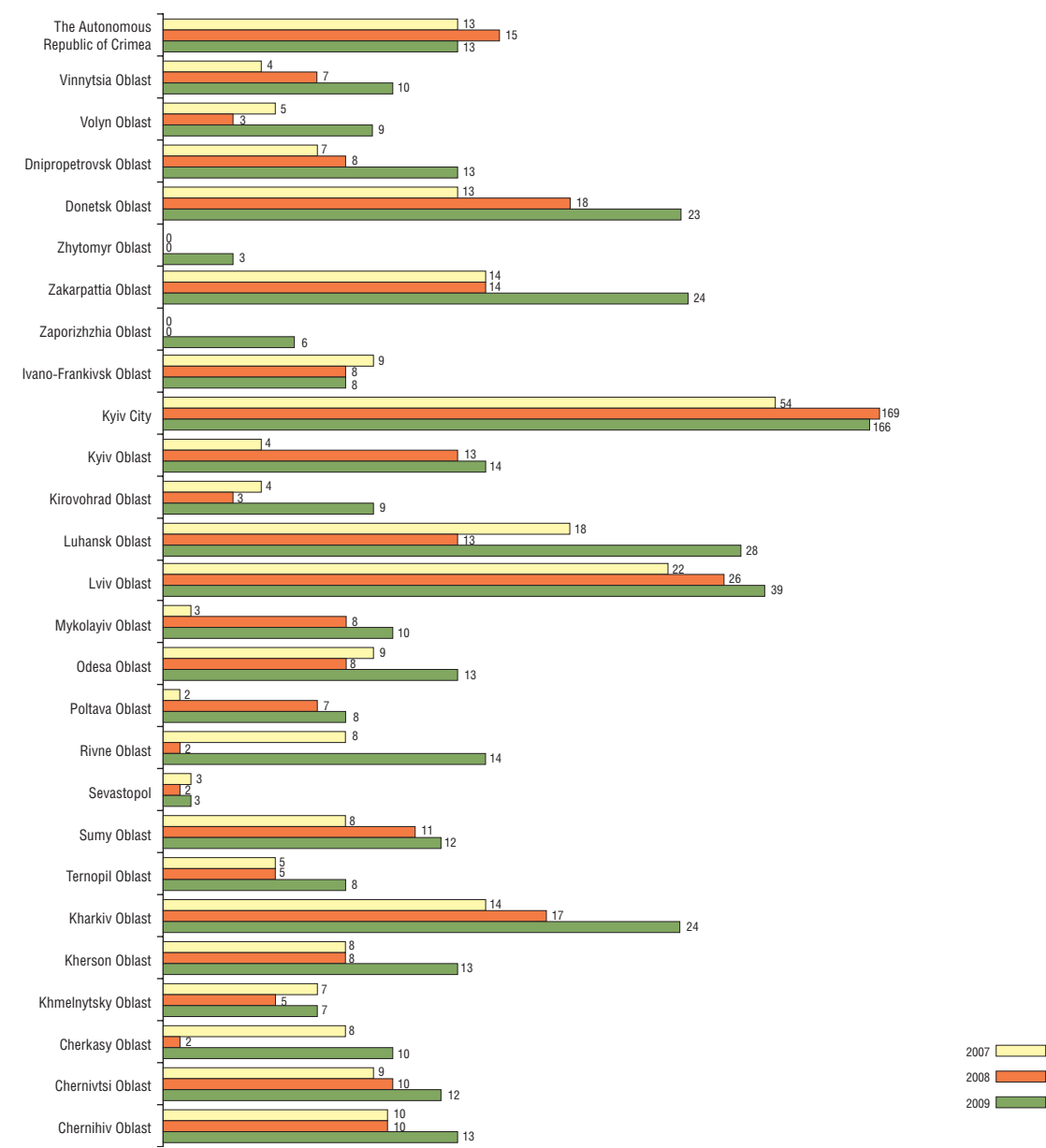
REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	13	\$ 158,849
Vinnytsia Oblast	10	\$ 102,980
Volyn Oblast	9	\$ 70,954
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	13	\$ 153,885
Donetsk Oblast	23	\$ 186,531
Zhytomyr Oblast	3	\$ 20,847
Zakarpattia Oblast	24	\$ 121,188
Zaporizhzhia Oblast	6	\$ 22,964
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	8	\$ 76,542
Kyiv City	166	\$ 1,970,006
Kyiv Oblast	14	\$ 320,440
Kirovohrad Oblast	9	\$ 82,787
Luhansk Oblast	28	\$ 360,698
Lviv Oblast	39	\$ 451,414
Mykolayiv Oblast	10	\$ 98,980
Odesa Oblast	13	\$ 135,545
Poltava Oblast	8	\$ 118,755
Rivne Oblast	14	\$ 144,593
Sevastopol	3	\$ 43,750
Sumy Oblast	12	\$ 129,947
Ternopil Oblast	8	\$ 85,264
Kharkiv Oblast	24	\$ 453,645
Kherson Oblast	13	\$ 174,073
Khmelnysky Oblast	7	\$ 182,601
Cherkasy Oblast	10	\$ 55,541
Chernivtsi Oblast	12	\$ 111,363
Chernihiv Oblast	13	\$ 199,403
Operational activities	41	\$ 483,382

GENERAL COST STRUCTURE IN 2009



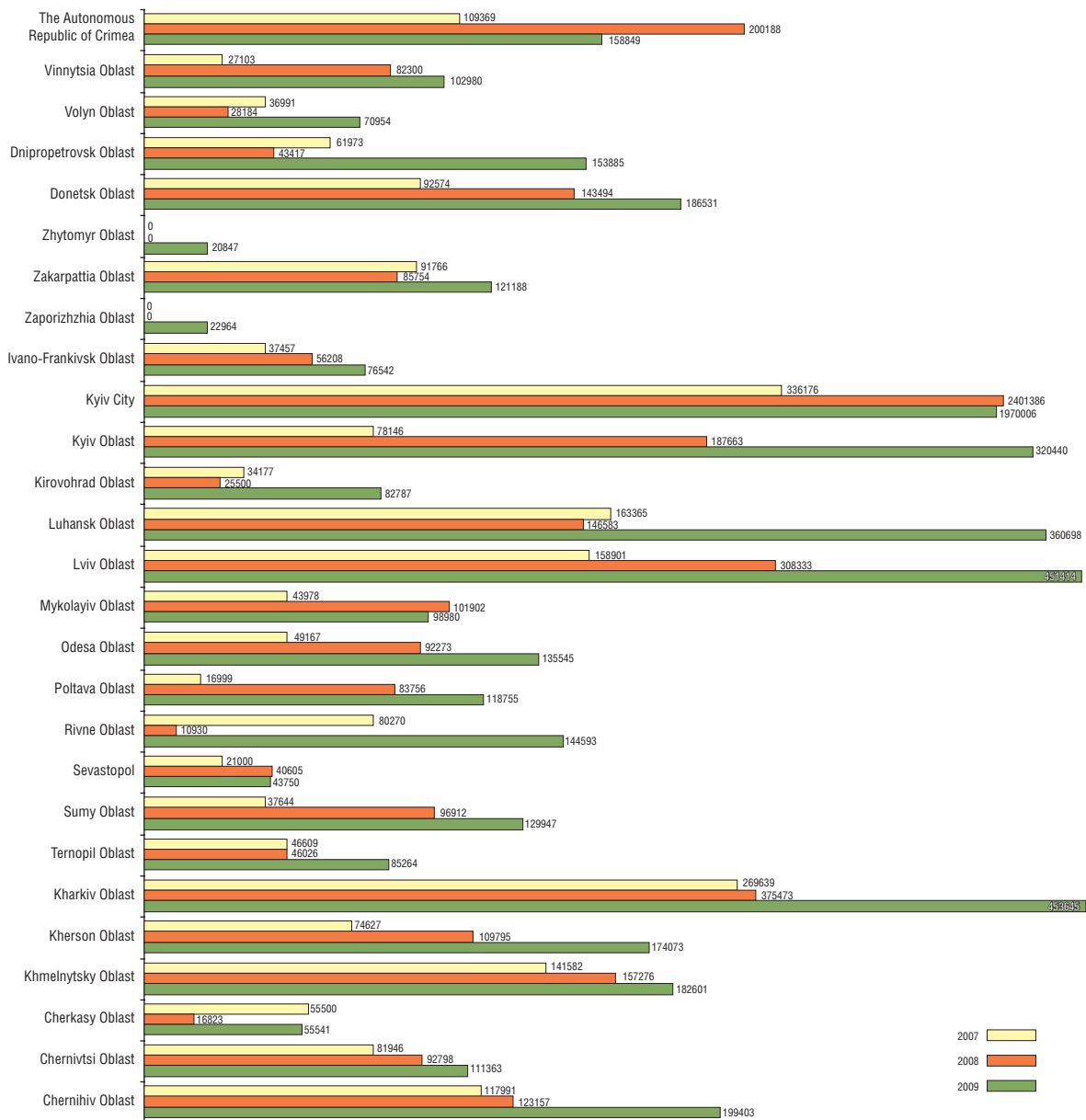
BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY REGIONS OF UKRAINE

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE IRF IN **2009** – 553, **2008** – 443, **2007** – 592



BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS DISBURSED BY REGIONS OF UKRAINE

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS DISBURSED BY THE IRF IN **2009** – \$ 6,516,928, **2008** – \$ 5,695,905, IN **2007** – \$ 6,647,946



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ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY IRF IN 2009

