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its partners for their financial and organizational support
in building an open, democratic society in Ukraine*

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ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION

AN OPEN SOCIETY is a society based on the recognition that nobody has a monopoly on the truth, that different people hold different views and interests, and that there is a need for institutions to protect the rights of all people to allow them to live together in peace. The term “open society” was popularized by the philosopher Karl Popper in his 1945 book “The Open Society and its Enemies.” The main traits of an open society include the rule of law, a democratically elected government, institutions of civil society and protection of minority rights.

The International Renaissance Foundation (IRF) was founded in April 1990. It is an integral part of the Open Society Institute foundation network, which was established by George Soros and incorporates national and regional foundations in more than thirty countries around the world, including Africa, Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The Foundation sees its mission in the financial and institutional promotion of the building of an open democratic society in Ukraine by supporting civil initiatives vital for its development.

The funds operated by IRF are mostly granted by its main founder George Soros. The Foundation also relies on international donors and various Ukrainian and foreign organizations and individuals. Both the transparency of the Foundation's sponsorship and charitable activities and an understanding of its importance contribute to funds granted by IRF for building an open, democratic society being distributed by members of society represented in IRF's Executive Board and Program Boards themselves.

The Foundation's Board is the main public body of IRF and shapes the whole organizational strategy. The Foundation's priorities are determined by the Executive Board and Program Boards, whose members include prominent Ukrainian public figures and experts in the sectors where IRF is active.

IRF distributes the overwhelming majority of its grants among non-governmental organizations after public competitions are held for projects pursuing the program priorities set by leading representatives of local civil society.

In addition to offering grants to other organizations, institutions and establishments, IRF also pursues its own (operational) activities, implementing projects in its target sectors that are also selected by public representatives. Programs are funded from the IRF budget following proposals from the Executive Board and Program Boards.

IRF continuously informs the public about its programs and competitions in media publications, at press conferences and presentations, via the Internet, etc. Foundation staff hold consultations on all issues of IRF activities.

Throughout the period of its activity, the Foundation has offered grants to various Ukrainian non-governmental organizations (NGOs), scientific-research and educational institutions and publishing houses totaling over \$106 million.

To read the “Deloitte & Touche USC’ independent auditor's report visit www.irf.kiev.ua.

INTRODUCTION

IN 2008, IRF provided nearly US\$6 million in support for program activities aimed at democratic improvements and reform in the legal sphere (human rights, reforming the legal and criminal justice systems, access to information); consolidating civil society (strengthening public impact and control over all levels of government); Ukraine's European integration; media; general and higher education, including inclusive education for children with special needs; public health, including the rights of patients and other vulnerable groups; integrating national minorities into Ukrainian society, while preserving and developing their cultural differences; in the cultural sphere, the Foundation supported the publication of Ukrainian translations of works of global public opinion and development of the Ukrainian publishing industry.

2008 was a difficult year for IRF – as it was for all Ukrainians. Fostering democratic development and trying to support and promote best public initiatives under conditions of permanent political, and later, financial-economic crisis isn't easy. Nevertheless, we believe that despite the crises (or rather – thanks to them), Ukrainian civil society became more mature in 2008. This report reflects those often invisible processes taking place in civil society and the country overall. It contains only the main description of socially important undertakings and projects that there implementing or are being implemented with the financial support from IRF with funds obtained from its founder George Soros and other IRF co-donors and partners.

We would like to add that even amidst the global crisis, George Soros, in approving of the program strategies developed by IRF's Board of Directors and management, has increased the Foundation's grant expenses for 2009 by US\$1 million.

The Foundation's charitable donor activity is only possible thanks to the work of independent expert members of the IRF Program Boards, which make decision on the financing of public and other initiatives. IRF would like to thank the members of the Program Boards, our co-donors and partners, as well as representatives of different branches of power, ministries and agencies, that, despite the unfavorable conditions for democratic transformations, were open to cooperation with IRF-supported projects and directly with IRF and its experts.

IRF is still the largest charitable and donor institution promoting the development of modern civil society in Ukraine. IRF sees its mission as not only supporting individual public initiatives and institutions, but in persistently creating better conditions, including legal, which will maximize public activism and public self-organizations in all sphere and levels of Ukrainian society.

THE CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (director – Oleksiy Orlovsky) aims to promote the development of various forms of public self-organization, protection and lobbying the government on common interests of NGOs, ensuring equal dialogue with the authorities from development to implementation of decisions on all levels of government, monitoring government activities by NGOs to ensure transparency and accountability to the public.

One of the program's important lines of activities in 2008 was **supporting the development of a system of public self-organization**. Bodies of public self-organization are representative bodies established by residents of villages, cities, towns or neighborhoods. They can include building, street or block committees, as well as microdistrict, district, city, village and town committees, created by active residents. These groups allow citizens to participate in managing and solving local problems. The issue of improving the normative and legal foundations for public self-organization was discussed during the Fourth All-Ukrainian Conference "Improving the Normative and Legal Foundation for Bodies of Public Self-Organization" (<http://www.samoorg.com.ua>). Also discussed was the new version of the draft Law of Ukraine "On Bodies of Self-Organization" which was to replace the one registered in the *Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine* (#2108, February 21, 2008).

With the aim of promoting effective public self-organization in communities, support was provided for the opening of **centers for organization and methodological support to existing and new public self-organization bodies**. They were created locally to provide support to apartment condominiums in cities such as Mykolayiv, Luhansk, Khmilnyk, Kremenchutsk, etc. The centers provide community members with free methodological, consultative, organizational, legal, informational and other forms of assistance necessary for the proper functioning of public self-organization bodies and condominiums.

An important initiative implemented in 2008 was the "European Dialogue" NGO's project "**Network of Local Rural Development Agencies in the Lviv Oblast**." The project called for actively working with village communities to create local development agencies in the Lviv region. Project activities included trainings for community representatives, assistance with preparing documents to improve public services and supporting public initiatives, preparing 10 community microprojects for submission to competitions, forming a network of agencies in two raions, etc. A special page was created on the www.dialog.lviv.ua website with information about the project.

Civic Assembly of Ukraine (CAU). The economic and political crises exacerbated the issue of public dialogue with the central government. Several professional public associations have already forced different branches of power to engage in such a dialogue, or, at least, start considering its importance. It should have begun at the start of the term of any Cabinet of Ministers or Verkhovna Rada convocation. However, IRF has been supporting the activities of the Civic Assembly of Ukraine, which formulates and voices society's positions on strategic problems of Ukrainian society, for the past three years. Nearly 450 NGOs are currently members of the CAU.

The CAU-2007 proposal on the need for constitutional reform as the best solution to the political crisis was a key public opinion issue. The idea of creating a Constitutional Assembly was discussed and supported during the Second Civic Assembly "A New Constitution: Civil Society's Positions" (June 2008). A resolution with the following demands was approved and widely publicized: that politicians and government representatives refrain from using the constitutional process to gain political advantages; that they stop manipulative attempts to amend the Constitution without wide public discussion and create a Constitutional Assembly that will draft and approve a new Ukrainian Constitution and whose delegates will be directly elected and forbidden to occupy a post in high-level governments within 10 years; introduce a system of "open" (preferential) regional election lists; bring back a majoritarian system for local government elections; increase the accountability of deputies to the electorate, etc. (<http://gau.org.ua>).

Transparency of Revenues in the Ukrainian Oil and Gas Sector. The lack of openness of the state oil and gas sector remains a key problem and one that demands much greater attention from the point of view of transparency and true accountability to the public. In 2008, IRF continued its work in supporting public monitoring of revenues from the production, transport, storage and distribution of energy.

The result was an expert assessment of the most problematic issues that breed public corruption in the Ukrainian energy sector. IRF provided support for trainings on transparency in the oil and gas sector for journalists that was based on the green paper "*The Ukrainian Oil & Gas Sector: Transparency of Operations and Revenues*" (edited

by Mykhailo Honchar, Anna-T Publishers, Kyiv-Sevastopol, 2008, 308 p.). Training and research materials were used in the preparation of numerous publications in print media, as well as radio and television programs. The green paper became the basis for initiating cooperation with similar Open Society Institute (OSI) programs in the US, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan (<http://nomos.com.ua>).

Program experts and experts from these countries developed a strategy to expand the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to countries across which these energy sources are transported. This document was presented during the EITI Conference in Doha, Qatar in February 2009. At the 5th Yalta European Strategy Annual Meeting July 2008, with co-financing from the Victor Pinchuk Foundation, leading international and Ukrainian experts and high-level officials from all branches of the Ukrainian government discussed introducing principles of transparency and accountability in the Ukrainian energy sector (<http://yes-ukraine.org/en>).

Monitoring the Work of Local Government. An example of effective monitoring that was financing by IRF is the Chernivtsi City Youth NGO “Union of Active Youth” project entitled “Public Monitoring of the Work of Local Government – Barrier to Destruction of the Historical and Architectural Sections of Chernivtsi and the Inappropriate Use of Budget Funds.” During the first stage of the project (the project will last through mid-2009), numerous contractual and budgeting documentation violations were uncovered that led to the destruction of the city’s historical and architectural monuments. As a result of public pressure, workers were forced to redo the work they had already done. (<http://www.pamjatky.org.ua/DetailedNews.aspx?NewsID=6040>)

Promoting Administrative and Territorial Reform. Understanding the long overdue need for administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine, and finding a mutual solution to the various approaches, IRF announced the tender “Promoting Administrative and Territorial Reform.” Support was given to the “Civil Society Institute” NGO (project manager – Oleksandr Vrublevsky) for a project to involve the public in formulating a concept for administrative and territorial reform, implementation policies and relevant draft laws necessary to carry out the reforms – all through direct dialogue with the government. The *Ministry of Regional Development and Construction of Ukraine* is the government partner in this initiative. Representatives of leading NGOs are part of the Government Interdepartmental Working Group, which was created via an order of the Prime Minister of Ukraine. (<http://www.csi.org.ua>).

Professionalizing Local Community Cadres. Among the several other initiatives support by IRF in this line of activities, we will note only the Podillya Pershyi Association’s pilot initiative “Professionalizing Cadres for Effective Partnership and Local Development in the Khmelnytskyi Oblast.” The project’s goal is to approbate the practical-theoretical course “Professionalizing Local Community Cadres” for local community members. The course is regularly being taught at the Khmelnytskyi Regional In-Service Training Center for Workers of Bodies of State Power and Local Self-Government, State Institutions, Businesses, Institutions and Organizations and in the future will be financed by money from the oblast budget. (<http://www.ppngo.org/eng>).

Electronic Democracy in Ukraine. Electronic government (e-government) is computerized interaction between public administration bodies and citizens, between NGOs and business, as well as within these groups (manager – Olesya Arkhypska).

In 2008, within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed by IRF, the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction of Ukraine, the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (AR Crimea), and the Sudak City Council Executive Committee (Autonomous Republic of Crimea), IRF implemented the operational project “Creation and Activities of E-Government Centers” to set up the Regional Center for the Development of Electronic Government in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

A joint study was conducted with the project’s Council (Council Chair – Inna Maliukova), which included noted experts, researchers, representatives of NGOs, parliament and government, entitled “E-Government

in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea: Analysis and Recommendations” based on surveys of civil servants, and representatives of NGOs and business. Trainings material was also developed for the courses “Basics of E-Government” and “Computer Awareness.” Distance education technology is provided by the Electronic Education Center at the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic University” that has been selected by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine as the coordinating center for introducing distance education technology in Ukraine. With support from the Ukrainian Embassy in Denmark and Ambassador Natalia Zarudna, a Ukrainian delegation visited Copenhagen to study the Danish experience of introducing e-government technologies into the everyday work of government bodies, practice in regulating this field, specifics of administrative and territorial reform in the context of expanded use of information technology, and the design and implementation of electronic voting.

Project partners include: e-Governance Academy (Tallinn, Estonia), Ukrainian Internet Association, Science Park “Kyiv Polytechnic,” and world renowned companies specializing in e-government technologies, namely: Intel Ukraine Microelectronics Ltd and Kvazar-Micro. The Regional Center for the Development of Electronic Government in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea officially opened in September 2008 (<http://crimea.e-gov.org.ua>)

A Tolerant Ukraine: Culture of Good-Neighborliness. The Civil Society Impact Enhancement Program supports initiatives aimed at increasing tolerance and the social integration of ethnic minorities.

Work continued on introducing the integrated course “Culture of Good-Neighborliness” in schools and kindergartens in AR Crimea. Taking into account the current social and political problems in Crimea stemming from the existence of different ethno-national, religious and linguistic groups, introducing this course at general education schools may prove to be effective. Future plans calls for teaching the course at Crimean institutions of higher education. The project is implemented by the “Integration and Development” Information and Research Center in close cooperation with the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, local state television, and the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Experts from Georgia and other countries are very interested in studying this experience. (<http://www.integration.org.ua/>)

The program supported the “Informational Press Center” NGO’s (Simferopol) project to decrease the negative impact of one of the main factors that gives rise to intolerance in Crimea – **land use**. The project opened three special consulting centers that provide previously deported peoples with free legal advice and is conducting a campaign to explain land use rights, etc. (<http://www.integration.org.ua/>).

Increasing tolerance and social integration of ethnic minorities is also central to the **ROMA IN UKRAINE PROGRAM** (manager – Nataliya Kyiak).

The Roma are one of Ukraine’s most vulnerable ethnic and cultural minorities. According to official statistics, approximately 50,000 Roma live in Ukraine; however, experts believe the true figure exceeds 150,000. The Roma minority’s problems have yet to gain proper official policy attention. They are discriminated against by social services, law enforcement bodies, etc. The Roma, as a group, are most hard hit by unemployment, illiteracy, and unsanitary living conditions.

The program directs its efforts at developing and monitoring effective state policy on Ukraine’s Roma people, increasing the level of legal protection for Roma, improving the quality of medical services provided to the Roma population, and increasing employment numbers among Roma youth.

In 2008, during the program’s lobbying of Ukraine’s joining the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015 communication and information exchange was established with the State Committee for Nationalities and Religion – the government institution responsible for introducing new programs and strategies to improve the life of the

Roma minority. With support from the program, the Congress of Roma of Ukraine organized the June 2008 International Roma Conference “Roma in Ukraine: from the Past to the Future” (in honor of International Roma Day and the *Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015*). Conference participants – representatives of government, Roma NGOs, Ukrainian and foreign experts, researchers from the US, Serbia, Moldova, Bulgaria and Russia – discussed the urgency of state policy on Roma, Ukraine’s chance of joining the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015, and approval of the new “State Program for the Development of the Roma People in 2009-2013” that was developed by the Congress. The program coordinates its work on this issue with the World Bank.

A groups of projects continued working on **improving the Roma population’s access to medical services** in the Zakarpattia oblast, the region where the Roma suffer most from socially dangerous diseases. Together with the Open Society Institute’s (New York) Roma Health Program, support was given to an initiative to assess the situation and obtain reliable and relevant data in order to improve state policy on Roma public health. A series of trainings was also held for representatives of Roma NGOS on how to protect their rights and receive medical assistance. For example, in the city of Perezhyn, Zakarpattia oblast, the local polyclinic has an office where the deputy chief doctor holds special open hours.

On the **human rights** front, the program supports the most active Roma NGOs, which have been working in this field since 2004. Together with the Open Society Institute’s Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, support was provided to a network of Roma NGO’s in the Zakarpattia oblast that work in the human rights field and provide legal consultations to Roma. Within the framework of the “Human Rights for Zakarpattia Roma” project, the Association of Zakarpattia Gypsies “Roma” provided legal aid to Roma at a daily operating human rights center. Most often, human rights organizations dealt with groundless administrative detentions and beatings of Roma, and helped with filling out paperwork to get a passport, childcare or pension. (Center’s address: Association of Zakarpattia Gypsies “Roma” Donska St., 4, Uzhhorod, tel. +38 (03122)13758)

In 2008, the program coordinated the **scholarship program for Roma students** (joint initiative of the Roma Education Fund and supported by the German Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation. For information about the scholarship program, visit the Roma Education Fund’s website <http://romaeducationfund.hu>). Scholarships were given to 38 Roma students studying in institutions of higher education in Kyiv, Uzhhorod, Odesa, Cherkasy, Lviv and Dnipropetrovsk. IRF hopes that young Roma professionals will return home with an understanding of the cultural and social specifics of their communities and steps necessary to improve their living standards.

THE RULE OF LAW PROGRAM (program director – Roman Romanov) supports initiatives to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and promotes institutional reforms in the legal system.

Ensuring Access to Information that is of Public Interest. The right to access to information (according to the Laws of Ukraine “On Information” and “On Public Appeals”) is an integral component of the rule of law and in ensuring greater openness in the work of government bodies and officials. In 2008 this line of activities increased its effectiveness.

Thanks to the program’s support, there were more legal rulings that state officials acted illegally by refusing to provide information or not providing answers to public information requests and appeals. In March 2008, at the request of NGO’s, the Ukrainian government recognized as illegal the practice of applying the restrictive classifications “Off the record” and “Not for publication” to government decrees and removed such classification from nearly 1,500 government documents issued since 1991. (<http://www.stop-x-files-ua.org>)

Supporting Strategic Legal Cases to Defend Victims of Human Rights Violations (strategic cases are cases that serve as precedent for rulings in similar cases in Ukraine). Thanks to the program’s work, in 2008 there was

a stable increase in the number of success cases. Dozens of new cases were filed with the European Court of Human Rights. Lawyers who joined the projects succeeded in preventing the extradition on individuals who are being persecuted by their governments in Turkmenistan, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan and other countries for the non-violent expression of their personal views. The regional network of lawyers capable of effective arguing court cases in defense of human rights is increasing, including within Ukrainian jurisdiction and with the help of international mechanisms (European Court of Human Rights, UN Human Rights Committee). (<http://hrlawyers.khpg.org/>, <http://www.helsinki.org.ua/index.php?r=a1b9>)

The Rule of Law Program was a pioneer in **reforming the free legal aid system in Ukraine**. The free legal aid system aims to help people who can't afford legal assistance by providing consultations, information, and a lawyer in criminal cases. The state legal aid program in Ukraine has not been established properly.

Over the length of the project, experts from IRF and the Open Society Institute built cooperation with the legal profession, NGOs, justice and internal affairs bodies. The Public Defenders Offices in Kharkiv, Bila Tserkva (Kyiv oblast) and Khmelnytsky signed agreements with oblast internal affairs departments and provide legal assistance from the moment of detention. The project has had rather impressive results: the number of people detained by those police precincts working with the project has decreased, as has the number of people arrested. The International Renaissance Foundation works closely with the project's co-financer – the Victor Pinchuk Foundation. Joint work continues with the *Ministry of Justice of Ukraine* on drafting a relevant law and submitting it to the Verkhovna Rada for review. (<http://pravo.prostir.ua/>)

Lobbying International Human Rights Organizations that monitor human rights in Ukraine (UN Human Rights Council, UN Committees, Monitoring Committee of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly). With program support, NGOs draft and present on the international level alternatives to state reports on human rights in Ukraine. The opinions of independent reports are included in the recommendations of many international institutions that objectively assess the human rights situation in Ukraine. (<http://www.helsinki.org.ua/en/index.php>)

A concept for criminal justice reform developed with the participation of public experts (and program staff) was approved by the National Commission for Strengthening Democracy and the Rule of Law, National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, and approved by presidential decree. Legislative acts are currently being drafted to implement these reforms (administrative responsibility, criminal code, prosecutor general's office, etc.) (<http://zakon1.rada.gov.ua/cgi-bin/laws/main.cgi?nreg=311%2F2008>)

The **National Assembly of Invalids of Ukraine**, with support from the program, launched a campaign to speed up Ukraine's joining the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. They also monitor Ukrainian legislation and its compliance with the UN Convention. As a result of the given campaign, the President of Ukraine instructed the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy to sign the Convention on behalf of Ukraine. On September 24, 2008, Ukraine signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol. The program plans to continue working with its partners on ratifying and implementing this important international document. (<http://naiu.org.ua/>)

Information activities in the human rights field include expanding the network of information resources on the Internet. The program provided support to the following specialized portals: Human Rights in Ukraine www.khpg.org, Legal Space pravo.prostir.org.ua, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union www.helsinki.org.ua, UNIAN Human Rights <http://human-rights.unian.net>, Anti-Xenophobia www.xenodocuments.org.ua, Prison Portal www.ukrprison.org.ua, and Ukrainian Human Rights Portal www.upp.org.ua.

In cooperation with the Norwegian Helsinki Committee and the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, the program launched an educational program for new activists, law professors and civil servants. In 2008, 8 week-long human rights schools were held (www.edu.helsinki.org.ua).

Human Rights Documentary Film Festival. In 2008, the festival's audience grew considerably. In addition to Kyiv, the festival was invited to more than 30 Ukrainian cities, including: Vinnytsia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kryvyi Rih, Donetsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Luhansk, Lutsk, Lviv, Odesa, Poltava, Rivne, Sumy, Hlukhiv, Shostka, Lebedyn, Kharkiv, Kherson, Chernihiv, AR Crimea: Sevastopol, Simferopol, Armiansk, Dzhanbko, Novoozerne, Yevpatoria, Kerch, Krasnoperekopsk, Rozdolne, Feodosia and Yalta.

THE EUROPEAN PROGRAM (program director: Iryna Solonenko; program senior manager: Dmytro Shulga) aims to increase the quality and effectiveness of state policy on Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration and shape public demand for Ukraine's Europeanization by initiating and providing financial, expert and organizational support to civil society initiatives aimed at transforming Ukraine into a true European state.

Government – civil society cooperation in the field of European integration. The Civil Society Expert Council with the Ukrainian side of the EU-Ukraine Cooperation Committee (a bilateral EU-Ukraine body within the framework of the EU-Ukraine Partnership and Co-operation Agreement) was established and includes 31 independent civil society experts. The establishment of this Council is an important step in terms of institutionalizing government – civil society cooperation in the field of European integration and consolidating civil society initiatives in the field of European integration. The program provided organizational and expert support for the establishment of the Council and organizational and financial support for the work of its secretariat. For more information about the Council and its activities, visit: <http://www.eu.prostir.ua/themes/rada.html>.

Increasing the transparency of the negotiation process between Ukraine and the EU on an Association Agreement. Due to the international conference in Kyiv organized by the Program, Ukrainian citizens and stakeholders learned about the experience and successful practices of involving the civil society and stakeholders in countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Western Balkan in the negotiation processes with the EU. A roundtable was also held on the issue of intellectual property rights as a component of the Association Agreement. With the Program's support and participation of experts from the Civil Society Expert Council, a study was conducted and analytical report published on the role of civil society in the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. (<http://www.eu.prostir.ua>). The experts' recommendations were incorporated into draft articles of the Association Agreement. The European Space portal also now includes a separate page dedicated to the negotiations between Ukraine and the EU on the Association Agreement (<http://www.eu.prostir.ua/themes/ua-eu.html>).

Civil society monitoring of the implementation of the Ukraine-EU Action Plan (project by a consortium of leading think tanks under the leadership of *Razumkov Centre*). Project materials are available under the "International Relations" section at <http://www.uceps.org>). The results of this monitoring – an alternative to the Ukrainian government and European Commission's assessments – were taken into consideration in the EU-Ukraine bilateral report on the implementation of the Ukraine-EU Action Plan (March 2008) and the European Commission's report on the European Neighborhood Policy in 2007 (April 2008). Following the recognition of the authority of the independent civil society monitoring, both the Ukrainian government and the European Commission consulted with civil society experts during the development of the New Practical Instrument (new generation EU-Ukraine Action Plan) between the EU and Ukraine to be launched in 2009.

Civil society monitoring of the implementation of the agreement on the facilitation of issuance of visas between Ukraine and the EU (signed on June 18, 2007 and went into force on January 1, 2008). The situation was monitored in two stages by a consortium of seven NGOs (six of which were regional NGOs) under the leadership of the *Centre for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine*. Representative sample surveys were conducted of people leaving consulates or visa centers who had used the services of 21 consulates of 11 EU member states. According to the survey results, despite definite improvement in the situation with the issuing of visas to Ukrainians by "old" Schengen countries, the agreement has yet to become an effective mechanism

capable of compensating for the negative effect that expansion of the Schengen area has had on most Ukrainians wanting to travel to the EU (<http://eu.prostir.ua/news/24965.html>).

The Cabinet of Ministers approved a much improved new State Program of **Raising Public Awareness on Ukraine's European Integration for the years 2008-2011** (CMU Resolution No. 594 from July 2, 2008), which was developed using proposals from the Razumkov Centre, International Renaissance Foundation, Internews, and other NGOs based on results of the civil society monitoring of the previous State Programs for 2004-2007 (Razumkov Centre project) and best domestic and international practices. A coordinating council comprised of NGO representatives was established to implement the program and a procedure was approved for competitively selecting NGO projects and programs that will raise awareness of the public about European integration (CMU Resolution No. 956 from October 30, 2008). This sets a precedent for financing NGO projects from state and local budgets in the form of grants, and was the result of efforts by experts from the Foundation for Regional Initiatives, European Law Advancement Network, Razumkov Centre and IRF (<http://www.rada.gov.ua>, www.kmu.gov.ua).

The network of regional European Information Centers (EIC) grew in 2008 by 4 to a total of 24 such centers at oblast libraries in Ukraine that were opened with support from the Program. (contacts for all the EICs can be found here: <http://eu.prostir.ua/in/39896.html>). In July 2008, the EIC Network Forum was held during which an initiative coordinating group for the network was set up. According to the State Program of Raising Public Awareness on Ukraine's European Integration for the years 2008-2011, starting in 2009, the EICs at oblast and raion libraries should be financed from local budgets.

The First European Integration School was held (a project of the Ukrainian European Studies Association). The goal of the annual School is to increase civil society's capacity to influence Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes by deepening theoretical knowledge and developing practical skills. The first pilot European Integration School trained 40 NGO leaders from various regions of Ukraine on how to effectively carry out informational and educational activities in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration. (<http://eu.prostir.ua/news/9786.html>)

National awareness-raising campaign "Tolerance as a Path to Europe." In autumn 2008, the Network of Pro-European Organizations of Ukraine conducted the first nationwide awareness raising campaign in the field of European integration, dedicated to promoting tolerance as a fundamental European value. Detailed information about the campaign is available online: <http://www.tolerant.org.ua>.

Open Debates on NATO. With Program support, well-made and unique media products for Ukraine aimed at stimulating open debates on NATO were produced and distributed. The television series "NATO: Friend or Foe?" was produced (excerpts can be viewed and downloaded at <http://eu.prostir.ua/archive/2.html> and used as a handy visual device for public discussion on the pluses and minuses, risks and advantages of Euro-Atlantic integration) along with a Russian language version (suitable for predominantly Russian-speaking regions). The series was aired twice on UT-1 and a number of regional television channels, and was shown by numerous NGOs as part of their informational events. A project is also underway to produce a series of 5 analytical-educational television films "NATO: Myths and Realities" to be aired on regional television in Ukraine.

THE EAST EAST: PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS PROGRAM (manager – Tetiana Kukharenko) promotes the development of cooperation between representatives of the international public in solving social and socio-economic problems.

In 2008, 500 Ukrainian experts and public activists took part in the implementation of 60 international projects abroad. These were projects such as study visits and internships (for Ukrainian target audiences) and ones with an informational and analytical character, where Ukrainian experts presented domestic practices and experience.

With the goal of studying the European reform process, support was given for study visits on housing and communal services reform and municipal tariff setting (Poland), fiscal decentralization (Slovakia), local economic development and introducing social and ecologically responsible economics (Czech Republic), medical law and insurance (Czech Republic).

Ukrainian experts also had the opportunity to study best practices in such areas as: mobilizing public participation in the local decision-making process (Czech Republic); transparency in local self-government (Poland); gender sensitivity in local government (Lithuania); informational and educational work dealing with European integration (Poland, Czech Republic, Romania); youth leadership (Poland and Romania); mediation in schools and decreasing juvenile violence (Poland); rehabilitation, social integration and support of vulnerable population groups (Poland); social and psychological support for families with autistic children (Poland and Czech Republic); and managed learning for children with special needs (Poland).

Ukrainian experts are actively invited to participate in regional projects on issues that trouble the international community and demand collaborative efforts, joint expert assessments, and constant exchange of information – namely: energy security, migration processes in Europe, tolerance, contemporary geopolitical processes and frozen conflicts, relations between Russia and Ukraine, relations between Russia and its neighbors, etc. These problems will remain in the program's focus in the upcoming year.

Meanwhile, nearly 50 international projects were implemented in Ukraine. We will note the following:

“Information as a Tool Against Illegal migration!” Ukrainian journalists from those regions of the country with the greatest migration problems received assistance from Czech and Ukrainian experts on providing media coverage of migration and migrants. The project is working on a collection of journalist reports entitled “Ukrainian Laborers Abroad: Searching for Ways Out of the Labyrinth of Exploitation of Illegal Laborers.” (http://migration4media.net/uk/about_ua).

Studying Housing and Communal Services Reform in Poland. Polish cooperation between local government, local communal enterprises, condominiums and management companies in reforming housing and communal services on market principles was analyzed and shared. A manual was written entitled “Developing a Training Course for Managers of Condominiums and Local Communal Enterprises on the Basis of the Polish Experience of Reforming Housing and Communal Services” (Lviv-Krakow, 2008, in Ukrainian), that provides practical advice on managing a building, economic and legal aspects of placing a building with communal services under the management of condominium group, etc. Certain information is available on the website of the Center for Local Self-Government Research. (http://www.cdms.org.ua/ua/economic_policy/management/) Program support also made possible the publication of the manual “Public-Government Cooperation in Krakow in Setting Tariffs for Communal Services and Extending the Experience to Ukraine” (Lviv-Krakow, 2008, in Ukrainian) that highlights the public impact on formulating tariffs for housing and communal services – excerpts are available on the following website: http://www.cdms.org.ua/ua/economic_policy/tariff_policy/?articles_id=68&num=0).

“Business Centers – Against Unemployment.” Borrowing the Polish experience, two Youth Career Clubs were started in the Kosiv raion, Ivano-Frankivsk oblast and the Kitsmansky raion, Chernivtsi oblast in partnership with local schools, to help youth make a career choice and gain basic skills to find their way in the labor market in a market economy. Youth employment and business development consultants were trained. A “Business and Youth” training program was developed and manual published. A series of seminars on applied enterprise were conducted for deputy school directors and counselors. (<http://mgcetalon.org.ua>).

“Integrating Socially-Isolated Groups: the Polish and Ukrainian Experience.” Based on the best Polish and Ukrainian practices, recommendations were developed for social workers and NGOs working with socially-excluded individuals – the homeless, long-term unemployed and poor. The recommendations were compiled in

the manual entitled “How to Adapt the European Experience to Curing Homelessness in Ukraine” (Kyiv, Narodna Dopomoha, 2008), which also contains a comparative analysis of the problems of homelessness in Poland and Ukraine, excerpts from legislation and a glossary. With support from East:East, project partner Mutual Aid Community “Oselya” published the manual “Everyone has Potential” (Lviv, Pais, 2008), which outlines a method of working with the socially excluded. The “help for self-help” method seeks to help individuals become motivated, grow and function successfully without expecting passive assistance. (<http://emaus-oselya.org/ua>, <http://www.nardop.org.ua/kyiv>).

“Patient Organizations in Eastern Europe and Asia for Patient Safety.” A comprehensive study has been launched of patients’ safety and rights in Southeastern Europe and Asia with the goal of getting participating countries to implement the Global Health Declaration, improve national legislation that regulates patients’ safety, and the international movement for patients’ rights. Material from this project, which will end in 2009, is available online: <http://ps.medpravo.org>.

THE MASS MEDIA PROGRAM (program director – Vitaliy Zamnius) aims to promote the strengthening of freedom of speech and information in Ukraine as one of the key elements of an open, democratic society; support the formation of a pluralistic media environment through the development of independent and professional mass media; and ensure balanced coverage of issues that are of utmost importance for Ukrainian society.

Bureau for Investigative Journalism. The winner of the tender to create a *Bureau for Investigative Journalism (BIJ)* was the “For Professional Journalism” NGO (director – Yehor Sobolyev). The mission of the “Svidomo” Bureau isn’t to “uncover” social ills such as corruption, but to investigate social processes (to counterbalance facts) so as to stimulate readers to become involved in civic initiatives that may yield alternative answers. The following topics have been covered: “Why isn’t beer alcohol?”; “How the gambling industry is gripping Ukraine and what is the central government doing about it?”; “Knocked off course. What’s the future of the hryvnia?”; “Experiment with the unknown. Why doesn’t Ukraine label genetically-modified foods?”; “Medicine from greed. How to protect yourself from doctors turned medicine salesmen.”; “Blood shackles. Why are patients in Ukraine being infected through blood transfusions?” The Bureau also focused its attention on problems involved with switching to a professional army, hepatitis B and C epidemics, the harm of total gasification of Ukraine, and other issues. Investigation materials are available online at: <http://www.ogo.ua/rubrics/Inves/2009-01-22/28177/>, <http://www.vezha.org/news/12793.html>, <http://20minut.ua/news/141051>, <http://www.gazeta.rv.ua/?n=13771>, <http://www.gazeta.rv.ua/?n=13449>.

The Bureau partners with a number of regional and national publications that obtain and publish all materials prepared by the Bureau; 17 leading regional publications currently subscribe to the given materials. The Bureau plans to launch a website, create a network of investigative journalists, and provide journalists with consultation and legal assistance during their investigations.

“New Ukraine” School of Professional Journalism was Launched. The given tender was won by the *Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives* NGO (director – Ihor Kohut). The school will promote the formation of a new professional Ukrainian journalism elite, help participants gain a deeper understanding of not only professional standards, but complex political and social processes in Ukraine. 2009 will be the first school year. (for more information about the School, visit <http://www.usps.org.ua/index.php?mid=38>).

Increasing journalists’ professional preparedness to cover a wide range of issues that are IRF priorities. Throughout the year, the Mass Media Program provided assistance to journalist trainings on covering the problem of tuberculosis; a three-day training event to teach journalists how to write about various topics in public health; regional seminars for journalists on inclusive education.

Monitoring Freedom of Speech. The program continuously supports NGO initiatives to monitor adherence to media law and the professional ethics in journalism. The Institute of Mass Information monitored violations of journalists' rights on a daily basis and published the monthly "Freedom of Speech Barometer" report (<http://imi.org.ua/>). The Simferopol NGO "Integration and Development" Information and Research Center comprehensively monitored print media in Crimea for use of "hate language," racist, xenophobic and other language of intolerance (<http://www.integration.org.ua/>). Telekrytyka did weekly monitoring of informational television programs and investigated cases of made-to-order journalism and other violations of professional media standards (<http://www.telekritika.ua/media-corp/corruption/>).

Digital Broadcasting. IRF provided support for an international conference on "Problems of Introducing Digital Broadcasting on the National, Regional and Local Levels" held in Odesa, and the Second International Digital Broadcasting Forum in autumn 2008 (<http://www.dtvforum.org.ua/>).

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM (manager – Olena Zaplotynska) helps employ the potential of the Ukrainian third sector and scientific–educational establishments for the sustainable development of the educational system, improving the quality of education in Ukraine, and providing youth with equal access to education.

University Autonomy as a Component of Civil Society. The project aims to create a new model of relations between the university, society and the state, whereby universities themselves set their tasks and answer for the results of their actions to society in the person of their academic staff, students and local community, caring about the consistency of their goals with national interests. The project is implemented with participation of representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine, and 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. The consortium is chaired by Serhiy Kvit, President of the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy."

In early 2008, the consortium resumed cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science and Ukrainian government. In January 2008, Minister of Education and Science Ivan Vakarchuk attended a meeting of the Council of Consortium Rectors, during which they approved an action plan for 2008-2009 and developed proposals for the government's action plan on education. The universities were involved in developing the education component of the Tymoshenko government's action plan. IRF and consortium representatives were part of the working group drafting amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education," and the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Science and Education expert group. University autonomy was among the Ministry's priority issues for 2008 (see: *Dzerkalo Tyzhnia*, #4, 2-8 February 2008). (<http://www.rpl.org.ua>, www.irf.kiev.ua).

"Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine" – this joint Ukrainian-Dutch project was started by IRF and the International Center for Schooling Improvement – APD (Holland) in late 2006 with the goal of starting open and democratic discussions on education problems in Ukraine (project manager – Heorhiy Kasianov). The project envisages the organization of a system of continuous exchange and dissemination of information between the education community, subjects of the education process and local education departments. This project is financed jointly by IRF and the MATRA Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

Throughout 2008, the project thematic priority was "School of the Future: Problems of Reforming Education Administration (from Decentralization to Self-Administration)." Project activities were aimed at introducing a balanced model of coordination between all stakeholders working on improving schools (local departments of education, teachers, principals, parents) to implement education reform on the local level with the goal of

establishing modern standards of analysis and public debate on socially important aspects of education reform. Poltava and Odesa were locations of trainings (April 2008), a series of field workshops for educators from these oblasts (April-June 2008) were undertaken, two regional (September) and one national (November 2008) conference on school reform and the “ideal” school of the future were organized. Publications included the bulletins: “Ukrainian Textbooks: Time to Speak Out, Time to Act” and “School of the Future”; the brochures “Dialogue on Education: Understanding, Cooperation, Change” and “National Concept “School of the Future, School for the Future: Development of Schools on the Local Level”; and the analytical report “Textbook Publishing in Ukraine. Systematic Problems and Options for Change” (written in 2007). The project will end in 2009.

Introducing Inclusive Education in Ukraine – in 2008 this was the logical continuation of the following projects previously implemented and supported by IRF programs in 2005-2006: “Rights of Children with Special Educational Needs to Equal Access to Quality Education” (Education Program) and “Education Policy on Inclusive Education: International Experience and Ukrainian Realities” (East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program). With the aim of promoting legislative changes to further inclusive education in Ukraine, two-day seminars were held in Lviv and Poltava, during which participants developed a series of recommendations for the Statute on Inclusive Classes/Schools and the Social Services Standards for Inclusive Schools; public hearings were held in Kyiv and Poltava, as well as a roundtable during the international conference “National Strategies for Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Policy, Experience, Practice” (23-24 October 2008) (<http://www.ussf.kiev.ua/index.php?newlang=en>)

Law and Education. This new initiative was begun in 2008 – a program concept was developed, consultations were held with interested partners, and the competition “Implementing the Principles of Rule of Law in the Ukrainian Education System” was held. The results will be announced in March 2009. (www.irf.kiev.ua)

Education Administration and Financing: Opportunities for Change. A study was done of the system of school financing in the city of Kyiv, the report “Cities vs. Raions. Administration and Financing of Kyiv Schools” was written, as was a manual for school administrators “School Budget under Conditions of Incomplete State Financing” (it is being readied for publication). This line of activities will expand in 2009.

EXTERNAL TESTING

Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring. Since 2002, the IRF Education Program has been the main initiator and supporter of introducing external testing in Ukraine. In the framework of the project “Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring” (former manager – Liliya Hrynevych) technological and procedural testing cycles were developed and approbated that became the basis for external assessment. A regulatory base was also created. During 2005-2006, there was close cooperation with the Presidential Secretariat on introducing external testing and creating a Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment.

In 2008, the Center focused on building a system of public monitoring of education quality and the state external testing system. With IRF support, the *Committee of Voters of Ukraine* organized extensive public monitoring to ensure that tests are administered honestly in the regions (http://www.cvu.org.ua/?&lim_beg=105&mid=fp). The Center was part of a coalition of NGOs that kept a watchful eye over the external testing process (22 April – 4 June 2008). The Center also put together a form for public monitors to fill out at testing sites and monitored appeals by students.

As part of the project, the Center wrote an analytical report based on the results of surveys of 11th graders and teachers at general education schools on the level of information available about external testing. The program also contributed to the improvement of the “Statute on Public Monitoring of External Testing in 2008” with regard to

involving the public in all stages of testing (information, student registration, transporting testing materials, grading, and applying to institutions of higher education).

In 2008, the Center published a concise dictionary of testing terms – the first attempt in Ukraine to systematize the most common foreign and Ukrainian terms used during the testing process (*A Concise Testing Dictionary*, compiled by L.T. Kovalenko – K: Hramota, 2008). The TIMO (Testing and Monitoring in Education) newsletter continues to be published (<http://www.timo.com.ua/journal>).

Thanks to the initiative and support of IRF, in December 2008 the results of the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study 2007 (TIMSS) were obtained and publicized. The study was conducted in May 2007 by the Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring together with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and Academy of Pedagogical Sciences. Ukraine participated in the TIMSS for the first time (approximately 9,000 students), providing objective information on the state of secondary math and science education in Ukraine, and a comparison with students in countries with different education systems, thus helping identify factors that influence differences in levels of preparation. This will help improve the Ukrainian education system, at least in math and science. The results of TIMSS 2007 are available on the Boston College website: <http://timssandpirls.bc.edu/TIMSS2007/release.html>.

THE SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM (manager – Taras Lyuty) aims to increase access to information (primarily research) so that it can be used effectively; enhance the role of academic publications for the benefit of the development of Ukrainian society; enrich the public environment in Ukraine by using the opportunities offered by *new media*.