Organizations Supported by IRF in 2009

	Organization	Projects Supported	Total Amount, \$
1.	Ukrainian Association for Management Development and Business Education, (02002, Kyiv, M. Raskovoi St., 11, Office 605, tel. (044) 541-01-00)	1	\$17585
2.	Women's Association of Kharkiv Region "Berehynia" (61145, Kharkiv, Svobody Sq., 5, Offices 127-128 (2nd entrance, 1st floor)	1	\$7092
3.	Association of Minimal Invasive and Palliative Therapy (83099, Donetsk, Illicha Prosp., 14, tel. (062) 295 37 83)	1	\$1235
4.	Bakhchisaray Raion NGO "Ukrainian House" (98400, AR Crimea, Bakhchisaray, Simferopolska St., 38-V, Office 9, tel. 8(0652) 27-45-66)	1	\$7710
5.	Bila Tserkva City NGO "Public Committee for the Constitutional Right to Legal Aid" (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, Skvyrskye Shose, 194, Office 102, tel. (04463) 4 47 33, (044) 223 3151)	2	\$116135
6.	Bila Tserkva City NGO "Legal Unity" (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, 50 Richchia Peremohy Blvd., 96, Office 13, tel. (04463) 40 440, (04463) 5 04 50)	2	\$38735
7.	Charitable Association Helping People with HIV/AIDS "Svitlo Nadiyi" (36000, Poltava, Artema St., 28-A, tel. (0532) 50-85-99, 050 908 07 20)	3	\$69946
8.	Charity Foundation "Pershe Veresnya" (01014, Kyiv, Tymiriazevska St., 2, tel. (044) 286-45-94)	1	\$24800
9.	Charitable Foundation "Pchelka" (65009, Odesa, Admiralskyi Prosp., Building 1 "V", Office 45, tel. 8 (094) 94-86-940)	1	\$10000
10.	Charitable Organization "Teachers for Democracy and Partnership" (02166, Kyiv, Zhukova St., 45, Office 409, tel. (044) 228-86-77)	1	\$18000
11.	Zaporizhzhia Oblast Charitable Foundation "Mariam" (72311, Zaporizhzhia, Lesi Ukrainky St., 28-A, tel. 0619 43-81-39)	1	\$4316
12.	Charitable Organization "Svitanok" Club" (83003, Donetsk, Kapitina Ratnikova St., 8a, Office 1, tel. 062 386-82-46)	1	\$9995
13.	Charitable Organization "Your Choice" Club" (84646, Donetsk Oblast, Horlivka, P.O. Box 1913 (Peremohy Prosp. 72), tel. (0624) 52-19-15)	1	\$20000
14.	Charitable Organization "Guardianship Council" (79008, Lviv, P.O. Box 823, tel. (032) 235-53-39)	1	\$20410
15.	Charitable Organization "Legal Aid Pilot Project" (61010, Kharkiv, Gagarina Prosp. 4, Office 87, tel. (067) 574 3126)	2	\$160707
16.	Charitable Organization "Council for People of Elderly Age in Kyiv" (04114, Kyiv, Vyshhorodska St., 67, tel. 431-05-09)	1	\$13850
17.	Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Center for Understanding" (01023, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz, 8, Office 7, tel. (044) 537-10-07)	1	\$765

	Organization	Projects Supported	Total Amount, \$
18.	Charitable Organization "Center for Consumer Initiatives" (01024, Kyiv, Shovkovychna St., 30B, Office 26, tel. 256-84-84)	1	\$4905
19.	Charitable Organization "Chernihiv Women's Human Rights Center" (14014, Chernihiv, Tolstoho St., 120, P.O. Box 797, tel. (0462) 4 83 26)	1	\$13560
20.	Charitable Organization "Yalta European Strategy" (01011, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 45/2, Office 27, tel. (044) 238-22-98)	1	\$37400
21.	Charitable Organization of Large Christian Families "Nadiya" (65025, Odesa, Bocharova St., 25, tel. 8 (0482) 711-85-58)	1	\$5972
22.	Charitable Aid Society to Disabled and Mentally Handicapped People "Dzherela" (04209, Kyiv, Bohatyrsk St., 16A, Child Care Center 607, tel. ((044) 411-03-32, 411-82-13)	1	\$10000
23.	Charitable Non-Governmental Foundation "Center for Social and Psychological Information "All Together" (79016, Lviv, Shevchenka St., 32/11, (0322) 270-45-94032 298 44 41)	1	\$23985
24.	Charitable Foundation "Open World" (69001, Zaporizhzhia, Shevchenka Blvd., 32, Office 1, tel. (0612) 24-07-17)	2	\$7559
25.	Charitable Foundation "Virtus" (49005, Dnipropetrovsk, Furmanova St., 3, Office 44, tel. (0562) 470-0511, 785-89-93)	1	\$10000
26.	Charitable Foundation "Volia" (20300, Cherkasy Oblast, Uman, Bilshovytska St., 7, Office 41, tel. 8 04744 4-20-21)	1	\$4681
27.	Democratic Initiatives Foundation (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box V-271, tel. (044) 581 33 17, 510-05-42)	4	\$83158
28.	Charitable Foundation "Children in Need" (80261, Lviv Oblast, Radekhivskiy Raion, Lopatyn, Tsentralna St., 1, tel. (097) 185-40-50)	1	\$4000
29.	Charitable Foundation "Drop-In Center" (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 52, tel. (044) 497 70 48, 272 33 59)	1	\$10000
30.	Charitable Foundation "Life Without Pain" (65110, Odesa, Balkivska St., 4, Office 21, tel. 38 (048) 743-92-50)	1	\$11921
31.	Charitable Foundation "Zion" (03151, Kyiv, Donetska St., 35, Office 33, tel. (044) 242-83-17)	2	\$5800
32.	Charitable Foundation "Institute for Policy Analysis and Strategy" (03057, Kyiv, S. Perovskoi St., 5, Office 900, tel. (044) 456-13-86)	1	\$2500
33.	Charitable Foundation "Intellect" (37800, Poltava Oblast, Khorol, Lenina St., 33, tel. 8 053 623-45-91)	1	\$2009
34.	Charitable Foundation "Face to Face" (18008, Cherkasy, Smilyanska St., 80, Office 26, tel. 38 (0472) 63-80-93, 38 (0472) 73-58-22)	1	\$10000
35.	Charitable Foundation "Malva Babanky" (20351, Cherkasy Oblast, Uman Raion, Babanka, Lenina St., 17)	1	\$5535
36.	Charitable Foundation "Intellectual Initiatives Mission" (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 1/3-5, Office 46, tel. 279 86 24, 229 86 24)	1	\$19993

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37. Charitable Foundation "Salus" (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 320, tel. 8(0322) 40-33-62)	1	\$532
38. Charitable Foundation "Spilna Sprava" (65009, Odesa, Marshala Hovorova St., 3, Office 24, tel. (048) 702 48 52)	1	\$3462
39. Charitable Foundation "Tvoje Dzherelo Nadiyi" (99040, Sevastopol, Khryukina St., 5, Office 45, tel. 0692 67 98 02)	1	\$13250
40. Kastalia Social Adaptation and Integration Foundation (04210, Kyiv, Frunze St., 103A, Building 4, tel. 468-13-34)	1	\$5000
41. Charitable Fund "Calvaria Publishing House Foundation" (01054, Kyiv, P.O. Box 108, tel. (0322) 98-00-39)	1	\$1500
42. Charitable Foundation "Happy Child" (69095, Zaporizhzhia, P.O. Box 1878, tel. 38 (066) 513-34-35)	1	\$547
43. Charitable Foundation for Aid to Incurable People "Mother Theresa" (76002, Ivano-Frankivsk, Novakivskoho St., 8, tel. (034) 78 17 19, 50 14 00)	1	\$10000
44. Charitable Foundation Lviv Center for Support of People with Pervasive Developmental Disorders "Open Heart" (79060, Lviv, Pulyuya St., 27, Building 3, tel. (0322) 644 755)	1	\$5315
45. Bukovyna Center for Reconstruction and Development (58000, Chernivtsi, Shteinberg St., 23, tel. (0372) 52-00-85, additional 2-00-85,(03722) 7-03-30)	1	\$17600
46. Velykoberezhniansky Raion Cultural-Educational Roma Association "Romani Yag" (89000, Zakarpattia Oblast, V. Berezhny, Partyzanska St., 57, tel. (03135) 2-16-24)	1	\$6000
47. Vynohradiv Raion Cultural-Educational Association of Roma "Romano Drom" (90312, Zakarpattia Oblast, Zymne, Volodymyr-Volynsk Raion, Vatutina St., 200, tel. (031) 435-11-27)	1	\$6000
48. Vinnytsia Oblast NGO "Vinnytsia Press Club" (21027, Vinnytsia, Kosmonavtiv Prosp., 42/71, tel. 8(0432) 52-59-73)	1	\$3576
49. Vinnytsia Oblast NGO "Podil Center for Social Technologies" (21018, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 4906, tel. (0432) 57 88 42)	2	\$19950
50. Vinnytsia Human Rights Group (21000, Vinnytsia, Kozytskoho St., 54/1, tel. (0432) 270-112)	1	\$24475
51. Voznesensk City NGO "Voznesensk Economic Development Agency" (56500, Mykolayiv Oblast, Voznesensk, Lenin St., 41 (2nd floor), tel. (05134) 3-22-50)	2	\$15500
52. Volyn Oblast Youth NGO "Volyn Institute for Support and Development of Public Initiatives" (43000, Lutsk, Hlushets St., 49, Office 51, tel. 8 (0332) 78-59-65)	2	\$18419
53. Volyn Oblast NGO "Volyn Press Club" (43025, Lutsk, Shevchenka St., 14, tel. tel. 0332 72 45 48)	1	\$5650
54. Volyn District of Plast – National Scout Organization of Ukraine (43025, Lutsk, P.O. Box 229, tel. 38 050 438-29-13)	1	\$11380
55. All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers of History, Citizenship and Social Studies "Nova Doba" (79008, Lviv, Halytska St., 1/5, tel. 0322 74-34-55)	1	\$107
56. All-Ukrainian NGO Association "Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union" (04071, Kyiv, Olehivska St, 36, Office 309, tel. (044) 417-4118)	2	\$58397