Translation Project – this joint initiative of the International Renaissance Foundation, the Open Society Institute Information Program and the Next Page Foundation (Sofia, Bulgaria) has been in Ukraine since 1998. As of February 2009, 482 translated books have been published in Ukrainian with program support and another 160 are being prepared for publication in 2009 and upcoming years. *The project works in partnership with the Goethe-Institut in Ukraine, British Councils in Ukraine, Polish Institute in Kyiv, Polish Embassy in Kyiv, and the Victor Pinchuk Foundation.*

Open Access to Scientific Literature. In 2008, the program and OSI provided support to four projects: National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Programming Institute (Kyiv) (www.publications.nas.gov.ua); Lviv NGO “Centre for the Humanities” (Lviv) (www.humanities.lviv.ua); Oblast NGO “Center for Strategic Initiatives” (Khmelnitsky) (<http://www.csi.km.ua/eng/index.php>); Ternopil State Ivan Puluji Technical University (Ternopil) (<http://www.tu.edu.te.ua/?l=en>).

These projects: created and expanded open access archives at research organizations and educational institutions with full-text publications and educational materials; organized informational seminars for stakeholders – educators, librarians and research organizations – to expand the practice of open access; informational seminars for the media, competitions for journalists that write about open access; competitions for student research, etc.; increased user rights relating to access to information and its effective use in personal and public development. (<http://www.dspace.humanities.org.ua:80/dspace/>, www.tstu.edu.ua, <http://library.tstu.edu.ua>, <http://www.csi.km.ua/>)

The Ukrainian Book Trade Project. After three years, the Ukrainian Book Trade Project came to a close in November 2008. The project was made possible thanks to a grant received by the International Renaissance Foundation and *Fund for Central and East European Book Projects* – Amsterdam (CEEBP) from the MATRA Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The goal was to create a professional and powerful book market throughout Ukraine.

As a result of the project, central and regional government in Ukraine opened a dialogue with the publishing industry, books became more accessible for consumers, and there was an increase in the number of places where one can buy Ukrainian books in Zakarpattia, the Vinnytsia, Volyn, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Poltava, Rivne, Kherson, Khmelnytsky and Chernivtsi oblasts and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (the first regional distribution centers were opened in these cities). The first database of Ukrainian books was created (<http://vsiknygy.org.ua/>), which contains detailed information on 153,721 books by 2,609 publishers (69,221 can be purchased and 5,534 are new releases. Approximately half of Ukrainian publishers and distributors attended the 41 project seminars and consultations. Most participants were successful in starting new sales and publication projects. Internet portals were developed for the Ukrainian book industry: (www.UABooks.info) (Ukrainian Publishers and Booksellers Association) and (www.VlasnaSprava.info) (Business Technology Development Centre). In culmination of the Ukrainian Book Trade Project, recommendations were prepared and disseminated on development of state and regional policy to support of the Ukrainian book industry.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM (manager – Viktoriya Tymoshevska) promotes public health reform and improved overall health of the Ukrainian population through access to quality and proper medical assistance.

Law and Public Health. One of the achievements of this initiative in 2008 was the launch of a new movement in Ukraine that unites more than 25 patient, human rights and medical organizations that together are working on protecting human rights in the public health sphere and are developing recommendations for improving legislation in this field.

The movement united the winning projects that are currently being implemented in several regions of Ukraine – Lviv, Luhansk, Vinnytsia, Kharkiv, Kherson oblasts and AR Crimea. These projects have already helped uncover a number of systematic violations in patients rights that served as the foundation for strategic legal cases that in the future may be submitted to the European Court of Human Rights. Project activities include: providing free legal assistance to patients and families; holding regular educational events for medical workers on human rights that help establish long-term cooperation between public health institutions, human rights organizations and patient organizations (www.healthrights.in).

In five Ukrainian cities (Lviv, Mykolayiv, Poltava, Chernihiv and Kherson), support was given to provide legal defense to intravenous drug users (IDU) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH). The legal assistance provided in criminal cases helped prevent incarceration or lowered the penalty for detainees belonging to these vulnerable social groups, and change the nature of relations between these groups (IDU and PLWH), law enforcement and medical institutions.

In June 2008, a report was presented based on the results of a study conducted by the five projects – “Justice for All: the importance of legal aid in the context of medical services provided to drug users in Ukraine.” This report provides examples of how free legal aid allows intravenous drug users to better protect themselves from human rights violations, obtain medical assistance and improve the quality of their life. (<http://www.irf.kiv.ua>)

Public Health and Education in Ukraine – This initiative aims to promote the further development and inclusion of public health issues in the training of lawyers and doctors. The All-Ukrainian Conference on Medical Law and the Legal Status of Patients (Lviv, 17-18 April 2008) was attended by over 150 representatives of human rights organizations, patient groups, medical associations and health departments. Work has begun on developing the training course “**Human Rights in Public Health/Medical Law**” to be approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and introduced in Ukrainian medical schools. A training module was developed and approved in 2008 entitled “**Human Rights. Instructions for the Police on how to Work with People Living with HIV/AIDS and Drug Addicts,**” which is used part of in-service training courses taught at the Kyiv National Internal

Affairs University for active law enforcement. This project is being implemented by the Center for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Chemically Dependent Youth “Step by Step” in conjunction with the National University “MIA Academy of Ukraine.” The training course will be finalized by March 2009.

Harm Reduction. NGOs working with people directly affected by drug use and HIV/AIDS did advocacy work in the regions aimed at increasing the level of access to medical and social services and preventing human rights violations by medical staff and law enforcement. The all-Ukrainian organization of parents whose children are undergoing substitution therapy “Nadia” was formed and works with potential clients and on informing stakeholders about the advantages and results of substitution therapy. The All-Ukrainian Association of Substitution Therapy Patients started working in late 2008 to unite patients from different regions, represent their interests and protect their rights in Ukraine. A three-day training on “Practical Aspects of Conducting a Media Campaign Advocating Harm Reduction Projects” was held for representatives from six regions (Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv, Mykolayiv, Poltava and Sumy oblasts). The third summer advocacy school was held for HIV/AIDS NGOs to build their advocacy skills. The summer school was organized jointly with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance. As a result of the trainings, there is a new generation of activists and leaders among those people who have been directly affected by drugs use and HIV/AIDS who have started implementing advocacy projects. (<http://www.aidsalliance.org.ua>).

An information campaign called “Return Ticket” – on the advantages and results of substitution therapy in Ukraine – was launched in November-December 2008. (<http://www.zpt.in.ua>).

Palliative Care – helping those with incurable diseases as a sign of true Ukrainian compassion. With support from IRF, the All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association and the All-Ukrainian Council for Patient Rights and Safety successfully lobbied the creation of a Coordinating Council for the Expansion of Palliative Care in Ukraine, whose membership and mandate was approved by a Ministry of Health (<http://zakon.nau.ua/doc/?uid=1039.8148.0>). The Coordinating Council has been given the mandate to develop and submit for approval a National Program for the Development of Palliative and Hospice Care for 2010-2014, which will not only make palliative care an element of the general health system, but will require the government to allocate a budget to finance palliative services for the public.

The Program supported projects that gave a push towards analyzing the problems faced by palliative patients from the point of view of human rights, especially related to access to painkillers and overall medical care. An analysis was done and report prepared on access to painkillers (opioids) for palliative patients in Ukraine, the results of which will form the basis for large-scale advocacy and development of normative and legal documents for approval of the *National Palliative Care Program* (<http://www.moz.gov.ua/ua/main/docs/?docID=10398>).

Access to Essential Medicine. Support was provided for the first time to an innovative project by the “Civic Initiative to Help People Suffering from Chronic Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine” aimed at uniting the efforts of the public, medical staff and patients who have Hepatitis C to develop a joint action plan for advocating improved prevention, diagnosis and treatment for those suffering from chronic viral hepatitis. Information about this project and hepatitis in Ukraine is available at: <http://hepatit.org.ua/>.

The complete IRF 2008 annual report and list of supported initiatives and projects in 2009, visit: <http://irf.kiev.ua/en/>. There you can also find detailed information about our program priorities and corresponding grant competitions. Watch for competition announcements in the media and on the Internet.

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Overall Statistics

Total Number of Projects: **443**
 Total Grant Amount: **\$ 5,695,905**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	PROJECTS SUPPORTED	TOTAL AMOUNT
AR Crimea	13	\$159,583
Vinnysia Oblast	7	\$82,300
Volyn Oblast	3	\$28,184
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	8	\$43,417
Donetsk Oblast	18	\$143,494
Zakarpattia Oblast	14	\$85,754
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	8	\$56,208
Kyiv	169	\$2,401,386
Kyiv Oblast	13	\$187,663
Kirovohrad Oblast	3	\$25,500
Luhansk Oblast	13	\$146,583
Lviv Oblast	26	\$308,333
Mykolayiv Oblast	8	\$101,902
Odesa Oblast	8	\$92,273
Poltava Oblast	7	\$83,756
Rivne Oblast	2	\$10,930
Sevastopol	2	\$40,605
Sumy Oblast	11	\$96,912
Ternopil Oblast	5	\$46,026
Kharkiv Oblast	17	\$375,473
Kherson Oblast	8	\$109,795
Khmelnysky Oblast	5	\$157,276
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$16,823
Chernivtsi Oblast	10	\$92,798
Chernihiv Oblast	10	\$123,157
Operational Projects	53	\$679,774
Total:	443	\$5,695,905



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CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM



CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Number of Projects:	78
Number of Organizations:	64
Amount:	\$1,270,357
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	25.28%

Program Goal in 2008: to support NGOs and citizens' associations in monitoring government activities on all levels, defending and lobbying the common interests of different public groups with the authorities, and participation in the development and implementation of state decisions on all levels by providing assistance to existing active NGOs, and by strengthening the development of various effective forms of public self-organization.

Program Priorities in 2008:

- Systematic development of independent public monitoring of state and local self-government bodies and the actions of their officials; enhancing their accountability to the public for the results of implementing state and municipal policy;
- Support for broad participation by the third sector in the development and implementation of state and local policy.
- Encouraging public participation in solving key problems that affect the quality of life in a community.
- Support for the public monitoring of revenues in the Ukrainian energy sector.
- Support for civil society initiatives aimed at overcoming national and ethnic prejudice to build tolerance and promote the social consolidation of ethnic minorities.
- Supporting the development of electronic government.

Competitions and Tenders in 2008:

The aim of the competition **“Developing a System of Public Monitoring of the Activities of State and Local Self-Government Bodies”** is to support independent public monitoring of the activities of state and local self-government bodies and officials, and their accountability to the public for implemented policy (94 applications received, 11 projects supported).

The aim of the competition **“Developing a System of Public Monitoring of the Budget Process on the Local Level”** is to support independent public monitoring of the activities of local self-government bodies, local executive power bodies and officials in developing and implementing the local budget,

public reporting on the results of the monitoring - to ensure transparency of the budget process on the local level (36 applications received, 8 projects supported).

The aim of the tender **“Promoting Administrative and Territorial Reform”** is to involve members of the public in the administrative and territorial reform process in Ukraine (3 applications received, 1 project supported).

The aim of the competition **“Core and Institutional Support to Multi-issue Regional Policy Centers in Ukraine”** is to support independent think tanks that help to consolidate democratic processes by developing and analyzing alternative policies, consulting the government on their recommendations, involving interested members of government circles in political discussions and releasing the results to the broad public. The competition was conducted together with the Think Tanks Fund of the Open Society Institute (Budapest) (16 applications received, 2 projects supported).

The aim of the competition **“Development of Public Self-Organization”** is to create conditions for effective participation by residents of cities, towns and villages in solving local problems by developing and increasing the capacity of public self-organization bodies, and to support public initiatives to solve pressing local development problems and improve the quality of life in these territorial communities (65 applications received, 9 projects supported).

The aim of the competition **“Supporting Reform of Housing and Communal Services on the Local Level”** is to support public monitoring of the quality of local housing and communal services and the development of condominium associations, to increase the capacity of local NGOs and individuals to influence the quality of life in their place of residence (47 applications received, 10 projects supported).

The aim of the tender **“Supporting Internet Portals for NGOs”** is to support internet portals with resources for NGOs (3 applications received, 2 projects supported).

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects in 2008:

- The Chernivtsi Union of Active Youth implemented a project entitled **“Public Monitoring of the Work of Local Government – Preventing the Destruction of the Historical and Architectural Sections of Chernivtsi and the Inappropriate Use of Budget Funds.”** As part of the project, a strong coalition of NGOs, public self-organization bodies, city council deputies and active city residents was created and whose work focuses on developing and lobbying the approval of local normative acts that will give representatives of the network “Public Initiative of Residents of Chernivtsi” the right to systematically oversee and control the quality and extent of renovation and restoration work done pursuant to planned budget. During the first stage of the project (the project will last through mid-2009), numerous contractual and budgeting documentation violations were uncovered that would result in the destruction of the city's historical and architectural monuments. As a result of public pressure, workers were forced to redo their work.
- With the goal of introducing administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine, the program announced the tender **“Promoting Administrative and Territorial Reform.”** Support was given to the Civil Society Institute for a project to involve the public in formulating a concept for administrative and territorial reform, developing policies and relevant draft laws necessary to carry out the reforms. The Ministry of Regional Development and Construction of Ukraine is the government partner in this initiative. Representatives of leading NGOs are part of the Government Interdepartmental Working Group, which was created pursuant to a directive issued by the Prime Minister of Ukraine. (<http://www.csi.org.ua>)

- Ensuring that fundamentals of project management are systematically utilized in the work of state and local self-government bodies and NGOs is key to ensuring effective regional development. The goal of the pilot project implemented by the Khmelnytskyi Oblast Podillya Pershyi Association **“Professionalizing Cadres for Effective Partnership and Local Development in the Khmelnytskyi Oblast”** was to approbate the practical-theoretical course for local community members entitled “Professionalizing Local Community Cadres.” The course is being taught regularly at the Khmelnytskyi Regional In-Service Training Center for Workers of Bodies of State Power and Local Self-Government, State Institutions, Businesses, Institutions and Organizations and in the future will be financed with money from the oblast budget.
- **Supporting the development of the system of public self-organization** was one of the program’s important lines of activities in 2008. The issue of improving the normative and legal foundations for public self-organization, the most problematic element of development on the national and local level, were the focus of the Fourth All-Ukrainian Conference “Improving the Normative and Legal Foundation for Bodies of Public Self-Organization” (<http://www.samoorg.com.ua>). The Odesa conference was attended by representatives of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on State Building and Local Self-Government, local government bodies, NGOs, and public self-organization bodies from most regions of Ukraine. (Conference organizer - Association for Public Self-Organization) Also discussed during the conference was the new version of the draft Law of Ukraine “On Bodies of Public Self-Organization” which was to replace the one previously registered in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (#2108, February 21, 2008).
- With the aim of **promoting effective public self-organization** in communities, the program provided support to a number of initiatives to open centers offering organizational and methodological support to existing public self-organization bodies and help in establishing new ones. Similar centers were created locally to provide support to condominium associations in cities such as Mykolayiv, Luhansk, Khmilnyk, Kremenchuk, and others. The centers provide community members with free methodological, consultative, organizational, legal, informational and other forms of assistance necessary for the proper functioning of public self-organization bodies and condominium associations.
- An important initiative implemented in 2008 was the “European Dialogue” NGO’s project entitled **“Network of Local Rural Development Agencies in the Lviv Oblast.”** The project involved actively working with village communities to create local development agencies in the Lviv region. Project activities included trainings for community representatives, assistance with preparing documents to improve public services, support for public initiatives, help with drafting 10 community microprojects for submission to competitions, support in forming a network of agencies in two raions, etc. A special page was created on the www.dialog.lviv.ua website with information about the project.
- In 2008, the Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation implemented the innovative project **“Transforming the Cultural Sector on the Municipal Level.”** The project provided microgrants to 8 local communities in the northwestern region of Ukraine to solve important local problems through active public participation. In total, 10 local community microprojects were funded.
- **Civic Assembly of Ukraine (CAU).** The proposal by the First Civic Assembly of Ukraine in 2007 on the need for constitutional reform as the best way out of the political crisis gained the support of many political experts throughout the year and was a key public opinion issues. However, discussions regarding the context and method for approving changes or even a new Constitution

showed that the politicum is not ready for such transparent and democratic reform. Taking into account the Constitution's role in society, the Second Civic Assembly "A New Constitution: Civil Society's Positions" was held on 21 June 2008. It brought together nearly three hundred civil society representatives, who discussed and approved the idea of creating a Constitutional Assembly. The participants of the Second Assembly passed a resolution with the following demands to politicians and representatives of state power: to refrain from using the constitutional process to gain political advantages; to stop manipulative attempts to amend the Constitution without wide public discussion; create a Constitutional Assembly that will draft and approve a new Ukrainian Constitution (The delegates will be directly elected and forbidden to occupy a post in high-level government within the next 10 years); introduce a system of "open" (preferential) regional election lists; bring back a majoritarian system for local government elections; increase the accountability of deputies to the electorate, and others. For more information about this initiative, visit: <http://gau.org.ua>.

- Work begun in 2007 on **promoting public monitoring of revenues from the extraction, transport, storage and distribution of energy resources** continued in 2008. Work also continued on monitoring the openness and transparency of the financial operations by the government and state-owned enterprises, including revenues from the transport of energy resources produced in Ukraine and those produced by Russia and other CIS countries that transit through Ukraine on their way to European markets. As a result, the most problematic issues in the Ukrainian energy sector and those that breed government corruption were identified. Together with IRF's Media Program, the program provided support for trainings on transparency in the oil and gas sector for journalists that were based on the green paper "The Ukrainian Oil & Gas Sector: Transparency of Operations and Revenues." The research materials were also used in drafting articles for publication in the media, as were presented by project experts on radio and television programs. The green paper was sent to parliamentarians, members of the government, representatives of leading political forces, experts, journalists, etc. (see: <http://nomos.com.ua>) It also became the basis for initiating cooperation with the Revenue Watch Institute (RWI) (NYC) and analogous Open Society Institute (OSI) programs in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan. Program experts and experts from these countries developed a strategic document to extend the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) to countries across which hydrocarbon resources are transported. This document was presented during the EITI Conference in Doha, Qatar in February 2009.
- At the 5th Yalta European Strategy Annual Meeting in July 2008, with co-financing from the Victor Pinchuk Foundation, leading international and Ukrainian experts and high-level officials from all branches of the Ukrainian government discussed the need to introduce principles of transparency and accountability in the Ukrainian energy sector. During the event, the results of the IRF project "Transparency of Revenues in the Oil and Gas Sector" was presented and discussed. <http://yes-ukraine.org/en>
- The program supported initiatives aimed at **increasing tolerance in society and promoting social integration of ethnic minorities**. Work continued on implementing the integrated course "Culture of Good-Neighborliness" into the curriculum at schools and kindergartens in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. Given the rather complicated sociopolitical situation in the Crimea resulting from confrontation between representatives of different national, religious, language and other population groups, it is extremely important that this course be taught. Future plans call for this course to be taught also at higher education institutions in the Crimea. The project is being implemented by the Simferopol Integration and Development Information and Research Center, in close cooperation with the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic

of Crimea, local state television, and the Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, which provided co-financing for these activities. The experience of implementing this unique project is shared with Ukrainian and foreign NGOs at various events. Representatives from Georgian NGOs have expressed a strong interest in studying this experience. They have asked the course developers to visit Tbilisi and help Georgian experts develop a similar course.

- The program supported the project by the Information Press Center aimed at providing informational and legal assistance to repatriated people to help resolve land issues, promoting tolerant relations between different ethnic and religious groups, and integrating the Crimean Tatars and other ethnic minorities that were deported from Crimea in the past into Ukrainian society. A public awareness campaign was conducted in the form of a television series called “Right to Land.” Each of the episodes showed real stories of people who encountered problems and is accompanied by commentary from a lawyer or expert on land relations who explains concrete measures for resolving such problems. <http://www.ipc.crimea.ua/>
- **Electronic government** (e-government) is computerized interaction between public administration bodies and citizens, between NGOs and business, as well as inside these groups. In 2008, within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed by IRF, the Ministry of Regional Development and Construction of Ukraine, the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (AR Crimea), and the Sudak City Council Executive Committee (Autonomous Republic of Crimea), IRF implemented the operational project “Creating and Operating E-Government Centers” to set up the Regional Center for the Development of Electronic Government in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. A joint study was conducted with the project’s council (Council Chair – Inna Maliukova), which included noted experts, researchers, representatives of NGOs, parliament and government, entitled “E-Government in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea: Analysis and Recommendations” based on surveys of civil servants, and representatives of NGOs and business. Trainings material was also developed for the courses “Basics of E-Government” and “Computer Awareness.” Distance education technology is provided by the Electronic Education Center at the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic University” that has been selected by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine as the coordinating center for distance education technology in Ukraine. With support from the Ukrainian Embassy in Denmark and Ambassador Natalia Zarudna, a Ukrainian delegation visited Copenhagen to study the Danish experience of introducing e-government technologies into the everyday work of government bodies, practice in regulating this field, specifics of administrative and territorial reform in the context of expanded use of information technology, and the design and implementation of electronic voting. Project partners include the e-Governance Academy (Tallinn, Estonia), Ukrainian Internet Association, Science Park “Kyiv Polytechnic,” and world renowned companies specializing in e-government technologies - Intel Ukraine Microelectronics Ltd and Kvazar-Micro. The Regional Center for the Development of Electronic Government in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea officially opened in September 2008 (<http://crimea.e-gov.org.ua>).

Difficulties in Attaining the Program’s Priorities:

As we expected when planning our program activities for 2008-2010, the greatest difficulties were due to the unstable political situation in Ukraine. In 2008, political instability became a permanent factor and was the biggest threat to effective program implementation within the timeframe of the approved strategy.

The elections held in late 2007 did not put an end to the political crisis. During the election campaign,

the greatest blow to the development of civil society in Ukraine was the populism expressed by all the main political players. Politicians failed to recognize the group interests of NGOs. They appealed to each voter as a separate individual, promising to significantly increase pensions, salaries, monetary payments following the birth of a child, etc. However, all these promises remain merely campaign slogans.

Political populism put civil society development on the back burner. The rivalry over the distribution of power between the president and prime minister made it difficult to establish effective cooperation between civil society organizations and government institutions. This also had a negative effect on the unity of "team orange." This situation resulted in a new round of confrontation between different political forces, their politicians and society.

Similar problems can be seen on the local government level. City councils that were formed on the basis of party lists do not represent the interests of residents of different parts of the territorial community and have distanced themselves from the problems of the individual voter. Changes in the political vector on the central level led to a definite reshaping of coalitions on the local level. Comprised mainly of representatives of business, local councils have been transformed into instruments for redistributing ownership of communal property and land. As a result, local government bodies have become increasingly corrupt. Some try to shun the needs of the members of the territorial community and have only a formal attitude towards cooperating with civil society institutions.

Based on the conclusions of the study "Electronic Government in Ukraine: Analysis and Recommendations" (conducted with support from the program), Ukraine has the potential for introducing e-government practices: the legal regulatory framework is in place. E-government technologies are being used in some agencies, regions, executive and local self-government bodies. In March 2008, the State Committee on Informatization was created and many of its responsibilities are related to e-government. One of the reasons for the slow development of e-government is the lack of professional cadres and absence of a coordinating institution within the Committee that would effectively coordinate all the components (research, organization, technology, training, consultation and education).

Political instability also hinders the development of civil society. Unformulated benchmarks for social development and the absence of political stability result in civil society organizations lacking a consolidated position when forming their own positions and defending citizens' interests before government bodies.

The significant rise in inflation, financial crisis and the increase in the value of the dollar in relation to the domestic currency resulted in increased costs for NGO activities, offices expenses, etc. Qualified staff are leaving the sector to work in business and government. This is posing a serious threat to the effective implementation of civil society organization projects. Civil society organizations are being forced to take on more projects than before, which also does not help increase the quality of their work.

Moreover, decreased international financing for public initiatives objectively decreases the number of organizations that receive financing to cover their own project activities. Indirect evidence of this is the significant increase (approximately 1.5 times) in the number of projects submitted to the program for review over the past 2 years. However, given the limited financial resources and inflation, the number of projects supported by the program is decreasing somewhat. As such, there exists a serious threat that the number of active civil society organizations will drop, especially in the regions of Ukraine.

Partnership and Cooperation:

On 25 December 2008, IRF, the Swiss-Ukrainian Decentralization Support Project, the East Europe Foundation, and the Ministry for Regional Development and Construction signed a Memorandum of Understanding on implementing a joint initiative to support administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine. The goal of the memorandum is to coordinate the work of all the signing parties in involving the public and outside experts in introducing administrative and territorial reform in Ukraine and providing state government bodies with recommendations and policy proposals on ways to develop and implement reforms.

With expert support from the program, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and a number of NGOs, a draft Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine "On Approving a Procedure for Public Expert Assessment of the Activities of Bodies of Executive Power" was developed. It was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on 5 November 2008 as Resolution No. 976.

Preparation and expert evaluation of the new draft version of the Law of Ukraine "On Bodies of Public Self-Organization" it being done together with the Verkhovna Rada Committee on State Building and Local Self-Government. The bill simplifies the work of and procedure for establishing bodies of public self-organization and increases their role in the system of local self-government.

In addition, the program is in constant contact with the Ministry of Housing and Communal Services of Ukraine, and holds working meetings with the leadership of the Public Relations Department of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, during which discussions are held on cooperating to ensure public participation in the development and public discussion of state policy issues.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	5	\$123,825
Vinnitsia Oblast	1	\$5,500
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	2	\$25,000
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	1	\$7,000
Kyiv	26	\$554,852
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$11,000
Kirovohrad Oblast	2	\$20,000
Luhansk Oblast	4	\$48,500
Lviv Oblast	4	\$45,000
Mykolayiv Oblast	4	\$56,500
Odesa Oblast	3	\$47,000
Poltava Oblast	3	\$35,000
Sevastopol	1	\$40,000
Sumy Oblast	3	\$23,600
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$10,500
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$20,000
Kherson Oblast	2	\$23,000
Chernivtsi Oblast	3	\$41,245
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$14,000
Operational Projects	9	\$158,835

Developing a System of Public Monitoring of the Activities of State and Local Self-Government Bodies

Number of Projects: 13
Number of Organizations: 13
Total Amount: \$194,000
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 3.86%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	1	\$11,500
Kyiv	4	\$70,000
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$22,000
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$13,000
Odesa Oblast	2	\$33,000
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$15,000
Chernivtsi Oblast	2	\$29,500

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Luhansk Oblast Foundation “Region and Community” (91005, Luhansk, Hoduvantseva St., 1, Office 30, tel. +38 (0642) 49-86-94)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kuritsyna

Project Description: Developing and introducing a system of public monitoring of the implementation of long-term programs to promote the implementation of strategic plans in pilot cities in the Luhansk oblast (Alchevsk, Luhansk and Rubizhne) and launching a mechanism of public impact on the approval of transparent

management decisions on regional development issues through mechanisms of public monitoring. Creating joint committees with local self-government, business and NGOs for overseeing the implementation of the city's strategic plan. Developing procedures for public monitoring of the strategic plan and its approval, developing baseline indicators and a system for accountability, and identifying aspects to be monitored.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: NGO “Independent Center for Political Studies” (01030, Kyiv, B. Khmelnytskoho St., 50, Office 18, tel. +38 (044) 234-38-61, 230-9178, 599-4251)

Project Manager: Maksym Latsyba

Project Description: Studying the extent to which Ukrainian philanthropy and tax legislation complies with international best practices. Holding a focus group with representatives of charitable foundations, NGO’s and business to analyze Ukrainian tax legislation and identify key problems related to charitable activity. Developing a “Concept for the Development of Philanthropy Legislation” and holding a public hearing on it. Developing a “Roadmap for Creating Favorable Tax Legislation for Civil Society Organizations.” Preparing the draft law “On Introducing Changes to the Law of Ukraine “On Philanthropy and Charitable Organizations.” Drafting changes to the laws “On Taxing Business Revenues,” “Revenues of a Physical Person,” and proposals for the Tax Code of Ukraine. Lobbying the ratification of the developed draft laws. Developing and publishing the brochures “What Kind of Philanthropy Law Does Ukraine Need?” and “Tax Legislation for Civil Society Organizations.”

Grant: \$18,000

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

Project Manager: Olha Romanyuk

Project Description: Increasing the accessibility, quality, and efficiency of municipal social protection and social security services and allocated budget costs by monitoring the work of municipal social protection institutions and auditing the social budget of the city of Kirovske (Kyiv oblast).

Grant: \$16,000

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

Project Manager: Oleksandr Kovalchuk

Project Description: Preserving the historical and architectural section of the city of Chernivtsi by improving the quality of renovation and restoration work. Strengthening the responsibility and accountability of government and subordinate organizations by introducing a system of public control and constant monitoring through the public action network “Public Alternative of Residents of Chernivtsi” and by lobbying the local government to pass normative acts that will regulate construction in the historical section of the city.

Grant: \$12,500

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

Project Manager: Serhiy Averkov

Project Description: Conducting an opinion poll of resident satisfaction (Voznesensk, Mykolayiv oblast) with the quality of administrative services. Studying problems with the provision of administrative services related to land management, city building and business activities. Developing and lobbying recommendations on providing services in compliance with ISO9001:2000 standards.

Grant: \$13,000

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: Creating a mechanism of public control over the process of improving current legislation on protecting the population from tuberculosis. Monitoring the work of parties and deputy factions in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on developing legislation to battle tuberculosis in Ukraine. Promoting the development of a program to battle tuberculosis and the successful implementation of state policy aimed at battling the epidemic in Ukraine.

Grant: \$17,000

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: Creating and testing an effective mechanism for public monitoring of the implementation by executive government bodies of fundamental normative acts on communication and cooperation with civil society. Creating and maintaining a web resource that facilitates public consultation on the development and implementation of state policy. Targeted dissemination of socially important information. Increasing the capacity of civil society organizations to influence the development and implementation of state policy.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: Odesa City NGO "Face to Face"
(65014, Odesa, Marazliyivska St., 38,
tel. +38 (048) 738-68-30)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Kucher

Project Description: Creating conditions for ensuring quality implementation by Odesa local self-government bodies of the Program for the Development of Public Self-Organization Bodies in Odesa for 2008-2011 by developing a system of indicators for ensuring monitoring of the program's implementation. Presenting and discussing the monitoring report. Conducting a broad informational media campaign.

Grant: \$18,000

Organization: Odesa Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (65021, Odesa, P.O. Box 209, tel. +38 (0482) 26-01-29)

Project Manager: Anatoliy Boyko

Project Description: Public monitoring of the openness and accountability to voters of deputies and political parties that made it into the Odesa, Kotovsk, Rozdilnyansk, Bilhorod-Dnistrovsky, Izmayil, Renin city and Odesa oblast councils, and the openness and transparency of the given councils. Informing the communities in these cities of the results. Helping establish relations between voters and city council deputies and their accountability to voters.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: Raion Women's Human Rights Organization "Victoria" (92700, Luhansk Oblast, Starobilsk, Vatutina St., 40/44, tel. +38 (06461) 3-22-67)

Project Manager: Vira Flyat

Project Description: Public monitoring of the work of deputies and officials of the Starobilsk city council on developing and implementing local policy on the following matters: reforming housing and communal services, land distribution, and city building. Holding public discussions on the results of monitoring. Developing and lobbying the draft resolution "Starobilsk City Council Community Board."

Grant: \$7,000

Organization: NGO "Crimean Republication Association "Ecology and Peace" (95006, Simferopol, P.O. Box 333, tel. +38 (0652) 69-31-43)

Project Manager: Andriy Artov

Project Description: Monitoring the work of the Crimean government and local self-government bodies in Simferopol, Yalta, Bakhchysaray, Feodosiya and Kerch to involve the public in the development and approval of decisions on treatment of household waste.

Grant: \$11,500

Organization: Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Committee of Voters" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 55-58-06)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Mostipaka

Project Description: Public monitoring of the work of the Chernivtsi oblast and raion state administrations in the Vyzhnytsia, Hlyboka, Novoselytsia and Putyla raions, their raion councils, departments and other executive bodies with regard to the efficient use of budget funds allocated for flood cleanup efforts in 2008. Studying the extent to which these institutions involve the public in developing and approving regional flood prevention programs for 2009-2010.

Grant: \$17,000

Organization: All-Ukrainian Trade Union of Able-Bodied Invalids (02121, Kyiv, Verbytskoho St., 11, Office 191, tel. +38 (044) 223-13-29)

Project Manager: Hanna Hrabko

Project Description: Monitoring the work of central and local government bodies and other officials in developing and implementing national and local policy aimed at integrating disabled people into all spheres of social life, including recreation and tourism, by evaluating accessibility by the physically disabled to cultural and tourism points in southeastern Crimea. Implementing the results of the analysis and publicizing the monitoring results on the Ukrainian and Crimean governments' responsibility to introduce relevant international standards.

Grant: \$19,000

Developing a System of Public Monitoring of the Local Budget Process

Number of Projects: **8**
Number of Organizations: **8**
Total Amount: **\$100,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.99%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	1	\$14,000
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$12,000
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$11,000
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$10,000
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$14,000
Poltava Oblast	1	\$15,000
Sumy Oblast	1	\$10,000
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$14,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

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: Public monitoring of local budget planning and implementation by the Main Department for Investment Policy and Foreign Economic Relations in Yevpatoria, along with their implementation of local development programs. Creating conditions for public control over the responsibility of local government bodies in formulating and implementing the local budget in accordance with the principles and requirements of the Budget Code of Ukraine and the Law of Ukraine "On Local Self-Government in Ukraine."

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky City Youth NGO "Independent Youth Association" (08401, Kyiv Oblast, Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky, Sukhomlynskoh St., 32, Office108, tel. +38 (097) 923-16-58)

Project Manager: Yuriy Bobrovnik

Project Description: Developing the "PROMOBudget" software to be used for public monitoring of the budget process. The program can be used in all regions of Ukraine and can automatically convert information from the standard monthly treasury report on implementation of raion and village budgets into something that is accessible and illustrative for the average user.

Grant: \$11,000

Organization: Local NGO “Dobrochyn” Social Welfare Center” (14017, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 435, tel. +38 (0462) 67-71-81)

Project Manager: Nataliya Drozd

Project Description: Increasing the transparency of the local budget process and efficiency of implementation of the public health component through independent public monitoring of the work of local executive government bodies and officials and reporting on the results.

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: NGO “Institute for Social Research” (49034, Dnipropetrovsk, Bilostotskoho St., 159, tel. +38 (056) 721-03-01)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Panchenko

Project Description: Analyzing the implementation of the Dnipropetrovsk city council budget’s humanities components (education policy, national memory, educational and cultural-mass work) in 2009. Developing and publicizing recommendations on how to improve the budget process.

Grant: \$12,000

Organization: Oblast Citizens Association “Informed Choice of the People” (40030, Sumy, Chervona Sq., 13)

Project Manager: Svitlana Dronik

Project Description: Monitoring the revenue section of budgets in the Romny, Lebedyn and Hlukhiv raions, Sumy oblast. Developing and publishing the manuals “Methodology for Public Monitoring of the Revenue Section of a Local Budget” and “Revenue Sections of Local Budgets – Sphere of Public Influence.” Sharing information about how to do analytical work so as to provide the public with an instrument for influencing government bodies and the efficient management of the community’s financial resources.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: Mykolayiv City LASKA Foundation “Promoting Economic and Social Reforms” (54038, Mykolayiv, Bila St., 82, Office 2, tel. +38 (0512) 40-12-31, 55-03-60)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Rudenko-Kardash

Project Description: Introducing a system of public monitoring of the work of local executive and self-government bodies in the city of Mykolayiv in planning and implementing local budgets to ensure openness, transparency, and efficiency of the budget process.

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: NGO “Territory of Success” (25011, Kirovohrad, Chaikovskoho St., 42, tel. +38 (0522) 27-09-63)

Project Manager: Inga Dudnyk

Project Description: Independent public monitoring of the program for social adaptation of people released from prison and social support for people in local prisons in terms of its development process, implementation, and public reporting on results.

Grant: \$10,000

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: Developing and introducing a system of public monitoring of budget programs in two pilot cities – Myrhorod and Kobeliaky - with the aim of improving the quality of services provided using budget resources. Developing and publishing the informational booklets “Budget Fundamentals” and “Monitoring the Implementation of a City’s Priority Budget Programs.” Holding public hearings on “A City’s Budget Policy Priorities. Budget Programs.” Developing and lobbying the normative-legal acts “Statute on Involving the Public in Managing the Myrhorod City Budget” and “Statute on Monitoring and Evaluating Budget Programs in Kobeliaky.”

Grant: \$15,000

Development of Public Self-Organization

Number of Projects: **9**
Number of Organizations: **9**
Total Amount: **\$94,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.87%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Vinnysia Oblast	1	\$5,500
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$10,000
Lviv Oblast	2	\$22,000
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$11,500
Odesa Oblast	1	\$14,000
Poltava Oblast	1	\$10,000
Sumy Oblast	1	\$8,000
Kherson Oblast	1	\$13,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Mykolayiv Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO "Association for Public Self-Organization"
(54001, Mykolayiv, P.O. Box 54,
tel. +38 (0512) 47-34-79, (0512) 55 -83-29)

Project Manager: Mykhailo Zolotukhin

Project Description: Public monitoring of the implementation of local policy supporting the development of public self-organization in Mykolayiv: analysis and assessment of the results of the current local policy on supporting bodies of public self-organization. Conducting a public lobbying campaign for approval by the city council of the "Program for the Development of Public Self-Organization for 2009-2011" with selected indicators of effectiveness and mechanism of public monitoring.

Grant: \$11,500

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

Project Manager: Nelya Polishchuk

Project Description: Opening a center to provide consultative and methodological assistance to bodies of public self-organization in the city of Sumy. Providing systematic consultations to initiative groups on how to create bodies of public self-organization. Conducting training seminars on how to create and run bodies of public self-organization.

Grant: \$8,000

Organization: Kherson City NGO “Direct Rule of the People” (73001, Kherson, Pushkinska St., 124, tel. +38 (0552) 222-571)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Pavlovska

Project Description: Creating the “School for Community Development” by training a group of future professional teachers and teaching a wide segment of the population. The School for Community Development is a group of experts who thanks to the project will gain the necessary knowledge and skills to pass on their experience in public self-organization, will create public self-organization bodies and work as their directors, and will share their knowledge and experience with other members of the community.

Grant: \$13,000

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: Monitoring the effectiveness of bodies of public self-organization and their cooperation with the Khmilnyk city council. Holding public discussions on the results of the monitoring and developing recommendations on how to improve the work of bodies of public self-organization in Khmilnyk. Developing and conducting trainings on how to effectively run a body of public self-organization for representatives of initiative groups and activists.

Grant: \$5,500

Organization: NGO “ECO-Environment” (81700, Lviv Oblast, Zhydachiv, D. Halytskoho St., 34, tel. +38 (03239) 310-88)

Project Manager: Yevhenia Turchenyak

Project Description: Improving the work of the regional resource-information center, which aims to solve environmental problems that will improve the quality of life of residents of the city of Zhydachiv and the region.

Grant: \$8,000

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: Creating a center for the development of local democracy to support bodies of public self-organization. Creating conditions to ensure participation by the residents of Kirovohrad in solving local problems including those concerning local development. For more information about the center, visit: www.toro.org.ua.

Grant: \$10,000

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 conditions for the further development of bodies of public self-organization in Ukraine and involving the public in local government by improving the draft Law of Ukraine “On Introducing Changes to the Law of Ukraine “On Bodies of Public Self-Organization” and holding expert discussions within the framework of the Fourth All-Ukrainian Scientific-Practical Conference “Improving the Normative and Legal System Supporting the Activities of Bodies of Public Self-Organization.”

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: NGO “Education Resource Center” (79019, Lviv, P.O. Box 2832, tel. +38 (03229) 71-857)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Henyk

Project Description: Creating a favorable environment for the sustainable social and economic development of village communities in the Lviv oblast through community self-organization and mobilization, enhancing the professional skills and knowledge of member of bodies of public self-organization and local government bodies, improving the institutional capacity of public self-government organizations and sharing on a nationwide scale the practical experience of those communities participating in the project.

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: Poltava Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO “Society of Ukrainian Officers” (36004, Poltava, Myru Prosp. 18, Office 196, tel. +38 (0532) 52-45-84)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Shamanenko

Project Description: Creating and legally registering bodies of public self-organization in three micro-districts, nine streets, and 20 buildings in the city of Poltava and supporting their work. Sharing their experience with the aim of creating bodies of public self-organization throughout Poltava.

Grant: \$10,000

Promoting Reform of the Housing and Communal Services System on the Local Level

Number of Projects: **10**
Number of Organizations: **10**
Total Amount: **\$125,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.49%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$13,000
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	1	\$7,000
Kyiv	1	\$15,000
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$26,500
Lviv Oblast	1	\$15,000
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$18,000
Poltava Oblast	1	\$10,000
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$10,500
Kherson Oblast	1	\$10,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

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 Hirschak

Project Description: Conducting an extensive informational campaign in Kremenets on innovative forms of housing maintenance and servicing (condominiums). Developing and implementing a training program for initiative groups on how to create and operate a condominium association. Opening an informational-consultative center for the condominium system.

Grant: \$10,500

Organization: Citizens Association "For the Future of Kherson" (73000, Kherson, 14-a Skhidna St., 5, tel. +38 (0552) 26-31-46)

Project Manager: Halyna Bakhmatova

Project Description: Improving the quality of communal services and maintenance of buildings and their surrounding territories in the city Kherson by introducing public quality control mechanisms.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: NGO “Local Self-Government Support Association” (91493, Luhansk, Tsementna St., 3, tel. +38 (0642) 34-60-61, 34-60-56)

Project Manager: Nataliya Shevchenko

Project Description: Improving the quality of communal services in the city of Luhansk by promoting the development of a condominium system. Developing a training course for condominium association leaders. Conducting a training for condominium association leaders based on this course. Publishing a training manual for the course.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: NGO “Center for Reform Support and Development” (77503, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Dolyna, Hrushevskoho St., 11 (2nd floor), tel. +38 (03477) 2-52-30)

Project Manager: Serhiy Harhat

Project Description: Creating conditions for the development of self-organization of apartment owners and a favorable environment for the effective functioning and management of condominium associations.

Grant: \$7,000

Organization: Lviv NGO “Center for the Study of Local Self-Government” (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Proyzd, 6, 3rd floor, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryhilevych

Project Description: Creating an informational-educational center on managing residential real estate. Spreading the Polish and Baltic experience in reforming housing and communal services. Presenting practical aspects of establishing a homeowners association and building cooperation between building managers and communal services providers.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: NGO “Luhansk Region Civic Initiative” (91034, Luhansk, Lomonosova St., 73, Office 507, tel. +38 (0642) 33-11-74, 35-72-32, 50-84-24)

Project Manager: Nataliya Boyko

Project Description: Reforming the local housing and communal services system by introducing an effective mechanism of public management of housing and communal services and public monitoring of the quality of such services through public associations in the city (bodies of public self-organization, condominium associations, NGOs).

Grant: \$16,500

Organization: NGO “Kremenchuk City Community Development Foundation” (39600, Poltava Oblast, Kremenchuk, Kvartalna St., 5, tel. +38 (0536) 79-91-64)

Project Manager: Ihor Semenyachenko

Project Description: Opening a specialized resource center to help develop a condominium system in Kremenchuk. Providing apartment residents with information and consultation on creating and running a condominium association.

Grant: \$10,000

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: Tetyana Barashkova

Project Description: Supporting the creation of new and increasing the effectiveness of existing condominium associations in the city of Dnipropetrovsk by providing them with consultative, legal, informational, organizational, procedural and other types of assistance through a “Condominium Resource Center.” Organizing communication events and advancing in the region the best Ukrainian practices in reforming housing and communal services.

Grant: \$13,000

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

Project Manager: Mykhaylo Zolotukhin

Project Description: Creating local legislative, procedural and staffing conditions necessary for the effective provision of housing and communal services by introducing a public audit system in the city of Mykolayiv.

Grant: \$18,000

Organization: NGO “Kyiv Homeowners Association” (04108, Kyiv, Pravdy Prosp. 19/3, tel. +38 (044) 279-62-93)

Project Manager: Mykhaylo Berezovchuk

Project Description: Improving the Kyiv city normative base regulating condominium associations. Drafting new normative documents, creating a housing and communal services advisory council in the Kyiv City Council. Concluding a cooperation agreement with the Kyiv City Administration. Creating interdistrict resource centers for condominium development at raion branches of the “Kyiv Homeowners Association.”

Grant: \$15,000

Promoting Administrative and Territorial Reform

Number of Projects: 1
Number of Organizations: 1
Total Amount: \$90,000
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 1.79%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$90,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Civil Society Institute” (01103, Kyiv, Druzhby Narodiv Blvd. 22, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 529-73-94, 529-07-32)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Vrublevsky

Project Description: Creating conditions for territorial and administrative reform in Ukraine, as the basis for building effective public authority responsible for improving the quality of life for Ukrainian communities.

Conducting an analysis of modern problems of Ukraine's administrative and territorial system. Developing a methodology for modeling administrative and territorial units-communities. Creating models for select oblasts with the help of local experts. Preparing a draft law on the administrative and territorial system.

Grant: \$90,000

Supporting Civil Society Initiatives Aimed at Combating National and Ethnic Prejudice

Number of Projects: **6**
Number of Organizations: **6**
Total Amount: **\$101,665**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.02%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	2	\$55,000
Kyiv	3	\$34,920
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$11,745

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Social Indicators” Center” (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, tel. +38 (044) 416-6053)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Paniotto

Project Description: Studying attitudes towards the largest ethnic and other population groups that were targets of xenophobia. Developing a methodology to gauge the level of xenophobia and state of interethnic relations in Ukraine, conducting necessary public opinion polls. Analyzing the results of the study and presenting a report to the public and media.

Grant: \$19,920

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

Project Manager: Valentyna Samar

Project Description: Promoting ethnic and religious tolerance. Providing informational and legal assistance related to land problems to repatriated people. Promoting integration into Ukrainian society of the Crimean Tatars and other ethnic minorities that had been deported from Crimea.

Grant: \$20,000

Organization: Charitable Foundation “The Center for Studies of the History and Culture of East European Jews” (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 5, tel. +38 (044) 463-57-89)

Project Manager: Leonid Finberg

Project Description: Studying the Soviet government’s discriminatory policy towards national and religious groups and analyzing the impact of such policies and practices on contemporary social processes.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: Congress of National Communities of Ukraine (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5 (mailing address), tel. +38 (044) 248-36-70)

Project Manager: Hanna Lenchovska

Project Description: Teaching tolerance to Ukrainian youth, battling xenophobia, forming an active social position in youth that are members of the national communities of Ukraine. Spreading knowledge about Ukraine’s ethnic diversity by organizing the children’s summer camp “Sources of Tolerance.”

Grant: \$10,000

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: Oleh Smirnov

Project Description: Translating into Ukrainian, modifying and publishing workbooks for students in grades 1-4 for the course “Culture of Good-Neighborliness.” Organizing a series of seminars for primary school teachers that want to teach the course in Ukrainian. Organizing roundtables in those regions of Crimea where the course “Culture of Good-Neighborliness” is not taught yet. Spreading information about the Crimean experience of building tolerance in schools.

Grant: \$35,000

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

Project Manager: Volodymyr Staryk

Project Description: Decreasing interethnic intolerance and introducing principles of tolerance by informing the public in the Chernivtsi oblast about the historical experience of national communities that have been living together in Bukovyna. Publishing the book From Sarajevo to Paris. Bykovynian Interregnum 1914-1921.

Grant: \$11,745

CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Supporting Public Monitoring of Revenues in the Ukrainian Energy Sector

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total Amount: **\$80,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.59%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Sevastopol	1	\$40,000
Kyiv	2	\$40,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

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: Involving civil society in the management and distribution of revenues obtained from the transport of energy sources for national economic and social development. Developing a universal reporting

form for transit countries according to the requirements of the Expanding the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Analyzing legislation regulating public access to information about revenues from the transit of coal. Monitoring state budget revenues from the transit of coal across Ukrainian territory. Preparing and releasing a report on transparency of transit in Ukraine in accordance with EITI principles.

Grant: \$40,000

Organization: NGO “Souspilnist Foundation”
(04050, Kyiv, Puhachova St., 6/29, Office 45,
tel.: +38 (044) 483-03-72, 483-33-57)

Project Manager: Olena Pavlenko

Project Description: Developing joint recommendations and models for improving cooperation between Ukraine and the EU in the energy sphere and outlining ways to improve Ukraine’s and the EU’s energy security. Establishing constant contact between top experts from countries that are involved in hydrocarbon transit to facilitate the implementation of the conclusions reached at the summit and continue a dialogue on energy issue between countries not only on the state, but expert level.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: NGO “School for Political Analysis”
(04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424,
tel. +38 (044) 255-65-15, (066) 734-69-52)

Project Manager: Rostyslav Pavlenko

Project Description: Increasing public control over the functioning of the Ukrainian energy sector, determining the most acute problems in the management of the energy sector and searching for ways to remove them. Creating an electronic resource that will contain journalist investigations into decision-making problems in the energy sector.

Grant: \$30,000

CIVIL SOCIETY IMPACT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Electronic Governance

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$86,305**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.64%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$74,800
Operational Projects	1	\$11,505

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Center for Electronic Government Initiatives” (03146, Kyiv, P.O. Box 92,
tel. +38 (044) 454-99-26, 241-68-08)

Project Manager: Inna Maliukova

Project Description: Supporting the activities of the Regional Center for the Development of Electronic Government (Sudak, AR Crimea): building an infrastructure, participating in developing normative and legal safeguards, developing an organizational-technical concept for the e-government system in AR Crimea, encouraging NGOs to use e-government technology, developing training material (<http://crimea.e-gov.org.ua>).

Grant: \$74,800

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

Project Manager: Olesya Arkhypska

Project Description: Financial contribution from Kvazar-Micro Corporation for the purchase of computer equipment for the Crimean Center for the Development of Electronic Government (Sudak) within the framework of the Memorandum signed with the International Renaissance Foundation on 27 June 2007.

Grant: \$11,505

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **18**
Number of Organizations: **15**
Total Amount: **\$252,057**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **5.02%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	1	\$3,325
Kyiv	14	\$230,132
Lviv Oblast	1	\$8,000
Sumy Oblast	1	\$5,600
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$5,000

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: Ihor Kohut

Project Description: Organizing a broad and intensive dialogue between the expert community, government and society on the “Green Paper” on constitutional reform in Ukraine. Organizing 8 roundtables in the largest Ukrainian cities with the authors of the “Green Paper,” members of the Civic Constitutional Committee, local government leaders, civic activists, representatives of research circles and journalists. Preparing a “White Paper” on the concept for a new Ukrainian Constitution that includes innovative principles of administrative, municipal and judicial-legal reform. Conducting a broad informational campaign about a new constitution and public participation in this process. Presenting the work during the Second Civic Assembly of Ukraine.

Grant: \$49,850

Organization: NGO “The Center for Economic Development” (04116, Kyiv, Starokyivska St., 10, 3rd floor, Office 211, tel. +38 (044) 236-50-78)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Paskhaver

Project Description: Conducting research to evaluate changes in relations between key interest groups in Ukrainian society following the Orange Revolution and attitudes towards privatization. Developing methodological approaches and concrete proposals for government representative to influence the development of strategic policy on privatization.

Grant: \$8,000

Organization: NGO “Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after O. Razumkov” (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 201-11-98)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Shanhina

Project Description: Public control over government actions under conditions of political crisis. Monitoring the intentions, obligations, and actions by government on such matters as staffing government institutions and relations between them, constitutional reform, public administration reform, judicial reform, socioeconomic policy, foreign and security policy. Conducting a nationwide opinion poll on “The Government’s First 100 Days – Declarations and Actions through the People’s Eyes.”

Grant: \$50,000

Organization: Sumy City Youth NGO “Foundation for Regional Initiatives” (40014, Sumy, Horkoho St., 2/5, tel. +38 (097) 153-07-71)

Project Manager: Anna Ladysheva

Project Description: Supporting the participation of senior class students, experts on international relations, political science and economics, representatives of the media and NGOs, public activists from Ukraine in the winter school (Russia) on modern geopolitical issues related to the Baltic-Black Sea region.

Grant: \$5,600

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: Organizing working meetings with representatives of Ukrainian and Georgian NGOs to discuss topics in Ukrainian-Georgian relations and expanding opportunities for cooperation between Black Sea region countries. Familiarizing the Georgian delegation with Ukrainian election law and the Ukrainian experience with running election campaigns, in particular exit polls.

Grant: \$5,100

Organization: NGO “Souspilnist Foundation” (04050, Kyiv, Puhachova St., 6/29, Office 45, tel.: +38 (044) 483-03-72, 483-33-57)

Project Manager: Taras Petriv

Project Description: Participation by Ukrainian, Belarusian and Russian civic leaders in the World Movement for Democracy’s Fifth Assembly “Making Democracy Work: From Principles to Performance” and enhancing dialogue and cooperation between the network of NGOs from Ukraine, Belarus and Russia.

Grant: \$7,252

Organization: Youth NGO “Youth Center for Humanities” (04070, Kyiv, tel. +38 (044) 425-68-65, (044) 417-35-20)

Project Manager: Kebuladze Vakhtang

Project Description: Organizing an international conference on the tenth anniversary of the Ukrainian Phenomenological Society. Presenting the Ukrainian translation of Edmund Husserl’s book Experience and Judgement. Investigation in a Genealogy of Logic. Publishing a collection of research articles written by conference participants.

Grant: \$2,900

Organization: Charitable Organization “Teachers for Democracy and Partnership” (02166, Kyiv, Zhukova St., 45, Office 409, tel. +38 (044) 228-86-77)

Project Manager: Hrytsuk Claudia

Project Description: Ensuring the stable development of the student debate movement in Ukraine by expanding school debate programs. Supporting the participation of Ukrainian students and teachers in international debates. Presenting the international experience of school debates to a wide group of youth, teachers, parents, school administrators and NGOs.

Grant: \$5,000

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: Organizing debates between representatives of the public and political, business and social leaders. Organizing an information campaign during the V Annual Yalta Meeting of leading world, European and Ukrainian politicians and experts.

Grant: \$49,900

Organization: Crimean Republication Institution “I. Gasprynsky Crimean Tatar Library” (95011, Simferopol, Samokisha St., 8, tel. +38 (0652) 24-95-60)

Project Manager: Aider Emirov

Project Description: Creating and maintaining the website of the I. Gasprynsky Crimean Tatar Library to provide internet access to the library’s electronic database and information to visitors (www.kitaphane.crimea.ua).

Grant: \$3,325

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: Updating the software, user and administrative interfaces of the "Maidan" website to create a convenient and reliable informational-communication and coordination instrument to support the work of NGOs, coalitions and civic initiatives.
www.maidan.org.ua

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum" (04070, Kyiv, Illinska St., 18, Office 1, tel. +38 (050) 536-77-92)

Project Manager: Darya Nepochatova

Project Description: Mobilizing representatives of local business and familiarizing them with different instruments of local philanthropy (with an accent on community foundations) to get them involved in supporting the work of civil society organizations.

Grant: \$1,000

Organization: NGO "Civic Space" Information-Analytical Center" (02140, Kyiv, B. Hmuri St., 3, Office 140, tel. +38 (044) 573-14-69)

Project Manager: Pavlo Shamray

Project Description: Enhancing the transparency of NGOs through public reporting. Developing new internet services for NGOs and public journalism in the third sector: creating a specialized search, banner network, and updated NGO database.

Grant: \$15,000

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: Creating a platform for establishing social partnerships and cooperation between representatives of NGOs, business, government bodies, local government and donor organizations around solving urgent social problems in communities and developing potential directions of social investment. Presenting the participants' social programs, including priority activities in 2009 and discussing NGO projects presented during the Social Investment Forum in Lviv.

Grant: \$8,000

Organization: Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum" (04070, Kyiv, Illinska St., 18, Office 1, tel. +38 (050) 536-77-92)

Project Manager: Anna Hulevska-Chernysh

Project Description: Spreading the European experience with organized philanthropy: providing financial support to NGOs and civic initiatives through various charitable foundations and corporations, improving the quality, openness, and transparency of the Ukrainian community of charitable foundations.

Grant: \$3,000

Organization: NGO "Independent Center for Political Studies" (01030, Kyiv, B. Khmelnytskoho St., 50, Office 18, tel. +38 (044) 234-38-61, 230-9178, 599-4251)

Project Manager: Maksym Latsyba

Project Description: Introducing mechanisms of public expert examinations of executive government bodies by conducting trainings for NGOs, providing recommendations to executive government bodies, and lobbying the creation of an electronic database on the state and results of public expert assessments.

Grant: \$12,055

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

Project Manager: Svitlana Barbeliuk

Project Description: Studying the current state and dynamic of youth opinion in Ukraine, Russia, and Azerbaijan and expert forecasting of the likely development of these countries and prospects for their democratization.

Grant: \$11,000

Organization: NGO "Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after O. Razumkov" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 201-11-98)

Project Manager: Andriy Bychenko

Project Description: Conducting a public opinion poll on the political results of 2008 and providing the public with objective information to make a calculated assessment of the year and control political decision-making.

Grant: \$10,075

Activities Initiated and Implemented by the Program

Number of Projects: **8**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$100,735**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.00%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Operational Projects	8	\$100,735

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: Oleksandr Betsa
Project Description: Participation by IRF representatives in European Foundation Centre events in 2008, namely the Annual General Assembly and Conference dedicated to consolidating innovative approaches and cooperation in grantmaking practice in Europe and beyond.
Grant: \$5,920

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Oleksiy Orlovsky
Project Description: Familiarizing Ukrainian experts with other countries' experience in public monitoring of the energy sector, state budgets on all levels, and normative foundations. Holding talks with representatives of Revenue Watch Institute (New York) on further supporting IRF initiatives on public monitoring of the extraction, transport and price-setting in the Ukrainian oil and gas sector and budgets on all levels government.
Grant: \$10,000

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Andriy Kohut
Project Description: Developing and presenting a unified NGO position on the constitutional process, public participation in it, and lobbying common interests concerning human rights and freedoms. Organizing regional public discussions in all oblasts of Ukraine and an NGO forum in Kyiv on the main principles of a new Ukrainian Constitution and ratification procedure.
Grant: \$45,365

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Oleksiy Orlovsky
Project Description: Organizing a working meeting of regional EITI-coalition country coordinators from Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus, representatives of international organizations, and independent experts on transparency of revenues from the transport of energy resources. Developing and approving a joint action plan on lobbying the expansion of EITI criteria to countries whose territory is used for the transport of oil and gas.
Grant: \$5,000

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

Project Manager: Olesya Arkhypska

Project Description: Collecting, systematizing, and electronically storing the IRF Civil Society Impact Enhancement Program's documents and program materials.

Grant: \$5,000

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

Project Manager: Oleksandr Betsa

Project Description: Supporting the publication of the report on the implementation of the principles of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in Ukraine.

Grant: \$2,950

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

Project Manager: Oleksiy Orlovsky

Project Description: Organizing the fourth annual meeting of international experts and NGO representatives from Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus on expanding and introducing EITI criteria (2-5 October 2008, Odesa).

Grant: \$18,000

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

Project Manager: Andriy Kohut

Project Description: Defining the future strategy for the Civic Assembly of Ukraine, institutionalizing the initiative by developing regular work procedures and an optimal communication channel using the internet.

Grant: \$8,500

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Number of Projects:	48
Number of Organizations:	41
Total Amount:	\$597,718
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	11.89%

Program Goal in 2008: to increase the quality and effectiveness of state policy on Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration and shape public demand for Ukraine's Europeanization by initiating and providing financial, expert and organizational support to civil society initiatives aimed at transforming Ukraine into a true European state.

Program Priorities in 2008:

- Expert support for the implementation of Ukraine's European integration policy and the EU's policy towards Ukraine;
- Civil Society monitoring of the implementation of Ukraine's European integration policy and the EU's policy towards Ukraine, including advocacy;
- Development of European studies;
- Raising public awareness on European and Euro-Atlantic integration;
- Building the capacity of NGO's and other target groups to consolidate their efforts and strengthen their impact on Ukraine's European integration processes.

Competitions in 2008:

The aim of the competition "Holding Talk Shows on Regional Television Channel About the Reform Experience of New EU Member States and Outlook for Introducing them Ukraine" is to increase public awareness in Ukraine about domestic reforms in the new EU Member States (formerly accession countries) in the political, legal, economic, social and administrative spheres as required by the process of European integration, using televised talk shows with the participation of independent experts from Ukraine and new EU member states. (14 applications received, 2 projects supported).

The aim of the competition "Enhancing the Network of Regional European Information Centers at Oblast Universal Scientific Libraries" is to expand the activities of the existing European Information Centers at Oblast Universal Scientific Libraries and create new European Information Centers in Zaporizhzhia, Luhansk, Mykolayiv, Ternopil and Simferopol. (19 applications received, 12 projects supported).

The aim of the competition "European Education for Youth" is to support youth initiatives – school, after-school and student initiatives – aimed at raising a young generation with European values, sharing informational-educational practices, interactive and role playing methodology for teaching about European integration. (53 applications received, 5 projects supported).

The competition “Publishing Ukrainian Literature on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration” supported the publication of Ukrainian textbooks, manuals, brochures, readers (collections of texts) on European and Euro-Atlantic integration. (12 applications received, 2 projects supported).

The competition “**Removing Barriers to Contact between People from Ukraine and the EU by Liberalizing the Visa and Border Regime**” supported projects aimed at monitoring the issuing of visas to citizens of Ukraine by the EU member states’ consulates in Kyiv and the regions of Ukraine, monitoring other difficulties faced by Ukrainians who want to travel abroad, and preparing for the start of a dialogue with official institutions and EU member states on further liberalizing the EU’s visa policy for Ukrainian citizens. (44 applications received, 7 projects supported).

The Competition “**Carrying out National Awareness-Raising Campaigns on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration**” is aimed at raising awareness of the broad public on European and Euro-Atlantic agenda via carrying out national-wide campaigns, in particular those included into wider European campaigns (for instance, under the auspice of the Council of Europe and UN). (13 applications received, 1 project supported).

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects:

- **The Civil Society Expert Council with the Ukrainian side of the EU-Ukraine Cooperation Committee** (a bilateral EU-Ukraine body within the framework of the EU-Ukraine Partnership and Co-operation Agreement) was established and includes 31 independent civil society experts. The establishment of this Council is an important step in terms of institutionalizing government – civil society cooperation in the field of European integration and consolidating civil society initiatives in the field of European integration. The program provided organizational and expert support for the establishment of the Council and organizational and financial support for the work of its secretariat. The Council’s statute reflects the views of civil society representatives, in particular the section on the Committee’s responsibilities to the Council (the Committee has to inform the Council whether the proposals of the latter were or were not incorporated into Committee decisions, Committee representatives have to attend meetings of the Council, and the Committee has to provide organizational support for the Council’s meetings). For more information about the Council and its activities, visit: <http://www.eu.prostir.ua/themes/rada.html>.
- A number of measures were taken aimed at **increasing the transparency of negotiation processes between Ukraine and the EU on the Association Agreement**. At an international conference in Kyiv, the Ukrainian public learned about the most successful practices of involving the civil society and stakeholders in countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Western Balkan in the negotiation processes with the EU. A roundtable was also held on the issue of intellectual property rights as a component of the Association Agreement. With the Program’s support and participation of experts from the Civil Society Expert Council, a study was conducted and analytical report published on the role of civil society in the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement. (<http://www.eu.prostir.ua>). The experts’ recommendations were incorporated into draft articles of the Association Agreement. The European Space portal also now includes a separate page dedicated to the negotiations between Ukraine and the EU on the Association Agreement (<http://www.eu.prostir.ua/themes/ua-eu.html>).
- The results of the civil society **monitoring of the implementation of the Ukraine-EU Action Plan** were presented (a Razumkov Centre project, in collaboration with other Ukrainian think tanks). The results of this monitoring – an alternative to the Ukrainian government and European

Commission's assessments – were taken into consideration in the EU-Ukraine bilateral report on the implementation of the Ukraine-EU Action Plan (March 2008) and the European Commission's report on the European Neighborhood Policy in 2007 (April 2008). Following the recognition of the authority of the independent civil society monitoring, both the Ukrainian government and the European Commission consulted with civil society experts during the development of the New Practical Instrument between the EU and Ukraine to be launched in 2009.

- The results of civil society **monitoring of the implementation of the agreement on the facilitation of issuance of visas between Ukraine and the EU** (signed on June 18, 2007 and went into force on January 1, 2008) were presented. The situation was monitored in two stages by a consortium of seven NGOs (six of which were regional NGOs) under the leadership of the Centre for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine. Representative sample surveys were conducted of people leaving consulates or visa centers who had used the services of 21 consulates of 11 EU member states. According to the survey results, despite definite improvement in the situation with the issuing of visas to Ukrainians by “old” Schengen countries, the agreement has yet to become an effective mechanism capable of compensating for the negative effect that expansion of the Schengen area has had on most Ukrainians wanting to travel to the EU (<http://eu.prostir.ua/news/24965.html>).
- The Cabinet of Ministers approved a much improved new State Program of **Raising Public Awareness on Ukraine's European Integration for the years 2008-2011** (CMU Resolution No. 594 from July 2, 2008), which was developed using proposals from the Razumkov Centre, International Renaissance Foundation, Internews, and other NGOs based on results of the civil society monitoring of the previous State Programs for 2004-2007 (Razumkov Centre project) and best domestic and international practices. A coordinating council comprised of NGO representatives was established to implement the program and a procedure was approved for competitively selecting NGO projects and programs that will raise awareness of the public about European integration (CMU Resolution No. 956 from October 30, 2008). This sets a precedent for financing NGO projects from state and local budgets in the form of grants, and was the result of efforts by experts from the Foundation for Regional Initiatives, European Law Advancement Network, Razumkov Centre and IRF (<http://www.rada.gov.ua>, www.kmu.gov.ua).
- **The network of regional European Information Centers** (EIC) grew in 2008 by 4 to a total of 24 such centers at oblast libraries in Ukraine that were opened with support from the Program. (contacts for all the EICs can be found here: <http://eu.prostir.ua/in/39896.html>). In July 2008, the EIC Network Forum was held during which an initiative coordinating group for the network was set up. According to the State Program of Raising Public Awareness on Ukraine's European Integration for the years 2008-2011, starting in 2009, the EICs at oblast and raion libraries should be financed from local budgets.
- **The First European Integration School** was held (a project of the Ukrainian European Studies Association). The goal of the annual School is to increase civil society's capacity to influence Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes by deepening theoretical knowledge and developing practical skills. The first pilot European Integration School trained 40 NGO leaders from various regions of Ukraine on how to effectively carry out informational and educational activities in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration. (<http://eu.prostir.ua/news/9786.html>).

- In autumn 2008, the Network of Pro-European Organizations of Ukraine conducted the first nationwide awareness raising campaign in the field of European integration, dedicated to promoting tolerance as a fundamental European value. Detailed information about the campaign is available online: <http://www.tolerant.org.ua>.
- With Program support, well-made and unique media products for Ukraine aimed at **stimulating open debates on NATO** were produced and distributed. The television series “NATO: Friend or Foe?” was produced (excerpts can be viewed and downloaded at <http://eu.prostir.ua/archive/2.html> and used as a handy visual device for public discussion on the pluses and minuses, risks and advantages of Euro-Atlantic integration) along with a Russian language version (suitable for predominantly Russian-speaking regions). The series was aired twice on UT-1 and a number of regional television channels, and was shown by numerous NGOs as part of their informational events. A project is also underway to produce a series of 5 analytical-educational television films “NATO: Myths and Realities” to be aired on regional television in Ukraine.

Difficulties in Attaining the Program’s Priorities:

The domestic political crisis hampers the development of relations between Ukraine and the EU and the implementation of reforms in Ukraine, which thus limits civil society’s impact.

Although program support was successful in setting up the legal and organizational mechanisms for NGOs to receive grants from the government to implement awareness-raising projects on European integration, a review of the state budget resulted in a drastic cut in funds available for the implementation of the State Program of Raising Public Awareness on Ukraine’s European Integration for the years 2008-2011 and means that in 2009 NGOs will not be able to benefit from these new opportunities.

Partnership and Cooperation:

In 2008, the program cooperated with the East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program, the Open Society Institute Office in Brussels, the Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and International Integration, the Department for European Integration of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Coordinating Bureau for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Delegation which negotiates the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, the State Committee for Television and Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine, the Main Department of Civil Service of Ukraine, the Delegation of the European Commission to Ukraine, and the Council of Europe Information Office.

Strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration, cooperation with government institutions on implementing Ukraine’s European and Euro-Atlantic integration policies, and monitoring the implementation of respective policies will remain the main goals of the IRF European Program. The program will also actively work on establishing systematic relations between Ukrainian civil society networks/platforms and pan-European civil society platforms, and on supporting joint research and advocacy projects by Ukrainian and European think tanks. Taking into account the EU’s increased attention to its Eastern neighbors and the resulting new opportunities for NGOs, the program will work on influencing Ukrainian policy as one of the regional leaders in the EU’s Eastern neighborhood region, and strengthening the role of civil society organizations in regional cooperation efforts.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	3	\$40,730
Vinnitsia Oblast	4	\$58,908
Volyn Oblast	2	\$14,684
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$4,100
Donetsk Oblast	2	\$14,180
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$11,290
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	1	\$5,800
Kyiv	10	\$188,881
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$5,500
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$7,900
Lviv Oblast	3	\$53,493
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$9,114
Odesa Oblast	2	\$16,600
Rivne Oblast	2	\$10,930
Sumy Oblast	2	\$29,918
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$9,040
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$15,610
Kherson Oblast	1	\$19,185
Khmelnysky Oblast	2	\$10,495
Chernivtsi Oblast	3	\$23,199
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$29,821
Operational Projects	1	\$18,340

Expert Support for Ukraine’s European Integration Policy

Number of Projects: **4**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total Amount: **\$80,165**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.60%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	4	\$80,165

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Strategic and Security Studies Group”
(03150, Kyiv, Antonovycha St., 156/17,
tel. +38 (044) 491-38-30)

Project Manager: Olexia Basarab

Project Description: Researching the real state of affairs, developing alternatives and recommendations on Ukrainian policy regarding various aspects of the Transdnstrian problem. Collecting and analyzing information, consulting with experts, preparing and presenting the publication.

Grant: \$36,976

Organization: NGO “Souspilnist Foundation”
(04050, Kyiv, Puhachova St., 6/29, Office 45,
tel.: +38 (044) 483-03-72, 483-33-57)

Project Manager: Serhiy Danylenko

Project Description: Holding expert debates on giving Ukraine a NATO Membership Action Plan by organizing a series of visits by Ukrainian experts to Berlin, Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam and meetings with local experts, politicians, top officials, and journalists. Preparing and presenting the analytical report.

Grant: \$23,174

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: Organizing the international conference “Political Transformation of NATO. Strategy for Further Expansion and Ukraine’s Positioning.” Publishing analytical materials with theoretical and practical recommendations on Ukraine’s foreign and security policy.

Grant: \$14,955

Organization: NGO “Souspilnist Foundation”
(04050, Kyiv, Puhachova St., 6/29, Office 45,
tel.: +38 (044) 483-03-72, 483-33-57)

Project Manager: Olena Pavlenko

Project Description: Strengthening cooperation between Ukraine and the EU in the energy sphere aimed, in particular, at more effective transit policy, legal approximation in the energy sphere, increased transparency, accountability and effectiveness of the Ukrainian energy sector, as necessary conditions for increasing Ukraine’s and the EU’s level of energy security.

Grant: \$5,060

Civil Society Monitoring of Efforts Aimed at Removing Obstacles to Contacts Between People from Ukraine and the EU

Number of Projects: **8**
Number of Organizations: **8**
Total Amount: **\$111,753**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.22%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Volyn Oblast	1	\$4,704
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$8,200
Zakarpattia Oblast	1	\$11,290
Kyiv	1	\$49,340
Lviv Oblast	1	\$18,124
Odesa Oblast	1	\$8,000
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$5,700
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$6,395

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: Oleksiy Vradiy

Project Description: Monitoring the issuance of visas to Ukrainians through a two stage (in April and October 2008) social survey of Ukrainian citizens who submitted applications for Schengen visa at consular offices of Schengen member states in Kyiv; analyzing the effectiveness of the implementation of the Agreement on facilitation of visa issuance between Ukraine and the EU. Coordinating the work of the consortium of 6 non-

governmental organizations to do similar monitoring in Uzhhorod, Berehove, Donetsk, Luts, Lviv, Mariupol, Odesa, and Kharkiv. Developing and publishing the “Action Plan for Introducing the Visa-Free Regime between Ukraine and the EU” with a list of concrete measures that will allow Ukraine to raise the issue of a reciprocal visa-free regime with the EU. Developing a web page with information about consular offices, regulations, database of studies on the topic of visas and a forum for applicants.

Grant: \$49,340

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

Project Manager: Serhiy Buriakov

Project Description: Monitoring the issuance of visas to Ukrainian citizens by the Polish consulate in Kharkiv within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on facilitation of visa issuance between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$5,700

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: Monitoring the issuance of visas to Ukrainian citizens by the Greek and Czech consular offices in Donetsk and Mariupol within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on facilitation of visa issuance between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$8,200

Organization: Uzhhorod Regional Branch of the National Institute for Strategic Studies (88017, Uzhhorod, Universytetska St., 21, tel. +38 (0312) 64-4451)

Project Manager: Svitlana Mitriayeva

Project Description: Monitoring the issuance of visas to Ukrainian citizens by the Hungarian consulates in Uzhhorod and Berehovo, and the Slovak consulate in Uzhhorod within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on facilitation of visa issuance between Ukraine and the EU and the Agreement on local cross-border movement between Ukraine and Hungary.

Grant: \$11,290

Organization: Youth NGO "Association for the Protection of Rights of Volyn Youth" (43025, Lutsk, P.O. Box 221, tel. +38 (03322) 483-12)

Project Manager: Iryna Omelchuk

Project Description: Monitoring the issuance of visas to Ukrainian citizens by the Polish consulate in Lutsk within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on facilitation of visa issuance between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$4,704

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: Monitoring the issuance of visas to Ukrainian citizens by the Greek and Polish consular offices in Odesa within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on facilitation of visa issuance between Ukraine and the EU.

Grant: \$8,000

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

Project Manager: Yaroslav Zhukrovsky

Project Description: Monitoring the practice of issuing visas to Ukrainian citizens by the Polish Czech consulates in Lviv within the framework of the implementation of the Agreement on facilitation of visa issuance between Ukraine and the EU and monitoring the practice of issuing travel (international) passports to Ukrainian citizens in the Lviv oblast.

Grant: \$18,124

Organization: Khmelnytsky Oblast NGO "Podil Center "Gender Council" (31310, Khmelnytsky Oblast, Chorny Ostriv, Cherkhova St., 13, tel. +38 (067) 30-32-022)

Project Manager: Tetyana Bayeva

Project Description: Monitoring the issuance of travel (international) passports to Ukrainian citizens in the Khmelnytsky oblast (cities of Khmelnytsky, Kamianets-Podilsky, Starokostyantyniv, and Shepetivka).

Grant: \$6,395

Ukraine’s Integration into the European Educational Space and Development of European Studies at the University Level

Number of Projects: **6**
Number of Organizations: **6**
Total Amount: **\$53,612**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.07%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$5,980
Kyiv	2	\$25,002
Odesa Oblast	1	\$8,600
Rivne Oblast	1	\$6,830
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$7,200

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Ukrainian European Studies Association” (03057, Kyiv, Sofiyi Petrovskoyi St., 5, Office 800, tel. +38 (044) 456-36-24)

Project Manager: Alime Asanova

Project Description: Organizing the three-day annual congress of the Ukrainian European Studies Association” (UESA) with participation of experts on European studies and future lecturers to discuss the state of research on European policy, law, and economic integration, exchange experience and determine the outlook for the development of European Studies in universities in Ukraine, as well as to discuss ways to improve the work of the UESA.

Grant: \$15,882

Organization: Youth NGO “Youth Center for Humanities” (04070, Kyiv, tel. +38 (044) 425-68-65, (044) 417-35-20)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Yermolenko

Project Description: Expanding the informational and analytical content of the website created with IRF’s support in 2007 and dedicated to Ukraine’s integration into the European educational space (www.eu-edu.org).

Grant: \$9,120

Organization: Megabyte Plus, Ltd. (33016, Rivne, Stepan Bandera St., 65/25, tel. +38 (0362) 26-76-05)

Project Manager: Serhiy Slobodyuk

Project Description: Publication of V. Kopyka and T. Shynkarenko’s book *European Union: Creation and Stages of Development* (revised edition).

Grant: \$6,830

Organization: Chernivtsi City Center for Cultural and Education Initiatives “Metasvit” (58000, Chernivtsi, Holovna St., 279 B/35, tel. +38 (0372) 525-230-53)

Project Manager: Nataliya Strelchuk

Project Description: Publication of the revised textbook for teachers and students *European and Euro-Atlantic Integration in School Education*.

Grant: \$7,200

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: Organizing the Spring Academy “Transformation of NATO and Security Challenges

of Today” in Odesa (May 2008) to develop the professional potential of young professors, researchers and students in the sphere of European security.

Grant: \$8,600

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: Oleksandr Krapivin

Project Description: Organizing the Autumn Academy “NATO and Regional Conflicts in the Post-Soviet Space” in Donetsk (November 2008) with participation of experts, students and young professionals from Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Poland, Russia and NATO HQ.

Grant: \$5,980

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Educating Youth about Europe

Number of Projects: **5**
Number of Organizations: **5**
Total Amount: **\$84184**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.68%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$13,730
Vinnytsia Oblast	1	\$15,900
Lviv Oblast	2	\$35,369
Kherson Oblast	1	\$19,185

Projects Supported by the Program:

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: Mobilizing schoolchildren and youth to disseminate information about Ukraine’s European and Euro-Atlantic integration and advocate for its European

choice in local communities in the Kherson oblast. Organizing a mini-grant competition for community level school projects in the Velykolepetysky, Skadovsky, Tsiurypynsky raions, cities of Kherson, Kakhovka and Nova Kakhovka. Organizing a summer camp for project leaders.

Grant: \$19,185

Organization: Charitable NGO “Center for Educational Initiatives” (79019, Lviv, P.O. Box 2832, tel. +38 (032) 297-18-57)

Project Manager: Olena Shynarovska

Project Description: Introducing a project-based approach to the creation and work of European Clubs in schools in the Lviv oblast and involving volunteers from the European Volunteer Service (EU Youth in Action Program). Organizing joint European Club events on Europe Day. Producing and distributing a 15-minute promotional video about European Clubs.

Grant: \$19,899

Organization: Chernihiv City NGO “European Club” (14035, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 2, tel. +38 (0462) 61-08-03)

Project Manager: Yuriy Tkach

Project Description: Providing methodological and organizational support for school European Clubs in the Chernihiv oblast through trainings and seminars for European Club activists. Creating a school European Club coordination center in the Chernihiv oblast. Conducting joint European Club events in separate communities to promote the idea of Ukraine's European integration.

Grant: \$15,900

Organization: Women's Charitable Organization “Our Visions” (81700, Lviv Oblast, Zhydachiv, Shevchenka St., 1, tel. +38 (067) 283-6873)

Project Manager: Svitlana Polivchak

Project Description: Expanding knowledge about Europe among youth in the Zhydachivsky (Lviv oblast) and Kalush (Ivano-Frankivsk oblast) raions: holding trainings, implementing pro-European actions, conducting a 5-day spring school “European Choice Workshop.”

Grant: \$15,470

Organization: NGO “Top-Kaya” Bakhchysaray Regional Development Center (98400, AR Crimea, Bakhchysaray, P.O. Box 24, tel. +38 (050) 664-06-16)

Project Manager: Oleksandra Tselishcheva

Project Description: Development of school European Clubs in Crimea using non-formal education methods. Conducting 3 trainings on how to organize a European Club for 20 teachers and 40 students from 20 Crimean schools. Organizing joint actions by training participants. Providing methodological and consultative support to European Clubs. Publishing a manual for European Clubs.

Grant: \$13,730

Raising Public Awareness of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

Number of Projects: **4**
Number of Organizations: **4**
Total Amount: **\$70.831**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.41%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$18,000
Vinnytsia Oblast	2	\$33,008
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$19,823

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Vinnytsia Regional Information Center "Kreativ" (21036, Vinnytsia, 40-Richchia Peremohy St., 50/156, tel. +38 (0432) 524-580, +38 (0432) 518-606)

Project Manager: Oksana Bondar

Project Description: Conducting under the aegis of the Network of Pro-European Organizations of Ukraine the nationwide informational-educational campaign "Tolerance as a Path to Europe" (<http://tolerant.org.ua>) dedicated to promoting tolerance as a European value. As part of the campaign, a nationwide creative competition and more than 100 different informational-educational events were held in different regions of Ukraine with the participation of more than 20,000 people, mostly school children and university students.

Grant: \$18,020

Organization: Chernihiv City NGO "Siversky Institute of Regional Studies" (14000, Chernihiv, Myru Prosp., 43, tel. +38 (0462) 676-052)

Project Manager: Maryna Fesenko

Project Description: Organizing interactive trainings-debates on European integration for mayors and other local officials, lecturers from oblast civil servant training centers, and local government officials from the Volyn, Kherson, Cherkasy, Sumy, Poltava, Dnipropetrovsk, and Rivne oblasts and Sevastopol.

Grant: \$19,823

Organization: Chornomorska Television and Radio Company (95038, Simferopol, Radio St., 4, tel. +38 (0652) 51-56-98)

Project Manager: Natalya Andronaki

Project Description: Presenting 12 talk shows on the "Chornomors'ka" TV channel on the European experience of reforms and relevance of those to Crimea.

Grant: \$18,000

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: Presenting 8 talk shows on the "Vinnychyna" TV channel on the European experience of reforms and relevance of those for the Vinnytsia region.