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57.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association" (01133, Kyiv, Inzhenernyi Prov., 4, tel. (044) 594 02 78)	1	\$6855
58.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 87b, tel. (044) 467-75-67, 467-75-69, 467-75-84)	1	\$6443
59.	Ukrainian Charity Organisation "Turbota pro Litnih v Ukraini" (Age Concern Ukraine) (02100, Kyiv, Bazhova St., 2, Office 23, tel. (044) 559 38 63)	1	\$478
60.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Association of Philanthropists" (04209, Kyiv, Obolonskyi Pros., 37-V, Office 9, tel. (044) 412-39-82)	1	\$18000
61.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Child Well-Being Fund Ukraine" (04205, Kyiv, Marshala Tymoshenko St., 21, Building 2, Office 4, tel. (044) 537 20 16)	1	\$2266
62.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Viktor Pinchuk Foundation – Social Initiative" (01601, Kyiv, Shovkovychna St., 42/44, tel. (044) 490-48-35)	1	\$29750
63.	Non-governmental Professional Organization "Ukrainian Bar Association" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 5, Office 15, tel. 492 88 48)	1	\$450
64.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Association for the Support of Public Self-Organization" (65014, Odesa, Marazliyivska St., 38, tel. (048) 738 68 30)	1	\$19000
65.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Association of Participants of Substitution Maintenance Therapy of Ukraine" (49128, Dnipropetrovsk, Brativ Trofimovykh St., 113, tel. (056) 785-89-83)	1	\$24000
66.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Civic Network "OPORA" (01103, Kyiv, Pidvysotskoho St., 10, Office 3, tel. (044) 503-08-23)	2	\$60882
67.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Women's Consortium of Ukraine" (01001, Kyiv, Kostyolna St., 10, Office 28, tel. (044) 592 68 54)	1	\$5066
68.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Institute for Budgetary and Socio-Economic Research" (01034, Kyiv, Yaroslaviv Val St., 14H, 1st Floor, Office 54)	1	\$16548
69.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Coalition for the Protection of the Rights of Disabled and Mentally Handicapped People" (02099, Kyiv, Shota Rustaveli St., 39-41, Office 1151, tel. (044) 411-03-32, 496-52-92)	1	\$6079
70.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (04212, Kyiv, P.O. Box 56, Kyiv-212, tel. (044) 419 00 61)	1	\$50000
71.	All-Ukrainian NGO "The Ukrainian Center for Holocaust Studies" (01011, Kyiv, Kutuzova Pros., 8, Office 107, tel. 295 90 30)	1	\$150
72.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Foundation for Medical Law and Bioethics of Ukraine" (79044, Lviv, Boikivska St., 10/3, tel. 8 (0322) 76-55-07)	3	\$50309
73.	All-Ukrainian NGO All-Ukrainian Foundation "Protection of Children's Rights" (03150, Kyiv, Predslavynska St., 49, Office 4, tel. (044) 331-98-98, 528-37-48)	1	\$8200
74.	All-Ukrainian Youth NGO "European Future of Ukraine" (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, Heroiv Stalinhradu St., 35, Office 22, tel. 8 (056) 374-11-81, 8 (056) 373-64-84)	1	\$6000
75.	All-Ukrainian Youth NGO of Disabled People with Visual Deficiencies "Generation of Successful Action" (01133, Kyiv, Pecherskyi Uzviz, 5, Kyiv 01133, tel. 8 (044) 422-08-23)	1	\$10000

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76. All-Ukrainian Public Association "Ukraine-NATO Civic League" (02140, Kyiv, Bazhana Ave., 30/32, tel. (044) 574 - 75 - 03)	1	\$14320
77. All-Ukrainian Public Social-Political Association "National Assembly of People with Disabilities" (01034, Kyiv, Reyterska St., 8/5A, Office 110, tel. 279-61-82)	1	\$13680
78. All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Dytyachy Svit" (04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 15, tel. 481-09-49)	1	\$2000
79. All-Ukrainian Foundation "Step by Step" (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4, tel. (044) 235 11 36, (044) 531 12 76)	2	\$50000
80. All-Ukrainian Foundation "Roma Children of Ukraine" (90644, Zakarpattia Oblast, Rakhiv, village of Rostoky, 380, tel. (03132) 233 13)	1	\$3000
81. Children NGO "YunPresClub" (84646, Donetsk Oblast, Horlivka, Dymytrova Blvd., 76, Office 224, tel. 06242 43 1 78)	1	\$6633
82. Public Spiritual-Educational Organization "Chachimo" (62472, Kharkiv Oblast, Merefa, Obolonska St., 28-b, tel. (066) 799 17 72)	1	\$7000
83. Roma Youth NGO "Terne Po Neivo Drom" (Youth on the New Path) (88000, Uzhhorod, Shvabska St., 32, tel. (050) 540 90 44)	1	\$3000
84. "Agency for the Steady Development of the Luhansk Region" NGO (91000, Luhansk, Brativ Palkinykh St., 45-A, Office 22, tel. 064 258 19 98)	3	\$26397
85. NGO "Agency for Economic Development of Turkovsky Region" (82547, Lviv Oblast, Turkovsky Raion, Borynia, Ivana Franka St., 4, tel. 38 (03269) 34-313)	1	\$2699
86. NGO "Agency of Regional Development of Radekhiv Region" (80200, Lviv Oblast, Radekhiv, Vidrodzhennya Prosp., 3, tel. 8 (03255) 2-27-09)	1	\$4837
87. NGO "Association of Investors for Construction of Residential House" (03022, Kyiv, Vasylykivska St., 34, Office A 405, tel. 38 (044) 229-57-79)	1	\$20000
88. NGO "Association of Caricaturists" (03142, Kyiv, Vernadskoho St., 57, Office 39, tel. 424 70 99)	1	\$6560
89. NGO "Association of Kyiv School Directors" (04215, Kyiv, Radyanskoyi Ukrainy Prosp. 32-Є, tel. (044) 434 84 64)	1	\$10300
90. NGO "Association of Media Lawyers" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 27-A, tel. (044) 235 33 31)	2	\$14000
91. NGO "Local Self-Government Support Association" (91493, Luhansk, Shevchenko Quarter, 14/67, tel. (0642) 59-97-05)	2	\$26580
92. NGO "Association of Kyiv Private Educational Institutions" (02121, Kyiv, Verbytskoho St., 24 B, tel. 560-96-58)	1	\$4800
93. NGO "Vivat Sokrat" (61202, Kharkiv, L. Svobody Prosp., 35/292, tel. (057) 336-41-92)	1	\$2307
94. NGO "Vinnytsia Regional Information Center "Kreativ" (21036, Vinnytsia, 40-Richchia Peremohy St., 50/156, tel. (0432) 524 58 06, 518-8606)	2	\$27429
95. NGO "Public Committee for the Protection of Citizen's Constitutional Rights and Freedoms" (91055, Luhansk, P.O. Box 98, tel. (0642) 55-34-25)	2	\$57188

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96.	NGO "Civic Movement "Officers' League of Sevastopol" (99029, Sevastopol, Generala Ostriakova Prosp., 15/15, tel. 0692 44 37 14)	1	\$8000
97.	NGO "Civic Movement "New View" (02092, Kyiv, P.O. Box 118, tel. 8 (044) 362-60-49)	2	\$40740
98.	NGO "Children's Cossack Association of Rivne Region" (33028, Rivne, P.O. Box 114, tel. 8 050 689-02-49)	1	\$11984
99.	NGO "Dixi Group" (02154, Kyiv, Rusanivsky Blvd., 6, Office 22, tel. 8 (066) 723-94-10)	1	\$15000
100.	NGO "Expert Group" (Poltava Oblast, Kremenchuk, Shchorsa St., 72, Office 72, tel. 38 (097) 260-70-50)	2	\$28500
101.	NGO "Yevpatoria Regional Development Center" (97400, AR Crimea, Yevpatoria, Internatsionalna St., 133, tel. 38 (06569) 42-6-42)	2	\$15000
102.	NGO "Europe without Barriers" (Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. (044) 238-68-43)	1	\$13580
103.	NGO "European Dialogue" (79019, Lviv, P.O. Box 2833, (032) 297-18-57)	1	\$9528
104.	NGO "For Professional Journalism" (01054, Kyiv, P.O. Box 154, tel. (050) 944 03 25, (044) 425-31-55)	1	\$24000
105.	NGO "Insight" (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 351B, tel. (050) 410 75 59)	1	\$897
106.	NGO "Advocacy Institute of Luhansk Region" (91042, Luhansk, P.O. Box 25, tel. 8 (099) 006 58-84)	1	\$11500
107.	NGO "Institute of Election Law" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, Office 324, 04070, tel. 463-65-93)	1	\$39250
108.	NGO "Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. (044) 238 68 43)	1	\$11684
109.	NGO "Information Law Institute" (79000, Lviv, Khvylyovoho St., 38/41, tel. (032) 261 46 71)	1	\$4000
110.	NGO "Institute for Leadership, Innovations and Development" (01014, Kyiv, Bastionna St., 9, 8th floor, tel. 8 (044) 286 66-68)	1	\$10000
111.	"Institute of Mass Information" NGO (01133, Kyiv, Krupskoi St., 8, tel. (044) 461 90 23)	1	\$10000
112.	NGO "Institute of Political Education" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 44-A, tel. 8(044) 278-55-16, 278-55-43)	1	\$8505
113.	NGO "Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies" (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10397, tel. (057) 700-67-72)	6	\$124154
114.	NGO "Institute of Regional Development" (79008, Lviv, Halytska Sq., 7, tel. 38 (0322) 97-18-54)	1	\$12000
115.	"Regional Press Development Institute" NGO (01601, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz, 3, Office 404, tel. 38(044) 289-07-25)	1	\$9940
116.	NGO "Internet Initiatives" (03115, Kyiv, Pushynoi St., 8-161, tel. (050) 640-41-68)	1	\$5000
117.	NGO "Information Press Center" (95005, Simferopol, Sevastopolska St., 8, Office 106, tel. (0652) 25 15 48)	1	\$15000