Grant: \$14,988

Enhancing the Network of Regional European Information Centers

Number of Projects: **17**
 Number of Organizations: **16**
 Total Amount: **\$144,459**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.87%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
AR Crimea	1	\$9,000
Vinnitsia Oblast	1	\$10,000
Volyn Oblast	1	\$9,980
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$4,100
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	1	\$5,800
Kirovohrad Oblast	1	\$5,500
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$7,900
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$9,114
Rivne Oblast	1	\$4,100
Sumy Oblast	2	\$29,918
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$9,040
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$9,910
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$4,100
Chernivtsi Oblast	2	\$15,999
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$9,998

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Sumy City NGO "Internet Education Network"
 (40030, Sumy, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 10, Oblast
 Science Library, 3rd floor, tel.: +38 (0542) 34-04-88)

Project Manager: Oleh Honcharenko

Project Description: Conducting the forum of the All-Ukrainian Consortium of European Information Centers with the participation of representatives of libraries and NGOs. Creating a coordination mechanism for the consortium and selecting a group of coordinators.

Grant: \$19,920

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

Project Manager: Volodymyr Staryk

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center (EIC) at the Oblast Universal Scientific Library named after M. Ivasyuk in Chernivtsi. Organizing seminars and roundtables for lecturers, students, library staff, NGO representatives, civil servants and media; debates with researchers and students; internet conferences with members of the All-Ukrainian Network of European Information Centers.

Grant: \$3,990

Organization: NGO “Vinnytsia Regional Information Center “Kreativ” (21036, Vinnytsia, 40-Richchia Peremohy St., 50/156, tel. +38 (0432) 524-580, +38 (0432) 518-606)

Project Manager: Oksana Bondar

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Vinnytsia Oblast K. A. Timirязev Science Library. Organizing monthly educational events such as seminars, trainings, roundtables, conferences, meetings for youth, university lecturers, school teachers, civil servants, library staff, media and NGO representatives. Organizing events as part of Europe Day celebrations in Vinnytsia.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: Volyn Public Youth Organizations Centre “Nasha Sprava” (43000, Lutsk, Shopena St., 11, tel. +38 (0332) 72-45-67)

Project Manager: Lina Basiuk

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Volyn Oblast Universal Scientific Library named after Olena Pchilka. Starting 5 new European Clubs in Lutsk schools. Conducting trainings, master classes and seminars for school European Club members, organizing an Oxford debate tournament for students, artwork competition and European Olympiad for school children, as well as movie screenings. Organizing large-scale actions in Lutsk in celebration of Europe Day.

Grant: \$9,980

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: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Chernihiv Oblast Scientific Library named after V. G. Korolenko. Organizing trainings for civil servants and students, seminars for library staff, training seminars for humanities teachers, roundtables for community members, competitions and ‘European’ lessons for school children, and video conferences for a broader audience.

Grant: \$9,998

Organization: Public Center “Business Initiatives” (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnistrovska St., 26, tel. +38 (0342) 77-65-55)

Project Manager: Lesya Verbovska

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast Universal Library. Organizing thematic book exhibitions and meetings, poster competitions among

school European Clubs, and a school Olympiad. Organizing large-scale events with the participation of representatives of government and NGOs in celebration of Europe Day in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Grant: \$5,800

Organization: Regional Charitable Foundation “Rivne. European Choice” (33027, Rivne, Mury Prosp., 2/45, tel. +38 (0362) 23-23-25)

Project Manager: Mykola Smolinsky

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Rivne State Oblast Library. Holding a press conference for journalists. Organizing thematic activities and competitions for school European Clubs, educational seminars and trainings for directors of schools and school European Clubs, representatives of NGOs, photo exhibits and a youth camp. Organizing large-scale events in celebration of Europe Day in Rivne.

Grant: \$4,100

Organization: Khmelnytsky Oblast Association “Podillya First” (29000, Khmelnytsky, Svobody St., 36, Office 601, tel. +38 (0382) 76-34-34)

Project Manager: Vyacheslav Tretyak

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Khmelnytsky Oblast Universal Scientific Library named after M. Ostrovsky. Organizing educational seminars for methodologists and directors of raion and city libraries in the Khmelnytsky oblast and thematic internet conferences. Opening 3 information points at raion and city libraries. Organizing roundtables in celebration of Europe Day in Khmelnytsky.

Grant: \$4,100

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: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Kirovohrad Oblast Universal Scientific Library named after D. I. Chyzhevsky. Organizing book and photo exhibits, lessons for students and teachers, quizzes and contests for school children, and an international scientific conference for library staff. Organizing a drawing contest for children, book exhibit, oblast seminar for directors of raion European Information Centers, and mini-trainings for school children in celebration of Europe Day in Kirovohrad.

Grant: \$5,500

Organization: Dnipropetrovsk Oblast NGO “Intellectual Property Society” (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, Komsomolska St., 48, tel. +38 (056) 785-18-29)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Bilenohova

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast Universal Scientific Library. Organizing a European information fair, European Music Days, virtual excursions through Europe for school children and students, discussions and seminars for NGO representatives and students, lectures for school teachers and university professors. Organizing European festivals, thematic photo exhibits and youth tournaments in celebration of Europe Days in Dnipropetrovsk.

Grant: \$4,100

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, 79-11-78)

Project Manager: Anna Desyatova

Project Description: Enhancing the work of the European Information Center at the Sumy Oblast Universal Scientific Library named after N. K. Krupska. Organizing trainings, simulation games on European integration, English language camps for youth from the region, a roundtable for civil servants and NGO representatives. Supporting the network of school European Clubs in Sumy city. Organizing training sessions for oblast librarians and “Europe Town” in celebration of Europe Day.

Grant: \$9,998

Organization: Kharkiv Civic 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 work of the European Information Center at the Kharkiv Oblast Scientific Library. Organizing seminars for teachers, training seminars for library staff and users, the quarterly training “How to Start a European Club” for initiative groups of teachers and students. Organizing large-scale events in celebration of Europe Day in Kharkiv.

Grant: \$9,910

Organization: Luhansk Regional Universal Scientific Library named after M. Gorky (91053, Luhansk, Radiansky St., 78, tel. +38 (0642) 53-73-21)

Project Manager: Iryna Shestopal

Project Description: Creating and running the European Information Center at the Luhansk Regional Universal Scientific Library named after M. Gorky. Organizing a press conference for the media, training for teachers from village schools in the oblast, roundtable for civil servants and NGO representatives, thematic book exhibit, creative competition for school children and

students. Organizing simulation games for youth as part of the Europe Day celebrations in Luhansk.

Grant: \$7,900

Organization: Mykolayiv Oblast Branch of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (54027, Mykolayiv, Admiralska St., 20, Office 216, tel. +38 (0512) 35-43-56)

Project Manager: Mykola Stetsenko

Project Description: Creating and running the European Information Center at the Mykolayiv Oblast Universal Scientific Library. Organizing seminars and roundtables for city council deputies, journalists and NGO representatives. Organizing a roundtable, book and photo exhibit as part of Europe Day celebrations in Mykolayiv.

Grant: \$9,114

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: Creating and running the European Information Center at the Crimea Republication Universal National Library named after I. Franko in Simferopol. Organizing a roundtable, discussion clubs with the participation of civil servants and NGO representatives, drawing and photography competitions for youth. Taking part in organizing large-scale events in celebration of Europe Day in Simferopol.

Grant: \$9,000

Organization: Ternopil City NGO “Ternopil Press Club” (46001, Ternopil, O. Kulchytska St., 3-5, tel. +38 (0352) 53-19-37)

Project Manager: Halyna Dzyoba

Project Description: Creating and running the European Information Center at the Ternopil Oblast Scientific Universal Library. Organizing thematic roundtables with participation by NGO representatives, library staff and journalists, and the final press conference. Organizing a literature exhibit and thematic film screening in celebration of Europe Day in Ternopil.

Grant: \$9,040

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

Project Manager: Volodymyr Stryk

Project Description: Organizing a two-day training for representatives of 24 regional European Information Centers on attracting additional funding from international foundations and organizations and on the local level (from government bodies, sponsors, philanthropists, etc.). Publishing a manual based on the training.

Grant: \$12,009

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total Amount: **\$34,374**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.68%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Kyiv	3	\$34,374

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation” (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Lilia Levandovska

Project Description: Organizing evaluation meeting for the team of simulation games’ trainers of the “Shaping the Future of Europe” project.

Grant: \$4,200

Organization: Charitable Foundation “Intellectual Perspective” (01021, Kyiv, Shovkovychna St., 12, Office 206 tel. +38 (044) 255-7541, 7483)

Project Manager: Yevhen Holovakha

Project Description: Participation in the international comparative study European Social Survey by conducting the survey in Ukraine using the methodology approved by the international study group. Depositing

data from the survey into the international archive for future comparative analysis and disseminating objective information about the socio-political processes in Ukraine.

Grant: \$23,980

Organization: Youth NGO “Young Diplomats Club of Ukraine” (03142, Kyiv, Dobrokhotova St., 11, Office 66, tel. +38 (097) 944-81-33)

Project Manager: Illya Zavodovsky

Project Description: Supporting participation of the delegation from Ukraine (2 lecturers and 6 students) in the international summer school “Black Sea Region: Outlook for Regional Security after the NATO Summit in Bucharest” in the village of Losevo (Leningrad oblast, Russian Federation).

Grant: \$6,194

Activities Initiated and Implemented by the Program

Number of Projects: **1**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$18,340**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.36%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

Region	Number of Projects	Amount
Operational Projects	1	\$18,340

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: Iryna Solonenko

Project Description: Organizing the international
conference “Increasing Transparency of the Negotiation
Process with the EU: International Experience and
Lessons for Ukraine,” a roundtable on intellectual

property rights in the association agreement, publishing
an analytical report on the role of civil society in the
association agreement, and creating a thematic web-
page on the European Space Portal dedicated to the
EU-Ukraine negotiation process ([http://www.eu.prostir.
ua/themes/ua-eu.html](http://www.eu.prostir.ua/themes/ua-eu.html)).

Grant: \$18,340



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Number of Projects:	94
Number of Organizations:	61
Total Amount:	\$660,692
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	13.15%

In 2008, the program continued implementing its approved strategies and mission - to develop cooperation between representatives of the international public to solve social and socio-economic problems that arose following the collapse of the Soviet Union and the socialist system. Because Ukraine has received much international attention lately, the program also set the goal of creating opportunities to present abroad the best practices accumulated by the Ukrainian public in different spheres, in order to promote Ukraine's image as a state with a democratic pattern of development.

The program supported initiatives to exchange ideas, analysis, experience and knowledge along the following directions:

- Expert assessment of European and Euro-Atlantic integration and studying the experience of new EU member states (including Romania and Bulgaria) and countries participating in the Association and Stabilization Process.
- Strengthening dialogue and the exchange of experience between civil society representatives from countries of the European Neighborhood Policy's eastern vector.
- Strengthening the civil society component in relations between Ukraine and Russia.

Program priorities in 2008 focused on those IRF priorities that required studying and adapting foreign experience:

- Introducing principles of rule of law in society;
- Public monitoring of the activities of authorities and establishing dialogue between the public and the authorities;
- Studying and introducing international advocacy experience (re: consumer rights, environmental protection, etc.);
- Increasing the effectiveness of Ukraine's European integration policy and mobilizing public support for Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration policy;
- Strengthening the role of independent media (increasing the social responsibility of journalism, journalist investigations, developing media law, reforming state and communal media);
- Introducing best practices to fight corruption;

- Public monitoring of the energy sector; and local budget expenditures;
- Analyzing the international experience in reforming housing and communal services and municipal infrastructure;
- Developing the public health system (developing palliative care, protecting patients' rights, public monitoring of the health sector, involving members of vulnerable groups - intravenous drug users (IDUs) and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) – in the decision-making process).

Competitions in 2008:

- The annual competition “International Experience of Civil Society's Impact on Democratic Transformations” gave representatives of Ukrainian civil society the opportunity to exchange experiences on solving socially important problems, influence the development of society and global political processes, and formulate a development strategy for Ukraine. (67 applications received, 32 projects supported).
- Bilateral competition “Exchanging Experience between the Czech Republic and Ukraine on Issues of European Integration and Implementing Reform” (in cooperation with the Open Society Institute in the Czech Republic). The goal of the competition was to spread the best civil society practices in the Czech Republic and Ukraine in involving civil society in reform and European integration processes. (31 applications received, 13 projects supported).

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects in 2008:

Since most projects supported through the Ukrainian-Czech competition (2008-2009) were initiated by NGOs from the regions, emphasis is placed on introducing European standards and values, first and foremost, on the local level. The partners will share practical examples of how the “European” model for solving pressing issues worked well in the Czech Republic and can be utilized in Ukraine in such spheres as: human rights, health, social integration, etc.

While the projects had different goals, they were all important for Ukrainian society: local economic development, justice reform, medical law, fighting corruption, preventing interethnic conflicts, informing the public about European integration, spreading responsible consumption practices, improving social work with vulnerable population groups, etc. Not all the projects developed legislative changes, but they will all make strong contributions to the overall reform process in Ukraine and will promote Ukraine's integration into the European community and spreading human values.

Among the Ukrainian-Czech initiatives launched in 2008, the following directions are worth noting: development of medical law in Ukraine (the project was responsible for establishing the Ukrainian Foundation for Medical Law and Bioethics and developing a manual on medical insurance) and development of a socially and ecologically-oriented economy (best practices in organic agriculture, ecologically-friendly forest management, energy conservation, biocertification, fair trade, etc. were introduced in three oblasts of Ukraine).

The program also joined the European Program-initiated competition “Broadcasting a Talk Show about the European Reform experience and prospects of its implementation in Ukraine”. Two projects were supported in the city of Vinnytsia and AR Crimea (to be implemented in 2009). The format of the talk show will allow journalists, experts and members of the broad public to express their views on reforms that must be implemented in the process of European integration, and hear the opinions of colleagues

from other European countries, including former Soviet countries. Viewers will learn more about fundamental European values and the added value gained a society that respects European standards in such spheres as: human rights, the work of NGOs, local self-government, education and independent testing, health and patients' rights, municipal services and tariffs, regional economic development, the environment, etc.

In 2008, a number of projects were implemented within the framework of the third round of the competition "Public Partnership Promotion in the Ukraine-Moldova-Romania Region" in cooperation with the Soros Foundations in Moldova and Romania. Through these trilateral initiatives, civil society developed recommendations on how to solve the region's problems, in particular those related to regional security, the Transnistrian conflict, migration, minority rights, Ukraine and Moldova's European integration, etc.

Projects implemented by consortiums of Ukrainian, Moldovan and Romanian think tanks produced the following analytical reports:

- "Societal Security". (Bucharest-Chisinau-Kyiv, IEAC, 2008, in Ukrainian, English and Romanian). The focus of the study was the analysis of "society security" and social groupings and identity as factors that determine the ability to react to various modern day challenges. Factors affecting societal security that were studied included: migration, demographic problems, language and cultural factors, citizenship problems, social structure, etc. The report was presented in Ukraine in November 2008. Other works by the trilateral group include: "Trilateral Plan for Regulating the Transnistrian Conflict" (2005-2006) and "Trilateral Approach to European and Euro-Atlantic Integration" (2006-2007).
- "Migration Trends and Policies in the Black Sea Region: cases of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine." (Kyiv, ICPS, 2008, in Ukrainian and English, http://www.icps.com.ua/doc/Migration_ENG.pdf). The report explores common problems in migration flows and migration policies in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine and presents an agenda for improving the implementation of national migration policies through intensification of bilateral, trilateral and broader regional cooperation in management and migration in the Black Sea region. The authors explore such migration factors as unresolved territorial and ethnic conflicts, porous borders, weak democratic institutions, and poverty. The conclusions include a number of recommendations on how to solve similar problems that all three countries have regarding the protection of refugees and asylum-seekers, the implementation of international conventions and asylum legislation, and the improvement of weak integration policies. The report was presented in Ukraine in January 2009.
- "Efficient institutional reaction for combating intolerance and extremism in the Black Sea Region" (Bucharest, IPP, 2008, English). The Policy Paper contains the comparative analysis of the cases of intolerance and extremism, ethnic minorities' rights violation that exist in participation countries. The authors analyze the extremism phenomena particularities in the Black Sea region from the perspective of national and ethnic issues and display the regional view of the phenomena background. The analysts propose a range of well-grounded recommendations to the BSR countries governments on abolition or step-by step elimination of mentioned problems. The report was presented in Ukraine in May 2009.
- An analytical survey by the international group of researchers from Ukraine, Romania, Moldova and Hungary entitled "Interethnic Relations, Minority Rights and Security Concerns: a Four-Country Perspective (Ukraine-Moldova-Romania-Hungary)" (Kyiv, Palmira, 2008, English) was also

presented in Ukraine in 2008. The survey presents the recommendations on national legislation development that concerns the national and ethnic minorities rights, improving educational and language policies, the culture of good neighborhood implementation. (<http://www.irf.kiev.ua/ua/programs/ee/news/?doc:int=6123>).

Initiatives supported by the program in 2008 promoted the following achievements:

- *in the public policy sphere*: public attention was drawn to monitoring budget activities, the oil and gas sector, and the housing and communal services system; based on an analysis of Ukrainian and foreign experience, a number of practical recommendations were developed for government structures and local self-government bodies on such issues as: improving migration policy and state policy to protect the rights of national and ethnic minorities, fiscal decentralization in Ukraine, increasing awareness among local level civil servants of effective public policy, developing a socially and ecologically-responsible economy, developing social partnerships with local NGOs, introducing gender sensitive practices in local government, etc.
- *in the European integration sphere*: an analysis was done of the best foreign practices in involving the public in negotiation processes with the EU to increase transparency and effectiveness of Ukraine's European integration; methods for teaching European studies were shared and Euro Clubs were launched in schools in the Sumy region; young activists from the Donetsk, Sumy and Poltava regions learned more about European and Euro-Atlantic integration through trainings in these oblasts and study visits to Poland and Romania.
- *in the rule of law sphere*: Ukrainian judges learned about administrative justice as a European practice of defending human rights in the courts; best foreign practices in mediation and defending children's rights were introduced in schools; a contribution was made to the development of legal clinics and improving asylum services for refugees and illegal migrants by training personnel; best practices in cooperation between the third sector and documentary film makers were shared in order to more effectively use documentary films in human rights work;
- *in the media sphere*: Ukrainian journalists learned more about socially responsible journalism, maintaining tolerance when covering topics involving national and ethnic minorities, avoiding hate language in the media, especially in multicultural and multiconfessional environments; innovative techniques were introduced for developing public journalism through blogs, livejournals, etc.
- *in the health sphere*: a comprehensive study of patients' rights in Eurasia is underway; based on an analysis of foreign experience, a training course on medical law and manual on medical insurance were developed; a comparative pilot analysis was conducted of legislation on human rights and access to anaesthetics and palliative care.
- *in the social services sphere*: an innovative model of Conductive Education Program for children with special needs was adapted; recommendations were developed on returning migrants to their home countries and providing asylum to refugees and illegal migrants; using the Polish experience, a training course on social rehabilitation and vocational training in penal institutions was developed, along with recommendations for social workers and NGOs that work with socially excluded individuals; promoting peer support groups as an instrument to help socially excluded individuals.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN UKRAINE

In 2008, close to 50 projects were implemented in Ukraine, and two-thirds of them were implemented in the regions of Ukraine. All the projects were interesting and produced results. The following are worth noting:

- “Regulating interethnic tension in Crimea.” The Czech experience of socially responsible journalism and management style of local government departments that work in multicultural and multiconfessional environments was shared. Crimean journalists, teachers and government officials learned more about identifying hostile language and avoiding expressions of intolerance in their daily work. The project participants filed a case with the Crimean prosecutor general regarding an article in the newspaper “Krymskaya Pravda” that expert linguists characterized as intending to spark interethnic conflict.
- “Information as a Tool Against Illegal Migration!” Ukrainian journalists from those regions of the country with the greatest migration problems received assistance from Czech and Ukrainian experts on providing media coverage of migration and migrants. The project is working on a collection of journalist reports entitled “Ukrainian Laborers Abroad: Searching for Ways Out of the Labyrinth of Exploitation of Illegal Laborers.”
- Studying Housing and Communal Services Reform in Poland. Polish cooperation between local government, local communal enterprises, condominium groups and management companies in reforming housing and communal services based on market principles was analyzed and shared. A manual was written entitled “Developing a Training Course for Managers of Condominiums and Local Communal Enterprises on the Basis of the Polish Experience of Reforming Housing and Communal Services” (Lviv-Krakow, 2008, in Ukrainian), that provides practical advice on managing a building, economic and legal aspects of placing a building with communal services under the management of condominium group, etc. Certain information is available on the website of the Center for Local Self-Government Research. (http://www.cdms.org.ua/ua/economic_policy/management/) Program support also made possible the publication of the manual “Public-Government Cooperation in Krakow in Setting Tariffs for Communal Services and Extending the Experience to Ukraine” (Lviv-Krakow, 2008, in Ukrainian) that highlights the public impact on formulating tariffs for housing and communal services – excerpts are available on the following website: http://www.cdms.org.ua/ua/economic_policy/tariff_policy/?articles_id=68&num=0.
- “Resolving Conflicts without Using Force and Spreading the Practice of Peer Mediation in Schools.” Peer mediation programs were introduced in general education schools in three oblasts of Ukraine. This is a constructive way of solving conflicts in schools and building understanding and acceptance of the basic principles of a democratic society: rule of law, respect of other members of society, tolerance, responsibility for one’s actions, etc. Senior classes students were trained at activists and mediators, and will continue to help develop safe school environments.
- “Business Centers – Against Unemployment.” Borrowing the Polish experience, two Youth Career Clubs were started in the Kosiv raion, Ivano-Frankivsk oblast and the Kitsman raion, Chernivtsi oblast, in partnership with local schools, to help local youth make a career choice and gain basic skills to find their way around a market economy labor market. Youth employment and business development consultants were trained. A “Business and Youth” training program was developed and manual published. A series of seminars on applied enterprise were conducted for assistance directors of schools and counselors.

- “Integrating Socially-Isolated Groups: the Polish and Ukrainian Experience.” Based on the best Polish and Ukrainian practices, recommendations were developed for social workers and NGOs working with socially-isolated individuals – the homeless, long-term unemployed and poor. The recommendations were compiled in the manual entitled “How to Adapt the European Experience to Curing Homelessness in Ukraine” (Kyiv, Narodna Dopomoha, 2008), which also contains a comparative analysis of the problems of homelessness in Poland and Ukraine, excerpts from legislation, and a glossary. With support from East East, project partner Mutual Aid Community “Oselya” published the manual “Everyone has Potential” (Lviv, Pais, 2008), which outlines a method of working with socially excluded individuals. The “help for self-help” method seeks to help individuals become motivated, grow and function successfully without expecting passive assistance.
- “Patient Organizations in Eastern Europe and Asia for Patient Safety.” A comprehensive study has been launched of patients’ safety and rights in Southeastern Europe and Asia with the goal of getting participating countries to implement the Global Health Declaration, improve national legislation that regulates patients’ safety and the international movement for patients’ rights. Material from this project, which will end in 2009, is available online: <http://ps.medpravo.org>.

Certain projects that were implemented in Ukraine helped our foreign colleagues learn best Ukrainian practices in such fields as: public journalism (internship for Kazakh experts - mobile technologies); protecting patients’ rights (exchanging experience between countries of the former Soviet Union and Southeastern Europe); socially-active schools as a center of public activism (training for representatives of 16 countries - developing partnerships between schools and the community); inclusive education (internship for experts from Tajikistan - first steps in introducing inclusive education models into the education system); tolerance education in schools (internship for teachers from Georgia – introducing principles of tolerance in interethnic relations in school and after-school activities); exposing the problems faced by people living with HIV/AIDS (internship for NGO leaders from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Armenia, Lithuania and Estonia – working with the media); public advocacy (school for active advocacy for youth NGO leaders from Ukraine, Russia and Belarus); youth entrepreneurship (study visit by experts from Russia, Moldova and Azerbaijan – creating centers for youth entrepreneurship and career clubs for local youth, etc.).

PARTICIPATION OF UKRAINIAN CITIZENS IN PROJECTS ABROAD SUPPORTED BY THE EAST EAST: PARTNERSHIP BEYOND BORDERS PROGRAM

In 2008, close to 500 Ukrainian experts and public activists took part in implementing nearly 60 international projects abroad. These were study visit/internship projects (for Ukrainian target audiences) and informational-analytical projects where Ukrainian experts presented Ukrainian practices and experience.

With the aim of studying the European experience in introducing reforms, support was provided for study visits on reforming housing and communal services and setting municipal tariffs (Poland), fiscal decentralization (Slovakia), local economic development and introducing practices of a social and ecologically-responsible economy (Czech Republic), medical law and medical insurance (Czech Republic).

During seminars and trainings conducted by foreign partners, Ukrainian experts were able to learn more about best practices in such spheres as: mobilizing local community participation in the local decision-making process (Czech Republic), transparency of local government (Poland), gender sensitivity in local government (Lithuania), information activities on European integration (Poland, Czech Republic,

Romania), youth leadership (Poland and Romania), mediation in schools and curbing youth violence (Poland), rehabilitation, social integration and peer support groups for vulnerable population groups (Poland), social and psychological assistance for families with autistic children (Poland and Czech Republic), Individualized Education Program for children with special needs (Poland).

Ukrainian experts are actively invited to participate in regional projects on issues that trouble the international community and require joint efforts, joint expert evaluation and constant exchange of information, such as: energy security, migration processes in Europe, tolerance, modern geopolitical processes and frozen conflicts, relations between Ukraine and Russia and between Russia and its neighbors. The program will continue to pay attention to these issues next year.

ACTIVITIES INITIATED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE PROGRAM

Projects initiated by the East East Program helped drawing the expert resources of Soros Foundations in other countries to formulate priorities for international public cooperation and encourage monitoring and advocacy initiative. These two directions were the most important:

- Together with the European Program, East East initiated a regional public dialogue and cooperation between experts and representatives of national OSI network foundations from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine on the European Neighborhood Policy to promote reform by governments in ENP countries. The initiative will develop in the format of an Eastern Partnership (EP) and will support Ukraine and member countries' European integration processes by studying the opportunities offered by the EP, searching for ways to solve existing problems in the regions using the EP, and enhancing the role of the public in the sociopolitical processes in EP countries and the Black Sea region.
- Together with the Civil Society Impact Enhancement Program, East East launched a public monitoring initiative in the energy and budget spheres. An analysis of made of the monitoring experience and practices in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and other countries and a plan was outlined for developing public monitoring of revenues and tariff-setting measures in the Ukrainian and Georgia energy sectors. An international expert group drafted an appeal to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative to extend its criteria to countries that transit oil and gas. This step will promote the transparent recording and distribution of oil and gas revenues in Ukraine and Georgia.

Difficulties encountered by the program:

Unfortunately, the disbalance between the political and executive powers in Ukraine have stalled the adaptation of best foreign experiences to Ukrainian realities and implementation of recommendations made by international projects. In response to this, the program actively involves decision-makers from different branches of government in implementing projects and facilitates direct communication between Ukrainian government officials and foreign colleagues, the public and journalists during seminars in Ukraine and study visits abroad.

Partnership and Co-Financing:

The East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program would like to thank the Czech, Romanian, Moldovan, Polish, Slovak, Hungarian diplomatic circles and those of other countries that express interest in the program's initiatives, for their attention and cooperation. The Romanian Ambassador on numerous occasions highly appreciated the analytical works jointly produced by think tanks in Romania, Moldova and Ukraine, and whose recommendations are taken into consideration by Romania government

structures when developing regional policy. The personnel of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Transition Promotion Program) noted the impact the program had on the development of Ukrainian-Czech cooperation through supported projects, which were presented in Prague in November 2008. Open discussions about donor programs are extremely important for the coordination of efforts and efficient use of funds targeted for social development.

The work of the International Renaissance Foundation and the NGOs it supports is increasingly gaining the attention of civil societies in Ukraine's eastern neighboring countries, especially in the Caucasus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Mongolia and others. In utilizing the program's resources, IRF often becomes the mediator for sharing best practices acquired by Ukrainian NGOs while implementing international projects with experts from other countries and adapting practices to local realities. The East East Program tries to enhance the multiplier effect by supporting the sharing of successful practices, methods, instruments and skills between the public in Ukraine and abroad, and thereby enhancing civil society's impact.

Nearly 50 percent of financing for projects this year came from other donors and programs. Co-financing was provided by: the European Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Open Ukraine Foundation, Charles Mott Foundation, Black Sea Trust, National Endowment for Democracy, Slovak Aid, Hanszaidel Stiftung, Forum of Civil Society of Mongolia, Donetsk City State Administration (Department for Family and Youth) and the Chernihiv Oblast State Administration.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	2	\$7,858
Vinnytsia Oblast	1	\$5,908
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	4	\$4,812
Donetsk Oblast	12	\$87,240
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	6	\$43,408
Kyiv	35	\$262,815
Kyiv Oblast	2	\$13,201
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$5,509
Lviv Oblast	8	\$51,013
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$11,653
Odesa Oblast	1	\$7,673
Sevastopol	1	\$605
Sumy Oblast	4	\$23,869
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$10,424
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$16,172
Cherkasy Oblast	1	\$10,823
Chernivtsi Oblast	3	\$23,098
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$19,121
Operational Projects	7	\$55,490

International Projects Implemented in Ukraine

Number of Projects: **43**
Number of Organizations: **38**
Total Amount: **\$488,005**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **9.71%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	1	\$6,260
Donetsk Oblast	3	\$40,776
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	3	\$42,218
Kyiv	19	\$227,063
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$11,642
Lviv Oblast	4	\$45,034
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$11,653
Odesa Oblast	1	\$7,673
Sumy Oblast	2	\$16,143
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$10,424
Kharkiv Oblast	2	\$16,172
Cherkasy Oblast	1	\$10,823
Chernivtsi Oblast	2	\$23,003
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$19,121

Projects Supported by the Program:

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: Oleh Smirnov

Project Description: Conducting a training in Tbilisi for Georgian teachers and trainers working to promote multiculturalism in schools (16-21 November) and hosting an internship for Georgian experts in AR Crimea

to help Ukrainian teachers introduce the “Culture of Good-Neighborliness” program and study applied training modules (8-12 December 2008). Teaching Georgian and Ukrainian experts methodologies for conducting interethnic relations and tolerance trainings for teachers and school children. Partner - the Foundation for Human Resources Development (Georgia).

Grant: \$6,260

Organization: Lviv NGO "Center for the Study of Local Self-Government" (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Proyzd, 6, 3rd floor, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryhilevych

Project Description: Organizing seminars in Khmelnytsky (7 October) and Mykolayiv (21 October) and a study visit to Krakow (18-22 November 2008) for managers of condominium associations, housing and communal services, representatives of local self-government bodies, and NGOs as part of the Ukrainian-Polish housing and communal services reform project. Informing Ukrainians about the Polish experience in reforming housing and communal services, best practices of homeowners associations and their cooperation with building managers and service providers. Developing and introducing a distance learning program for managers of condominiums, communal services enterprises. Partner - Property Management Association (Poland).

Grant: \$11,440

Organization: Sumy City NGO "Network for Internet Education" (40030, Sumy, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 10, Oblast Science Library, 3rd floor, tel. +38 (0542) 34-04-88)

Project Manager: Anna Desyatova

Project Description: Organizing a two-day seminar in Sumy (18-19 March 2008) and study visit to Plock, Poland (21-26 April 2008) for educators from the city and oblast on successful European Clubs in Poland and Ukraine. Creating a network of European Clubs in schools and expanding their activities on the basis of the experience of Polish partners. Teaching youth in Sumy city and oblast about Europe. Mobilizing the youth's aspirations for personal growth and developing their communities, and motivating school teachers to introduce European studies into the curriculum. Partner - Pawel Wlodkowic University College (Poland).

Grant: \$7,188

Organization: Mykolayiv Region Medical Association (54030, Mykolayiv, Admirala Makarova St., 1-a, tel. +38 (0512) 369-107)

Project Manager: Viktor Hlukhovsky

Project Description: Conducting a seminar in Kyiv (28-29 February 2008) for Ukrainian and Bulgarian public health experts to analyze the European experience in protecting patients' rights and introduce modern standards for medical services and protecting patients' rights in Ukraine. Informing the public and medical workers about the public's rights and authority in the public health system through publication and dissemination of the methodological materials: "Patients' Rights: Standards and Reality." Partners - Association for Patient's Rights Defense (Bulgaria) and NGO Medical & Legal Association (Ukraine).

Grant: \$11,653

Organization: Donetsk City NGO "Alliance" (83015, Donetsk, Naberezhna St., 149, Office 37, tel. +38 (062) 338-40-83)

Project Manager: Svitlana Zakrevska

Project Description: Conducting a series of informational seminars on European integration for youth and activists in cities in the Donetsk oblast (February-March 2008) and practical seminars in Moldova (Faleshti, 7-12 May) and Romania (Targu Jiu, 3-8 July) as part of the trilateral project "Transfer of Romanian European Integration Skills to Civil Societies in Moldova and Ukraine." Developing a long-term education program on European integration for youth in small cities and villages. Conveying convincing facts to youth in depressed regions in Ukraine and Moldova of the positive aspects of European integration using the Romanian example. Partners - Public Association CUTEZATORUL (Moldova) and Youngsters without Borders Association (Romania).

Grant: \$16,540

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 training (April 2008, Kyiv) for 5 Kazakh public journalists (bloggers) to introduce ideas and exchange experiences on popularizing public journalism with the help of mobile phone and internet technologies. Initiating on behalf of the public the open coverage of events and related news. Organizer - NGO "Internews-Ukraine."

Grant: \$5,140

Organization: International Charitable Foundation
“Ukrainian Women’s Fund” (04050, Kyiv, Artema St., 79,
Office 38, tel. +38 (044) 568-53-89)

Project Manager: Nataliya Karbovska

Project Description: Conducting practical seminars for representatives of local government and the public on complying with Ukrainian gender law (19-21 February, Kyiv and Ivano-Frankivsk; 14-18 April 2008, Vilnius, Lithuania). Analyzing the specifics of the practical implementation of gender legislation and integrating gender sensitive practices into the work of executive government bodies to ensure equal rights and opportunities for men and women on the local level. Testing European practices, specifically the Swedish 3R method for introducing gender sensitive practices into the work of local government. Partner - The Center for Equality Advancement (Lithuania).

Grant: \$11,151

Organization: Society for Students’ Rights and Dignity
“Fortress” (46000, Ternopil, P.O. Box 10,
tel. +38 (0352) 52-81-19)

Project Manager: Ivan Khimeychuk

Project Description: Conducting two training seminars at the Polish Happy Childhood Foundation in Motycz Leśny, Poland (April and June 2008) and a concluding seminar in Ternopil, Ukraine (September 2008) as part of the Polish-Ukrainian project “Internet Forum for Youth Initiatives.” Teaching children in Ternopil pilot schools basic skills in entrepreneurship (including social) based on the needs of the local market by using internet technologies and role-playing games. Creating business models of companies that imitate real processes (from planning to reporting). Designing a Ukrainian language internet forum for youth initiatives and an internet portal on the Polish partner’s website. Partner - Happy Childhood Foundation (Poland).

Grant: \$10,424

Organization: NGO “Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation”
(01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21,
tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Lilia Levandovska

Project Description: Conducting a one-day seminar in Kyiv (8 December 2008) and training (16 February 2009) to improve public understanding of anti-corruption strategies and increase anti-corruption cooperation between civil society and government structures. Spreading best Czech practices in involving civil society in the reform process and battling corruption in accordance with European standards and values. Partner - Transparency International (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$9,560

Organization: NGO “Center of Modern Information
Technologies and Visual Arts” (61013, Kharkiv,
P.O. Box 10984, tel. +38 (057) 714-01-03)

Project Manager: Hennadiy Kofman

Project Description: Conducting a practical seminar on integrating video activism into public and legal education for representatives of NGOs and student producers from Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, and Russia (31 March – 2 April 2008, Kyiv). Combining the interests of the third sector and the professional skills of video documentarists to increase the effectiveness of the work of NGOs, utilize the potential of documentary film in the work of youth, NGOs and human rights organizations on the national and international levels. Spreading the methodology of producing documentary films as a combination of art and civic activity. Analyzing videos shown during the Documentary Film Festival from the point of view of the ability of a documentary film to influence the solution of social problems. Partners – People in Need (Czech Republic), TV OWH Studio (Moldova), Center of Human Rights “Vesna” (Belarus) and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland).

Grant: \$13,686

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization
“Council for Patients Rights and Safety” (01133, Kyiv,
Pervomaiskoho St., 9-A, Office 5, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Ksenia Koshelyeva

Project Description: Organizing the inaugural meeting of organizations and experts on patients’ rights that are launching the international initiative “Patient Organizations in Eastern Europe and Asia for Patients’ Safety” (12-14 April 2008, Kyiv). Developing an international movement for patient safety in countries of Eastern Europe and Asia by uniting the efforts of patient organizations in CEE, Transcaucasia and Central Asia. Involving each of the countries in the implementation of the World Health Declaration. Creating local-regional working groups of experts on patients’ rights. Establishing mutual, continuous exchanges of information and experience on protecting patients’ right and improving national legislation on patient safety. The initiative will include regional studies and meetings of working groups from four international regions (Caucasus - in Georgia, Central Asia - in Kazakhstan, Central and Eastern Europe - in Poland and Moldova), and a concluding seminar in Ukraine with a presentation of the developed programs for the development of the international movement and the partners’ action plans. Partners - Management and Assurance in Medicine Association (Moldova), Federation of Polish Patients (Poland), Georgian Alliance for Patient Safety (Georgia) and NGO “Aman-Saulyk”, (Kazakhstan).

Grant: \$14,285

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: Organizing the coordinating meeting (July 2008, Kyiv) and 4 one-day training seminars in Ukrayinka, Chernihiv, and Zhytomyr (4-7 November 2008) for representatives of government, local self-government, and NGOs as part of the Slovak-Ukrainian project "Experience of Fiscal Decentralization in the Slovak Republic for Ukraine." Developing a new system of local government financing based on the Slovak experience with fiscal decentralization that will make local budgets more independent and will enhance the public's impact on the budgeting process. Partner - The Center for Economic & Social Analyses (Slovakia).

Grant: \$17,433

Organization: NGO "Narodna Dopomoha – Kyiv" (03061, Kyiv, Suzdalska St., 4/6, tel. +38 (044) 455-00-05)

Project Manager: Tamara Pasichna

Project Description: Organizing a working meeting of experts working with socially excluded groups (19 June 2008, Kyiv), a seminar for representatives of NGOs and government (19-20 September 2008, Chernivtsi) and a practical conference (20 November 2008, Lviv) within the framework of the project "Ukrainian-Polish Exchange of Experience to Develop Joint Decisions on Integrating Socially Isolated Groups." Involving a wider circle of Ukrainian social assistance experts and organizations that provide services to socially isolated groups in developing ways to implement best practices in Ukraine. Partners - Barka Foundation for Mutual Help (Poland) and "Oselya" NGO (Ukraine).

Grant: \$12,000

Organization: : All-Ukrainian NGO "Civic Network "OPORA" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirsk St., 3/7, Office 38, tel. +38 (044) 425-31-55)

Project Manager: Yuriy Lisovsky

Project Description: Conducting the 10-15 August 2008 Second International School of Active Advocacy in Zhmerynka, and the concluding project conference in October 2008 in Vinnytsia. Creating a civil society impact network through educational programs in the format of "International School of Active Advocacy" for leaders of civic movements in Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus and creating horizontal cooperation networks for project participants and their public environments. Partners - Youth Organization SMENA (Russia) and the Independent Students Union (Belarus).

Grant: \$7,770

Organization: All-Ukrainian Foundation "Step by Step" (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 235-11-36, +38 (044) 531-12-76)

Project Manager: Maryna Voron

Project Description: Organizing the international training for facilitators on introducing world standards for a socially active school (20-24 July 2008, Odesa). Using international standards developed in countries where this practice is already in place to strengthen the capacity of local schools to serve as community development centers. Standards include: leadership, partnership, social inclusion, social services, volunteerism, life learning, community development, parental involvement, and school culture. Partners – New School Foundation (Czech Republic) and "Step by Step" Foundation (Moldova).

Grant: \$12,000

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: Organizing a study visit for Georgian public health experts (13-16 June 2008, Kyiv) and public informational events in the framework of the project "Cooperation between Georgia and Ukraine in Guaranteeing the Right to Access to Anesthesia." Helping improve national legislation in Ukraine and Georgia on the circulation of narcotic and psychotropic medicines to protect the rights of patients from vulnerable groups and increase the effectiveness of palliative care. Flaws in Ukrainian and Georgian legislation on this issue makes it difficult to provide domestic assistance, which causes tension between medical workers and patients during the treatment. Partner – Cancer Prevention Center (Georgia).

Grant: \$9,980

Organization: Sumy City NGO "Center for Regional Policy Studies" (40014, Sumy, P.O. Box 44, tel. +38 (0542) 21-03-29)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Khoruzhenko

Project Description: Conducting a practical seminar in Sumy (21-22 November 2008) entitled "Local Economic Development for the Sumy Region. The Experience of the Czech Republic." Improving best Czech practices in social partnership between the public, local government and business to speed up the socioeconomic development processes in the Sumy oblast, and enhance skills on municipal marketing and attracting foreign investments. Partner - Berman Group (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$8,955

Organization: Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Bukovynian Perspectives" (58001, Chernivtsi, Brativ Rusnakiv St., 12/11, tel. +38 (0372) 52-52-71)

Project Manager: Albina Hryshchenko

Project Description: Conducting three practical seminars in Ukraine (Chernivtsi, 23-26 June), Moldova (Balti, 9-12 September) and Romania (7-10 October, 2008) as part of the trilateral project "Public Monitoring of the Regulatory Activities of Local Self-Government in Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania and their Adaptation to EU Requirements." Monitoring the regulatory activities of local self-government bodies in Ukraine, Moldova, and Romania to analyze and study ways of bringing them more in line with the regulatory activities models of local self-government in the EU and ones being introduced in Romania. Partners - Small Euro Business Association (Moldova) and National Association of Lobbying and Negotiations (Romania).