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118. NGO "Information and Research Center "Global" (65082, Odesa, Dvoryanska St., 2, Odesa National University named after I. Mechnikov, Center for International Studies, tel. (0482) 68 72 84)	2	\$23320
119. NGO "Carpathian Agency for Human Rights "Vested" (88015, Uzhhorod, 8 Bereznia St., 46/125, tel. (0312) 61-96-61)	1	\$5000
120. NGO "Direct Action Committee" (Kyiv, Pidvysotskoho St., 10, Office 3, tel. (098) 552-77-00)	1	\$14000
121. NGO "Crimean Center for Initiatives in Electronic Government" (98000, AR Crimea, Sudak, Zhovtneva St., 34, tel. 38 (006566) 33-852)	2	\$56982
122. NGO "Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives" (04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. (044) 531 37 68)	4	\$113557
123. NGO "Luhansk Oblast Foundation "Region and Community" (91000, Luhansk, Pushkina St., 8, Office 304, tel. (0642) 93 24 59)	1	\$10000
124. Luhansk Oblast Center for Political and Sociological Studies "Politsocium" (91055, Luhansk, Oktiabr'ska St., 46, tel. (0642) 52-81-31)	1	\$12000
125. NGO "Lviv Legal Society" (79058, Lviv, Hazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. (0322) 294-92-63)	2	\$10370
126. NGO "Mariupol Union of the Youth" (87500, Donetsk Oblast, Mariupol, Khmelnytskoho Blvd., 24-A, tel. 0629 54 38 51)	1	\$12000
127. NGO "Municipal Center for Strategic Planning and Marketing Research" (27500, Kirovohrad Oblast, Svitlovodsk, Yuvileyna St., 1, Office 120, 119, tel. (05236) 7-39-17, 2-06-26,38 (067) 578-96-05)	1	\$6704
128. NGO "Hope of Generation" (44863, Volyn Oblast, Turiyskyi Raion, Makovychi, tel. 8 033639-87-22)	2	\$8156
129. NGO "Dukh i Litera" (Spirit and Letter) Scientific Publishing Association (04070, Kyiv, Skovorody St., 2, Building 4, Office 210, tel. (044) 425-60-20)	3	\$12400
130. Independent Cultural Journal "Ji" (79005, Lviv, Hrushevskoho St., 8, Office 3A, tel. (0322) 60-22-90)	1	\$10000
131. NGO "Independent Center for Political Studies" (01034, Kyiv, Lysenka St., 8, Office 9, tel. (044) 279-24-35, 599-42-51, 599-4251)	2	\$29142
132. NGO "Nikopol Center for Spiritual and Social-Psychological Rehabilitation "Vidkryti Dveri" (Open Doors) (53200, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Nikopol, V. Usova St., 34/37, tel. (05662) 4-29-72)	1	\$10000
133. NGO "Society for Deaf Teachers" (02173, Kyiv, Berezhnyakivska St., 16-A, Office 239, tel. (044) 287 2180)	1	\$13402
134. NGO "Podillya" (03039, Kyiv, 40 Rychchia Zhovtnya Prosp., 48, Office 31, tel. (044) 593 24 38)	1	\$1710
135. NGO "Podillya Agricultural Consultative Service" (21000, Vinnytsia, Soborna St., 72/107, tel. 38 (0432) 35-00-22)	1	\$3642
136. NGO "Poltava Regional Development Agency" (36004, Poltava, Holovka St., 18, Office 52, tel. (0532) 52-20-59)	1	\$9800

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137. NGO "Human Rights Center Postup" (91050, Luhansk, Gradusova St., 10, Office 138, tel. (0642) 49-59-63)	1	\$24538
138. NGO "Roma of Berehove" (90202, Zakarpattia Oblast, Berehove, Robocha St., 80, tel. 8 (03141) 24-939)	1	\$5000
139. NGO "Promotion of Intercultural Communication" (SMS)" (65014, Odesa, Bazarna St., 11, Office 27)	1	\$2150
140. NGO "Studio of Media Projects "Democracy Watchdogs" (02156, Kyiv, Sholom-Aleikhem St., 22, Office 215, tel. 38 (044) 513-28-42)	1	\$9970
141. NGO "Telekrytyka" (01030, Kyiv, Shevchenko Blvd., 34-B, tel. (044) 235 70 91)	1	\$21865
142. NGO "Territory of Success" (25011, Kirovohrad, Yehorova St., 19, Office 2, tel. (0522) 27-09-63)	2	\$21973
143. "Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after O. Razumkov" NGO (01034, Kyiv, Mazepy St., 34, 2 floor, tel. (044) 201-11-98)	2	\$27100
144. NGO "Ukrprostir" (69005, Zaporizhzhia, Patriotychna St., 76b/57, tel. 38 (06123) 9-30-47)	2	\$10542
145. NGO "Philosophy of Heart" (21037, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 4033, tel. (0432) 57-04-24)	1	\$11931
146. NGO "Foundation "Europe XXI" (Kyiv, Peremohy Prosp., 5, Office 6, tel. (044) 236-08-96)	1	\$70000
147. NGO "Legal Education" Foundation" (83050, Donetsk, Vatutina Prosp., 1-A, Office 104, tel. 062 337 93 84)	1	\$10000
148. NGO "Foundation for Support of Youth and Olympic Swimming" (01011, Kyiv, Panasa Myrnoho St., 9, tel. 38 (044) 280-65-66)	1	\$2089
149. NGO "Foundation for Safe Society" (01033, Kyiv, P.O. Box 100, tel. (044) 331 68 31)	1	\$12000
150. NGO "Forumo Romen Ukrainatar" (01001, Kyiv, Mala Zhytomyrska St., 9-B, tel. (044) 278-87-11)	1	\$5000
151. NGO "Khmelnysky Regional Office of the Association of Ukrainian Cities" (29000, Khmelnytsky, Gagarina St., 18, tel. (0382) 76-54-03, (0382) 72 01 95)	2	\$39348
152. NGO "Social Indicators" Center" (04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 92, tel. (044) 537 33 76)	1	\$18500
153. NGO "Center for Public Advocacy" (79008, Lviv, Rodyny Krushelnyskykh St., 3/13, tel. (032) 235-45-19)	3	\$42000
154. NGO "Center for Public Expertise" (02140, Kyiv, Bazhana Prosp. 10, Office 264, tel. (093) 246-02-46)	1	\$15000
155. NGO "The Center for Economic Development" (04116, Kyiv, Starokyivska St., 10, 3rd floor, Office 211, tel. (044) 379-29-08)	1	\$10000
156. NGO "Center for European and Transatlantic Studies" (03124, Kyiv, I. Lepse Blvd., 8, tel. (044) 454 11 56)	1	\$907
157. NGO "Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. (044) 238 68 43)	3	\$35618

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158. Center for Civic and Cultural Initiatives Support "Tamarisk" (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, P.O. Box 907, tel. (0562) 716-45-77, 716-45-76)	2	\$18575
159. Public Legal Assistance Center "Public Defender" (Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 44, Building E, Office 24, tel. (044) 201 64 79)	1	\$13700
160. NGO "Center for Strategic Partnership" (88017, Uzhhorod, Universytetska St., 21, tel. 8 0312 64-44-51)	1	\$7250
161. NGO "Modern Information Technologies and Visual Arts Center" (61013, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10964, tel. (057) 714 01 03)	1	\$8195
162. NGO "CENTRE UA" (04071, Kyiv, Kostiantynivska St., 2-A, tel. 067 466 06 55; 066 732 50 88)	1	\$7780
163. NGO "School for Political Analysis" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424 and 423, tel. (044) 230 82 39, (066) 734-69-52)	7	\$72421
164. NGO Zakarpattia Roma Society "Roma" (88007, Uzhhorod, Bohatyrsk St., 45, tel. (0312) 61-37-58)	1	\$1500
165. NGO "Volyn Perspectives" (43005, Lutsk, P.O. Box 47, tel. 03322 555-42)	1	\$9399
166. Public Association "For the Future of Kherson" (73000, Kherson, Suvorova St., 37, tel. (0552) 26 31 46)	1	\$12000
167. NGO "Cooperation for Progress" (11700, Zhytomyr Oblast, Novohrad-Volynskiy, Voikova St., 87, Office 1, tel. 066 817 94 09)	1	\$4647
168. Public Information and Methodological Center "Vsesvit" (61003, Kharkiv, Sliusarny Prov. 10, Office 2, tel. (057) 731 10 76)	3	\$40500
169. Public Center "Business Initiatives" (76019, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnistrovska St., 26, tel. (0342) 77 65 55)	2	\$25936
170. State Enterprise "State Specialized Publishing House "Muzychna Ukraina" (Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 32a, tel. 235-11-08)	1	\$4375
171. State Enterprise "State Center of Information Resources of Ukraine" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 22, tel. (044) 270-61-99)	1	\$42748
172. State Enterprise "Institute for Palliative and Hospice Medicine of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine" (02125, Kyiv, Petra Zaporozhtsya St., 26)	2	\$10408
173. Children NGO "Teatr Estrady "Klas" (94207, Luhansk Oblast, Alchevsk, Zaporizka St., 161, Office 21, tel. 8 (06442) 9-10-85)	2	\$9246
174. Dnipropetrovsk City NGO "Association for Protection of the Rights of Consumers of Housing and Communal Services "Nash Dim" (Our House) (49089, Dnipropetrovsk, Suvorova St., 14, Office 61, tel. 056 788-42-75)	2	\$28000
175. Dnipropetrovsk Oblast NGO "Dnipropetrovsk Coordination-Expert Center for Regulatory Policy" (49102, Dnipropetrovsk, Zelena St., 1/110, tel. (056) 77-66-456)	2	\$33392
176. Dnipropetrovsk Oblast NGO "Promin" (49094, Dnipropetrovsk, Yaruzhna St., 49a, Office 17, tel. 8 (056) 78-98-018)	1	\$13100
177. Donetsk City NGO "Alliance" (83015, Donetsk, Naberezhna St., 149, Office 37, tel. (062) 338-40-83)	1	\$1235