Grant: \$12,240

Organization: International NGO "International Centre for Policy Studies" (04050, Kyiv, Pymonenka St., 13a, tel. +38 (044) 484-4400, 484-4401)

Project Manager: Natalya Shapovalova

Project Description: Conducting three working seminars in Kyiv, Bucharest, and Chisinau in June-July 2008 and preparing a joint analytical report as part of the trilateral project "Black Sea Region Migration Management: Better Implementation of National Policy in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania through Regional Cooperation between NGOs." Promoting cooperation between civil society organization in Moldova, Romania, and Ukraine in preparing an effective plan of events on migration policy on the national, regional, and European levels. Partners - Institute for Public Policy (Romania) and Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (Moldova).

Grant: \$9,791

Organization: NGO "Kolomyia District Economic Development Association" (78200, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Kolomyia, Lesi Ukrayinky Blvd., 2, tel. (03433) 2-4654, 2-27-98, 2-35-85)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Vandych

Project Description: Conducting three practical seminars for representatives of NGOs that work to protect children, in April-August 2008 in Kolomiya (Ukraine), Chisinau (Moldova), and Jasi (Romania) as part of the trilateral project "Protecting the Rights of Children: Overcoming Abuse, Exploitation and Trafficking of Children." Preventing child abuse by introducing best practices in the field of children's rights developed by Romanian, Ukrainian, and Moldovan partners. Increasing the capacity of NGOs to help children and protect their rights. Partners - Center for Youth from Ungheni (Moldova) and Save the Children (Romania).

Grant: \$14,940

Organization: Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Bukovynian Perspectives" (58001, Chernivtsi, Brativ Rusnakiv St., 12/11, tel. +38 (0372) 52-52-71)

Project Manager: Serhiy Hakman

Project Description: Conducting three practical seminars in Iași (Romania), Chisinau (Moldova), and Chernivtsi (Ukraine) between March-June 2008 for representatives of institutions that provide asylum, guard the state border, local government, and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and NGOs. Increasing cooperation in the Ukraine-Moldova-Romania region on migration management, overcoming the problem of elemental migration (specifically towards EU borders), jointly studying the problem of providing asylum and border control between the three countries. Exchanging information about migration in Europe, standards of asylum, and travel safety. Exchanging methods for training border guards and law enforcement personnel, and strengthening contacts between experts in these countries. Partners - NGO "Save the Children" (Moldova) and CNRR - Romanian National Council for Refugees (Romania).

Grant: \$10,763

Organization: Association of Economic Development of Ivano-Frankivsk (AEDIF) (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnistrovka St., 26, tel. +38 (0342) 55-20-22)

Project Manager: Maria Kovaliv

Project Description: Conducting practical seminars on building partnerships between the public and local self-government bodies (Timisoara, Romania (March 2008), Nadvirna and Yaremche, Ivano-Frankivsk oblast (April 2008) and Chisinau, Moldova (May 2008)). Exchanging best practices on increasing the effectiveness of government on the local level, involving the public in decision-making and solving local problems, and encouraging social participation by the local community. Increasing transborder cooperation through joint regional development projects, supporting public initiatives, and developing the social sphere. Partners - Institute for Conflict Resolution INRECO (Moldova) and The Agency for Information and Development NGO (Romania).

Grant: \$13,778

Organization: NGO "Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Sushko

Project Description: Conducting joint monitoring and seminars, and presenting a joint study within the framework of the trilateral project "Trilateral Cooperation between Think Tanks for Societal Security" (March-October 2008, Chisinau, Moldova; Bucharest, Romania; and Kyiv). Evaluating the main societal security threats faced by each country and developing common approaches and specific decisions for Romania, Moldova and Ukraine, taking into account the EU experience. Working on an analytical report on the basic situation and mechanisms in Moldova and Ukraine, necessary reforms, and the latest data in the field of societal security, pointing to the need to cooperate with Romania, which can provide assistance as an EU member state and recommendations for the governments of all three countries and EU institutions on this issue. Partners - The Institute for Public Policy (Moldova) and Centre for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning (Romania).

Grant: \$15,290

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illich St., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Dyomkina

Project Description: Organizing a conference for 40 representatives of NGOs from Ukraine and 12 from the Czech Republic to present the work of civil society in both countries, establish new contacts, and exchange ideas for new projects (18-20 June 2008, Donetsk). Promoting the exchange of experience between Ukrainian and Czech NGOs on issues of European integration and providing them with the opportunity to expand international cooperation and enhance their skills in organizing informational-educational events for the public. Spreading information about the state of Ukraine's European and Euro-Atlantic integration and related problems, and encouraging new partners to plan joint projects in the context of the needs of Ukrainian society. The project is the continuation of a Czech-Ukrainian initiative that began with the December 2007 visit to Prague by 10 NGO leaders working on European integration issues. Partner - EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$14,808

Organization: Regional Transborder Cooperation Agency "Euroregion 'Lower Danube'" (68800, Odesa Oblast, Izmayil, Suvorova Prosp., 62, Office 418, tel. +38 (04841) 255-37)

Project Manager: Ihor Babayan

Project Description: Conducting a series of training seminars as part of the trilateral project "New Perspectives for Developing Rural Communities in Moldova and Ukraine in the Context of Romania's Entry into the EU" between March and August 2008 in Cahul (Moldova), Izmayil (Ukraine), and Medgidia (Romania). Enhancing the capacity of local NGOs, promoting sustainable rural development projects in Moldova, Ukraine and Romania, and introducing European standards in villages. Mobilizing members of rural communities to participate in processes of democratic transformations, transborder cooperation, establishing good neighbor relations with rural communities in neighboring countries. Partners - Cross-Border Cooperation and European Integration Agency (Moldova) and Regional Centre for Sustainable Rural Development Constanta (Romania).

Grant: \$7,673

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: Conducting two seminars in Chernihiv and Poltava (19-22 May 2008) for representatives of local NGOs and the media within the framework of the project "Honest Information about the EU and NATO for the Residents of the Chernihiv and Poltava Oblasts." Increasing public awareness about European and Euro-Atlantic integration in the Chernihiv and Poltava oblasts using the experience of working with the community in Wschowa (Poland). Increasing support for European integration among Ukrainians. Partner - Center of the European Cooperation (Poland).

Grant: \$7,491

Organization: Bila Tserkva City Association of Disabled Children and their Parents "Ayurveda" (09108, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, Skhidna St., 34, tel. +38 (263) 96-3-89)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Kryzhanivsky

Project Description: Organizing practical seminars in Bila Tserkva and Kamyanets-Podilsky (June-July 2008) to enhance the skills of experts on rehabilitation, education, and social protection of children with special needs. Promoting the innovative supervised teaching model (alternative communication and thinking) in Ukraine. The seminar is the second stage of the Polish-Ukrainian initiative "Step by Step to Equal Access to Restoring Health, Social and Education Services to Children with Special Needs by Improving the System of Conductive Education Program." Partner Association of Help for Disabled Children "Step by Step" (Poland).

Grant: \$11,642

Organization: Center for Information Research and Resource Services "Meridian" (79014, Lviv, Sakharova St., 42, Office 420, tel. +38 (032) 242-21-90)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Lavrynovich

Project Description: Organizing a practical seminar for journalists (12 December 2008, Lviv) from different regions of Ukraine and a master class for the most motivated Ukrainian journalists in Prague (January-February 2009). Teaching journalists about labor migration to allow them to report on this issue well. Informing the Ukrainian public, and especially potential migrants, about problems and risks of labor migration to the European Union, especially the Czech Republic. Partner - People in Need Foundation (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$12,794

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: Conducting three seminars (5-7 June 2008, AR Crimea) to teach government officials and journalists how to be tolerant in their daily work, and search for ways to solve and prevent further interethnic conflicts - within the framework of the Ukrainian-Czech project "Regulating Interethnic Tension in Crimea." Decreasing interethnic tension in AR Crimea by showing representatives of local government and the media potential dangers that emerge due to the passage of politically unmotivated decisions or publication of materials with extremist rhetoric, so as to show participants their role in the escalation and suppression of conflict in Crimea. The seminars were the second stage of the bilateral project. Partner - People in Need (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$2,005

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illicha Prosp., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Dyomkina

Project Description: Conducting three trainings in Poltava, Sumy, and Cherkasy (12-15 May 2008) for civil servants and representatives of local government, media and NGOs within the framework of the project "Introducing European Public Policy Standards in Select Regions of Central Ukraine: the Polish and Lithuanian Experience." Providing civil servants, representatives of local government, NGOs, media and education workers with skills and knowledge on public policy in the EU through trainings based on the experience of EU member states. Informing the broad public about principles of public policy in the EU. Partners - Institute of Public Information (Poland) and the Samogitian Community Foundation (Lithuania).

Grant: \$9,428

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO "Women's Consortium of Ukraine" (02217, Kyiv, P.O. Box 102, tel. +38 (044) 592-68-54)

Project Manager: Oksana Moskalenko

Project Description: Conducting three practical seminars in Moldova (Chisinau, 12-16 May), Ukraine (Kyiv, 14-17 July) and Romania (Bucharest, 22 September 2008) within the framework of the project "Strengthening Cooperation between Romanian, Moldovan and Ukrainian NGOs, and Government Bodies to Introduce European Standards of Children's Rights." Analyzing the state of cooperation between NGOs and government structures that work in the sphere of children's rights in these three countries and identifying common problems that can be solved using international experience. Exchanging practices for effective cooperation between NGOs and government institutions on children's rights, especially children left without paternal care or at high risk for being abandoned. Strengthening the capacity of NGOs to implement international projects by expanding the international children's rights network. Partners - Agapedia Moldavia Foundation (Moldova) and Agapedia Romania Foundation (Romania).

Grant: \$13,842

Organization: NGO "Vivat Sokrat" (61202, Kharkiv, L. Svobody Prosp., 35/292, tel. +38 (057) 336-41-92)

Project Manager: Nadia Dubrovina

Project Description: Organizing informational and educational events in schools in the city of Kharkiv for students and teachers on responsible consumption within the framework of the project "The World in a Shopping Cart" using the training methodology developed by Czech NGOs (November 2008-February 2009). Turning public attention in Ukraine to standards of responsible consumption, health and environmental problems caused by incorrect and excessive consumption, and fair trade. Teaching Kharkiv trainers innovative educational instruments. Increasing public awareness of responsible consumption and the point of fair trade as a European standard for providing trade services (using the example of the Czech Republic). Partner - Society for Fair Trade (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$2,486

Organization: NGO "Chernihiv Public Committee of Human Rights Protection" (14000, Chernihiv, Horkoho St., 57/1, tel. +38 (046) 262-53-81)

Project Manager: Viktor Tarasov

Project Description: Conducting seminars for judges and public experts in Kyiv (March 2009) and internships on the legal aspect of European integration for 15 Ukrainian experts in the Czech Republic. Taking into account best practices when developing a concept for reforming justice in Ukraine through the exchange of experience between the Czech Republic and Ukraine in the sphere of reforming the judicial branch of government and introducing European standards of justice. The project is the pilot component of an initiative to analyze existing Concepts for Reforming the Ukrainian Justice System and approaches to reform taking into account European standards of justice. Partner - Czech Helsinki Committee and Czech League on Human Rights (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$11,630

Organization: Lviv Oblast Charitable Foundation "Medicine and Law" (79000, Lviv, Boykivska St., 10, Office 3, tel. +38 (0322) 382-570)

Project Manager: Iryna Senyuta

Project Description: Conducting seminars on medical law in Lviv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv and Kyiv from 25 October to 3 November 2008. Enhancing the practical skills of Ukrainian experts on medical law and bioethics. Exchanging knowledge, positive achievements in doctrine and practice in Ukraine and the Czech Republic. Developing recommendations on how to improve public health management and develop the medical insurance system. The project is the continuation of a Ukrainian-Czech initiative that began with a practical seminar in Prague, supported by the East East Program. Partner - Association of Medical Law and Bioethics (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$12,000

Organization: Cherkasy City NGO "Industrial Management Expert Society" (18000, Cherkasy, Smilianska St., 78, Office 310)

Project Manager: Yuriy Novikov

Project Description: Conducting an organizational meeting in Uzhhorod (5 November 2008) and three thematic seminars in Lviv, Cherkasy and Simferopol (12-20 February 2009) within the framework of the project "Socially and Ecologically Oriented Economy: The Czech Experience for Ukraine." Gaining knowledge on the functioning of a socially and ecologically oriented economy and social corporate responsibility in conjunction with environmental protection and increasing consumer knowledge on responsible consumption, especially energy consumption. Spreading best European practices of cooperation between NGOs and local government bodies in implementing social and ecological projects that have an positive influence on local communities. Partners - Society for Fair Trade (Czech Republic), Information Educational Center of Borosan and Center of Economic Education (Ukraine).

Grant: \$10,823

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Legal Initiative" (02232, Kyiv, Zakrevskoho St., 87-V, Office 13, tel. +38 (044) 530-16-09, 269-60-00)

Project Manager: Olha Korniyenko

Project Description: Organizing a conference in Yalta (22-24 October 2008) for Ukrainian judges and lawyers to inform them about the international experience of protecting human rights through administrative justice and legal precedent using the Polish example. The main reason for studying the European experience is that the new version of the Code of Administrative Court Procedure of Ukraine contains many new conceptual principles that must be interpreted based on universal human rights principles, and the purpose of these principles given modern circumstances. Partners - High Administrative Court of Poland, Human Rights Committee and Polish Bar Association (Poland).

Grant: \$11,900

Organization: All-Ukrainian Foundation "Step by Step" (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 235-11-36, +38 (044) 531-12-76)

Project Manager: Yulia Nayda

Project Description: Organizing a study visit (21-27 September 2008, Kyiv and Lviv) of Tajik specialists to schools that provides the best examples of introducing inclusive education in Ukraine, and the participation of Ukrainian experts in a roundtable (October 2008, Dushanbe, Tajikistan). Studying the best Ukrainian practices in introducing inclusive education models in general education schools in the former Soviet Union with the aim of developing a strategy for further developing inclusive education in Tajikistan and enhancing the capacity of Tajik education NGOs to promote the development of education for children with special needs and providing special training to pedagogues. Partner - OSIAF-Tajikistan.

Grant: \$19,280

Organization: International Charitable NGO "East European and Central Asian Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 87a, tel. +38 (044) 467-75-65)

Project Manager: Nataliya Leonchuk

Project Description: Organizing a study visit on communication strategies and effective PR technique for representatives of partner NGOs that work with people living with HIV in six former Soviet countries (28-31 January 2009, Kyiv). Spreading the experience of the Ukrainian Network in creating and developing a national association of People Living with HIV, which advocates access to treatment, care and support for people with HIV. Enhancing the capacity of NGOs that provide legal and social services to people living with HIV to increase the effectiveness of their impact on political decisions related to HIV/AIDS. Familiarizing internship participants with the Network's management structure, departmental functions and internal policy, which can be adopted in the work of individual organizations. Presenting best practices in communicating with the media, reporting on HIV/AIDS, promoting the development of regional groups, and running local and national advocacy campaigns.

Grant: \$13,429

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: Organizing the concluding conference in Vinnytsia and Zhmerynka (4-7 December 2008) and art contest for school children on the topic of mediation within the framework of the Ukrainian-Polish initiative “Resolving Conflicts without Violence and Spreading Knowledge in Schools about Mediation as a Method for Building Civil Society among Juveniles.” Formulating a constructive approach to conflict resolution, tolerance, responsibility and mutual respect in youth environments by popularizing peer mediation programs in schools. Partner - Polish Center for Mediation (Poland).

Grant: \$19,650

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: Conducting two practical seminars in AR Crimea on how to prevent interethnic conflict for teachers, journalists, representatives of local police and government bodies (24-26 September 2008), and two study visits to the Czech Republic (November 2008 and February 2009). Teaching the target audience how to recognize “hostile language” and avoid xenophobic and hateful opinions in local media and the routine work of government bodies, the police and in schools. Teaching participants about European instruments for preventing social radicalism, building tolerance and combating extremism through the media, actions by local government bodies, schools and law enforcement bodies. Partners - the People in Need Foundation (Czech Republic) and the Crimean Independent Center of Political Researchers and Journalists (Ukraine).

Grant: \$11,487

Organization: Lviv City NGO “Center of Moral and Psychological Support and Mutual Assistance on the Principles of Christian Morality “Doroha” (79021, Lviv, Kulparkivska St., 160, tel. +38 (032) 292-23-95)

Project Manager: Yuriy Brozhyna

Project Description: Conducting within the framework of the Ukrainian-Polish project and with the participation of experts on penitentiary services and representatives of NGOs from Poland and Ukraine a training on post-penitentiary assistance, providing prisoners with professional skills, creating Work Clubs at institutions of penal service (September 2008, Kyiv) and a

training on dependence therapy for prisoners and workers of prisons and NGOs in the Ivano-Frankivsk and Khmelnytskyi oblasts that work directly with drug-addicted prisoners (October 2008, Lviv). Spreading in Ukraine the best Polish practices in prisoner rehabilitation and resocialization. Partners - Penal Service of Poland, Public organization “POMOST”, Institute of Psychology and Health (Poland).

Grant: \$8,800

Organization: Public Youth Center “Etalon” (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19, tel. +38 (0342) 50-25-25)

Project Manager: Maryana Ozorovych

Project Description: Organizing a conference in Ivano-Frankivsk (2-6 February 2009) that included visits to social enterprise centers in the oblasts that were created based on the Polish experience. Improving the youth's socioeconomic, legal, psychological, creative and national-cultural adaptation in the modern world. Promoting the development of individuals with public views, ready to find their place in life through the help of social enterprise centers. Holding a presentation on youth career clubs, enterprise support centers, and social enterprise centers created within the framework of the initiative, and the work of the Oblast State Youth Center in Ivano-Frankivsk. Partners - Education for Democracy Foundation (Poland) and NGO's from Moldova and Russia.

Grant: \$13,500

Organization: International NGO “Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy” (01030, Kyiv, B. Khmelnytskyi St., 30/10, Office 1-B, tel. +38 (044) 537-62-30)

Project Manager: Nataliya Belitser

Project Description: Conducting a seminar-presentation in Kyiv in February 2009 to attract the attention of the public and relevant organizations and state institutions to the need to formulate a comprehensive policy and instruments to fight extremism and intolerance in the region. Introducing a regional approach to combating extremism and intolerance in the Black Sea region, identifying the most effective methods for overcoming this problem. Monitoring institutional reactions to extremism in Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine. Determining possible sources of political or democratic instability. Preparing recommendations on how to fight extremism by relying on EU policy and that of international bodies. Partners - Institutes for Public Policy (Romania, Moldova).

Grant: \$11,070

Participation of Ukrainian Citizens in Projects Abroad Supported by the East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program

Number of Projects: **44**
Number of Organizations: **34**
Total Amount: **\$117,197**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.33%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	1	\$1,598
Vinnitsia Oblast	1	\$5,908
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	4	\$4,812
Donetsk Oblast	9	\$46,464
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	3	\$1,190
Kyiv	16	\$35,752
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$1,559
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$5,509
Lviv Oblast	4	\$5,979
Sevastopol	1	\$605
Sumy Oblast	2	\$7,726
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$95

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illicha Prosp., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Dyomkina

Project Description: Study visit by three NGO leaders from Donetsk (13-19 January 2008, Riga, Latvia) to the Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS to study the work of Latvian NGOs, identify best practices in solving urgent social problems, developing Latvian-Ukrainian elaboration programs, and identifying priority topics for the 2008 Summer Academy in Latvia. Organizer - Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$1,964

Organization: Women's Information-Coordination Center (49044, Dnipropetrovsk, Barykadna St., 21, tel. +38 (056) 370-25-35)

Project Manager: Hanna Voynich

Project Description: Study visit by three NGO leaders from Dnipropetrovsk (13-19 January 2008, Riga, Latvia) to the Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS to study the work of Latvian NGOs, identify best practices in solving urgent social problems, developing Latvian-Ukrainian elaboration programs, and identifying priority topics for the 2008 Summer Academy in Latvia. Organizer - Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$549

Organization: Charitable Organization “Dniprovsk Association for Development of Regions” (49044, Dnipropetrovsk, Hohol St., 29, Office 107, tel. +38 (056) 377-35-96)

Project Manager: Anastasia Dobrovol'ska

Project Description: Study visit by three NGO leaders from Dnipropetrovsk (13-19 January 2008, Riga, Latvia) to the Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS to study the work of Latvian NGOs, identify best practices in solving urgent social problems, developing Latvian-Ukrainian elaboration programs, and identifying priority topics for the 2008 Summer Academy in Latvia. Organizer - Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$585

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 by four election monitoring experts in a practical seminar in the framework of the project “Independent Election Monitoring in the Post-Soviet Space” (6-7 February 2008, Moscow, Russia). Analyzing current trends in election processes (specifically in Russia) and potential ways of solving voter problems, developing ways to increasing the effectiveness of election monitoring, especially in remote regions. Developing a project for creating a regional database of methodologies for monitoring election processes, standardizing monitoring instruments, and formats for disposal information obtained during monitoring with the aim of conducting an effective voter education campaign about manipulation of voter opinion and election technologies. Partner - Moscow Carnegie Center (Russia).

Grant: \$1,500

Organization: Regional NGO “Donbas” Regional Development Agency” (83014, Donetsk, Livoberezhna St., 62a, tel. +38 (062) 335-70-57, 345-74-19)

Project Manager: Viacheslav Koval

Project Description: Participation by 20 public activists from Donetsk in the first practical seminar on social support groups as part of the Ukrainian-Polish project “Social Support as a Solution to Social Exclusion” (10-18 March 2008, Gliwice, Poland). Studying the Polish experience of social support groups as an instrument for reintegrating socially excluded groups and adapting it in Ukraine. Partner - Centre of Education and Dialogue “Teotokos” (Poland).

Grant: \$18,615

Organization: NGO “Kyiv Human Rights Alliance” (02121, Kyiv, Horlivska St., 220, Office 74, tel. +38 (044) 576-03-13)

Project Manager: Olena Yakymenko

Project Description: Participation by six experts on medical law in the international seminar “Development of Medical Law in Transition Period Countries” (2-9 September 2008, Prague, Czech Republic). Conducting a comparative analysis of public health legal systems in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova. Assessing the level of human rights in these countries' public health systems. Exchanging experiences in organizing informational-educational events on patients' rights. Determining the extent to which training courses on medical law and bioethics need to be improved. Partner - Association for Medical Law and Bioethics (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$4,483

Organization: Lviv City NGO “Society of Mutual Aid “Oselya”” (79495, Lviv Oblast, Vynnyky, I. Franka St., 69, tel. +38 (0322) 96-33-03)

Project Manager: Svitlana Hrynchyshyn

Project Description: Organizing a study visit for ten experts on social assistance from Lviv, Chernihiv, Sumy, Donetsk, and elsewhere to the Barka Foundation (18-23 February 2008, Poznan, Poland). Adapting and introducing in Ukraine the Polish method of helping vulnerable social groups – “help to self-help.” Launching a social rehabilitation school in the Lviv oblast for the homeless and long-term unemployed based on the Kofed School. Partners - The Barka Foundation for Mutual Help (Poland) and Kofed Schools in Poznan and Copenhagen (Poland, Denmark).

Grant: \$1,095

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 by an election monitoring expert in the seminar “Monitoring Elections and Advocacy” (27-28 March 2008, Ulan Bator, Mongolia). Analyzing the specifics of involving the Mongolian public in the decision-making process, specifically with regard to the election process. Comparing election systems and procedures, and sharing methods for monitoring election processes and fulfillment of election promises by elected politicians. Providing information about the role of NGOs in Ukraine in the process of adapting national election legislation to European standards. Organizer - Open Society Forum (Mongolia).

Grant: \$856

Organization: Regional Public Charitable Foundation “Law and Democracy” (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Projydz, 6, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Andriy Buryi

Project Description: Participation by 17 human rights experts in the seminar “Concept and Work of Local Consultation Offices” (9-14 March 2008, Krzywowa, Poland). Analyzing the Polish experience in setting up public consultation offices. Implementing the gained experience in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil, Rivne, and Sevastopol. Organizer - Law and Democracy Foundation (Poland).

Grant: \$2,634

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 by six representatives of Donetsk oblast legal clinics in an international seminar on free legal aid (21-25 April, 2008, Gdynia, Poland). Increasing awareness among student lawyers working in legal clinics of human rights issues, legal youth education, public sector work, the work of legal clinics in Europe, implementing legal education projects in local communities. Organizers - YMCA Poland and NGO's from Georgia, Armenia and Ukraine.

Grant: \$3,438

Organization: Sumy City Youth Association “City Crisis Center” (40030, Sumy, Kirova St., 4, Office 77, tel. +38 (0542) 62-18-34)

Project Manager: Svitlana Zakharchenko

Project Description: Participation by three Ukrainian experts-trainers in a working meeting within the framework of the project “Ensuring Implementation of Gender Legislation in Ukraine” (14-18 April 2008, Vilnius, Lithuania). Analyzing the specifics of practical application of gender legislation and integrating gender sensitive practices into the work of executive government bodies. Integrating gender sensitive practices into the work of local government bodies with the help of 3R methodology. Partner – The Center for Equality Advancement (Lithuania).

Grant: \$1,881

Organization: International Charitable Organization “Environment-People-Law” (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 316, tel. +38 (032) 275-15-34)

Project Manager: Serhiy Lozan

Project Description: Participation by an expert on environmental law in the international conference “New Energy Routes in Southeast Europe and Human Rights Protection - Opening of Intersectoral Dialogue” (30 May – 1 June 2008, Opatia, Croatia). Starting an open intersectoral dialogue on energy routes in Europe in light of the Sisak Declaration. Lobbying the human rights to life and sustainable development with the aim of preventing environmental disasters and improving environmental and health protection. Organizer - Human Rights Center (Croatia).

Grant: \$940

Organization: NGO “Strategic and Security Studies Group” (03150, Kyiv, Antonovycha St., 156/17, tel. +38 (044) 491-38-30)

Project Manager: Serhiy Herasymchuk

Project Description: Participation by two experts-analysts in the international conference “Strengthening Transdnistrian NGOs: the Czech and Ukrainian Experience in Building a Democratic Society” (6-10 April 2008, Chisinau, Moldova). Promoting the consolidation of the Transdnistrian public with Moldavian society, improving communication between Transdnistrian NGOs and Eastern European society. Passing along the experience of implementing democracy development projects in local communities and encouraging local social activism. Organizers - Incrededa (Confidence Building) Association of Moldova in collaboration with the regional Center for NGOs Assistance, Information CONTACT-Balti Center (Moldova).

Grant: \$740

Organization: NGO “Strategic and Security Studies Group” (03150, Kyiv, Antonovycha St., 156/17, tel. +38 (044) 491-38-30)

Project Manager: Serhiy Herasymchuk

Project Description: Participation by three experts on interethnic relations in the international seminar “Ethnic Stability – Ethnic Changes” (15-16 May 2008, Budapest, Hungary). Starting a serious dialogue between experts, public leaders, and politicians on respecting international principles and rights of ethnic minorities and their relations with the national majority. Building interethnic tolerance and mutual respect by spreading these principles in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Partner - Forum Minority Research institute (Hungary).

Grant: \$1,779

Organization: Public Youth Center "Etalon"
(76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19,
tel. +38 (0342) 50-25-25)

Project Manager: Lesya Aronets

Project Description: Internship for five trainers on social enterprise development during the applied seminar "Enterprise Centers - Against Unemployment" (4-13 April 2008, Katowice and five other cities in the Silesian Voivodeship, Poland). Developing social enterprise among local youth, creating enterprise centers in small cities which will provide career guidance to youth depending on the local labor market, studying social needs and conducting trainings on fundamentals of entrepreneurship. Partner - Foundation "Education for Democracy" (Poland).

Grant: \$652

Organization: NGO "Local Self-Government Support Association" (91493, Luhansk, Tsementna St., 3,
tel. +38 (0642) 34-60-61, 34-60-56)

Project Manager: Nataliya Shevchenko

Project Description: Study visit by seven representatives of the government and public sector from Luhansk to the Czech Republic (Prague, 23-28 November 2008) to study the Czech experience of mobilizing cooperation between the public and local government, reforming the system of local government, involving the public in implementing public policy and in the local decision-making process to support the development of the Luhansk region and democratic transformations in the process of Ukraine's European integration. Partner - Agora Central Europe (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$5,509

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: Oleh Smirnov

Project Description: Participation by three experts on interethnic relations in the international seminar "Ethnic Stability – Ethnic Changes" (15-16 May 2008, Budapest, Hungary). Starting a serious dialogue between experts, public leaders, and politicians on respecting international principles and rights of ethnic minorities and their relations with the national majority. Building interethnic tolerance and mutual respect by spreading these principles in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Partner - Forum Minority Research Institute (Hungary).

Grant: \$1,598

Organization: Lviv NGO "Center for the Study of Local Self-Government" (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Projyzd, 6, 3rd Floor, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryhilevych

Project Description: Study visit by 15 Ukrainian experts on monitoring housing and communal services (27-31 April 2008, Krakow, Poland). Analyzing Ukrainian and Polish legal acts and Polish cities' experience - using Krakow as an example – with setting tariffs for housing and communal services. Studying methods for public monitoring of tariff structures and public influence on tariff forming in Poland. Partner - Krakow Association of Municipal Dwelling Administration (Poland).

Grant: \$1,310

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: Participation by an expert on public monitoring in the energy sector in the international seminar "Energy Games: Northern and Southern Routes" (11-12 June 2008, Prague, Czech Republic). The seminar is the first part of the international project "From Strengthening the European Neighborhood Policy to the Czech Republic's EU Presidency in 2009". Increasing the effectiveness of ENP on the eastern border by involving influential Czech and Polish politicians in European integration issues affecting the EU's eastern neighbors, particularly in fields such as energy security, visa policies, frozen conflicts in the Black Sea region. Partner - Association for International Affairs (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$605

Organization: Podil Human Rights Center (21050, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 8216, tel. +38 (0432) 35-14-66)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Dovbysh

Project Description: Participation by 24 representatives of village councils and the public sector in the Vinnytsia oblast in a practical seminar on transparency in local government (20-26 July 2008, Kielce and other cities in the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship, Poland). Spreading in Ukraine the best Polish practices in the work of local government - transparency, competence, foresight and free public access to information. Organizer – Swietokrzyskie Centre of the Foundation in Support of Local Democracy (Poland).

Grant: \$5,908

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illich's Prospekt, 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Dyomkina

Project Description: Internship for 12 representatives of local government, NGOs and media from the Poltava, Cherkasy and Sumy oblasts in the framework of the project "Introducing European Public Policy Standards in Select Regions of Central Ukraine: the Polish and Lithuanian Experience" (22-28 July in Telsiai, Lithuania and 12-19 October 2008 in Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia, Poland). Providing civil servants, representatives of local government, NGOs, media, and education workers with skills and knowledge of public policy in the EU through trainings based on the experience of EU member states. Informing the broad public about principles of public policy in the EU. The internship was the second part of the project. Partners - Samogitian Community Foundation (Lithuania) and the Institute of Public Information in Gdynia (Poland).

Grant: \$13,891

Organization: Bila Tserkva City Association of Disabled Children and their Parents "Ayurveda" (09108, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, Skhidna St., 34, tel. +38 (263) 96-3-89)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Kryzhanivsky

Project Description: Polish seminar internship for 18 experts from Bila Tserkva and Kamyanets-Podilsky within the framework of the project "Step by Step – THE NEXT STEP - to Equal Access to Restoring Health, Social and Education Services to Children with Special Needs by Improving the System of Individualized Education Program" (5-9 May 2008, Zamocz, Poland). Enhancing the skills of experts on rehabilitation, education and social protection of children with special need. Promoting the innovative supervised teaching model (alternative communication and thinking) in Ukraine. Partners – Association of Help for Disabled Children «Step by Step» (Poland) and Educational-Rehabilitation Center in Kamyanets-Podilsky (Ukraine).

Grant: \$1,559

Organization: International NGO "Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy" (01030, Kyiv, B. Khmelnytskykh St., 30/10, Office 1-B, tel. +38 (044) 537-62-30)

Project Manager: Nataliya Belitser

Project Description: Participation by two Ukrainian experts in a roundtable within the framework of the trilateral project "Effective Institutional Struggle against Extremism and Intolerance in the Black Sea Region" (10-13 July 2008, Sighisoara, Romania). Introducing a regional approach to combating extremism and intolerance in the Black Sea region in order to determine the most effective decision courses on the local and regional levels to eliminate or lessen this problem. Increase awareness among national and regional government bodies of the need to involve NGOs that have knowledge in this area in consultations on issues related to extremism and intolerance in order to improve current policy and quickly react to similar occurrences. The roundtable was the first stage of the trilateral project. Partners – Institutes for Public Policy (Romania, Moldova).

Grant: \$1,758

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Council for Protecting the Rights and Safety of Patients" (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9-A, Office 5, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Ksenia Kosheleva

Project Description: Organizing four international regional meetings of experts within the framework of the international project "Patient Organizations in Eastern Europe and Asia for Patients' Safety": Central Europe (7-10 September 2008, Warsaw, Poland); the Caucasus (3-5 October 2008, Tbilisi, Georgia); Central Asia (13-15 November 2008, Almaty, Kazakhstan); Southeastern Europe (5-7 December 2008, Chisinau, Moldova). Developing an international movement for patient safety in Eastern Europe and Asia by uniting the efforts of patient organizations in CEE, Transcaucasia and Central Asia. Involving each of the countries in the implementation of the World Health Declaration. Creating local-regional working groups of experts on patients' rights. Presenting the result of a study on the state of public health systems in countries in these regions. Partners - Federation of Polish Patients (Poland), Georgian Alliance for Patient Safety (Georgia), NGO "Aman-Saulyk" (Kazakhstan), Management and Assurance in Medicine Association (Moldova).

Grant: \$3,533

Organization: Sumy Oblast Youth Organization Committee (40030, Sumy, P.O. Box 44, tel. +38 (0542) 21-03-29)

Project Manager: Heorhiy Sakhniuk

Project Description: Participation by 16 young leaders from the Sumy region in an internship within the framework of the Ukrainian-Polish project "No Place for Failure Where the True Leaders are!" (14-20 September 2008, Pila, Poland). Enhancing skills in working with local communities, mobilizing youth, strengthening one's own leadership aspirations, learning about forms of civic involvement in European countries. Participants – young leaders from Sumy city that represent NGOs, local media or government bodies and need to enhance their skills. Organizer - Association of Social Initiatives EFFATA (Poland).

Grant: \$5,845

Organization: Regional NGO "Donbas" Regional Development Agency" (83014, Donetsk, Livoberezhna St., 62a, tel. +38 (062) 335-70-57, 345-74-19)

Project Manager: Viacheslav Koval

Project Description: Study visit by three representatives of the public and government sector from Donetsk in the International Summer Academy (8-23 August 2008, Riga, Latvia). Increasing participant awareness of how to involve local community members in strategic planning, expert analyses and decision-making, holding public hearings, participating in state tenders and implementing social projects, building intersectoral social cooperation, helping improve government. The Summer Academy is part of a project aimed at building civil society in the regions. Organizer - Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$2,468

Organization: Nadvirna Branch of "Student Brotherhood" (78400, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Nadvirna, Lesi Ukrayinky St., 7)

Project Manager: Andriy Krupyak

Project Description: Seminar internship for a trainer on social enterprise "Enterprise Centers - Against Unemployment" (18-20 August 2008, Olsztyn, Poland). Developing social enterprise among local youth, creating enterprise centers in small cities which will provide career guidance to youth depending on the local labor market, studying social needs and conducting trainings on fundamentals of entrepreneurship. The seminar is part of a long-term initiative involving local NGOs from Ukraine, Moldova and Russia. Partner - Education for Democracy Foundation (Poland).

Grant: \$150

Organization: Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illich Prosp., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)

Project Manager: Valentyna Dyomkina

Project Description: Study visit by three representatives of the public and government sector from Donetsk in the International Summer Academy (8-23 August 2008, Riga, Latvia). Increasing participant awareness of how to involve local community members in strategic planning, expert analyses and decision-making, holding public hearings, participating in state tenders and implementing social projects, building intersectoral social cooperation, helping improve government. The Summer Academy is part of a project aimed at building civil society in the regions. Organizer - Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$2,821

Organization: NGO "Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Sushko

Project Description: Participation by an expert on visa policy in a working meeting organized by the Stefan Batory Foundation within the framework of the project "Friendly EU Borders. Monitoring EU Member States' Visa Policy: Facilitation or Obstructions?" (15-17 September 2009, Warsaw, Poland). Informing European politicians, governing bodies and civil society about the results of monitoring of implementation of the EU visa policy and work of EU consulates in Ukraine. Preparing joint recommendation on how to improve visa policy and management of EU border crossings. Organizer - Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland).

Grant: \$765

Organization: NGO "National Association of Regional Development Agencies of Ukraine" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 4, Office 17, tel. +38 (044) 494-18-96)

Project Manager: Yuriy Tretyak

Project Description: Participation by 12 Ukrainian NGO leaders who work on regional development issues in the seminar "Local Development in Ukraine: the Slovak Experience with Implementing EU Assistance Programs" (19-25 October 2008, Bratislava and Samorin, Slovakia). Learning to work with EU assistance programs, identifying problem, and generating helpful social ideas for the further planning of regional development projects. Partner - Forum Regional Development Center (Slovakia)

Grant: \$8,576

Organization: Charitable Organization “Dniprovsk Association for Development of Regions” (49044, Dnipropetrovsk, Hohol St., 29, Office 107, tel. +38 (056) 377-35-96)

Project Manager: Anastasia Dobrovolska

Project Description: Study visit by four representatives of the public and government sector from Dnipropetrovsk in the International Summer Academy (8-23 August 2008, Riga, Latvia). Increasing participant awareness of how to involve local community members in strategic planning, expert analyses and decision-making, holding public hearings, participating in state tenders and implementing social projects, building intersectoral social cooperation, helping improve government. The Summer Academy is part of a project aimed at building civil society in the regions. Organizer - Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$1,867

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 by ten representatives of peer mediation programs in schools from the Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Lviv, and Poltava oblasts and AR Crimea in the international seminar “Restorative Justice and Mediation: Combating Juvenile Violence (22-25 August 2008, Warsaw, Poland). Formulating a constructive approach to conflict resolution, tolerance, responsibility and mutual respect in youth environments by popularizing peer mediation programs in schools. Organizer - The Polish Center for Mediation (Poland).

Grant: \$1,928

Organization: Society to Help Families with Autistic Children “From Despair to Hope.” (84626, Donetsk Oblast, Horlivka, Chury St., 14, Office 13, tel. +38 (06242) 59-76-31)

Project Manager: Tetyana Turkomanova

Project Description: Participation by three Donetsk experts on helping families with autistic children in the seminar “Support Systems for People with Autism: the European Experience (27-29 November 2008, Krakow, Poland). Studying best practices for helping people with autism: using alternative communication methods (to improve their self-expression and perception) and working with families with autistic children through support groups. Organizer - The National Society for Autism (Poland).

Grant: \$1,165

Organization: Women's Information-Coordination Center (49044, Dnipropetrovsk, Barykadna St., 21, tel. +38 (056) 370-25-35)

Project Manager: Hanna Voynich

Project Description: Study visit by four representatives of the public and government sector from Dnipropetrovsk in the International Summer Academy (8-23 August 2008, Riga, Latvia). Increasing participant awareness of how to involve local community members in strategic planning, expert analyses and decision-making, holding public hearing, participating in state tenders and implementing social projects, building intersectoral social cooperation, helping improve government. The Summer Academy is part of a project aimed at building civil society in the regions. Organizer – Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$1,811

Organization: Public Youth Center “Etalon” (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19, tel. +38 (0342) 50-25-25)

Project Manager: Lesya Aronets

Project Description: Participation by four experts and trainers on social enterprise in the seminar “Enterprise Centers - Against Unemployment” (18-20 August 2008, Olsztyn, Poland). Developing social enterprise among local youth, creating enterprise centers in small cities which will provide career guidance to youth depending on the local labor market, studying social needs and conducting trainings on fundamentals of entrepreneurship. Partner - Education for Democracy Foundation (Poland).

Grant: \$388

Organization: Donetsk Oblast League of Business and Professional Women (83086, Donetsk, Artema St., 45, tel. +38 (062) 334-2043, 335-19-02)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Horova

Project Description: Participation by two representatives of the public from Donetsk in the International Summer Academy (8-23 August 2008, Riga, Latvia). Increasing participant awareness of how to involve local community members in strategic planning, expert analyses and decision-making, holding public hearings, participating in state tenders and implementing social projects, building intersectoral social cooperation, helping improve government. The Summer Academy is part of a project aimed at building civil society in the regions. Organizer – Latvian NGO Platform LAPAS (Latvia).