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178. Donetsk City NGO "Center for International Security" (83112, Donetsk, Leninsky Prosp., 92/87, tel. 38 (062) 304-51-42)	2	\$14380
179. Donetsk City NGO "Foundation for Social Development "Nashe Maibutne" (Our Future) (83037, Donetsk, Kirova St., 121/7, tel. 38 (062) 349-8104)	1	\$6906
180. Donetsk Oblast NGO "Institute for Social Research and Political Analysis" (83001, Donetsk, Shchorsa St., 12, Office 11, tel. (062) 305 02 59)	1	\$3600
181. Donetsk Oblast NGO "Ridna Krayina" (Native Country) (84330, Donetsk Oblast, Kramatorsk, Mariupolska St., 7, tel. (06264) 41 91 99)	1	\$11700
182. Donetsk Oblast NGO "Political Science Research Center" (83001, Donetsk, Universytetska St., 24/48, tel. 38 (062) 304-40-97)	1	\$2700
183. Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illicha Prosp., 79/31, tel. (062) 385 98 39)	4	\$40912
184. Donetsk Oblast Charitable Foundation "Aid to Disabled Children" (83087, Donetsk, Kalinina St., 42, Office 5, tel. 8 (062) 389-17-61; (062) 387-71-01)	1	\$11747
185. Donetsk Oblast Public Center for Sobriety and Health Improvement "Iskra" (82017, Donetsk, Shevchenka Blvd., 54, tel. 062 386 81 90)	1	\$3650
186. Ivan Franko Zhytomyr State University (10008, Zhytomyr, Velyka Berdychivska St., 40, tel. 8(0412) 37-27-63)	1	\$2200
187. Zhytomyr Oblast Center for Youth Initiatives (10008, Zhytomyr, Ivana Kocherhy St., 11, tel. (0412) 41-89-82)	1	\$14000
188. Zakarpattia Oblast Organization "Uzhhorod Press Club" (88000, Uzhhorod, Sobranetska St., 3, tel. 03122 61 24 79)	1	\$3350
189. Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association "Bakhtalo-Drom" (Lucky Road) (88000, Uzhhorod, Voloshyna St., 14, Office 5, tel. (03122) 2-97-29)	1	\$3372
190. Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association "Romani Cgib" (Romany Language) (88000, Uzhhorod, Darvina St., 19, tel. (0312) 63-81-35)	2	\$8000
191. Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association "Amaro Drom" (88000, Uzhhorod, Timiriazeva 46, tel. (03122) 25 509)	2	\$5756
192. Transcarpathian Roma Cultural-Educational Association "Romani Yag" (88007, Uzhhorod, Telmana St., 1/48 a, tel. (0312) 638 241, 61-39-56, 61-41-21)	2	\$12000
193. Zakarpattia Oblast Charitable Foundation "Blaho" (88018, Uzhhorod, Shvabska St., 17/2, tel. 8 (063) 255-54-91)	1	\$5000
194. Transcarpathian Oblast Charitable Foundation "Transcarpathia Against AIDS" (88000, Uzhhorod, Druhetiv St., 72, tel. 0312 61-76-47)	1	\$4010
195. Transcarpathian Regional Charitable Foundation "Romano Lungo Trayo" (Roma Long Life) (88000, Uzhhorod, Shandora Petefi Sq., 25/7, tel. (03122) 36 156)	1	\$4500
196. Western Ukrainian Regional Non-Profit NGO "Volyn Resource Center" (33028, Rivne, P.O. Box 201, tel. 0362 22 31 75)	1	\$18000
197. Western Ukrainian Media Center "New Journalism" (79007, Lviv, Hrebinka St., 5, Office 1, tel. 8 (032) 225-60-14, 8-050-370-27-14)	1	\$17900

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198. Zvenyhorodsky Raion NGO "Romayi Katuna" (20200, Cherkasy Oblast, Zvenyhorodka, Bulvarna St., 3, tel. 8-04740-2-32-06)	1	\$3000
199. Institute of Software Systems of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (03680, Kyiv, Hlushkova Prosp., 40, Building 5, tel. (044) 526 55 07)	1	\$2500
200. Kyiv-Svyatoshyn Branch of the Ukrainian Children's Fund (01135, Kyiv Oblast, Boyarka, P.O. Box 192, tel. (044)390-11-39)	2	\$9600
201. Kyiv City Branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (02099, Kyiv, Novodarnytska St., 26B, tel. (044) 566 96 73)	1	\$12909
202. Kirovohrad Oblast NGO "Central Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives" (25026, Kirovohrad, Chervonozorivska St., 7, Office 2)	1	\$1820
203. Kirovohrad Regional Information Service for Women (25006, Kirovohrad, K. Marx St., 24, tel. (0522) 22 65 79)	1	\$6000
204. Kirovohrad Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian NGO "Association for Public Self-Organization" (25005, Kirovohrad, P.O. Box 48, tel. 38 (0522) 27-27-54)	1	\$11500
205. Kolomyia City Organization of All-Ukrainian NGO "Civic Network "OPORA" (78200, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Kolomyia, I.Mazepy St., 1, tel. 03433 7 28 06, (097) 729-07-09)	1	\$6150
206. Kolomyia Territorial Organization "Zelenyi Svit" (Green World) (78200, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Kolomyia, Popadyuka St., 20, tel. (03433) 2 34 87)	1	\$5000
207. Congress of National Communities of Ukraine (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, tel. (044) 248 36 70)	1	\$3000
208. Crimean Republican Charitable Foundation "Crimean World" (95017, Simferopol, Kyivska St., 38/34, tel. (0652) 57 17 66)	1	\$9990
209. Luhansk Oblast NGO "Business Club "European Choice" (93400, Luhansk Oblast, Severodonetsk, Nauky St., 13, tel. (06452) 2 80 41)	1	\$10000
210. Luhansk Oblast Human Rights Women's NGO "Chaika" (Seagull) (91021, Luhansk, Haivoho Quarter, 6 A, tel. 8 0642 65-49-14)	1	\$13500
211. Luhansk Oblast Organization "Public Service for Legal Assistance" (91042, Luhansk, P.O. Box 25, tel. (0642) 71-04-16, 8 (099) 006-58-84)	1	\$11000
212. Luhansk Oblast Organization "Eastern Ukrainian Center for Civic Initiatives" ("Total Action for the Support of Human Rights and Democracy") (91005, Luhansk, 30th Quarter St., Building 2, Office 14, tel. 0642 49-13-76)	3	\$41000
213. Luhansk Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (93404, Luhansk Oblast, Severodonetsk, Lenina St., 14, Office 26, tel. (0645) 2 42-196)	1	\$32030
214. Luhansk Charitable Foundation "A Step to the Future" (91055, Luhansk, Kurakina St., 4/123, tel. (0642) 93-26-10)	2	\$19992
215. Luhansk Oblast Yuri Yenko Charitable Foundation (91003, Luhansk, Shevchenko Quarter, 36/28, tel. (0642) 63 70 10)	2	\$15602
216. Lviv NGO "Center for the Study of Local Self-Government" (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Projydz, 6, (3rd floor), tel. (032) 24-324-16)	2	\$24835