Grant: \$1,196

Organization: NGO "Strategic and Security Studies Group" (03150, Kyiv, Antonovycha St., 156/17, tel. +38 (044) 491-38-30)

Project Manager: Serhiy Herasymchuk

Project Description: Participation by two experts on interethnic relations in the second international seminar within the framework of the project "Ethnic Stability – Ethnic Changes" (29-30 September 2008, Samorin, Slovakia). Starting a dialogue between experts, public leaders and politicians regarding adhering to international standards of ethnic minority rights and their relations with the national majority. Making a significant contribution to the growth of interethnic tolerance and mutual respect, and spreading these principles in countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Partner - Forum Minority Research Institute (Slovakia).

Grant: \$1,394

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: Participation by an expert on regional conflicts in the international project "From Strengthening the European Neighborhood Policy to the Czech Republic's EU Presidency in 2009. European Neighborhood Policy and Frozen Conflicts in the Black Sea Region" (12 November 2008, Prague, Czech Republic). Studying situations in conflict or potential conflict zones in the Black Sea region so as to use the possibilities of the European Neighborhood Policy to positively influence the current state of affairs and formulate more effective EU policy on the countries of the Black Sea region. Partner - Association for International Affair (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$549

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: Lesya Kuzmenko

Project Description: Participation by four Ukrainian experts in the conference "Interdisciplinary Approach to Solving Cases of Violence against Children" (11-13 November 2008, Sofia, Bulgaria). Studying the European experience of developing the skills of experts working with children who are violence victims or witnesses through trainings, seminars, and study programs to form clearer and more effective strategies for children's rights organizations. Organizer - The Social Activities and Practices Institute (SAPI) (Bulgaria).

Grant: \$2,292

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 (mailing address), tel. +38 (044) 411-03 32, 496-52-92)

Project Manager: Nadia Mayorova

Project Description: Participation by six Ukrainian experts in two international seminars within the framework of the project "Best Practices in Individualization and Deinstitutionalization of Services for People with Learning Disabilities" (2-5 May in Prague, Czech Republic and 6-10 December 2008 in Bratislava, Slovakia). Exchanging experiences on social assistance for people with intellectual disabilities, developing new and improved strategies on legal and social protection for this group, planning future international projects, joint studies and publications in this sphere. Partner - Quip - Association for Charge (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$3,848

Organization: International NGO "International Institute for Humanities Technologies" (02002, Kyiv, Lunacharskoho St., 12/6, tel. +38 (044) 227-82-01)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Martynuk

Project Description: Participation by an expert on European and Euro-Atlantic integration in the international project "From Strengthening the European Neighborhood Policy to the Czech Republic's EU Presidency in 2009. ENP, Schengen and Eastern Neighbors" (12 December 2008, Prague, Czech Republic). Assessing changes caused by expansion of the Schengen Zone in December 2006 and its influence on the EU visa policy for its eastern neighbors, specifically Ukraine. Formulating more effective EU policies on its eastern neighbors. Organizer - Association for International Affairs (Czech Republic).

Grant: \$585

Organization: NGO "Strategic and Security Studies Group" (03150, Kyiv, Antonovycha St., 156/17, tel. +38 (044) 491-38-30)

Project Manager: Serhiy Herasymchuk

Project Description: Participation by three migration experts in the conference "Challenges of the Migration Process in Europe" (27-28 November 2008, Bucharest, Romania). Beginning an international study and sociopolitical project with the goal of creating a common platform for introducing effecting migrant rights protection policy in Europe, built on reliable social information in the international migration field. Organizer - Soros Foundation (Romania).

Grant: \$1,166

Organization: Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Bukovynian Perspectives" (58001, Chernivtsi, Brativ Rusnakiv St., 12/11, tel. +38 (0372) 52-52-71)

Project Manager: Serhiy Hakman

Project Description: Participation by a migration expert in the conference "Challenges of the Migration Process in Europe" (27-28 November 2008, Bucharest, Romania). Beginning an international study and sociopolitical project with the goal of creating a common platform for introducing effecting migrant rights protection policy in Europe, built on reliable social information in the international migration field. Organizer - Soros Foundation (Romania).

Grant: \$95

Organization: Interoblast Volunteer Organization "SVIT-Ukraine" (Donetsk Oblast., Artemivsk, P.O. Box 28, tel. +38 (062) 744-67-39)

Project Manager: Yulia Miasyshcheva

Project Description: Participation by three community representatives from Artemivsk, Donetsk oblast in the conference "Human Rights Education in Practice" (16-24 November 2008, Poznan, Poland). Exchange best practices on increasing awareness of human rights education, encouraging the development of human rights activities on the local level, and planning future international cooperation following the completion of the project. Organizer - One World Association (Poland).

Grant: \$906

Activities Initiated and Implemented by the Program

Number of Projects: **7**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$55,490**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.10%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Operational Projects	7	\$55,490

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 Kukhareenko

Project Description: Organizing the 2008 annual competition “International Experience of Civil Society’s Impact on Democratic Transformations,” enhancing the public’s role in solving important social problems through exchange of international experience, practices and ideas. Presenting the East East Program and best practices of implementing international initiatives supported by the program in regions of Ukraine.

Grant: \$12,820

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

Project Manager: Tetyana Kukhareenko

Project Description: Organizing the bilateral competition “Exchanging Experience in European Integration and Introducing Reforms between the Czech Republic and Ukraine” in 2008. Spreading best practices of NGOs in the Czech Republic and Ukraine in involving civil society in the overall process of reform and European integration. Presenting the bilateral initiative at the Czech Republic’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Grant: \$3,700

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

Project Manager: Iryna Solonenko

Project Description: Organizing the international conference on increasing the transparency of the negotiation process between Ukraine and the EU (20-23 March 2008, Kyiv). Studying and presenting in Ukraine the experience of Turkey and countries from Central and Eastern Europe and the eastern Balkans in involving the public in the negotiation process with the EU and covering the negotiation processes in the media. Promoting more active participation by civil society representing in formulating Ukraine’s position for negotiations.

Grant: \$14,900

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

Project Manager: Tetyana Kukharenko

Project Description: Organizing the working meeting with representatives from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine on public monitoring of the oil and gas sector (10-15 March 2008, Baku). Analyzing the experience of public monitoring of the energy sector and budget on all levels in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, and covering the results of monitoring in the local media. Preparing a project for joint public activities on monitoring the extraction, transport and price-setting in the oil and gas sectors in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Ukraine. Project partner - Transparency of Oil Revenues and Public Finance Program, OSI-Azerbaijan.

Grant: \$6,340

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

Project Manager: Oleksiy Orlovsky

Project Description: Organizing a working meeting with experts from Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan on transparency of state revenues from the transport of energy resources (16-19 July 2008, Kyiv). Coordinating joint activities and searching for sources of support for public initiatives for monitoring the extraction, transport and price-setting in the oil and gas sector. Expanding the international monitoring initiative EITI to countries across which oil and gas is transported to decrease the level of corruption in these countries.

Grant: \$6,400

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

Project Manager: Tetyana Kukharenko

Project Description: Organizing an expert meeting on developing public partnerships between Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine in the context of European integration (3-5 July 2008, Kyiv). Supporting the expansion of public networks for the exchange of best practices in implementing the European neighborhood policy and monitoring national cooperation action plans with the EU. Bringing civil society in European neighborhood countries closer to the European community by forming common positions on actual aspects of EU policy.

Grant: \$8,130

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

Project Manager: Tetyana Kukharenko

Project Description: Organizing a seminar on Ukrainian-Russian relations following the events of August 2008 (16-19 December 2008, Moscow). Presenting the views of Ukrainian and Russian experts on current problems in Ukrainian-Russian relations in the political, economic and social spheres. Project partner – Carnegie Moscow Center, Russia.

Grant: \$3,200



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Number of Projects:	44
Number of Organizations:	39
Total Amount:	\$1,074,467
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	21.38%

Program Goal in 2008: to support civil society initiatives that protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, build consensus between stakeholders on institutional reforms in the state legal system. The program has two components – “Human Rights” and “Justice.”

Program Priorities in 2008:

- Supporting access to justice;
- Protecting human rights, especially through public interest litigation;
- Enhancing public awareness of human rights and basic fundamental freedoms by increasing the transparency of actions by government bodies;
- Increasing public support for judicial reform (judicial system, court procedures, criminal justice, criminal executive system);
- Introduction a free legal aid system (primary and secondary; in criminal and non-criminal cases);
- Development of administrative justice.

Competitions in 2008:

- The competition “**From Soviet Benefits and Privileges to European Standards for Social and Economic Rights**” supported NGO initiatives to develop proposals on how to strengthen social and economic rights, and limit unnecessary benefits and privileges. (14 applications received, 3 projects supported).
- The competition “**Public Participation in Justice. Justice by way of Justices of the Peace**” supported projects to develop proposals on the most effective mechanisms for ensuring public participation in the enforcement of justice in the context of legal reform in Ukraine. (7 applications received, 2 projects supported).
- The competition “**Right to Access to Information about Government Activities**” supported NGO initiatives aimed at realizing the right to access to information and ensuring greater openness of activities of government bodies, officials and civil servants. (34 applications received, 7 projects supported).
- The competition “**Protecting Human Rights through Mechanisms of Administrative Justice**” supported public initiatives on comprehensive measures aimed at protecting human rights in the courts in cases of action or lack of action by government bodies, officials and civil servants. (29 applications received, 7 projects supported).
- The competition “**Protecting Human Rights in Penal Institutions**” supported projects to promote the rights of prisoners and personnel at penal institutions in Ukraine. (20 applications received, 7 projects supported).

Important Initiatives and their Results in 2008:

- **Ensuring Access to Information** that is of public interest. This line of activities has become increasingly effective. There have been more legal rulings that state officials acted illegally by refusing to provide information or not providing answers to public information requests and appeals. In March 2008, as a result of NGO's campaign, the Ukrainian government recognized as illegal the practice of applying the restrictive classifications "Off the record" and "Not for publication" to government documents and removed such classifications from nearly 1,500 government resolutions and directives issued since 1991.
- **Supporting Strategic Legal Cases to Defend Victims of Human Rights Violations.** There has been a stable increase in the number of successful cases. Dozens of new cases were filed with the European Court of Human Rights. Lawyers who joined the projects succeeded in preventing the extradition of individuals who are being persecuted by their governments in Turkmenistan, Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan and other countries for non-violently expressing their personal views. The regional network of lawyers capable of effectively arguing court cases in defense of human rights is growing, including within Ukrainian jurisdiction and with the help of international mechanisms (European Court of Human Rights, UN Human Rights Committee).
- **The free legal aid system** made it possible to build cooperation with the legal profession, NGOs, justice and internal affairs bodies. The Public Defenders Offices in Kharkiv, Bila Tserkva (Kyiv oblast) and Khmelnytsky signed agreements with oblast internal affairs departments and provide legal assistance from the moment of detention. As a result, the number of people detained by those police precincts working with the project has decreased, as has the number of arrests. An importance achievement is cooperation with Victor Pinchuk Foundation on this line of activities. Joint work continues with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on drafting a relevant law.
- **Lobbying International Human Rights Organizations** that monitor human rights in Ukraine (UN Human Rights Council, UN Committees, Monitoring Committee of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly). With program support, NGOs draft and present on the international level alternatives to state reports on human rights in Ukraine. The opinions of independent reports are included in the recommendations of many international institutions that objectively assess the human rights situation in Ukraine.
- **A concept for criminal justice reform** developed with the participation of public experts (and program staff) was approved by the National Commission for Strengthening Democracy and the Rule of Law, National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, and sanctioned by a presidential decree. Legislative acts are currently being drafted to implement these reforms (administrative responsibility, criminal procedure code, prosecutor general's office, etc.)
- **The National Assembly of Invalids of Ukraine**, with support from the program, launched a campaign to speed up Ukraine's joining the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. They also monitor Ukrainian legislation and its compliance with the UN Convention. As a result of the given campaign, the President of Ukraine instructed the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy to sign the Convention on behalf of Ukraine. On September 24, 2008, Ukraine signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol. The program plans to continue working with its partners on ratifying and implementing this important international document.

- **Information activities in the human rights field** focus on expanding the network of information resources on the internet. The program provided support to the following specialized portals: Human Rights in Ukraine www.khpg.org, Legal Space www.pravo.prostir.org.ua, Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union www.helsinki.org.ua, UNIAN-Human Rights <http://human-rights.unian.net>, Anti-Xenophobia www.xenodocuments.org.ua, Prison Portal www.ukrprison.org.ua, Ukrainian Human Rights Portal www.upp.org.ua.

In cooperation with the Norwegian Helsinki Committee and the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, the program launched an educational program for Civil Society activists, school teachers and civil servants. In 2008, 8 week-long human rights schools were held.

- **Human Rights Documentary Film Festival** (www.docudays.org.ua). In 2008, the festival's audience grew considerably. In addition to Kyiv, the festival was invited to more than 30 Ukrainian cities, including: Vinnytsia, Dnipropetrovsk, Kryvyi Rih, Donetsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Luhansk, Lutsk, Lviv, Odesa, Poltava, Rivne, Sumy, Hlukhiv, Shostka, Lebedyn, Kharkiv, Kherson, Chernihiv, and AR Crimea: Sevastopol, Simferopol, Armiansk, Dzhankoy, Novoozerne, Yevpatoria, Kerch, Krasnoperekopsk, Rozdolne, Feodosia and Yalta.

Difficulties in Attaining the Program's Priorities:

Despite the public's expectations, the country's political elite turned out to be unable to consolidate their efforts and make systematic changes. None of the government declared reforms (legal, administrative, administrative-territorial, tax, agrarian, pension, etc.) currently has any clear mechanisms for implementation, expected results, or timeframes for realization. Hope for quick integration into European structures also proved to be premature. The political will of the ruling elite to adhere to democratic principles has no stable foundation. Insignificant progress in the path of reform is more a response to the requirements of the international community than a reaction to the articulated needs of civil society.

Partnership and Cooperation:

The program cooperates with the Open Society Justice Initiative, Victor Pinchuk Foundation, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, National Commission for Strengthening Democracy and the Rule of Law, and Union of Advocates of Ukraine.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Volyn Oblast	1	\$13,500
Donetsk Oblast	2	\$19,300
Kyiv	12	\$208,485
Kyiv Oblast	2	\$118,304
Luhansk Oblast	5	\$62,674
Lviv Oblast	6	\$100,100
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$11,460
Kharkiv Oblast	6	\$259,810
Kherson Oblast	2	\$32,610
Khmelnysky Oblast	2	\$141,958
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$26,458
Operational Projects	3	\$79,808

Human Rights

Number of Projects: **38**
Number of Organizations: **35**
Total Amount: **\$941,569**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **18.74%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Volyn Oblast	1	\$13,500
Donetsk Oblast	2	\$19,300
Kyiv	11	\$189,655
Kyiv Oblast	2	\$118,304
Luhansk Oblast	5	\$62,674
Lviv Oblast	5	\$83,400
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$11,460
Kharkiv Oblast	5	\$242,250
Kherson Oblast	2	\$32,610
Khmelnysky Oblast	2	\$141,958
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$26,458

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Center of Modern Information Technologies and Visual Arts” (61013, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10984, tel. +38 (057) 714-01-03)

Project Manager: Hennadiy Kofman

Project Description: Organizing the Fifth Annual International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival Docudays.ua in Kyiv to direct public attention to human rights problems in Ukraine and the world. Involving target groups (media, public sector and government structures) in discussions and lobbying interest and human rights, and establishing international cooperation for producing films on this topic.

Grant: \$14,940

Organization: NGO “Open Society Foundation” (04071, Kyiv, Kostyantynivska St., 37, Office 22, tel. +38 (044) 419-70-10)

Project Manager: Tetyana Pechonchuk

Project Description: Issuing the informational-analytical newsletter “UNIAN-Human Rights.” Supporting a thematic website to provide the media with the latest objective information and images on human rights in Ukraine and the work of the human rights movement. Conducting thematic roundtables about human rights in Ukraine.

Grant: \$30,000

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

Project Manager: Yevhenia Pavlova

Project Description: Monitoring the functioning (normative-legal, methodological, personnel) of social rehabilitation institutions within the Ukrainian education system to develop a foundation for improving the work of the network. Analyzing international and national legislation on the rights of children with antisocial behavior, and the development and work of the network of social rehabilitation institutions within the Ukrainian education system. Conducting a PR campaign (conferences at the Ministry of Education of Ukraine) to present the results obtained during the monitoring.

Grant: \$19,455

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

Project Manager: Andriy Matrosof

Project Description: Organizational preparations and running of the Fifth Annual International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival Docudays.ua in Kyiv.

Grant: \$19,980

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

Project Manager: Nataliya Vahina

Project Description: Supporting the earlier created pilot project on providing free legal aid in criminal cases – Public Defenders Office. This pilot project in being implemented as part of the reform of the free legal aid system in Ukraine and offers a new model whereby office lawyers provide legal aid to individuals detained by Khmelnytsky police from the moment of detention. The office continues to collect data about the free legal aid provided in the city, which when summarized will be used in the drafting of a law on legal aid.

Grant: \$112,513

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

Project Manager: Andriy Misyats

Project Description: Activities of the pilot project on providing primary legal aid – Center for Legal Information and Consultation in Khmelnytsky. The Center’s lawyers provide city residents with legal consultations.

Grant: \$29,445

Organization: Bila Tserkva City NGO “Legal Unity” (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, 50 Richchia Peremohy St., 96, Office 13, tel. +38 (04463) 40-440, (04463) 5-04-50)

Project Manager: Olha Nastina

Project Description: Activities of the Center for Legal Information and Consultation, which provides legal consultations to all city residents. This is a pilot project in Bila Tserkva being implemented next to the Public Defenders Office (lawyers provide secondary legal aid in criminal cases), thereby creating a complete system of different types of legal aid in one city.

Grant: \$19,825

Organization: Public Committee for the Constitutional Right to Legal Aid (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, Skvyrske Shose, 194, Office 102, tel. +38 (04463) 447-33, (044) 223-3151)

Project Manager: Viktor Kikkas

Project Description: Supporting the earlier created pilot project on providing free legal aid in criminal cases – a Public Defenders Office in Bila Tserkva. This pilot project in being implemented as part of the reform of the free legal aid system in Ukraine and offers a new model whereby office lawyers provide legal aid to individuals detained by the Bila Tserkva police from the moment of detention. The office continues to collect data about the free legal aid provided in the city, which when summarized will be used in the drafting of a law on legal aid.

Grant: \$98,479

Organization: Charitable Organization “Legal Aid Pilot Project” (61010, Kharkiv, Haharina Prosp. 4, Office 87, tel. +38 (067) 574-3126)

Project Manager: Oleh Timokhov

Project Description: Supporting the earlier created pilot project on providing free legal aid in criminal cases – a Public Defenders Office in Kharkiv. This pilot project in being implemented as part of the reform of the free legal aid system in Ukraine and offers a new model whereby office lawyers provide legal aid to individuals detained by the Kharkiv police from the moment of detention. The office continues to collect data about the free legal aid provided in the city, which when summarized will be used in the drafting of a law on legal aid.

Grant: \$177,734

Organization: Public Association “Committee for Children’s Rights” (01103, Kyiv, P.O. Box 9, tel. +38 (044) 285-26-96)

Project Manager: Dmytro Skrypyuk

Project Description: Monitoring the rights of juvenile prisoners and quality of general education and professional training provided in juvenile correctional facilities. Developing proposals for the Ministry of Education and State Department for the Enforcement of Sentences on the content, format, and methods of instruction at correctional facilities and general education requirements.

Grant: \$12,000

Organization: NGO “Luhansk Oblast Mediation Group” (91055, Luhansk, Lunacharskoho St., 122, A/509, tel. +38 (0642) 717-378, (0642) 42-03-78)

Project Manager: Halyna Tyshchenko

Project Description: Conducting trainings on human rights for teachers working in institutions of the State Department of Ukraine for the Enforcement of Sentences.

Grant: \$14,810

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation “Legal Initiative” (02232, Kyiv, Zakrevskoho St., 87-V, Office 13, tel. +38 (044) 530-16-09, 269-6000)

Project Manager: Olha Korniyenko

Project Description: Creating and supporting the work of a Consultative-Methodological Human Rights Center and providing legal assistance to prisoners in the Kyiv oblast. Developing and publishing a handbook for NGOs that work with prisons in the Kyiv oblast highlighting problems of providing legal assistance to prisoners

Grant: \$14,320

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

Project Manager: Lyubomyr Chorniy

Project Description: Analyzing Ukraine’s legislation and international obligations concerning social rights and guarantees. Analyzing the financial provision of the current system and developing proposals on possible ways to reform the system of social welfare and protection.

Grant: \$27,000

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “Council for Patients Rights and Safety” (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9-A, Office 5, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Larysa Sidelnik

Project Description: Analyzing the efficiency and fairness of the current system of medical benefits. Developing recommendations on how to improve the system: criteria for direct benefits based on illness and welfare, list of medicines that should be paid for by the government.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: Charitable Organization “Chernihiv Women’s Human Rights Center” (14014, Chernihiv, Tolstoho St., 120, P.O. Box 797, tel. +38 (0462) 483-26)

Project Manager: Valentyna Badyra

Project Description: Creating a legal defense center for those being punished but not imprisoned and individuals released from prison. Conducting trainings on international human rights standards for prison department heads in the Chernihiv oblast.

Grant: \$16,448

Organization: Donetsk City Organization “Donetsk Memorial” (83092, Donetsk, P.O. Box 4836, tel. +38 (062) 304-14-71)

Project Manager: Olha Todoraki

Project Description: Promoting greater prisoners’ rights in institutions of the Ukrainian penal system by monitoring human rights. Publishing and disseminating an annual report on prisoners’ rights in Ukraine.

Grant: \$12,300

Organization: NGO “Center for Public Advocacy” (79008, Lviv, Stavropiyska St., 11, Office 3, tel. +38 (035) 75-22-98)

Project Manager: Oksana Koval

Project Description: Analyzing Ukrainian legislation and normative acts in the Lviv region that regulate benefits and privileges and procedures for providing them. Developing proposals on the possibility of doing away with benefits and privileges, determining mechanisms necessary to do this.

Grant: \$18,450

Organization: Ternopil City NGO "Ternopil Press Club"
(46001, Ternopil, O. Kulchytska St., 3-5,
tel. +38 (0352) 53-19-37)

Project Manager: Tetyana Tarasenko

Project Description: Holding 4 press club meetings at institutions of penal in the Ternopil oblast with the aim of monitoring and analyzing the state of prisoner's rights and widely publicizing this issue in the media and through public discussions. Conducting training for journalists on specifics of human rights in prisons.

Grant: \$11,460

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: Lidiya Topolevska

Project Description: providing legal assistance to prisoners in the Lviv oblast. Conducting trainings on international penal standards for employees of the criminal enforcement system.

Grant: \$12,450

Organization: Youth NGO "Association for the Protection of Rights of Volyn Youth" (43025, Lutsk, P.O. Box 221, tel. +38 (03322) 483-12)

Project Manager: Petro Verzun

Project Description: Increasing the legal awareness of juvenile prisoners in the Volyn oblast by providing individual legal consultations. Publishing the "Prisoner's Handbook." Conducting the seminar "Problems of Resocialization. Improving the Legal Work of Employees of the Criminal Enforcement Institutions in Educating Prisoners" for employees of the State Department of Enforcement of Sentences in the Volyn Oblast.

Grant: \$13,500

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

Project Manager: Artem Musiyenko

Project Description: Submitting information request to government bodies on a given topics. Submitting complaints on prosecutor's office employees that ignore an appeal on the violation of the right of access to information.

Grant: \$7,000

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: Olha Kotsyuruba

Project Description: Submitting informational requests on implementation of state programs and filing complaints against refusals to provide information. Analyzing responses, appeals of improper responses, searching for ways to improve administrative practice on this issue. Preparing a handbook on the right of access to information in the context of submitted information request and the practice of appealing denials. Conducting a seminar on submitting information requests and writing administrative claims on the action/inaction of government bodies for NGOs and law students at institutions of higher education in Lviv.

Grant: \$18,500

Organization: NGO "Association of Media Lawyers" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 27-A, tel. +38 (044) 235-33-31)

Project Manager: Tetyana Kotiuzhynska

Project Description: Creating legal precedent for appealing illegal refusals to provide information and lack of action by government bodies by not providing answers to information requests. Conducting a wide-scale information campaign. Analyzing and generalizing legal practice with the aim of preparing proposals for the Resolution of the Plenum of the Supreme Court of Ukraine on reviewing information disputes.

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Legal Initiative" (02232, Kyiv, Zakrevskoho St., 87-V, office 13, tel. +38 (044) 530-16-09, 269-6000)

Project Manager: Olha Korniyenko

Project Description: Organizing the international conference "Defending human rights with the help of mechanisms of administrative justice in Ukraine and Poland" with the participation of judges, lawyers and NGO representatives from Ukraine and Poland. The development of administrative justice in Ukraine and the Polish experience in this sphere was discussed during the conference.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: Svatove Raion Kozak Society “Svativsky Slobidsky Regiment” (92600, Luhansk Oblast, Svatove, O. Nevskoho St., 4, tel. +38 (06471) 3-30-09)

Project Manager: Nataliya Kuzovenina

Project Description: Monitoring the realization of the passive and active right to access to information about the activities of government bodies and institutions in the Svatove raion, Luhansk oblast. Organizing trainings for public activists on how to write information requests. Submitting proposals from the public and lobbying interests through city council deputies on creating an official website for the city government.

Grant: \$14,300

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: Creating a specialized internet website “The Right to the Truth.” Continuing the campaign by Maidan “The Right to the Truth” aimed at combating the illegal use of restrictive classifications for information that is of public interest.

Grant: \$19,636

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: Submitting information requests on a given theme with the aim of monitoring the openness of city mayors and executive committees in 7 cities in the Luhansk oblast. Conducting a broad information campaign. Legally appealing illegal refusals to provide information.

Grant: \$9,564

Organization: Youth NGO “Student Unions Support Committee” (79019, Lviv, Stavropiyivska St., 11, Office 3, tel. +38 (032) 275-22-98)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Khaulyak

Project Description: Monitoring and analyzing information about the work of government bodies dealing with family and youth issues, information about youth programs and their financing in Ukraine and separate regions by submitting information requests. Analyzing typical refusals by government bodies, violations of the right to information, appealing illegal refusals. Organizing public discussions in Lutsk and Lviv.

Grant: \$17,000

Organization: Charitable Foundation of the Kyiv City Dnipro Raion “Kyiv Environmental and Cultural Center” (02218, Kyiv, Rayduzhna St., 31-48, tel. +38 (044) 443-52-62)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Boreyko

Project Description: Initiating new administrative lawsuits against state bodies to defend the public's environmental rights. Teaching members of environmental organizations from all regions of Ukraine skills to protect their environmental rights.

Grant: \$12,585

Organization: Luhansk Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO “Committee of Voters of Ukraine” (93404, Luhansk Oblast, Severodonetsk, Lenina St., 14, Office 26, tel. +38 (0645) 70-29-31)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Svyetikov

Project Description: Strategic cases on access to information about the work of courts and compensation for moral damages in connection with illegally reversing administrative actions and violating timeframes set by the Code of Administrative Court Procedure for the review of a case.

Grant: \$9,000

Organization: Kherson City Center for Youth Initiatives “TOTEM” (73000, Kherson, Molodizhna St., 2a, tel. +38 (0552) 26-60-72)

Project Manager: Andriy Nedbaylo

Project Description: Introducing reconciliation as a new practices for resolving administrative conflicts in the Kherson oblast. Conducting mediation and educational events to train mediators.

Grant: \$12,630

Organization: Kharkiv Civic Organization of Blind Lawyers (61058, Kharkiv, Danilevskoho St., 16/8, tel. +38 (057) 705-12-71)

Project Manager: Ihor Shramko

Project Description: Analyzing the most pressing problems concerning violations of rights of people with disabilities by government bodies in 4 regions of Ukraine (Luhansk, Vinnytsia, Kharkiv, and Volyn). Creating a database of lawyers with disabilities, conducting trainings for them on how to defend their rights in an administrative court, and initiating administrative lawsuits against government bodies in the given regions.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: NGO “Public Committee for the Protection of Citizen’s Constitutional Rights and Freedoms” (91055, Luhansk, Frunze St., 4/40, tel. +38 (0642) 55-34-25)

Project Manager: Mykola Kozryryev

Project Description: Filing administrative claims to local self-government bodies with the aim of protecting the legal interests of the public in Luhansk city and oblast and returning illegally overpaid money for services never received. Conducting the informational campaign “Democracy of Participation.”

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: City Youth NGO “Youth Alternative “M’ART” (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. +38 (04622) 74-110)

Project Manager: Nadia Samardak

Project Description: Developing a training program and conducting a preparatory training on human rights for assistants working in regional offices of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Department for monitoring human rights in the work of internal affairs bodies.

Grant: \$10,010

Organization: Lviv NGO “Center for the Study of Local Self-Government” (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Proyzid, 6, 3rd floor, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Zahayny

Project Description: Analyzing judicial practice and defining a list of issues that are most problematic in relations between the public authorities using the examples of local common jurisdiction courts and administrative courts in the cities of Lviv, Ternopil, Volodymyr-Volynsk, and the Lviv appellate administrative court. Organizing educational events with the participation of representatives of local self-government bodies, executive government bodies, and NGOs.

Grant: \$17,000

Organization: NGO “Center of Modern Information Technologies and Visual Arts” (61013, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10984, tel. +38 (057) 714-01-03)

Project Manager: Hennadiy Kofman

Project Description: Organizing discussions and screenings of award-winning films from the Fifth Annual International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival Docudays.ua in 30 Ukrainian cities. Including festival films in the official training course for policemen.

Grant: \$14,940

Organization: International NGO “Amnesty International in Ukraine” (01015, Kyiv, P.O. Box 60, tel. +38 (044) 469-70-27, 484-16-34)

Project Manager: Tetyana Mazur

Project Description: Support and development of the specialized internet portal “XENOduments” – inputting monitoring data, highlighting the work of NGOs working on combating xenophobia and racism, publishing educational and analytical material, and disseminating an informational CD. Conducting a summary roundtable with partner organizations, representatives of government and the media.

Grant: \$15,575

Organization: NGO “Civic Space” Information-Analytical Center” (02140, Kyiv, B. Hmuri St., 3, Office 140, tel. +38 (044) 573-14-69)

Project Manager: Pavlo Shamray

Project Description: Creating an online system for pilot Public Defenders Offices in Kharkiv, Bila Tserkva and Khmelnytsky with information on cases that office lawyers are working on.

Grant: \$14,720

Justice

Number of Projects: 3
Number of Organizations: 3
Total Amount: \$53,090
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 1.06%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$18,830
Lviv Oblast	1	\$16,700
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$17,560

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian Law Association “Foundation for the Promotion of Justice” (02206, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (044) 577-21-42)

Project Manager: Nataliya Piddubna

Project Description: Expert development of recommendations on ensuring public participation in the delivery of justice, specifically through justices of the peace and jurors. Holding public hearings on this issue.

Grant: \$18,830

Organization: Regional Public Charitable Foundation “Law and Democracy” (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Proyzd, 6, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)

Project Manager: Andriy Buryj

Project Description: Researching and analyzing the international experience of the work of justices of the peace, juries, and people’s assessors, and developing proposals on the possibility of introducing such institutions in Ukraine.

Grant: \$16,700

Organization: Kharkiv City NGO “Kharkiv Institute for Social Research” (61070, Kharkiv, L. Svobody St., 34, Office 245, tel. +38 (096) 364-87-14)

Project Manager: Andriy Chernousov

Project Description: Developing and introducing an experimental registration form in pilot police precincts in the city of Kharkiv. The registration form records all actions taken against detained individuals and will help ensure that the police respect the fundamentals rights of detainees.

Grant: \$17,560

Activities Initiated and Implemented by the Program

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **0**
Total Amount: **\$79,808**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.59%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Operational Projects	3	\$79,808

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: Liana Moroz
Project Description: Expert support for the development of a Concept for State Policy on Human Rights and action plan for Ukraine's implementation of its international obligations and further public discussion. Preparing the information of NGO's for the Universal Periodic Review of human rights in Ukraine and providing support for participation by NGOs in the UN Human Rights Council meeting during its review.
Grant: \$19,800

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Vasylyna Yavorska
Project Description: Expert support for pilot legal aid projects in Kharkiv, Bila Tserkva and Khmelnytsky. Developing and launching a database of cases that office lawyers are working on. Expert support for the development of the draft law "On Free Legal Aid."
Grant: \$16,173

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Vasylyna Yavorska
Project Description: In summer 2008, together with the Open Society Justice Initiative, a training was held for lawyers working at Public Defenders Offices in Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia, to enhance their criminal defense skills. Trainers included lawyers from Ukraine, Israel and the US. Lawyers from Ukraine and the Ministry of Justice working group also took part in the training on how to provide quality legal aid in criminal cases (Moldova, September 2008).
Grant: \$43,835



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Number of Projects:	24
Number of Organizations:	20
Total Amount:	\$366,896
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	7.30%

Program Goal in 2008: to promote the consolidation of freedom of speech and information as one of the key components of an open, democratic society; to support the formation of a pluralistic media environment through the development of independent and professional mass media in Ukraine; and to ensure balanced coverage of issues that are important for society.

Program Priorities in 2008:

- Reforming state and communal media;
- Monitoring and promoting the development of media law;
- Promoting professional journalism;
- Public monitoring and lobbying Ukraine's switch to digital broadcasting;
- Supporting the development of investigative journalism as a way of increasing transparency of government.

Competitions and Tenders in 2008:

- The aim of the competition **“Supporting a Campaign of Public Lobbying and Support for the Creation of Public Broadcasting in Ukraine and Denationalization of Media”** was to support initiatives working to promote the creating public broadcasting in Ukraine and denationalizing media by involving expert NGOs that work in the media field in these processes; supporting a broad public campaign of awareness, discussion and lobbying. (15 applications received, 2 projects supported).
- The aim of the competition **“Supporting Public Monitoring of Adherence to Media Law and Ethical Standards of Journalism”** was to promote transparency and legal behavior by government bodies with regard to the media, and responsible journalism through high professional standards. (18 applications received, 6 projects supported).
- The aim of the tender **“Creating and Running a Bureau for Investigative Journalism”** was to develop the genre of investigative journalism in Ukraine in order to promote transparency of government. (6 applications received, 1 project supported).
- The aim of the tender **“New Ukraine” School for Professionalism Journalism** was to create a communication platform for professional journalists to exchange knowledge, experience, ideas and initiatives, and enhance professional skills and knowledge in different genres. (9 applications received, 1 project supported).

Important Initiatives and their Results in 2008:

- **Creating a Bureau for Investigative Journalism.** The winner of the tender to create a Bureau for Investigative Journalism was the NGO “For Professional Journalism” (Director – Yehor Sobolyev).

The mission of the “Svidomo” Bureau for Investigative Journalism isn’t to “uncover” social ills such as corruption, but to investigate social processes (to counterbalance facts) so as to stimulate readers to become involved in public initiatives that may yield alternative answers. The following topics have been covered: “Why isn’t beer alcohol?”; “How the gambling industry is gripping Ukraine and what is the central government doing about it?”; “Knocked off course. What’s the future of the hryvnia?”; “Experiment with the unknown. Why doesn’t Ukraine label genetically-modified foods?”; “Medicine from greed. How to protect yourself from doctors turned medicine salesmen.”; “Blood shackles. Why are patients in Ukraine being infected through blood transfusions?” The Bureau also focused its attention on problems related to switching to a professional army, the hepatitis B and C epidemics, the harm of total gasification of Ukraine, and other issues.

The Bureau partners with a number of regional and national publications that obtain and publish all materials prepared by the Bureau. Despite the economic crisis in Ukraine, these media publications continue to pay for subscriptions to investigations done by the Bureau. 17 leading regional publications currently subscribe to the given materials.

The Bureau plans to launch a website, create a network of investigative journalists, and provide journalists with consultation and legal assistance during their investigations.

- **“New Ukraine” School for Professional Journalism Launched.** The given tender was won by the Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives (Director – Ihor Kohut).

The school will promote the creation of a new professional Ukrainian journalism elite, help participants gain a deeper understanding of not only professional standards, but complex political and social processes in Ukraine. 2009 will be the first school year (for more information about the School, visit <http://www.usps.org.ua/index.php?mid=38>).

- **Increasing journalists’ professional proficiency** in covering a wide range of issues that are IRF priorities. During the year, the Mass Media Program provided assistance to journalist trainings on how to write about tuberculosis; a three-day training event to teach journalists how to write about various topics in public health; and regional seminars for journalists on inclusive education.
- **Monitoring Freedom of Speech.** The program continuously supports NGO initiatives to monitor adherence to media law and professional ethics by journalists.
 - The Institute of Mass Information monitored violations of journalists’ rights in all regions of Ukraine on a daily basis and published the monthly “Freedom of Speech Barometer” report.
 - The Simferopol Integration and Development Information and Research Center comprehensively monitored print media in Crimea for use of “hate language,” racism, xenophobia and other forms of intolerance
 - Telekrytyka performed weekly monitoring of informational television programs and investigated cases of made-to-order journalism and other violations of standards of professional media.

- **Digital Broadcasting.** IRF provided support for an international conference on “Problems of Introducing Digital Broadcasting on the National, Regional and Local Levels” held in Odesa, and the Second International Digital Broadcasting Forum in autumn 2008.

Difficulties in Attaining the Program’s Priorities:

The main problems preventing reform of state and communal media is the absence of political will to create public broadcasting and denationalize media in Ukraine. The obvious reason is that those in power on all levels do not want to lose control over what is already an illusory media resource – state and communal television and radio companies and print media.

The key problem in the media field is the noted drop in activity by the professional journalism community and a lack of understanding by most journalists of the social mission of their profession. This gave rise to the problem of made-to-order journalism, which has become very visible over the past 1-2 years.

These difficulties made it necessary to review the program’s priorities given the change in context. The top priorities are now to focus on increasing the social responsibility and professionalism of journalism and developing the genre of investigative journalism.

Program Partners:

Ukrainian NGOs that work in the sphere of freedom of speech, the media, journalists, authoritative international organizations such as the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, Internews-Ukraine, and others.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	2	\$16,570
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$12,774
Kyiv	16	\$300,611
Kyiv Oblast	2	\$8,199
Poltava Oblast	1	\$7,715
Cherkasy Oblast	1	\$6,000
Operational Projects	1	\$15,027

Reforming State and Communal Media

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$27,878**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.55%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	2	\$27,878

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Center for Information Rights” (04071, Kyiv, Shchekavytska St., 37/48, Office 1, tel. +38 (044) 418-29-31)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Baranyuk

Project Description: Polling experts, representatives of government bodies, the National Television Company of Ukraine, National Radio Company of Ukraine and other participants of the public broadcasting creation process to identify problems that must be solved during the process of creating public broadcasting. Preparation of expert-analytic materials examining the experience of introducing public broadcasting in countries in Eastern Europe. Preparing the informational-analytical survey “Creating Public Broadcasting: Problems and Solutions.” Organizing four regional roundtables and a summary press conference in Kyiv.

Grant: \$14,878

Organization: NGO “Association of Network Television and Radio Broadcasters “Merezha” (01015, Kyiv, P.O. Box 34, tel. +38 (044) 244-3308)

Project Manager: Dmytro Fedechko

Project Description: Organizing roundtables in six oblasts of Ukraine on “Denationalization of Municipal Media: Necessary Steps and Possible Consequences.” Developing proposals on possible mechanisms for denationalizing television and radio companies.

Grant: \$13,000

Monitoring Adherence to and Supporting the Development of Media Legislation

Number of Projects: **8**
 Number of Organizations: **8**
 Total Amount: **\$87,435**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.74%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	2	\$16,570
Kyiv	4	\$57,150
Poltava Oblast	1	\$7,715
Cherkasy Oblast	1	\$6,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO "Independent Center for Political Researchers and Journalists" (95000, Simferopol, P.O. Box 142, Main Post Office, tel. +38 (0652) 54-41-23)

Project Manager: Arsen Osmanov

Project Description: Promoting freedom of speech and press and respect of rights of journalists in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea by monitoring adherence to media law. Preparing and publishing the annual "White Paper on Crimean Journalism" for 2007. Conducting the roundtable "Freedom of Speech Problems in 2007 and Challenges for Crimean Journalism in 2008."

Grant: \$2,570

Organization: Simferopol City NGO "Integration and Development" Information and Research Center (95006, Simferopol, Khatska St., 13, Office 1, tel. +38 (0652) 505-812)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Morozli

Project Description: Monitoring the use of "hostile," racist and xenophobic language and other forms of prejudice in print media. Developing recommendations for journalists on how to respect principles of tolerance and intercultural dialogue.

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: Ukrainian Association of Press Publishers (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 22, Office 20, tel. +38 (044) 425-57-87)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Pohorelov

Project Description: Setting up a hotline to provide consultations on how to obtain information about the work of government bodies and ways to defend your rights and legal interests should they be violated by these bodies. Preparing and publishing a "legal bulletin," which will cover the most urgent problems in the given field and will provide timely information about the latest legislative changes and specifics of law enforcement in judicial practice. Creating an "online legal library" (systemizing information about rights and obligations of government bodies and representatives of the media in obtaining and providing information, about standard options on what to do if information is denied, about opportunities and the procedure for protecting your interests). Publishing sample documents (appeals, statements, petitions) and a survey of judicial practice.

Grant: \$14,650

Organization: NGO “Institute of Mass Information” (01133, Kyiv, Lesi Ukrainky Blvd, 36-B, Office 68, tel. +38 (044) 461-90-23)

Project Manager: Viktoriya Syumar

Project Description: Daily monitoring of violations of journalists' rights in all regions of Ukraine. Analysis of violations and publication of the monthly report “Freedom of Speech Barometer.” Preparation of a publication about typical violations of journalists' and media rights in Ukraine and recommendations for avoiding similar problems.

Grant: \$14,050

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Independent Association of Television and Radio Broadcasters” (01032, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 103, Office 30-31, tel. +38 (044) 254-55-56)

Project Manager: Kateryna Myasnykova

Project Description: Supporting the work of the Center for Legislative Initiatives, which monitors legislative initiatives in the media field, analyzes their impact on the media environment, and drafts reactions to legislative initiatives. Preparing and distributing the bulletin “News from the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Freedom of Speech and Information.”

Grant: \$14,450

Organization: NGO “Eastern European Institute of Media Problems” (01032, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 103, Office 30, tel. +38 (044) 280-70-07)

Project Manager: Svitlana Selyutina

Project Description: Issuing the electronic bulletin “News from the National Council for Television and Radio Broadcasting” to promote transparency in the work of the Council and provide regional television and radio companies with information about it. The bulletin contains comments from members of the Council, opinions by experts, media lawyers and other specialists.

Grant: \$14,000

Organization: Cherkasy Oblast Youth NGO “Association of Young Legislators” (18015, Cherkasy, Lenin St., 147, Office 1, tel. +38 (0472) 56-13-26, 56-12-28, 38-48-17)

Project Manager: Serhiy Kostenko

Project Description: Opening of a legal consultation office for the media: providing timely legal consultation to the media and journalists. Conducting an expert review of journalists' work prior to publication or airing to prevent legal risks and providing consultation in legal cases against the media. Conducting legal training seminars on media law for editors and journalists of print and electronic media. Publishing the monthly bulletin “Media Advocate” and the methodological manual “Fundamentals of Media Legislation.” Holding a press conferences to provide a general picture of freedom of the press in the Cherkasy oblast.

Grant: \$6,000

Organization: Poltava Oblast Media Club (36013, Poltava, Demokratychna St., 34, tel. +38 (0532) 610-479)

Project Manager: Yana Kalashnyk

Project Description: Initiating submission by journalists and NGOs in the Poltava oblast of information requests to central and local government bodies and archival institutions. Developing recommendations on how to improve the legal regulation of access to archival information. Providing legal support in cases when information was denied. Conducting roundtables on “Access to Information” in raions in the Poltava oblast.

Grant: \$7,715

Promoting Professional Journalism

Number of Projects: **8**
Number of Organizations: **7**
Total Amount: **\$168,133**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **3.35%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$12,774
Kyiv	6	\$152,720
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$2,639

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: Developing and disseminating the pilot module of methodological recommendations for journalists "Pressing Issues and Media Coverage of the Battle Against Tuberculosis in Ukraine." Conducting training seminars for the media. Monitoring changes in the media's stance on the tuberculosis epidemic in Ukraine.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: International Charitable Foundation "Academy of Ukrainian Press" (01133, Kyiv, Vavilovkyh St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. +38 (044) 286-13-36)

Project Manager: Valeriy Ivanov

Project Description: Developing a school for social journalism: conducting trainings for journalists on priority public health problems, developing the training module "How to Write about Public Health."

Grant: \$12,120

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

Project Manager: Oleksandr Synyooky

Project Description: Developing the virtual media library www.media.parlament.org.ua, which contains works by think tanks that study media law, government bodies and local self-government in Ukraine, as well as news about key trends in the development of the media market in Ukraine and abroad, legislation from various countries in the given sphere, competitions announced by donor organizations, information about national and international events that media experts from Ukraine can take part in. Conducting a roundtable on "The Role of Electronic Media in Consolidating Freedom of Speech in Ukraine."

Grant: \$14,950

Organization: All-Ukrainian Foundation "Step by Step" (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 235-11-36, +38 (044) 531-12-76)

Project Manager: Yulia Nayda

Project Description: Developing a manual and training module on inclusive education for the media. Conducting seminars and trainings on inclusive education for media representatives in Lviv, Kyiv and Simferopol.

Grant: \$8,050

Organization: NGO “Telekrytyka” (01030, Kyiv, Shevchenko Blvd., 34-B, tel. +38 (044) 235-70-91)

Project Manager: Natalia Ligachova

Project Description: Weekly monitoring of informational television programs. Conducting journalist investigations and involving experts to comment on violations of professional standards. Publishing journalism-related materials on the Telekrytyka website (<http://www.telekritika.ua>). Holding a roundtable and press conference on the monitoring results.

Grant: \$17,600

Organization: NGO “Internet Initiatives” (08341, Kyiv Oblast, Petrivske, Boryspil Raion, Molodizhna St., 1, tel. +38 (050) 640-41-68)

Project Manager: Yaroslav Yazhniuk

Project Description: Travel by a representative of the mobile blogging service community moblog.kiev.ua to the MobileActive 2008 conference (Johannesburg, South Africa, 13-15 October 2008) to study the international experience in using mobile technologies by NGOs and expand the respective service to Ukraine.

Grant: \$2,639

Organization: NGO “Center for the Study of Social Perspectives of Donbas” (83055, Donetsk, Postysheva St., 137, Office 28, tel. +38 (062) 348-07-77)

Project Manager: Serhiy Peteshov

Project Description: Creating independent public journalism societies in the Luhansk and Ivano-Frankivsk regions. Conducting continuous trainings on modern standards of journalism for members of independent media organizations.

Grant: \$12,774

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

Project Manager: Ihor Kohut

Project Description: Creating and running a School for Professional Journalism: forming a supervisory and project council, approving a concept for the school, designing a website, and conducting a promotional campaign. In 2009, plans call for 4 four-day sessions to be held in Kyiv, AR Crimea, Odesa, and Western Ukraine. Key modules will include: professional journalism skills, professional journalism standards, domestic political processes and state policy analysis, international journalism challenges. For more about the School, visit: <http://www.usps.org.ua/index.php?mid=38>.

Grant: \$95,000

Public Monitoring and Lobbying Ukraine’s Switch to Digital Broadcasting

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$25,527**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.51%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$10,500
Operational Projects	1	\$15,027

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Independent Association of Television and Radio Broadcasters” (01032, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 103, Office 30-31, tel. +38 (044) 254-55-56)

Project Manager: Olha Bolshakova

Project Description: Organizing an international conference on “Problems Related to Introducing Digital Broadcasting on the National, Regional and Local Levels” (National Academy of Telecommunications, Odesa, April 2008).

Grant: \$10,500

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

Project Manager: Vitaliy Zamnius

Project Description: Promoting extensive discussion about problems of switching to digital broadcasting in Ukraine by holding the Second International Forum “Digital Broadcasting in Ukraine.” Publicizing the results of the work done last year in preparing for the switch to digital broadcasting.

Grant: \$15,027

Developing the Genre of Journalist Investigations to Increase Government Transparency

Number of Projects: 1
Number of Organizations: 1
Total Amount: \$35,000
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.70%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$35,000

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: Yehor Sobolyev
Project Description: Creating and running a National Investigative Journalism Bureau; producing and disseminating investigative journalism stories. The bureau operates based on partnership relations with a

number of regional and nationwide publications, which receive and publish material produced by the bureau. 17 leading regional publications currently subscribe to this material. The bureau's plans include: launching a website, creating a network of investigative journalists, providing consultations and legal assistance to practicing journalists performing investigations.
Grant: \$35,000

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total Amount: **\$22,923**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.46%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	2	\$17,363
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$5,560

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Independent Association of Television and Radio Broadcasters”
(01032, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 103, Office 30-31, tel. +38 (044) 254-55-56)

Project Manager: Kateryna Myasnykova

Project Description: Organizing the Ukrainian delegation’s trip to the Eurasia Regional Forum for Media Development to discuss common regional problems of media development and meet with media donors.

Grant: \$11,303

Organization: NGO “Open Society Foundation”
(04071, Kyiv, Kostyantynivska St., 37, Office 22, tel. +38 (044) 419-70-10)

Project Manager: Lesya Shevchenko

Project Description: Providing legal support to the wife of murdered journalist Heorhiy Gongadze during the investigation and “Gongadze Case” court hearing. Widely publicizing the results of the investigation and the victim’s family’s position.

Grant: \$6,060

Organization: NGO “Internet Initiative”
(08341, Kyiv Oblast, Petrivske, Boryspil Raion, Molodizhna St., 1, tel. +38 (050) 640-41-68)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Demchenko

Project Description: Teaching activists and representatives of NGOs how to utilize new media in their activities. Promoting new media through exchange of information and new contacts. Promoting the development of new media in Ukraine.

Grant: \$5,560

SOCIAL CAPITAL
AND ACADEMIC
PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM



SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

Number of Projects:	46
Number of Organizations:	28
Total Amount:	\$327,051
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	6.51%

Program Goal in 2008: to strengthen the role of academic publications in solving social problems and enriching the democratic public discourse in Ukraine. To promote scholarship in Ukraine and satisfy the need for books and research publications. The program focuses on supporting Ukraine's European choice and developing a global public space in which Ukraine is a full-fledged participant, by leading dialogue between people and communities through translations.

Program Priority in 2008: to promote equal access to information and knowledge necessary to ensure public participation in the development of Ukrainian society and promoting understanding between cultures.

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 activity of authors, translators and readers in searching for and reflecting on words, memories, perspectives and maps of the world.

The Translation Project, a joint initiative of the International Renaissance Foundation, the Open Society Institute Information Program and the Next Page Foundation (Sofia, Bulgaria) has been in Ukraine since 1998. As of April 2009, 500 translated books have been published in Ukrainian with program support and another 160 are being prepared for publication. For several years now, the IRF Advisory Board has recognized the Translation Project as IRF's most successful program. This component of the program not only supports the publication of translations, but also mobilizes intellectual capital, without which civil society and the public sphere can't exist.

Competition "Translating German Literature into Ukrainian" (in partnership with the Goethe-Institut in Ukraine)

Competition goal: 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, informational 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 2008, the joint expert council approved support for 17 German translation projects. (26 applications was received).

Competition “Publishing Contemporary Polish Scientific Literature and Fiction in Ukrainian” (in partnership with the Polish Institute in Kyiv and the Polish Embassy in Ukraine)

Competition goal: Publishing in Ukrainian (for the first time) contemporary Polish literature and essays on communication between political and civil society: works on human rights and Euro-integration processes, modern history, culture, the latest concept on representing public interests at a time of crisis of representative democracy and protecting the interests of minorities.

Competition focus: Increase access to information for its effective use in solving important problems faced by Ukrainian society. Strengthening contacts between Poles and Ukrainians.

In 2008, the joint expert council approved support for 7 Polish translation projects. (25 applications was received).

Competition “Translating Foreign Literature into Ukrainian/Russian” (in partnership with the Victor Pinchuk Foundation’s Social Initiative)

Competition goal: Educational work in the field of philanthropy and social leadership; encouraging the public to develop their own projects to do good for others; helping the Ukrainian audience understand needs and how various forms of charitable, philanthropic and social leadership initiatives are born; providing the readership audience with expert literature; encouraging public discussion of problems arising from the pragmatic aspects of doing good.

Competition focus: To provide Ukrainian readers with literature that may inspire them to do good for others. The target audience includes “the intellectual reader,” public figures, social and political leaders, researchers, professors, students, and businessmen focused on social activities.

In 2008, the joint expert council approved support for 1 project by Calvaria Publishers. (4 applications was received).

LABORATORY FOR SCIENTIFIC TRANSLATION 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 objective of the project is to create an intellectual environment for professional discussions on strategy and academic quality of Ukrainian translations of Western non-fiction literature on the humanities and social disciplines. The main components of the project are 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 specifics fields in the humanities-social sciences to approve terminology for translated texts and solve problems with the translation of a certain book.

In 2008, the program focused on developing a German-Ukrainian dictionary of philosophical and humanities terms. As part of the first stage of the project, two terminology workshops were held, the results of which will serve as the basis for the dictionary. The following seminars were held: November – “Philosophy of Law and Moral Philosophy Terminology” (<http://www.ua-pereklad.org/ua/news/rechtsphilosophie/>); December – “Religious Theory and Philosophy Terminology” (<http://www.ua-pereklad.org/ua/news/theology/>). The project maintains the Laboratory’s website (new address – <http://www.ua-pereklad.org>) and has started a blog called “Academic Translation” (<http://www.ua-pereklad.blogspot.com/>).

PROMOTING OPEN ACCESS TO SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE

Promoting open access policies and practices (journals, archives) and balanced intellectual property rights

“Open access” to literature means its free availability on the public internet, permitting any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, crawl them for indexing, pass them as data to software, or use them for any other lawful purpose, without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself.” (Budapest Open Access Initiative)

The project is implemented in cooperation with the Open Society Institute Information Program, the Electronic Information for Libraries consortium (eIFL.net), and the Goethe-Institut in Kyiv.

Despite increased access to the internet, over the last few years the scope of users' rights to access information and use it effectively for personal and social development has narrowed significantly. The public needs to understand the results of introducing such strict forms of protection for intellectual property rights and should have access to information for research and intellectual purposes, preserving cultural heritage, etc. Strict standards of intellectual property protection challenge a country's developmental and innovative policy, first and foremost in the terms of access to information about public health. Civil society's job is to turn attention to the negative consequences of prematurely introducing overly strict standards for protecting intellectual property.

Competitions “Open Access to Knowledge” and “Balanced Intellectual Property Rights”

Competition goal: increase access to information (first and foremost – scientific) so that it can be effectively used by researchers, educators, students and wide audiences, and support socially balanced intellectual property rights practices in order to increase access to knowledge and vital information.

In 2008, the program council and OSI network program provided support to four projects: Institute of Software Systems of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv) (www.publications.nas.gov.ua); Lviv City NGO “Centre for the Humanities” (Lviv) (www.humanities.lviv.ua); Oblast NGO “Center for Strategic Initiatives” (Khmelnitsky) (<http://www.csi.km.ua/eng/index.php>); Ternopil State Ivan Pul'uj Technical University (Ternopil) (<http://www.tu.edu.te.ua/?l=en>). (8 applications received, 4 projects supported).

These projects: created and increased open access archives at research organizations and educational institutions with full-text publications and educational materials; organized informational seminars for stakeholders – educators, librarians and research organizations – to expand the practice of open access; organized informational seminars for the media; competitions for journalists that write about open access; competitions for student research, etc.; increased user rights relating to access to information and its effective use in personal and public development. (<http://www.dspace.humanities.org.ua:80/dspace/>, www.tstu.edu.ua, <http://library.tstu.edu.ua>, <http://www.csi.km.ua/>)

UKRAINIAN BOOK TRADE PROJECT

The Ukrainian Book Trade Project came to a close in November 2008. The project was made possible thanks to a three-year grant received by the International Renaissance Foundation and Fund for Central

and East European Book Projects – Amsterdam (CEEBP) from the MATRA Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The goal was to create a professional and powerful book market throughout Ukraine.

Project goals:

- Supporting the development of an informational and communication infrastructure for the Ukrainian book market and strengthening cooperation between market participants.
- Increasing accessibility of books in the regions of Ukraine.
- Enhancing the professional skills of Ukrainian publishers and booksellers.

Project activities and implementing organizations:

- Developing an internet portal for the book trade www.UABooks.info - Ukrainian Publishers and Booksellers Association and Business Technology Development Centre [VlasnaSprava.info](http://www.VlasnaSprava.info);
- Creating and expanding 14 interregional distribution centers (Dzherela M and Summit-Book). Developing the book databases <http://vsiknygy.org.ua/> and <http://vsiknygy.net.ua/>
- Conducting workshops for publishers and booksellers (Polish, Dutch, German and Ukrainian consultants and experts);
- Conducting a comprehensive study of the Ukrainian book market.

As a result of the project, central and regional government in Ukraine launched a dialogue with the publishing industry, books became more accessible for consumers, and there was an increase in the number of places where one can buy Ukrainian books in Uzhhorod, the Vinnytsia, Volyn, Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Mykolayiv, Odesa, Poltava, Rivne, Kherson, Khmelnytsky and Chernivtsi oblasts and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (the first regional distribution centers were opened in these cities). The first database of Ukrainian books was created (<http://vsiknygy.org.ua/>), which contains detailed information on 153,721 books by 2,609 publishers (69,221 can be purchased and 5,534 are new releases. Approximately half of all Ukrainian publishers and distributors attended the 41 project seminars and consultations. Most participants were successful in starting new sales and publication projects. Internet portals were developed for the Ukrainian book industry: (www.UABooks.info) (Ukrainian Publishers and Booksellers Association) and (www.VlasnaSprava.info) (Business Technology Development Centre). Upon conclusion of the Ukrainian Book Trade Project, recommendations were prepared and disseminated on developing state and regional policy to support of the Ukrainian book industry.

Initiatives and Difficulties in Attaining the Program's Priorities:

Throughout the year, the program was responsible for helping organize a number of important events for the book industry – seminars, presentations, meetings. In July, during the presentation Michael Haller's book "Investigation" (Academy of Ukrainian Press) at the German Embassy in Ukraine, a presentation was also made of the work of the joint translation project of the Goethe-Institut and IRF (with the participation of Ukrainian publishers and embassy staff). In October, a discussion was held at the Center for European Studies at the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" entitled "Who in Ukraine needs quality translations?" with the participation of translators, publishers, representatives

of the Laboratory for Scientific Translation, and program experts. They raised the issues of translator professional ethics as a guarantee of quality translation, translation quality as a business factor, and sources of public influences over translation quality. In December, a presentation was held at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy's School of Journalism of Gerd Strohmeier's book *Politik und Massenmedien*, which was published by the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Publishing House with support from IRF and the Goethe-Institut. The presentation sparked a lively debate over the role of mass media in contemporary society.

In September the program organized a meeting with Ukrainian publishers to discuss the procedure for obtaining and paying for copyrights. Given current Ukrainian legislation, this is problematic. To help solve this problem, it was decided that institutions that the program cooperates with will help with obtaining copyrights. Another problem discussed was promotion and informing. There is no publication that highlights the activities of publishers and initiates the sale of books not through bookstores.

The economic crisis has been the main source of frustration for the book industry and its effect was starting to be felt towards the end of the year. In light of this, on the initiative of the program and the Publishers Forum, in December a publishing anti-crisis meeting was held during which the issue of industry policy was discussed. Under the conditions of the crisis, the following problems have become the most urgent: strategic planning for the industry; establishing ties with the book trade and searching for ways to influence legislators; relations with suppliers are becoming difficult (costs for paper, printing, rent); mail and transportation is becoming more expensive; late payment for sold books by wholesale and retail traders; lack of transparency (efficiency and fairness of allocation) in use of budget money provided by the state; partial absence of business ethics in industry relations. They also discussed industry loans, and lobbying changes to the law on warranties in the book publishing and book trade spheres.

Partnership and Cooperation:

There are practically no donors or international organizations in Ukraine that support the translation of a broad spectrum of foreign literature in the humanities and social disciplines. The cultural offices of foreign embassies in Ukraine provide support for a small number of translation projects. In view of this, IRF has introduced an initiative to coordinate translation projects in Ukraine.

In late 2003, IRF and the Goethe-Institut launched a joint program to support translations from German, which worked successful in 2008. An important achievement of cooperating with the Polish Institute in Kyiv was the expansion of the Polish translation project, with the Polish Embassy coming on board. A new initiative of the program was cooperation with the Victor Pinchuk Foundation's Social Initiative in implementing the joint "Project to Translate Foreign Literature into Ukrainian/Russian," the goal of which is to publish literature on philanthropy and social leadership.

In December 2008, IRF began renewing cooperation with the public affairs section of the US Embassy in Ukraine to jointly support the translation of contemporary American literature. This year the program also established contacts with the Open Ukraine Foundation's Cultural Horizons Program

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	33	\$229,757
Kyiv Oblast	5	\$26,959
Lviv Oblast	2	\$13,658
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$4,602
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$2,896
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$4,823
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$5,256
Operational Projects	2	\$39,100

Translating German Literature into Ukrainian in Cooperation with the Goethe-Institut

Number of Projects: **18**
Number of Organizations: **10**
Total Amount: **\$100,215**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.99%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	13	\$73,256
Kyiv Oblast	5	\$26,959

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: Publishing the translation of K.O. Apel's book Diskurs und Verantwortung.

Grant: \$2,630

Organization: Kyiv-Svyatoshyn Branch of the Ukrainian Children's Fund (255510, Kyiv Oblast, Boyarka, Molodizhna St., 48, tel. +38 (044)288-04-59)

Project Manager: Ivan Tsushko

Project Description: Translating and publishing A. Assmann's book Erinnerungsraeume. Formen und Wandlungen des kulturellen Gedaechnnisses.

Grant: \$3,776

Organization: Kyiv-Svyatoshyn Branch of the Ukrainian Children's Fund (255510, Kyiv Oblast, Boyarka, Molodizhna St., 48, tel. +38 (044)288-04-59)

Project Manager: Ivan Tsushko

Project Description: Translating and publishing Herbert Marcuse's book Triebstruktur und Gesellschaft.

Grant: \$3,520

Organization: Kyiv-Svyatoshyn Branch of the Ukrainian Children's Fund (255510, Kyiv Oblast, Boyarka, Molodizhna St., 48, tel. +38 (044)288-04-59)

Project Manager: Ivan Tsushko

Project Description: Translating and publishing Ulrich Beck's book Macht und Gegenmacht im globalen Zeitalter.

Grant: \$3,776

Organization: "Universe" Publishers, Ltd. (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 32, Office 165, tel. +38 (044) 223-94-99, (050) 691-68-06)

Project Manager: Oleh Zhupansky

Project Description: Translating and publishing J. Ritter's book Metaphysik und Politik.

Grant: \$9,038

Organization: Joint Ukrainian-American Enterprise "Krytyka" Magazine" Ltd. (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 255, tel. +38 (044) 270-5400)

Project Manager: Andriy Mokrousov

Project Description: Translating and publishing Franz Kafka's book Der Verschollene (Amerika).

Grant: \$4,299

Organization: Joint Ukrainian-American Enterprise
"Krytyka" Magazine" Ltd. (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 255,
tel. +38 (044) 270-5400)

Project Manager: Andriy Mokrousov

Project Description: Translating and publishing Dieter's
Pohl book Holocaust. Die Ursachen - das Geschehen -
die Folgen.

Grant: \$3,926

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: Translating and publishing Thomas
Mann's book Felix Krull.

Grant: \$6,849

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Zion"
(04210, Kyiv, Mate Zalky St., 3-A, Office 237,
tel. +38 (044) 275-36-06)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryskin

Project Description: Translating and publishing Cornelia
Funke's book Tintenblut.

Grant: \$5,805

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Zion"
(04210, Kyiv, Mate Zalky St., 3-A, Office 237,
tel. +38 (044) 275-36-06)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryskin

Project Description: Translating and publishing Cornelia
Funke's book Tintentod.

Grant: \$7,466

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Zion"
(04210, Kyiv, Mate Zalky St., 3-A, Office 237,
tel. +38 (044) 275-36-06)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryskin

Project Description: Translating and publishing Cornelia
Funke's book Tintenherz.

Grant: \$5,627

Organization: "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" Publishing House,
Ltd. (04655, Kyiv, Kontraktova Sq., 4,
tel. +38 (044) 425-60-92, 417-59-56)

Project Manager: Vira Solovyova

Project Description: Translating and publishing Franziska
Bruder's book "Den Ukrainischen Staat erkaempfen
oder sterben!" Die Organisation Ukrainischer
Nationalisten (OUN 1929-1948).

Grant: \$6,314

Organization: Ukrainian Writers Union Publication
"Ukrainian Writer" (01054, Kyiv, O. Honchara St., 52,
tel. +38 (044) 486-25-92)

Project Manager: Yuriy Buryak

Project Description: Translating and publishing K. Jung's
book Archetyp und Unbewusstes.

Grant: \$4,854

Organization: Ukrainian Writers Union Publication
"Ukrainian Writer" (01054, Kyiv, O. Honchara St., 52,
tel. +38 (044) 486-25-92)

Project Manager: Yuriy Buryak

Project Description: Translating and publishing Erich
Fromm's book Vom Haben zum Sein.

Grant: \$4,486

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: Translating and publishing Hagen
Schulze's book Kleine deutsche Geschichte.

Grant: \$4,777

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: Translating and publishing Rainer
Maria Rilke's book Die Aufzeichnungen des Malte
Laurids Brigge.

Grant: \$6,815

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Zion"
(04210, Kyiv, Mate Zalky St., 3-A, Office 237,
tel. +38 (044) 275-36-06)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Bryskin

Project Description: Translating and publishing Wolfgang
Hohlbein's book Maerchenmond.

Grant: \$3,939

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: Translating and publishing Siegfried
Kracauer's book Von Caligari zu Hitler - Eine
psychologische Geschichte des deutschen Films.

Grant: \$12,318

Publishing Contemporary Polish Literature and Essays in Ukrainian in Cooperation With the Polish Institute and Polish Embassy in Ukraine

Number of Projects: **7**
Number of Organizations: **6**
Total Amount: **\$28,300**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.56%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	5	\$20,148
Kharkiv Oblast	1	\$2,896
Chernivtsi Oblast	1	\$5,256

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: "Books-XXI" Publishers, Ltd.
(58000, Chernivtsi, Sheptytskoho St., 2,
tel. +38 (0372) 58-64-64)

Project Manager: Vasyl Dronyak

Project Description: Translating and publishing Kazimierz Moczarski's book Rozmowy z katem.

Grant: \$5,256

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: Translating and publishing Jerzy Ficowski's book Regiony wielkiej herezji i okolice. Bruno Schulz i jego mitologia.

Grant: \$7,515

Organization: Subsidiary Enterprise "Nora-Druk" (03022,
Kyiv, Vasylykivska St., 30, tel. +38 (044) 495-50-69)

Project Manager: Eleonora Simonova

Project Description: Translating and publishing Marek Krajewski's book Smerc w Breslau.

Grant: \$4,084

Organization: "K.I.C." Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 1,
tel. +38 (044) 462-52-69)

Project Manager: Yuriy Marchenko

Project Description: Translating and publishing Bogumila Berdychowska's book Ukraina: ludzie i ksiazki.

Grant: \$2,152

Organization: "AKTA" Ltd.
(61085, Kharkiv, Zhukovskoho Prosp. 3, Office 133,
tel. +38 (057) 751-2125, (067) 447-4489)

Project Manager: Denys Tkachenko

Project Description: Translating and publishing Aleksander Fiut's book Spotkania z Innym.

Grant: \$2,896

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: Translating and publishing Polska i
Ukraina: Rozmowy z Bohdanem Osadcukiem by Basil
Kerski and Andrzej St. Kowalchuk.
Grant: \$3,190

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: Olena Movchan
Project Description: Translating and publishing Jan
Twardowski’s book Jeszcze jedna modlitwa.
Grant: \$3,207

SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

Open Access and Socially Balanced
Intellectual Property Rights

Number of Projects: 5
Number of Organizations: 5
Total Amount: \$26,583
Share of Total Project Expenditures: 0.53%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	2	\$7,500
Lviv Oblast	1	\$9,658
Ternopil Oblast	1	\$4,602
Khmelnysky Oblast	1	\$4,823

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Private Enterprise “Nauka” Publishers
(03124, Kyiv, M.Vasylenka St., 13A, Office 68,
tel. +38 (044) 497-81-69)
Project Manager: Andriy Ishchenko
Project Description: Translating and publishing the book
The Collective Advancement of Education through
Open Technology, Open Content, and Open Knowledge
by Toru Iiyoshi and M.S. Vijay Kumar. Providing open
access to the translation and supporting materials.
Grant: \$5,000

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 archive in
the university to provide open access to scientific and
methodological works.
Grant: \$4,602

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: Providing open access to archives
(information about Ukrainian prisoners, captives, and
those subject to repression).

Grant: \$4,823

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
and scientific publications in the humanities field.

Grant: \$9,658

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 the
NAS’s informational resources.

Grant: \$2,500

SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

Joint Project with the Victor Pinchuk Foundation: Translating Foreign Literature into Ukrainian and Russian

Number of Projects: **1**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$8,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.16%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$8,000

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: Translating and publishing Bill
Clinton’s book Giving: How Each of Us Can Change
the World.

Grant: \$8,000

Laboratory for Scientific Translation

Number of Projects: **1**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$5,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.10%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$5,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Youth NGO "Youth Center for Humanities"
(04070, Kyiv, tel. +38 (044) 425-68-65, (044) 417-35-20)

Project Manager: Volodymyr Yermolenko

Project Description: Creating and improving scientific terminology and improving translators' stylistic and translation skills.

Grant: \$5,000

Ukrainian Book Project

Number of Projects: **9**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total Amount: **\$134,503**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.68%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	8	\$97,103
Operational Projects	1	\$37,400

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: “Dzherela M” Ltd. (04073, Kyiv, Frunze St., 160- 11, tel. +38 (044) 467-50-24)
Project Manager: Vitaliy Kapranov
Project Description: Supporting the operation of distribution centers in Kyiv and the regions of Ukraine.
Grant: \$15,263

Organization: Subsidiary Enterprise “Summit Book” (04060, Kyiv, M. Berlinskoho St., 9, 1st Floor, tel. +38 (044) 501-93-94)
Project Manager: Ihor Stepurin
Project Description: Supporting the operation of distribution centers in Kyiv and the regions of Ukraine.
Grant: \$18,854

Organization: Subsidiary Enterprise “Summit Book” (04060, Kyiv, M. Berlinskoho St., 9, 1st Floor, tel. +38 (044) 501-93-94)
Project Manager: Ihor Stepurin
Project Description: Providing support for the www.vsiknyhy.com.ua website
Grant: \$3,890

Organization: “Dzherela M” Ltd. (04073, Kyiv, Frunze St., 160- 11, tel. +38 (044) 467-50-24)
Project Manager: Vitaliy Kapranov
Project Description: Developing the Ukrainian book market’s information-communication infrastructure.
Grant: \$3,000

Organization: “Dzherela M” Ltd. (04073, Kyiv, Frunze St., 160- 11, tel. +38 (044) 467-50-24)
Project Manager: Vitaliy Kapranov
Project Description: Establishing a nationwide network of distribution centers.
Grant: \$7,000

Organization: Subsidiary Enterprise “Summit Book” (04060, Kyiv, M. Berlinskoho St., 9, 1st Floor, tel. +38 (044) 501-93-94)
Project Manager: Ihor Stepurin
Project Description: Developing the book market’s information-communication infrastructure.
Grant: \$3,000

Organization: Subsidiary Enterprise “Summit Book”
(04060, Kyiv, M. Berlinskoho St., 9, 1st Floor,
tel. +38 (044) 501-93-94)
Project Manager: Ihor Stepurin
Project Description: Establishing a nationwide network of
distribution centers.
Grant: \$39,096

Organization: Subsidiary Enterprise “Summit Book”
(04060, Kyiv, M. Berlinskoho St., 9, 1st Floor,
tel. +38 (044) 501-93-94)
Project Manager: Ihor Stepurin
Project Description: Strengthening the Ukrainian book
market by launching a nationwide network of distribution
centers.
Grant: \$7,000

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Taras Lyuty
Project Description: Adminstrating the Ukrainian
Book Project, aimed at creating a professional and
strong book market throughout Ukraine: supporting
the development of an information-communication
infrastructure and improving cooperation between
different market participants; increasing accessibility
to books in all regions of Ukraine; and enhancing the
professional skills of book publishers and distributors.
Conducting 4 training cycles and internships for
Ukrainian publishers and book sellers.
Grant: \$37,400

SOCIAL CAPITAL AND ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects: **5**
Number of Organizations: **4**
Total Amount: **\$24,450**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.49%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	3	\$18,750
Lviv Oblast	1	\$4,000
Operational Projects	1	\$1,700

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Democratic Seminar” Foundation”
(79000, Lviv, Universytetska St., 1, Office 318,
tel. +38 (032) 279-45-85, 274-13-26)
Project Manager: Roman Shust

Project Description: Preparing and publishing the
“Encyclopedia of XX Century World History” – compiled
by 100 researchers from Ukraine’s 5 largest universities.
Grant: \$4,000

Organization: "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" Publishing House, Ltd. (04655, Kyiv, Kontraktova Sq., 4, tel. +38 (044) 425-60-92, 417-59-56)

Project Manager: Vira Solovyova

Project Description: Translating and publishing Pierre Rosanvallon's book The Democratic Legitimacy.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: "Fact" Publishers, Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 76, tel. +38 (044) 287-18-82)

Project Manager: Leonid Finkelstein

Project Description: Publishing the selected works by Vasyl Stus Taborovy Zoshyt (Camp Notebook) in honor of the 70th anniversary of his birth, with the aim of popularizing his work.

Grant: \$11,000

Organization: "Fact" Publishers, Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, Shota Rustaveli St., 20 V, tel. +38 (044) 287-29-48, 287-29-46)

Project Manager: Dmytro Stus

Project Description: Support for the publication of one issue of the magazine "Kyivska Rus" – one of the leading literary criticism publications in Ukraine.

Grant: \$2,750

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

Project Manager: Taras Lyuty

Project Description: Participation in the 53rd Book Fair and working meetings with representatives of the Stefan Batory Foundation and Book Institute (Warsaw, Poland).

Grant: \$1,700



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EDUCATION PROGRAM



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Number of Projects:	12
Number of Organizations:	7
Total Amount:	\$363,291
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	7.23%

Program Goal in 2008: to help employ the potential of the Ukrainian third sector and scientific–educational establishments for the sustainable development of the educational system and improving the quality of education in Ukraine.

Program Priorities in 2008:

- University autonomy;
- Participation by the academic community in developing educational policy;
- Further developing the system of public monitoring and ensuring quality middle and higher education;
- Promoting inclusive education in Ukraine.

The Program is Implemented through the Following Operational Projects:

- **University Autonomy as a Component of Civil Society.** The project aims to create a new model of relations between the university, society, and the state, whereby universities set their own objectives and answer for the results of their actions to society in the person of their academic staff, students and local community, making sure that their objectives comply with national interests. The project is implemented with participation of representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine, and 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 2008, as part of the project a series of national roundtables were held and there was direct participation in international conferences on Ukrainian education problems and university autonomy. The roundtable at the University of Economics and Law “Krok” was dedicated to drafting a new version of the Law of Ukraine “On Higher Education” (April 2008). At a conference in Vilnius, participants from Ukrainian universities took part in discussing problems of academic freedom and institutional autonomy using examples from Central and Eastern Europe. The project also supported expert consultations with American experts on university autonomy (December 2008) and publication of materials from a conference at Warsaw University about university problems in Europe and the US.

In early 2008, the consortium resumed cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science and Ukrainian government. In January 2008, Minister of Education and Science Ivan Vakarchuk

attended a meeting of the Council of Consortium Rectors, during which they approved an action plan for 2008-2009 and developed proposals for the government's action plan on education. The universities were involved in developing the education component of the Tymoshenko government's action plan. IRF and consortium representatives were part of the working group drafting amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education," and the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Science and Education expert group. University autonomy was among the Ministry's priority issues for 2008 (see: Dzerkalo Tyzhnia, #4, 2-8 February 2008).

In summer 2008, following consultations with the Working Group, the consortium approved an exit strategy for the autonomy project. It was suggested that the consortium, on one hand, transform the political-legal component of the project into an analytical study and development of proposals on changes to education legislation (at least three education laws and a number of laws on labor, social welfare, the budget code, etc.). On the other hand, plans also call for directing existing money and intellectual resources for the development of a model of control and assessment of quality of education services in universities, and public reporting by universities. Such models will serve as an important impetus for further university self-organization for the sake of institutional autonomy.

- **"Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine"** – this joint Ukrainian-Dutch project was launched by IRF and the International Center for School Improvement – APD (Netherlands) in late 2006 with the goal of starting open and democratic discussions on education problems in Ukraine. Two platforms that unite activists, experts, parents and representatives of local government were created in Poltava and Odesa, with a coordination center in Kyiv. The project envisages the organization of a system of continuous exchange and dissemination of information between the education community, subjects of the education process and local education departments.

This project is financed jointly by IRF and the MATRA Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

Throughout 2008, the project thematic priority was "School of the Future: Problems of Reforming Education Administration (from Decentralization to Self-Administration)." Project activities were aimed at introducing a balanced model of coordination between all stakeholders working on improving schools (local departments of education, teachers, principals, parents) to implemented education reform on the local level with the goal of establishing modern standards of analysis and public debate on socially important aspects of education reform. Poltava and Odesa were locations of trainings (April 2008), a series of field workshop for educators from these oblasts (April-June 2008) were undertaken, two regional (September) and one national (November 2008) conference on school reform and the "ideal" school of the future were organized. Publications included the bulletins: "Ukrainian Textbooks: Time to Speak Out, Time to Act" and "School of the Future"; the brochures "Dialogue on Education: Understanding, Cooperation, Change" and "National Concept "School of the Future, School for the Future: Development of Schools on the Local Level"; and the analytical report "Textbook Publishing in Ukraine. Systematic Problems and Options for Change" (written in 2007). The project will end in 2009.

- **Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring.** Since 2002, the IRF Education Program has been the main initiator and supporter of introducing external testing in Ukraine. In the framework of the project "Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring" technological and procedural testing cycles were developed and approbated that became the basis for external assessment. A regulatory base was also created. During 2005-2006, there was close cooperation with the Presidential Secretariat on introducing external testing and creating a Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment.

Successful nationwide external testing (116,000 students took part in 2007) has shown that this system is able to function on the state level as an objective mechanism for assessing student achievement and ensuring equal opportunities to higher education. The key success story of the project was public monitoring of the state external testing system to increase its transparency and public trust. A large-scale public opinion poll conducted in July 2007 among 10,000 students who took these tests, the results of which were presented during a press conference in UNIAN, helped analyze the 2007 testing process and provide relevant recommendations to the Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment on how to improve the testing procedures.

Throughout 2008, the center focused its work on developing a system of public monitoring of the external testing system and education quality. As part of the project, the center prepared an analytical report based on a survey of 11th grade students and teachers at general education schools on the quality and level of information available about external testing. A number of working meetings were organized with representatives of the Ministry of Education, USETI program, Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment and NGOs on how to improve the “Regulations on Public Observation during External Testing in 2008” in terms of involving public monitoring at all stages of testing (informational, student registration, transport of tests, transport of filled out answer forms, grading, announcement of results and acceptance into higher education institutions.

The Center was part of a coalition of NGOs that kept a watchful eye over the external testing process (22 April – 4 June 2008). The Center also put together a form for public monitors to fill out at testing sites and monitored complaints submitted by students.

In late October 2008, the Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring took part in the fifth exhibit “Ukrainian Education: Innovative Education Technologies” and presented its achievements in developing mechanisms for public monitoring of the state external testing system and the USETI program in Ukraine. A seminar was held during the exhibition to assess the results of a public evaluation of the round of external testing held in 2008.

In 2008, the Center published a concise dictionary of testing terms – the first attempt in Ukraine to systematize the most common foreign and Ukrainian terms used during the testing process. The TIMO (Testing and Monitoring in Education) newsletter continues to be published.

Despite the successful external testing and public monitoring, the situation with disputed results and political environment have shown that normative and legal regulations need to be introduced that identifying principles of public monitoring of the state external testing system and responsibility for violations.

- **Promoting Inclusive Education in Ukraine.** In 2008 this was the logical continuation of the following projects previously implemented and supported by IRF programs in 2005-2006: “Rights of Children with Special Educational Needs to Equal Access to Quality Education” (Education Program) and “Education Policy on Inclusive Education: International Experience and Ukrainian Realities” (East East Program).

A priority direction in 2008 was the project “Creating a Favorable Legislative Space for the Further Development of an Inclusive Model of Education in Ukraine.” With this goal in mind, Ukrainian legislation an analysis was performed for compliance with key international documents in the field of human rights and education for children with special needs, support mechanisms and possible obstacles to introducing inclusive education practices into general education institutions were

identified. With the participation of experts from different levels, recommendations were developed on formulating social policy on inclusive education and necessary legislative changes.

To help develop mechanisms necessary for introducing an inclusive model of education in three pilot oblasts (Lviv, Poltava, Kyiv) roundtables were held to familiarize teachers at inclusive schools, local education departments, state administrations and the general public with the existing models of inclusive education. A study visit to the Netherlands (8-15 November) was organized to study the local experience in providing education, specialized and other services to children with special needs, supporting parents, and training teachers.

With the aim of promoting legislative changes to allow for the further development of inclusive education in Ukraine, two seminars were held in Lviv and Poltava, during which participants developed a series of recommendations for the Statute on Inclusive Classes/Schools and the Standards of Social Services for Inclusive Schools; public hearings were held in Kyiv and Poltava, as well as a roundtable during the international conference “National Strategies for Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Policy, Experience, Practice” (23-24 October 2008)

Difficulties arose during project implementation due to the unstable political situation in Ukraine, which resulted in dates for planned events having to be changed.