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217.	Lviv City NGO "Western Analytical Group" (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Prosp., 6, tel. 297-19-32)	1	\$25000
218.	Lviv City NGO "Institute for Political Technologies" (79008, Lviv, Rynok Sq., 8, tel. (032) 235 48 61)	1	\$6960
219.	Lviv City NGO "Centre for the Humanities" (79000, Lviv, Universytetska St., 1, Office 208, tel. (032) 239-41-18)	1	\$9658
220.	Lviv City NGO "Information Consulting Center" (79010, Lviv, Sevastopolska St., 5/5, tel. 322-35-68-48)	1	\$8380
221.	Lviv Oblast Organization of All-Ukrainian NGO "Civic Network OPORA" (79007, Lviv, Nalyvaika St., 7/6, tel. (0322) 54-61-63)	1	\$15430
222.	Medical Informational-Analytical Center "Vector" (04060, Kyiv, Shchusyeva St., 24, Office 11, tel. (044) 235 65 87)	1	\$16710
223.	Mykolayiv Association of People with HIV "Chas Zhyttia" (54055, Mykolayiv, Potyomkinska St., 138, tel. (0512) 48 96 38)	1	\$19970
224.	Mykolayiv Association of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals "Liga" (54001, Mykolayiv, Potyomkinska St., 110, tel. (0512) 35-81-42)	1	\$941
225.	Mykolayiv Oblast Branch of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (54027, Mykolayiv, Admiralska St., 20, Office 216, tel. (0512) 37-43-56)	1	\$6000
226.	Mykolaiv City Charitable Foundation "Center for Social Programs" " (54052, Mykolaiv, Zhovtnevyi Prosp., 325/1, tel. 8 (0512) 63-66-96)	1	\$6371
227.	Mykolaiv City Charitable Foundation "Meta "From Joint Vision to Joint Actions" (54003, Mykolaiv, Potyomkinska St., 143a, tel. 8 (0512) 55-03-60)	1	\$15000
228.	Mykolayiv Oblast Charitable Tuberculosis Foundation "Vita-Light" (54030, Mykolayiv, Velyka Morska St., 49, Office 52, tel. (0512) 37 31 20, (0512) 76 83 00)	2	\$18490
229.	International Charitable NGO "East European and Central Asian Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 87a, tel. (044) 467-75-65)	1	\$1380
230.	International Charitable Organization "Environment-People-Law" (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 316, tel. (032) 257-682)	1	\$17500
231.	International Charitable Organization "Information Center "Green Dossier" (01033, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 53/80, Office 501, tel. 227-6277)	1	\$10850
232.	International Charitable Organization "Chirikli" Roma Women's Fund" (03127, Kyiv, Vasylkivska St., 53, Building 1, Office 93, tel. 044 257 19 29)	1	\$40000
233.	International Charitable Organization "Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring Center" (01133, Kyiv, I. Kudri St., 32, Office 415, tel. (050) 385-84-46)	3	\$52864
234.	International NGO "Freedom House – Ukraine" (03150, Kyiv, Horkoho St., 160, Office 2, tel. (044) 522-80-67)	1	\$12000
235.	International NGO "Internews-Ukraine" (04112, Kyiv, Ryzka St., 15 (P.O. Box 57), tel. (044) 458-4440)	3	\$32861

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236. International NGO "We are Ukrainians" (01011, Kyiv, Rybalska St., 2, Office 208, tel. 280-75-85)	1	\$2500
237. International NGO "International HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis Institute" (03150, Kyiv, Predslavynska St., 38, Office 143, tel. 528-37-14)	2	\$18000
238. International Roma Organization "KETANE" (73000, Kherson, Horkoho St., 28, tel. +3 8 055 249-32-70)	1	\$10000
239. International League "Mothers and Sisters of Ukrainian Youth" (03141, Kyiv, Solomyanska St., 29, Office 9, tel. (044) 467-20-88)	1	\$19210
240. International Charitable Foundation "Academy of Ukrainian Press" (04060, Kyiv, Vavilovykh St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. (044) 440-95-35)	5	\$40088
241. International Charitable Foundation "Vertical" (03115, Kyiv, Generala Vitruka St., 7A, Office 16, tel. (044) 652-24-85)	1	\$10000
242. International Charitable Foundation "Caritas Ukraine" (79016, Lviv, Ozarkevycha St., 4, tel. 8 (032) 225-68-91)	1	\$18980
243. International Charitable Foundation "Art Treasury" (01103, Kyiv, Kikvidze St., 4a, Office 49, tel. (044) 490 13 42)	1	\$8000
244. International Charitable Foundation "International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine" (03680, Kyiv, Dymytrova St., 5, Building 10A, 9th floor, tel. 8 (044) 490-54-85, 490-54-86)	1	\$100000
245. "International Foundation for Education Policy Research" (04080, Kyiv, Frunze St., 24-b, Office 1, tel. (044) 455 69 81)	2	\$30960
246. International Charitable Foundation "Ukrainian Legal Clinics Foundation" (01024, Kyiv, Pylypa Orlyka St., 9, Office 17, tel. 253-20-01)	3	\$19904
247. International Charitable Fund for the Renaissance of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (04070, Kyiv, Skovorody St., 6, Office 45, tel. (044) 238-2763, 416-1543, 417 8461)	1	\$12940
248. International Women's Rights Center "La Strada – Ukraine" (03113, Kyiv, P.O. Box 26, tel. (044) 205 36 94)	2	\$3542
249. City NGO "Small Business Laboratory" (07100, Kyiv Oblast, Slavutych, Heroyiv Dnipra St., 2, tel. (04479) 3-01-71, 2-47-80)	2	\$21000
250. City NGO "Narodna Dopomoha – Lviv" (79495, Lviv, Ivana Franka St., 69, Lviv-Vynnyky, tel. 8 (032) 243-51-03)	1	\$2738
251. City NGO "Rivne Press Club" (33010, Rivne, Dubenska St., 113 v, tel. 0362 43-82-03)	1	\$13810
252. City NGO "Severodonetsk Agency for Community Development" (93400, Luhansk Oblast, Severodonetsk, Lenina St., 32a, tel. 8(06452) 551-50)	1	\$9995
253. City Youth NGO "Ecoclub" (33023, Rivne, P.O. Box 73, tel. 8 (0362) 23-70-24)	1	\$8066
254. City Youth NGO "Youth Alternative "M'ART" (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. (046) 277 41 10)	4	\$93382
255. City Charitable Foundation "Moloda Hromada" (Young Community) (65009, Odesa, Chernyakhovskoho St., 11, tel. 8 (048) 715-36-06)	1	\$11100
256. City Center of Humanistic Technologies "Ahalar" (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 69, tel. 8(0462) 677-312)	1	\$12620

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257. Youth NGO "Ukrainian Youth Academy" (79021, Lviv, S. Petliura St., 49/97, tel. (0322) 76-95-45)	1	\$19835
258. Youth NGO "Association for the Protection of Rights of Volyn Youth" (43000, Lutsk, Shopena St., 18, Office 13, tel. (03322) 483 12)	2	\$17950
259. Youth NGO "Vsesvit" (97400, AR Crimea, Yevpatoria, Internatsionalna St., 133, Office 31, tel. (06569) 42-6-42)	2	\$12431
260. Youth NGO "Youth Association for the Study of Religions" (03065, Kyiv, Komarova Prosp., 19, Office 42, tel. 408-57-62)	1	\$2000
261. Youth NGO "Youth Center for Humanities" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Youth Center for Humanities (Center for Intercultural Communication NaUKMA), Building 6, Office 206, tel. (044) 425-68-65, (044) 417 35 20)	3	\$24000
262. Youth NGO "Creative Youth Association "Nivroku» (46016, Ternopil, Symonenka St., 1, Office 129, tel. (0352) 420 172)	3	\$43500
263. Youth NGO "Center for Legal and Political Research "SIM" (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 106-66, Main Post Office, tel. (032) 297 19 32)	1	\$16750
264. Youth Organization "Informational-Legal Center "Our Right" (Our Right) (79058, Lviv, Gazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. (032) 294 92 63)	3	\$30000
265. Youth Organization "Youth Parliamentary Club" (53403, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Marhanets, Bulvarna St., 1, tel. 8 056 653-24-31, 8 (05665) 32-492)	1	\$3818
266. Youth Organization "New Generation" (73000, Kherson, Mykolayivske Shose St., 19-A, Office 411, tel. 0522-41-03-00, 48-57-48)	1	\$12500
267. Public Youth Center "Etalon" (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19, tel. (0342) 50 25 25)	3	\$29456
268. Youth Innovation Center "Media-M" (03058, Kyiv, Polyova St., 49a, tel. (044) 592-11-38)	1	\$5000
269. National Union of Filmmakers of Ukraine (01033, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 6, tel. (044) 227 75 57)	1	\$9450
270. National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (04070, Kyiv, H. Skovorody St., 2, Building 1, Office 216, tel. 425-60-96)	2	\$23770
271. Non-Profit NGO "Western Ukrainian Social Partnership Center" (33000, Rivne, P.O.Box 114, tel. 0362 22 10 81)	1	\$13500
272. Oblast NGO "Alliance of Roma of Cherkasy Region" (20200, Cherkasy Oblast, Zvenyhorodka, Bulvarna St., 3, tel. (067) 220-1468)	1	\$6266
273. Oblast NGO "Center for Strategic Initiatives" (29013, Khmelnytsky, Svobody St., 36, Office 601, tel. (0382) 65-31-73)	1	\$4823
274. Odesa City NGO "Face to Face" (65014, Odesa, Marazliyivska St., 38, tel. (048) 738-68-30)	1	\$15000
275. Odesa Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (65023, Odesa, P.O. Box 209, tel. (048) 716-40-18, (048) 716-46-83)	1	\$20000

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276. Odesa Human Rights Group "Veritas" (65023, Odesa, P.O. Box 259, tel. (048) 784-0394)	1	\$8620
277. Body of self-organization of population – committee of the microrraion "Gagarinets" (91057, Luhansk, Gagarina Quarter, 14, Office 10, tel. 8 (0642) 50-84-24)	1	\$10000
278. Body of self-organization of population "Committee of microrraion "Rusanivka" (02154, Kyiv, Rusanivska Naberezhna, 20, Kyiv 02154, tel. 295-18-74)	2	\$19500
279. Pavlohrad City Charitable Foundation "Horeniye" (51400, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Pavlohrad, K.Marksa St., 98/401, tel. (05632) 6-02-81)	1	\$7000
280. Perechyn Raion Cultural-Educational Association of Roma "Romani Yag" (89200, Zakarpattia Oblast, Perechyn, Tsehelna St., 20, tel. (034) 527 27 14, 8 - 245 -2 - 27 - 14)	1	\$6000
281. Podil Human Rights Center (21050, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 8216, tel. (0432) 35-14-66)	1	\$7227
282. Poltava Oblast Branch of All-Ukrainian Organization of Disabled People "Union of Organizations of Disabled People of Ukraine" (36023, Poltava, Koneva Blvd., 6/1, tel. (05322) 24 883 (0532) 569560)	1	\$8500
283. Private Enterprise "Nauka" Publishers (03124, Kyiv, M.Vasilenka St., 13A, Office 68, tel. 497 81 69)	1	\$5000
284. Regional NGO "Donbas" Regional Development Agency" (83014, Donetsk, Livoberezhna St., 62A, tel. (062) 335 70 57, 345-74-19)	3	\$22560
285. Regional NGO "Luhansk Legal Foundation" (91051, Luhansk, Yakira Quarter, 8/33, tel. (0642) 61 43 22)	1	\$12270
286. Regional Charitable Foundation "Rivne. European Choice" (33027, Rivne, Mury Prosp., 2/45, tel. (0362) 23 23 25)	1	\$7104
287. Regional Information and Human Rights Center for Gays and Lesbians "Nash Svit" (Our World) (02100, Kyiv, P.O. Box 173, tel. 044 573-54-24)	1	\$1010
288. Rivne City Youth NGO "New Level" (33023, Rivne, P.O. Box 20, tel. 8 (0362) 43-67-96)	1	\$2415
289. Rivne Oblast NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (33028, Rivne, Knyahyni Olhy St., 8, 2nd floor or P.O. Box 80, tel. 0362-26-39-43, 26-38-47)	1	\$11000
290. Rivne Oblast Human Rights NGO "Agency for Investigative Journalism" (33010, Rivne, Dubenska St., 46, Office 75, tel. 8 (066) 257-13-31)	1	\$8518
291. Rivne Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (33000, Rivne, Verbova St., 43/118, tel. 38 (0362) 63-02-33)	1	\$12170
292. Ripkynsky Raion NGO "Center for Promotion of Economic and Social Development of Ripkynsky Region" (15000, Chernihiv Oblast, Ripkynsky Raion, Ripky, Sviatomykolaivska St., 92, tel. (04641) 2-31-00)	1	\$17000
293. Sevastopol Branch of All-Ukrainian Committee for Support of United Nations Environment Programme (99011, AR Crimea, Sevastopol, Demydova St., 13, tel. 8 (0692) 55-90-66)	1	\$15000
294. Simferopol City NGO "Integration and Development" Information and Research Center" (95006, AR Crimea, Simferopol, Khatska St., 13, Office 1, tel. (0652) 505 812)	1	\$801

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295. Simferopol City NGO "Regional Resource Agency "Crimea-Perspective" (95006, Simferopol, Khatska St., 13, Office 1, tel. (0652) 505 812)	1	\$6000
296. Private Entrepreneur Oleksiy Zhupansky (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 7A, tel. (044) 223 94 99)	2	\$16000
297. Joint Ukrainian-American Enterprise "Krytyka" Magazine" LLC (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 255, tel. (044) 235-80-03, 235-09-07)	2	\$8509
298. Stanytsya of Kramatorsk Plast – National Scout Organization of Ukraine (84301, Donetsk Oblast, Kramatorsk, Dvirtsseva St., 28, tel. 0626 44-2266)	1	\$7278
299. Starobilsk Raion Women's Human Rights Organization "Viktoria" (92700, Luhansk Oblast, Starobilsk, Proletarska St., 1A, tel. (06461) 3-22-67)	1	\$7860
300. Sumy City NGO "Youth Pedagogical Union" (40030, Sumy, Levanevskoho St., 26, tel. 8 (0542) 25-78-68)	2	\$14921
301. Sumy City NGO "Center for Regional Policy Studies" (40030, Sumy, P.O. Box 44, tel. (0542) 60-10-13)	1	\$32420
302. Sumy City NGO "Center for European Initiatives" (40030, Sumy, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 10, Oblast Science Library, Center for European Initiatives, tel. (0542) 65 04 88, 79-86-68)	3	\$28258
303. Sumy Single and Disabled Mothers NGO "Verbena" (40034, Sumy, M. Lushpy Prosp. 10/338, tel. (0542) 32 47 37, (0542) 799-002)	1	\$13500
304. Sumy Oblast Youth NGO Club for the Resocialization of the Chemically Dependent "Chance" (40003, Sumy, Pryvokzalna St., 3A, tel. (0542) 78 3538)	2	\$21130
305. Sumy City Association Civic Office "Pravozakhyst" (40030, Sumy, Chervona Sq., 6, Office 4, tel. 8 (054 2) 610 901)	1	\$5477
306. Sumy Oblast Committee of Youth Organizations (40030, Sumy, Horkoho St., 2, Office 3, tel. (0542) 77-03-29)	2	\$14241
307. Creative Society "Technologies for Optimal Personal Growth" (25005, Kirovohrad, P.O. Box 48, tel. (0522) 27-27-54)	3	\$34790
308. Ternopil Charitable Foundation "Business Incubator of Ternopil Region" (46008, Ternopil, Tantsorova St., 51, tel. (0352) 528310)	1	\$9710
309. Ternopil Oblast Branch of Youth Organization "Plast – National Scout Organization of Ukraine" (Ternopil)	1	\$5874
310. Ternopil Regional Office of the Association of Ukrainian Cities (46001, Ternopil, R. Barvinskykh St., 7, 2nd floor, tel. (035) 225 35 50; (035) 252 66 27)	1	\$15000
311. Ternopil State Ivan Pul'uj Technical University (46001, Ternopil, Ruska St., 56, tel. (0352) 52-41-81)	2	\$11180
312. "Promin" Publishers Ltd. (01042, Kyiv, I.Kudri St., 32, Office 403, tel. (044) 286 69 29)	1	\$2000
313. "Fact" Publishers, Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 76, tel. (044) 287 18 82)	1	\$14800
314. "Universe" Publishers, Ltd. (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 32, Office 165, tel. (044) 223-9499, 581-33-65)	1	\$4000

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315. Dmytro Burago Publishing House (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 41, Kyiv-80, tel. 238-64-47, 238-64-49)	1	\$5500
316. "Nash Chas" Information-Analytical Agency (01034, Kyiv, Pavlivska St., 17, Office 81, tel. (044) 569 10 74)	2	\$7000
317. "Maisternya Knyhy" Ltd. (03037, Kyiv, M. Kryvonosa St., 2B, tel. 38 (044) 248-89-31, 246-89-14)	1	\$2000
318. Chornomorska Television and Radio Company (95038, Simferopol, Radio St., 4, tel. (0652) 51-56-98)	1	\$19935
319. "Ukrainian National Home in Chernivtsi" Association (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. (0372) 52 80 59)	3	\$42125
320. "K.I.C." Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 1, tel. (044) 462-5269)	1	\$6000
321. "Agency for Investigative Journalism" Limited Liability Company (79071, Lviv, Shchyretska St., 36, tel. 8 (032) 295-90-01 (02))	1	\$9436
322. "Books-XXI" Publishers, Ltd. (58000, Chernivtsi, Sheptytskoho St., 2, tel. (0372) 58 64 64)	1	\$4000
323. "Publishing House "Kraina Mriy" Limited Liability Company (04074, Kyiv, Luhova St., 9, (building "Aspekt"), tel. (044) 502-25-73)	1	\$2500
324. "Grani-T" Ltd. (02140, Kyiv, Borysa Hmyri St., 2, Office 10, tel. (044) 200-12-57, 200-12-58, 200-12-59)	2	\$7000
325. "Metodyka" Limited Liability Company (03150, Kyiv, Kyiv - 150, P.O. Box 495, tel. (044) 529-96-13)	1	\$16900
326. "Television and Radio Company "ONT" Limited Liability Company (65012, Odesa, Rishelyevska St., 68 g, tel. (0482) 300-852)	1	\$5000
327. Lion's Society (79000, Lviv, Yu. Drohobycha St., 8/12, tel. (0322) 74 42 64)	1	\$10920
328. Association of Musical Culture of Transcarpathian Roma "Lautari" (88000, Uzhhorod, Novaka St., 4/10, tel. (03122) 3-71-27)	1	\$4950
329. Uzhhorod Raion Organization "The Union of Ukrainian Women" (88000, Uzhhorod, Bokshaya St., 4 (P.O. Box 41 c), tel. 0312 3-64-40, (0312) 77-0-54)	2	\$12500
330. Uzhhorod Training-Production Center "Nika" (88000, Uzhhorod, Onokivska St., 16, tel. (0312) 63 85 56)	1	\$15000
331. Ukrainian Association of Press Publishers (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 22, Office 20, tel. (044) 425 5787)	1	\$22000
332. Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation (01001, Kyiv, Tryokhsyatytska St., 4, Office 321, tel. (044) 279 16 70)	3	\$8150
333. NGO Development Foundation The West-Ukrainian Resource Center (79008, Lviv, Lysenka St., 21, tel. 0322 97-66-24)	1	\$17000
334. Foundation for Mykolayiv City Development (54001, Mykolayiv, P.O. Box 54, tel. (0512) 47-38-79)	1	\$16708
335. Foundation for Local Self-Government of Ukraine (01133, Kyiv, Lesi Ukrainky Blvd., 26, Office 228, tel. (044) 285-77-58, 286-4863)	1	\$10000

Organization	Projects Supported	Total Amount, \$
336. Foundation "Social Movement "Ukrainians Against Tuberculosis" (03110, Kyiv, P.O. Box 101, tel. (044) 270 44 52)	1	\$1545
337. Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation (33028, Rivne, Drahomanova St., 11 (P.O. Box 114), tel. (0362) 22-10-81)	4	\$38026
338. Kharkiv City NGO "Eastern Ukrainian Foundation for Social Research" (61077, Kharkiv, Svobody Sq., 6, Offices 335-336, tel. 057 714 14 08, 38 (057) 714-21-34)	1	\$8400
339. Kharkiv City NGO "Kharkiv Institute for Social Research" (61000, Kharkiv, L. Svobody St., 34, Office 245, tel. (096) 364 - 87 - 14)	3	\$56610
340. Kharkiv Human Rights Group (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10430, tel. (057) 700-67-71, (098) 236-52-07)	2	\$29205
341. Kharkiv Charitable Foundation "Bney Brit" named after Isaac Babel (61001, Kharkiv, Gagarina Prosp., 1, tel. (057) 756 63 95)	1	\$1275
342. Kharkiv Public Foundation for Local Democracy (61003, Kharkiv, Rozy Luxembourg Square, 10, 7th floor, tel. (057) 731-60-44)	2	\$8200
343. Kherson City Journalists Association "Pivden" (South) (73000, Kherson, Lenina St., 18, tel. (0552) 26 50 39)	3	\$34705
344. Kherson Oblast Youth NGO "Regional Development Youth Center" (73013, Kherson, P.O. Box 10, tel. (0552) 44 28 40)	2	\$497
345. Kherson Oblast Branch of Committee of Voters of Ukraine (73036, Kherson, Prydniprovskiy Spusk, 1, Office 8, tel. (0552) 32-50-26)	1	\$39566
346. Kherson City Roma Society (73003, Kherson, Horkoho St., 28, tel. (0552) 49-32-70, (050) 588 05 55)	2	\$8500
347. Kherson Oblast Charitable Foundation "Mangust" (73039, Kherson, 49 Gvardiyskoyi Diviziyi St., 3/83, tel. (0552) 27 01 64)	1	\$20000
348. Kherson Oblast Charity and Health Foundation (73000, Kherson, Frunze St., 2, Office 24, tel. (0552) 49-60-03)	1	\$36305
349. Khmelnytsky Oblast Association "Podillya First" (29000, Khmelnytsky, Starokostiantynivske shose St., 17/1, tel. (0382) 76-34-34)	1	\$6000
350. Khmelnytsky Oblast Association of Lawyers "Protection Agency" (29013, Khmelnytsky, Podilska St., 3, tel. (0382) 70 09 62, (050) 376 1271)	2	\$123000
351. Khmelnytsky Oblast Public Association for Facilitation of Resocialization of People who are released from or are kept in places of deprivation of freedom "Alternatyva" (29009, Khmelnytsky, Horodovikova St., 8, Office 19, tel. 8 (067) 949-43-41)	1	\$9430
352. Khmilnyk Raion NGO "Pravo" (22000, Vinnytsia Oblast, Khmilnyk, 1 Travnia St., 9, Office 29, tel. (067) 425 84 95)	1	\$4750
353. Center for Near Eastern Studies (01001, Kyiv, Hrushevskoho St., 4, Office 210, tel. (044) 279-07-72)	3	\$8356
354. Center for the Study of Geopolitical Problems and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation in the Black Sea Region "Nomos" (99007, AR Crimea, Sevastopol, M. Muzyky St., 24, # 2, tel. (0692) 45-04-51)	1	\$22500

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355. Cherkasy City NGO "Industrial Management Expert Society" (18000, Cherkasy, Smilyanska St., 78, Office 310, tel. (0472) 37 00 75)	1	\$6317
356. Cherkasy Oblast NGO "Romani Rota" (19700, Cherkasy Oblast, Zolotonosha, Novoselivska St., 2 A, Office 61, Room 2, tel. (067) 472-1058)	1	\$6500
357. Cherkasy Oblast Youth NGO "Association of Young Legislators" (18000, Cherkasy, spusk Ostrovskoho 32/1, Office 1, tel. (0472) 38-48-17, 56-12-28, 38 48 17)	2	\$12280
358. Cherkasy Oblast Youth NGO "Forpost" (Cherkasy, Konyeva St., 1, Office 78)	1	\$962
359. Chernivtsi City NGO "Community Association "Bukovyna Partnership Agency" (58000, Chernivtsi, Nikitina St., 2, 3rd floor, tel. (0372) 523745, 573034)	2	\$19000
360. Chernivtsi City Youth Organization "Ukrainian Youth Club" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. (0372) 55-57-34)	2	\$388
361. Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Committee of Voters" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. (0372) 555-734)	1	\$12250
362. Chernivtsi City Youth Association "Union of Active Youth" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. (0372) 52 80 59)	1	\$7000
363. Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Bukovyna Center for Election Technologies" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, Office 16, tel. (0372) 55 58 06)	1	\$9000
364. Chernihiv City NGO "Public Council" (14017, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 891, tel. (0462) 67 75 75)	1	\$12000
365. Chernihiv City NGO "Siversky Institute of Regional Studies" (14000, Chernihiv, Myru Prosp., 43, tel. (0462) 676 052)	2	\$27299
366. Chernihiv City Youth NGO "Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies" (14005, Chernihiv, Myra Prosp., 68, Office 916, tel. (0462) 66 11 27)	2	\$16542
367. Chernihiv City National-Cultural Society "Neve Roma" (14021, Chernihiv, Cherkaska St., 23, tel. (04622) 2-72-67)	1	\$7000

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Management

International Renaissance Foundation and OSI Network

We have audited the financial statements of International Renaissance Foundation (the "Foundation") as at and for the year ended 31 December 2009, from which the accompanying summarised financial information was derived, in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. In our report dated 20 May 2010 we expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements from which the summarised financial information was derived.

In our opinion, the summarised financial information is consistent, in all material respects, with the financial statements from which it was derived.

For a better understanding of the Foundation's financial position as at 31 December 2009 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended and the scope of our audit, the summarised financial information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which the summarised financial information was derived, and our audit report thereon.

JSC KPMG Audit
20 May 2010

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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009


(in US dollars)

	31 December 2009	31 December 2008
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, equipment and intangible assets	398,825	371,504
CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	1,285	2,823
Prepayments, net	80,159	70,012
Receivables	2,169,697	1,807,641
Cash and cash equivalents	279,688	113,097
	2,530,829	1,993,573
TOTAL ASSETS	2,929,654	2,365,077
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)		
FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)	332,223	294,219
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals	2,458,515	1,913,259
Other liabilities	138,916	157,599
	2,597,431	2,070,858
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)	2,929,654	2,365,077

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


Yevgen Bystriytsky
Executive Director

20 May 2010


Natalia Sannikova
Finance Director

20 May 2010

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

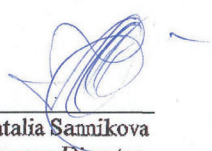
(in US dollars)

	Year ended 31 December 2009	Year ended 31 December 2008
CONTRIBUTION INCOME		
Open Society Institute's (OSI) income	8,421,236	6,980,077
Third parties funding	171,214	412,347
	<u>8,592,450</u>	<u>7,392,424</u>
EXPENSES		
OSI program expenses	(6,990,036)	(5,353,421)
OSI administrative expenses	(1,497,215)	(1,460,901)
Third parties expenses	(187,183)	(399,403)
	<u>(8,674,434)</u>	<u>(7,213,725)</u>
(Deficit)/Excess of contribution income over expenses	<u>(81,984)</u>	<u>178,699</u>
OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSES)		
Interest income	4	20
Other income	6,732	13,589
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	113,252	(191,967)
	<u>119,988</u>	<u>(178,358)</u>
Surplus for the year	<u>38,004</u>	<u>341</u>

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


Yevgen Bystrytsky
Executive Director

20 May 2010


Natalia Samnikova
Finance Director

20 May 2010

INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION


SUMMARISED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (EQUITY) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

(in US dollars)

Fund balance (equity) as at 31 December 2007	293,878
Surplus for the year	<u>341</u>
Fund balance (equity) as at 31 December 2008	294,219
Surplus for the year	<u>38,004</u>
Fund balance (equity) at 31 December 2009	<u>332,223</u>

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


Yevgen Bystriytsky
Executive Director

20 May 2010


Natalia Sannikova
Finance Director

20 May 2010

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SUMMARISED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

(in US dollars)

	Year ended 31 December 2009	Year ended 31 December 2008
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the year	38,004	341
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation/amortization	66,418	75,820
Gain on disposal of property, equipment and intangible assets	-	(13,312)
Transfer of assets to a non-for-profit organization	2,036	10,622
Foreign currency exchange loss, net	-	79,298
Changes in allowance for estimated irrecoverable amounts	-	(30,200)
Increase in receivables	(362,056)	(39,202)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(10,147)	4,918
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	1,538	(1,207)
Increase/(decrease) in accruals	545,256	(321,393)
Decrease in other liabilities	(18,683)	(112,913)
Cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>262,366</u>	<u>(347,228)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, equipment and intangible assets	(95,775)	(62,138)
Proceeds from sale of property, equipment and intangible assets	-	13,312
Cash outflows from investing activities	<u>(95,775)</u>	<u>(48,826)</u>
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	166,591	(396,054)
Effect of changes in foreign exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	-	(72,003)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	<u>113,097</u>	<u>581,154</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u>279,688</u>	<u>113,097</u>

On behalf of the Board of Directors:

Yevgen Bystrytsky
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20 May 2010

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Finance Director

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