- **Law and Education.** This new initiative was begun in 2008 – a concept was developed, consultations were held with interested partners, and the competition “Implementing the Principles of Rule of Law in the Ukrainian Education System” was announced at the end of the year. Selections of winners and project implementation will take place in 2009. Information will be available on the IRF website.
- **Education Administration and Financing: Opportunities for Change.** A study was done of school financing in the city of Kyiv, the report “Cities vs. Raions. Administration and Financing of Kyiv Schools” was written, as was a manual for school administrators entitled “The School Budget under Conditions of Incomplete State Financing.” This line of activities will expand in 2009.

Partnership and Cooperation:

The program’s main partners are: the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, oblast education departments, Central Institute for In-Service Teacher Training, Oblast Institutes for In-Service Teacher Training, Kyiv City State Administration’s Main Department for Education and Science, Verkhovna Rada Committee on Education and Science, Ukrainian Center for Education Quality Assessment, International Center for School Improvement (Netherlands), European Association for Education Law (Belgium), International Association for Education Quality Assessment (IEA), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Open Society Institute Education Support Program (ESP OSI Budapest).

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	7	\$219,686
Operational Projects	5	\$143,605

University Autonomy as a Component of Civil Society

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$60,119**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.20%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Operational Projects	2	\$60,119

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: Heorhiy Kasyanov
Project Description: Conducting an expert study of the Ukrainian higher education system and the possibility of introducing basic elements of university autonomy on a nationwide scale. Analyzing current legislation and developing proposals for changes to it. Continuing work on introducing basic elements of university autonomy at universities that are members of the consortium.
Grant: \$55,119

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation
(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)
Project Manager: Markian Duleba
Project Description: Involving American and Ukrainian experts in developing proposals on implementing a model of doctoral education (PhD) that will comply with the principles of the European Higher Education Area Third Cycle and serve as an example for reforming the higher education system in Ukraine.
Grant: \$5,000

Center for Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$155,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **3.08%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	2	\$155,000

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian NGO “Committee of Voters of Ukraine” (04212, Kyiv, P.O. Box 56, tel. +38 (044) 492-27-68)

Project Manager: Mykola Podopryhora

Project Description: Analyzing and assessing existing anti-corruption legislation and procedures in the education sphere, and providing the Ukrainian government with recommendations on how to improve them. Organizing a network of testing observers to prevent violations during independent external testing and informing the public about the testing system’s objectivity and impartiality.

Grant: \$90,000

Organization: International Charitable Organization “Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring Center” (01042, Kyiv, Filatova St., 1/22, Office 106, tel. +38 (044) 521-24-71)

Project Manager: Anna Toropova

Project Description: Monitoring the state external testing system. Conducting an information campaign on the results of a public expert assessment of the external testing system and education quality monitoring studies. Developing and conducting trainings for NGOs and the media on how to monitor external testing. Assessing the quality of external testing implementation by educational institutions – developing a methodology and criteria.

Grant: \$65,000

The Right of Children with Special Needs to Equal Access to Quality Education

Number of Projects: **1**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$30,000**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.60%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$30,000

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, +38 (044) 531-12-76)

Project Manager: Yulia Nayda

Project Description: Developing mechanisms for
introducing an inclusive education model, including

an analysis of the existing legislative field. Developing
necessary mechanisms/recommendations and gaining
approval to allow for the further development and
legitimization of this model in Ukraine.

Grant: \$30,000

Public Platforms for Education Reform in Ukraine

Number of Projects: **2**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$73,086**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.45%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Operational Projects	2	\$73,086

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: Heorhiy Kasyanov

Project Description: Introducing a model for cooperation between education authorities, teachers, school directors, parents and students to disseminate and implement education reform on the local level. Organizing public discussions (trainings, sessions, conferences) on reforming secondary schools.

Grant: \$60,000

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

Project Manager: Markian Duleba

Project Description: Preparing, publishing and distributing brochures and informational bulletins on the topic "School of the Future" with the aim of establishing a constant public dialogue between the education community and representatives of government within the framework of IRF's joint project with the International Center for School Improvement (Netherlands) – "Ukraine Public Platform for Education Reform."

Grant: \$13,086

Non-Competitive and Innovative Projects

Number of Projects:	5
Number of Organizations:	5
Total Amount:	\$45,086
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	0.90%

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	4	\$34,686
Operational Projects	1	\$10,400

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Educational-Informational Computer Center of the Ukrainian Society for the Blind (01133, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz 5, tel. +38 (044) 235-6297)

Project Manager: Serhiy Vasin

Project Description: Organizing a conference to determine key directions, ways and methods for introducing innovative technologies for teaching, training and rehabilitating people with impaired vision.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: All-Ukrainian "Step by Step" Foundation (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 235-11-36, +38 (044) 531-12-76)

Project Manager: Nataliya Sofiy

Project Description: Participation by members of the Step by Step Foundation in regional and international meetings, trainings, and the International Step By Step Association's annual conference.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: NGO "Association of Kyiv School Directors" (04215, Kyiv, Radyanskoyi Ukrainy Prosp. 32-Є, tel. +38 (044) 434-84-64)

Project Manager: Yuriy Shukevych

Project Description: Analyzing the normative and legal base regulating school education. Summing up the experience of certain schools in Kyiv that are financially independent. Preparing a practical manual for school directors.

Grant: \$9,600

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: Enhancing the professional skills of deaf teachers, helping them introduce innovative practices in special schools for children with impaired hearing. Organizing a three-day professional training seminar for hearing-impaired professionals with higher pedagogical education and working in the education sphere.

Grant: \$5,086

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

Project Manager: Olena Lutsyshyna

Project Description: Defining functions and dividing financial responsibility between the Kyiv City Council and city districts – on one hand – and between schools and the City Council – on the other, with the aim of increasing secondary school autonomy, improving administration and self-management, and effective monitoring and distribution of budget money.

Grant: \$10,400

ROMA IN UKRAINE PROGRAM



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Number of Projects:	25
Number of Organizations:	18
Total Amount:	\$136,656
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	2.72%

Program Goal in 2008: to promote initiatives aimed at raising the level of education of Roma youth, monitoring the effectiveness of state policy towards the Roma minority, improving access to healthcare services and promoting Roma rights.

Program Priorities in 2008:

- Promoting quality human rights protection for the Roma population in Ukraine;
- Supporting the development (or improving) and implementation of state policy aimed at improving the Roma community's position in Ukraine;
- Promoting improved access to medical services by the Roma population to prevent the spread of social disease epidemics among the Roma (tuberculosis, hepatitis A, B and C, HIV/AIDS, and others).

Competitions in 2008:

- The competition "Supporting Initiatives to Analyze State Policy on Integrating the Roma Community into Ukrainian Society and Public Lobbying for Ukraine's Joining the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005-2015)" was aimed at supporting initiatives to develop, improve and implement effective state policy on integrating the Roma community into Ukrainian society and involving representatives of the Roma minority in this process. (4 applications received, 3 projects supported).
- The competition "Improving the Roma Population's Access to Medical Services" was aimed at providing the Roma population in Ukraine with access to medical services to prevent the spread of social disease epidemics among the Roma – tuberculosis, hepatitis A, B and C, HIV/AIDS, and others. (6 applications received, 5 projects supported).
- The competition "Human Rights for the Roma Population in Ukraine" provided support to Roma human rights centers to ensure access to justice and rights protection. (5 applications received, 5 projects supported).

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects in 2008:

- **Improving State Policy for Roma.** During the program's lobbying for Ukraine's joining the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015 communication and information exchange was established with the State Committee for Nationalities and Religion – the government institution responsible for introducing new programs and strategies to improve the life of the Roma minority.

With support from the program, the Congress of Roma of Ukraine organized the June 2008 International Roma Conference “Roma in Ukraine: from the Past to the Future” (in honor of International Roma Day and the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015). Conference participants – representatives of government, Roma NGOs, Ukrainian and foreign experts, researchers from the US, Serbia, Moldova, Bulgaria and Russia – discussed the urgency of state policy on the Roma, Ukraine’s chances for joining the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015, and approval of the new “State Program for the Development of the Roma People for 2009-2013” that was developed by the Congress. The program coordinates its work on this issue with the World Bank.

- **Access to Medical Services for the Roma Population.** A network of projects continued working on improving the Roma population’s access to medical services in the Zakarpattia oblast, the region where the Roma suffer most from socially dangerous diseases.

Together with the Open Society Institute’s Roma Health Program, support was given to an initiative to assess the situation and obtain reliable and relevant data in order to improve state policy on Roma public health. A series of trainings were also held for representatives of Roma NGOs on how to protect their rights and receive medical assistance.

In the city of Perechyn, Zakarpattia oblast, the local polyclinic has an office where the deputy chief doctor holds special open hours. The doctors examines the patient and refers him to specialized doctors or for further diagnostics.

- **Protecting Roma Rights.** On the human rights front, the program supports the most successful and active Roma NGOs, which have been working in this field since 2004. (in 2004-2006 they took part in the project “Protecting the Rights of Roma in Ukraine and Improving Access to Justice,” which was implemented by a coalition of Roma organizations in cooperation with European Roma Rights Centre and the International Center for Policy Studies, and support from the European Commission and International Renaissance Foundation). Together with the Open Society Institute’s Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, support was provided to a network of Roma NGOs in the Zakarpattia oblast that work in the human rights field and provide legal consultations to Roma.

Within the framework of the “Human Rights for Zakarpattia Roma” project, the Zakarpattia Roma Society “Roma” provided legal aid to Roma at a human rights center that was open every day from 9am-5pm and located in the organization’s office on Bohatyrska St., in Uzhhorod. Legal aid was not only given through consultations in the organization’s office, but also in areas with compact Roma populations during visits by consultation groups to oblast raions. Most often, the human rights organization dealt with groundless administrative detentions and beatings of Roma, and helped with filling out paperwork to get a passport, childcare or pension.

- **Scholarships for Roma Students.** In 2008, the program coordinated the scholarship program for Roma students (supported by the German Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation). Scholarships were given to 38 Roma students studying in institutions of higher education in Kyiv, Uzhhorod, Odesa, Cherkasy, Lviv and Dnipropetrovsk. The most popular subject being studied by the students is law, followed by economics, finance and the social sciences. As for regional distribution, it should be noted that the greatest number of students are from Kyiv and the Kyiv oblast, with the Zakarpattia and Cherkasy oblasts next.

Difficulties in Attaining the Program Priorities:

Difficulties include: the weak understanding by representatives of central and regional government structures of the specific needs of the Roma population, prejudiced attitudes, and at times outright discrimination and violation of Roma rights by law enforcement. The overall political instability in the country also makes it difficult to develop long-term strategies and do systematic work.

Partnership and Cooperation:

The program cooperates with the Hungarian Roma Education Fund, German Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future Foundation, World Bank, Open Society Institute network programs, and the State Committee on Nationalities and Migration.

In 2009 the program plans to continue the given lines of activities, identify the most difficult problems for Roma communities, demonstrate models for overcoming these problems (for example, through the functioning of a network of Roma medical projects) and lobbying government decisions that would improve the life of Ukraine's Roma population.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Zakarpattia Oblast	13	\$74,464
Kyiv	5	\$34,160
Odesa Oblast	1	\$5,000
Poltava Oblast	1	\$6,960
Kherson Oblast	1	\$5,000
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$5,000
Operational Projects	3	\$6,072

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian Union of NGOs “Roma Congress of Ukraine” (01001, Kyiv, Mala Zhytomyrska St., 9-B, tel. +38 (044) 228-8711)

Project Manager: Nataliya Zinevych

Project Description: Organizing an international conference with experts on improving state policy on the Roma, representatives of government, international organizations, researchers and Roma NGOs.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: International Association of Journalists “Health Without Borders” (03110, Kyiv, P.O. Box 101, tel. +38 (044) 270-44-52)

Project Manager: Ihor Horbasenko

Project Description: Technical and methodical support for the implementation of a project by the Chirikli Roman Women’s Fund to assess the level of tuberculosis infection among the Roma population. Publishing methodical literature and doing advocacy work in support of the project.

Grant: \$5,480

Organization: Transcarpathian Roma Cultural-Educational Association “Romani Yag” (88007, Uzhhorod, Dunayevskoho St., 18, tel. +38 (0312) 638-241, 61-39-56, 61-41-21)

Project Manager: Aladar Adam

Project Description: Conducting a detailed analysis of international legal documents signed by Ukraine on national minorities and preparing a summary action plan for Ukraine’s joining the Decade for Roma Inclusion in Europe (2005-2015).

Grant: \$2,970

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association “Romani Cgib” (Romany Language) (88000, Uzhhorod, Darvina St., 19, tel. +38 (0312) 61-54-42)

Project Manager: Borys Buchko

Project Description: Providing the Roma residents of the Shakhta microdistrict in Uzhhorod with access to quality medical services through doctor’s offices at the Romani Cgib Roma resource center that provide therapy and psychological counseling and a treatment room.

Grant: \$5,000

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: Providing the Roma residents of the Vynohradiv raion, Zakarpattia oblast with access to medical services through the functioning of the “Roma Health” medical consultation center.

Grant: \$7,000

Organization: Perechyn Raion Cultural-Educational Association of Roma “Romani Yag” (89200, Zakarpattia Oblast, Perechyn, Tsehlna St., 20, tel. +38 (034) 527-27-14.

Project Manager: Andriy Tehel

Project Description: Continuing the work of the medical consultation center at the cultural-educational association in the village of Perechyn and four villages in the Perechyn raion, Zakarpattia oblast. Informational and educational work in areas with compact Roma populations. Preventive and treatment examinations by doctors at the centers. Preparing a manual for NGOs on sanitary-educational work with Roma youth.

Grant: \$7,000

Organization: NGO “Forumo Romen Ukrainatar” (01001, Kyiv, Mala Zhytomyrska St., 9-B, tel. +38 (044) 278-87-11)

Project Manager: Petro Hryhorichenko

Project Description: Supporting the functioning of the legal aid center for Roma in Kyiv with the participation of Roma student volunteers studying law.

Grant: \$6,680

Organization: Zakarpattia Roma Cultural Society “Rom Som” (88018, Uzhhorod, Mukachivska St., 25, tel. +38 (0312) 61-67-59)

Project Manager: Aladar Pap

Project Description: Supporting the work of the medical point opened in the Roma camp in V. Berezny, Zakarpattia oblast in providing humanitarian, medical and social assistance to the Roma population in the region.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: NGO “Roma Cultural Society “Amaro Deves” (39605, Poltava Oblast, Kremenchuk, Moskovska St., 21, Office 21, tel. +38 (05366) 5-16-29)

Project Manager: Vadym Akimenko

Project Description: Providing legal assistance and consultation to the Roma population in Kremenchuk and the Poltava oblast on their right to conduct business activities without obstruction.

Grant: \$6,960

Organization: NGO “Bakhtalo-Drom” (Lucky Road) (88000, Uzhhorod, Voloshyna St., 14, Office 5, tel. +38 (03122) 2-97-29)

Project Manager: Zoltan Pap

Project Description: Supporting the functioning of a medical consultation center, sanitary and preventive measures to prevent tuberculosis infections in areas with Roma populations.

Grant: \$5,000

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: Supporting the work of the legal aid center for Roma in the Vynohradiv raion, Zakarpattia oblast.

Grant: \$4,600

Organization: NGO Zakarpattia Roma Society “Roma” (88007, Uzhhorod, Bohatyrska St., 45, tel. +38 (0312) 61-37-58)

Project Manager: Yosyp Adam

Project Description: Monitoring the implementation of state programs for Roma in Zakarpattia and holding public hearings on the monitoring results.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: Odesa Oblast Roma Culture Association “Romani Zbora” (65000, Odesa, Ak. Korolyova St., 85/85, tel. +38 (048) 746-98-96)

Project Manager: Zhuzhuna Duduchava

Project Description: Supporting the functioning of the legal aid center for the Roma in Odesa city and oblast. Legal actions relating to the attacks on members of the Roma population in the village of Petrivka in 2002.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: Chernihiv City National-Cultural Society “Neve Roma” (14021, Chernihiv, Cherkaska St., 23)

Project Manager: Maria Ivanova

Project Description: Supporting the operation of the free legal aid center for the Roma population of Chernihiv city and oblast. Informational and educational anti-discrimination work for representatives of government, law enforcement bodies and the media to combat negative stereotypes about the Roma people.

Grant: \$5,000

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: Allowing Roma children to enjoy some of the world's best children's literature by publishing P. Ershov's fairy tale “The Little Hunchback Horse” in the Romani language.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: NGO Zakarpattia Roma Society “Roma” (88007, Uzhhorod, Bohatyrska St., 45, tel. +38 (0312) 61-37-58)

Project Manager: Yosyp Adam

Project Description: Creating a system of free legal aid for the Roma population in 3 raions in the Zakarpattia oblast (Velyky Berezny, Mukachevo, Berehove raions) with the participation of qualified lawyers.

Grant: \$11,874

Organization: NGO Zakarpattia Roma Society "Roma" (88007, Uzhhorod, Bohatyrsk St., 45, tel. +38 (0312) 61-37-58)

Project Manager: Yosyp Adam

Project Description: Creating a system of free legal aid for the Roma population in 2 raions in the Zakarpattia oblast (Perechyn, Svaliava raions) with the participation of qualified lawyers.

Grant: \$11,670

Organization: Congress of National Communities of Ukraine (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5 (mailing address), tel. +38 (044) 248-36-70)

Project Manager: Joseph Zisels

Project Description: Organizing the roundtable "Models of Interethnic Relations in Ukraine and Europe: Legal and Ethnopolitical Experience." Developing recommendations for central and local government bodies on how to better address the needs of national minorities in Ukraine in their work and improve conditions for the participation of national minorities in the state-building process.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: Velykoberezhniansky 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: Ensuring that the Roma in the Velyky Berezhny raion, Zakarpattia oblast have access to medical services by supporting the work of the Roma medical-consultation center.

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Society "Amaro Drom" (88000, Uzhhorod, Timiriazeva 46, tel. +38 (03122) 25-509)

Project Manager: Omelayn Pap

Project Description: Preventing the spread of tuberculosis and other infectious diseases among the Roma population through extensive educational and informational work, and organizing visits by doctors to areas with compact Roma populations in the city of Uzhhorod and villages in the Uzhhorod and Mukachevo raions, Zakarpattia oblast.

Grant: \$3,000

Organization: Transcarpathian Roma Cultural-Educational Association "Romani Yag" (88007, Uzhhorod, Dunayevskoho St., 18, tel. +38 (0312) 638-241, 61-39-56, 61-41-21)

Project Manager: Aladar Adam

Project Description: Organizing a roundtable on occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Romani Yag to unite leading Roma NGOs in Ukraine by spreading the experience of successful implementation of socially important public initiatives aimed at integrating the Roma into Ukrainian society and improving their social status.

Grant: \$1,350

Organization: All-Ukrainian Union of NGOs "Roma Congress of Ukraine" (01001, Kyiv, Mala Zhytomyrska St., 9-B, tel. +38 (044) 228-8711)

Project Manager: Petro Hryhorichenko

Project Description: Participation by a Ukrainian delegation in the VII World Roma Congress held on 25 October 2008 in Zagreb, Croatia to learn about global trends in the development of the Roma third sector and best practices in public lobbying for the integration of the Roma people into the majority society, ensuring Roma participation in the state-building process, and combating racism and discrimination.

Grant: \$2,000

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Visit by international experts to Uzhhorod within the framework of the "Roma public health initiatives" component, to learn about the work of Roma NGOs in the public health sphere.

Grant: \$1,000

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Organizational-technical support for the participation of Z. Kondur and L. Sukhomlyn, representatives of Roma NGOs, in a seminar on harm reduction in national minority communities. Holding meetings and exchanging experience on introducing harm reduction programs in Roma communities in Bulgaria.

Grant: \$1,572

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

Project Manager: Oleksandr Betsa

Project Description: New Year's festivities for Roma children.

Grant: \$3,500



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Number of Projects:	72
Number of Organizations:	38
Total Amount:	\$907,777
Share of Total Project Expenditures:	18.06%

Program Goal in 2008: to promote health reforms and improve the health of the population by introducing modern standards in health care for vulnerable groups; foster human rights prospective in health care settings; facilitate development of the palliative care and ensure equal access to medical and social services for intravenous drugs users, people living with HIV/AIDS, and other vulnerable groups.

Program Components:

- Law and Health Initiative
- Harm Reduction Initiative
- Palliative Care Initiative
- Health Budget Monitoring and Advocacy Initiative
- Access to Essential Medicine Initiative
- Health Media Initiative
- Cooperation with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Roma Health Initiative

Program Priorities in 2008:

- Support advocacy initiatives by organizations of drug users and clients of substitution therapy programs, as well as organizations of parents whose children are undergoing substitution therapy and promoting participation by drug users in the decision-making process by involving them in the work of relevant state and local government bodies.
- Conduct media and public awareness campaigns to increase social tolerance and better understanding of the latest approaches in harm reduction, prevention and treatment of drug dependence, and educational work with representatives of law enforcement.
- Facilitate comprehensive activities on the national and regional levels to protect the rights of patients and health care providers, preparing analytical reports on human rights in the health sphere in Ukraine.
- Involving the public in developing and evaluating draft normative and legal acts in public health sphere, harmonizing legislation in the field of patients' rights and increasing awareness of medical

legal issues among the general population, members of vulnerable groups and professional communities.

- Integrating palliative care into the general health care system and making it accessible for the population by developing and submitting for approval the Concept and National Program on Palliative and Hospice Care for 2010-2014 in cooperation with all the relevant Ministries and representatives of the public, and enhancing the professional skills and qualifications of medical personnel.
- Ensuring access to quality medicines for the Ukrainian population, especially for members of vulnerable population groups, by ensuring transparent tender procedures for state procurements; supporting advocacy campaigns and informational events highlighting the issues of transparency of procurements, accessibility and quality of medicines.
- Increasing access to budget information and transparency of budgetary processes to increase public participation in public debates and making necessary changes to budgets; enhancing the capacity of NGOs to monitor relevant budgets, analyze and publicize the results, hold hearings for open discussions on the results of the monitoring and take an active role in planning budgets.
- Developing strategies for cooperation between NGOs and the media, providing technical and expert support to NGOs on the national and regional levels to improve the effectiveness of their work with the media, and support the creation of information products built on the principles of public journalism and dedicated to highlighting the most important public health problems.

Competitions in 2008:

- The competition **“Human Rights Initiatives in Public Health Sphere: Legal Aid, Strategic Cases, and Advocacy for the Rights of Vulnerable Groups”** (together with the Open Society Institute’s International Harm Reduction Development Program) aims to support the documenting, analysis of legislation and development of legal, regulatory and practical mechanisms for ending discrimination and abuse of intravenous drug users. (5 applications received, 5 projects supported).
- The competition **“Protecting Human Rights in Public Health Sphere in Cooperation with Lawyers, Patients’ Groups and the Medical Community”** aims to support the provision of legal aid to patients and medical personnel and establish long-term cooperation between health institutions, lawyers, patients’ organizations and government bodies to protect patients’ rights in different regions of Ukraine. (13 applications received, 3 projects supported).
- The competition **“Supporting Advocacy Initiatives for Those Directly Affected by HIV/AIDS and Drug Use”** aims to provide legal support for groups that are vulnerable to HIV/AIDS and drug users with the goal of introducing principles of the inviolability of human rights in order to control the HIV/AIDS epidemic and protect the rights of vulnerable populations. (12 applications received, 4 projects supported).
- The competition **“Public and Information Campaigns to Increase Awareness of the Advantages of Harm Reduction Programs, Effective Prevention and Treatment for Intravenous Drug Users (IDUs) in Ukraine”** aims to increase public awareness of the positive impact of harm reduction programs and involving IDUs in large-scale media and public actions,

the goal of which is to increase tolerance and to promote a better understanding of the latest approaches to prevention and treatment of drug dependence. (20 applications received, 1 project supported).

- The competition **“Informational-Educational Dialogue between Representatives of the Public and Law Enforcement on Harm Reduction Programs in Ukraine”** aims to support informational work with law enforcement, officials and representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, and especially the department of illicit drugs’ control. (11 applications received, 3 projects supported).
- The competition **“Public Health Studies: Budget Monitoring and Advocacy for Post-Graduate Students and PhD’s in Public Health”** aims to provide the opportunity to perform focused research on health budgets and mechanisms, and build a circle of public health specialists. (4 applications received, 1 project supported).

Important Initiatives and Supported Projects in 2008:

Law and Health

- One of the achievements of this Initiative in 2008 was the launch of a new movement in Ukraine that unites more than 25 patient, human rights and medical organizations that together are working on protecting human rights in the public health sphere and are developing recommendations for improving legislation in this field.
- The movement united the winning projects that are currently being implemented within the framework of the competition “Establishing Cooperation Between Lawyers, Doctors and Patients” in several regions of Ukraine – Lviv, Luhansk, Vinnytsia, Kharkiv, Kherson oblasts and AR Crimea. These projects have already helped uncover a number of systematic violations of patients rights that served as the foundation for strategic litigation cases that in future may be submitted to the European Court of Human Rights. Project activities include: providing free legal assistance to patients and families; holding regular educational events for medical personnel on human rights that help establish long-term cooperation between public health institutions, human rights and patient organizations.
- A successful project was the development of a web portal on patients’ rights - www.healthrights.in, which became a platform for NGOs that are involved with human rights in the health sphere and encourages expert discussions on necessary steps to reform the health system and protect patients’ rights on the regional and government level. Site visitors can receive consultation from a lawyer on medical legal issues, learn about events, trainings, medical law, and true stories about protecting patients’ rights. The project maintains an email distribution list that helps organizations to quickly find partners in the regions, exchange information, organize events and work with colleague to solve urgent problems. Support was also provided for the development of the website on patients’ rights and an English-language version of the website, its international page, which will be used by patients’ rights portals in Georgia, Armenia and Macedonia.
- In five Ukrainian cities (Lviv, Mykolayiv, Poltava, Chernihiv and Kherson), support was given to provide legal support to intravenous drug users and people living with HIV/AIDS. As a result of

this work, the rights of IDUs and PLWHA to medical and social assistance were protected. The legal assistance provided in criminal cases helped to prevent incarceration or lowered the penalty for detainees belonging to these vulnerable social groups, and to change the nature of relations between these groups (IDUs and PLWHA), law enforcement, and medical institutions.

- In June 2008, with program support a presentation and press conference were organized on a documentary report based on the results of a study and interviews conducted by the five projects – “Justice for All: the importance of legal aid in the context of medical services provided to drug users in Ukraine.” This report provides examples of how free legal aid allows intravenous drug users to better protect themselves from human rights violations, obtain medical care and improve the quality of their life. It wouldn't be an overstatement to say that this event was successful in revealing acts of discrimination, violations of rights and the social marginalization of drug users through real examples from the lives of members of the vulnerable groups. During the event, participants from different regions had an opportunity to share their success stories in protecting the rights of representatives of vulnerable groups and their opinions on necessary changes to existing legislation, as well as other important issues.
- A number of events were held to promote the further development and inclusion of public health issues in the training of lawyers and doctors. The All-Ukrainian Conference on Medical Law and the Legal Status of Patients (Lviv, 17-18 April 2008) was attended by over 150 representatives of human rights organizations, patient groups, medical associations and health departments. There was also a training on tactics for NGOs in selecting and running strategic litigation cases. Work has begun on developing the training course “Human Rights in Public Health/Medical Law” to be approved by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and introduced in Ukrainian medical universities.
- A training module was developed and approved entitled “Human Rights. Instructions for the Police on how to Work with People Living with HIV/AIDS and Intravenous Drug Users,” which is used as part of in-service training courses taught at the Kyiv National Internal Affairs University for active law enforcement. This project is being implemented by the NGO “Krok za Krok” in conjunction with the National University “MIA Academy of Ukraine.” The course contains factual information about HIV/AIDS, human rights, harm reduction and substitution therapy programs, etc.

Harm Reduction

- A three-day training on “Practical Aspects of Conducting a Media Campaign Advocating for Harm Reduction Programs” was held for representatives from six regions of Ukraine (Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kyiv, Mykolayiv, Poltava and Sumy) that work in the harm reduction sphere. The main goal of the training was to provide participants with practical skills that can be used to develop and introduce effective public/media campaigns to advocate harm reduction programs. At the end of the training, the participants presented their opinions and proposals on advocacy campaigns that they believe need to be held in their regions and presented plans they developed for such campaigns. A decision was made to support several regional advocacy campaigns for substitution therapy programs.
- NGOs working with people directly affected by drug use and HIV/AIDS did advocacy work in the regions aimed at increasing the level of access to medical care and social services and preventing human rights violations by medical staff and law enforcement. The all-Ukrainian organization of parents whose children are undergoing substitution therapy “Nadia” was formed and works with potential clients and on informing stakeholders about the advantages and results

of substitution therapy. The All-Ukrainian Association of Substitution Therapy Patients started working in late 2008 to unite patients from different regions, represent their interests, and protect their rights in Ukraine.

- The third summer advocacy school was held for representatives of HIV/AIDS NGOs to improve their advocacy skills. The summer school was organized jointly with the International HIV/AIDS Alliance. As a result of the trainings, there is a new generation of activists and leaders among those people who have been directly affected by drug use and HIV/AIDS who have started implementing advocacy projects.
- An information campaign called “Return Ticket” - on the advantages and results of substitution therapy in Ukraine - was launched in November-December 2008 and is ongoing. It consists of billboard advertisements and a special website (<http://www.zpt.in.ua>) that contains extensive information about substitution therapy programs in Ukraine and provides a platform for open dialogue. The campaign was extensively reviewed by the media.

Palliative Care

- With support from the program, the All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association and the All-Ukrainian Council for Patients' Rights and Safety successfully lobbied the establishment of a Coordinating Council for Palliative Care in Ukraine, whose membership and mandate was approved by a Ministry of Health order. The Coordinating Council has been given the mandate to develop and submit for approval a National Program for the Development of Palliative and Hospice Care for 2010-2014, which will not only make palliative care an element of the general health care system, but will require the government to allocate a budget to finance palliative care services.
- With financial and expert support from the program, the International Palliative Care Initiative and the Institute for Palliative Medicine in San Diego, a three-week training was held for medical professionals (doctors and nurses) that work in hospices and palliative care units in different regions of Ukraine and Kyiv. In light of the critical shortage of medical specialists in this field, the training helped significantly enhance the skills of the 32 professionals, who will continue to teach their colleagues in the regions and will not only spread skills and knowledge, but a completely different attitude to incurable diseases and dying people. The training provided great impetus for introducing palliative care in Ukraine and developing a network of institutions that provide palliative care services.
- The Program supported analysis of the problems faced by palliative patients care from the human rights point of view, especially related to access to pain-management and overall medical care. An analysis was done and report prepared on access to opioid analgesics for palliative patients in Ukraine, the results of which will form the basis for large-scale advocacy campaigns and the development of normative and legislative documents and approval of the National Palliative Care Program. The 2008 report on human rights in public the health sphere in Ukraine will include a separate section on the rights of palliative care patients, which will help uncover issues in delivery of palliative care not only from a medical and social standpoint, but take into consideration principles of human rights and respect for human dignity. An expert assessment was conducted of the need for legal aid for patients with incurable diseases who are receiving palliative care and to establish cooperation between hospices, palliative care units, human rights organizations and legal clinics.

Access to Essential Medicine

- Support was provided for the first time to an innovative project by the “Public Initiative to Help People Suffering from Chronic Viral Hepatitis in Ukraine” aimed at uniting the efforts of the public, medical staff and patients with hepatitis C to develop a joint action plan for advocating improved prevention, diagnosis and treatment for people with chronic viral hepatitis in Ukraine. The goal of this initiative is to collect and analyze documents that regulate the situation with hepatitis infection in Ukraine overall and in the 25 regions, monitor budget procurements of medicines for people with hepatitis C and access to treatment. The result of the initiative will be an action plan for consolidated advocacy work and allocating budget money on the state and local levels taking into account recommendations by experts, based on the right to quality and free medical care in Ukraine.

Difficulties in Implementing the Program:

The unstable political situation and rather frequent change in leadership in government bodies, in particular in the health sphere, made it difficult to attain program priorities and implement projects, as did the resulting lack of political will to reform the health system, delays in development and approval of normative and legal acts, lobbying the approval of normative acts, inadequate coordination and cooperation between government bodies.

Unfortunately, society’s resources and those in public health field are rather limited: shortage of qualified lawyers and human rights activist with experience in protecting rights in the health sphere; low capacity of NGOs to monitor budgets and do advocacy work; financial resources at the disposal of medical institutions are too low to introduce the proposed reforms, which is a major barrier to introducing the planned measures.

Among the problems holding back the development and Initiatives supported by the Public Health Program, the following are worth noting: lack of a common vision among expert NGOs on reforming the health system and legislative ways to improve patients’ rights; passiveness or fear by patients and representatives of vulnerable groups to confront with doctors or representatives of government structures; competition between potential grant recipients, which complicates the open exchange of findings, ideas and experience between different organizations.

The lack of internal communication and transparent decision-making processes at times makes it impossible to implement joint nationwide initiatives. Therefore, most initiatives are implemented by individual organizations on the local level due to a lack of coordination and representation on the national level.

Partnership and Cooperation:

The program’s key partners are representatives of the government and non-governmental sectors, medical personnel, human rights activists and lawyers, patients’ organizations, medical and legal institutions of higher education, post-graduate medical institutions, and experts on medical law. In terms of the Open Society Institute – the program worked closely with the Public Health Program, New York and Human Rights Program in Budapest.

The program worked closely with the Ministry of Health, P. L. Shupyk National Medical Academy of Post-Graduate Education, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Science and Education, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, State Department for Prisons, representatives of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, the Advisory Council to the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Health, and the Ministry of Health's Public Council.

The program is also constantly building relationships with other donors and international organizations that work in the Public health field, such as: the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Ukraine, All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, All-Ukrainian Coalition of HIV NGOs, Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, US Agency for International Development, German Agency for Technical Cooperation, Rinat Akhmetov's Foundation for Development of Ukraine, World Health Organization, World Bank, Bill Clinton Foundation, and other public and government organizations.

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	1	\$10,600
Vinnitsia Oblast	1	\$11,984
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$9,505
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$10,000
Kyiv	25	\$411,139
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$10,000
Luhansk Oblast	2	\$22,000
Lviv Oblast	3	\$45,069
Mykolayiv Oblast	2	\$24,635
Odesa Oblast	1	\$16,000
Poltava Oblast	2	\$34,081
Sumy Oblast	2	\$19,525
Kharkiv Oblast	4	\$60,985
Kherson Oblast	2	\$30,000
Chernihiv Oblast	2	\$28,757
Operational Projects	22	\$163,497

Health Budget Monitoring and Advocacy Initiative

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$25,678**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.51%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Operational Projects	3	\$25,678

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: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Preparing, organizing and conducting three satellite trainings on health budget monitoring and advocacy as part of the Second Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference to enhance the budget monitoring and advocacy capacity of NGOs.

Grant: \$9,694

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Organizational and technical support for the participation of expert A. Nitsoy in the Second Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference to present experience in working with national and regional public health budgets.

Grant: \$3,464

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Conducting a comprehensive study of budget expenditure with the aim of developing consumer demand models for health services depending on official policy regarding payment for services by patients, which also takes into account the potential influence of informal payments, conduct of health service providers, and consumer preference. Evaluating the given model using examples from Central and Eastern Europe. Studying the macro and microeconomic effects from official policy on payment for services in the public health system.

Grant: \$12,520

Harm Reduction Initiative

Number of Projects: **24**
Number of Organizations: **18**
Total Amount: **\$309,398**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **6.16%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	1	\$9,505
Donetsk Oblast	1	\$10,000
Kyiv	7	\$97,630
Kyiv Oblast	1	\$10,000
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$10,000
Lviv Oblast	1	\$20,685
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$19,060
Odesa Oblast	1	\$16,000
Poltava Oblast	1	\$19,095
Sumy Oblast	2	\$19,525
Kherson Oblast	1	\$19,100
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$19,100
Operational Projects	5	\$39,698

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: NGO “Era of Mercy” (65069, Odesa, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 68, Office 6-7, tel. +38 (048) 712 00 85)

Project Manager: Kostyantyn Zvyerkov

Project Description: Improving the quality of life of intravenous drug users in the Odesa oblast by expanding the practice of self-help groups and their participation in the development of local policy on providing medical care and tuberculosis treatment, specifically, providing intravenous drug users in Odesa with access to tuberculosis treatment and antiretroviral therapy.

Grant: \$16,000

Organization: Luhansk Charitable Foundation “A Step to the Future” (91000, Luhansk, Pushkina St., 3, Office 406, tel. +38 (0642) 52-54-32)

Project Manager: Larysa Anokhina

Project Description: Increasing awareness among law enforcement personnel about effectiveness of prevention programs among intravenous drug users and people living with HIV/AIDS by introducing and adapting training programs for various categories of servicemen. Organizing trainings at the Oblast Ministry of Internal Affairs Departments’ Centers for Applied Psychology. Organizing joint events with the Representative of the Minister of Internal Affairs on documenting and spreading best practices in law enforcement.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: NGO “Center for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Chemically Dependent Youth “Step by Step” (04215, Kyiv, H. Gongadze Prosp., 20V, tel. +38 (044) 433-32-59)

Project Manager: Svitlana Tyshchenko

Project Description: Informing police about HIV/AIDS, drug addiction, harm reduction strategies and human rights. Establishing cooperation between internal affairs bodies and NGOs by conducting seminars and trainings for internal affairs personnel as part of the in-service trainings courses provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs Academy.

Grant: \$15,000

Organization: Sumy Oblast Youth NGO Club for the Resocialization of the Chemically Dependent “Chance” (40024, Sumy, Prokofieva St., 25A/132, tel. +38 (0542) 78-35-38)

Project Manager: Oleksiy Zahrebelny

Project Description: Providing legal protection for participants and workers of medical-social and prevention programs for intravenous drugs users by expanding the participation of drug users in regional coordination mechanisms on HIV/AIDS issues, organizing comprehensive awareness raising programs among drugs users, law enforcement bodies, representatives of government and the public about the advantages of harm reduction programs, including substitution therapy.

Grant: \$14,525

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 Polyekhin

Project Description: Increasing the level of awareness among personnel of the Donetsk Oblast Department for Illicit drugs’ control about harm reduction programs in order to eliminate discriminatory practices towards drug users. Monitoring and preparing a report on the rights of drugs users and people with HIV/AIDS.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: Chernihiv Oblast NGO “Chernihiv Human Rights Center” (14017, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 891, tel. +38 (0462) 67-75-75)

Project Manager: Oleksandr Pidhorny

Project Description: Providing legal assistance to IDUs and PLWHA in Chernihiv city and oblast. Taking on strategic cases that will have national publicity and impact.

Grant: \$19,100

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

Project Manager: Zhanna Ebert

Project Description: Providing legal defense and assistance to intravenous drug users and HIV-infected individuals in the Kherson oblast and taking on strategic cases that will have a national influence.

Grant: \$19,100

Organization: Charitable Non-Governmental Foundation “Center for Social and Psychological Information “All Together” (79035, Lviv, Zelena St., 115-B, Office 401, tel. +38 (0322) 270-45-94)

Project Manager: Halyna Kaminska

Project Description: Increasing IDUs and PLWHA access to qualified legal assistance in Lviv city and oblast, with a focus on strategic cases that will have a national influence.

Grant: \$20,685

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: Providing law enforcement bodies with comprehensive information about the advantages of harm reduction programs and substitution therapy. Placing informational stands in Internal Affairs Ministry’s district offices in the city of Kyiv to increase the exchange of opinions on the problem of intravenous drug users and possible solutions.

Grant: \$24,000

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

Project Manager: Maksym Demchenko

Project Description: Continuing the development of legal aid for intravenous drug users and people living with HIV/AIDS in the Poltava oblast with a focus on strategic cases. Monitoring the violation of rights of IDUs and PLWHA.

Grant: \$19,095

Organization: NGO "Club "Eney" (01001, Kyiv, Shevchenka Prov., 13/21-V, tel. +38 (044) 279-72-35)

Project Manager: Yulia Dorokhova

Project Description: Helping introduce a substitution therapy program at a tuberculosis center to improve access to such programs. Creating conditions (preparing the normative and legal base) necessary to include Kyiv City Hospital No. 5 in the Ministry of Health order on allocating substitution therapy medication for 2009.

Grant: \$5,000

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

Project Manager: Yevheniy Lukovenko

Project Description: Increasing legal awareness among IDUs and PLWHA and comprehensive protection of their rights and interests. Increasing access for IDUs and PLWHA to medical and other services. Decreasing discrimination in medical institutions and society in general. Providing support in legal processes and administrative bodies.

Grant: \$19,060

Organization: Sumy Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (40020, Sumy, Kurska St., 111, Office 2, tel. +38 (067) 542-86-62)

Project Manager: Olha Lokhonya

Project Description: Improving the quality of life of tuberculosis-infected drug users by opening a substitution therapy program site at the Sumy Oblast Tuberculosis Hospital. Holding talks, preparing the normative and legal base and request to the Ministry of Health on being included in the next order on the distribution of Methadone.

Grant: \$5,000

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: Popularizing and increasing awareness about substitution therapy programs through a public service announcement campaign: improving the www.zapitay.in.ua website, posters, billboard, citylights, media support and program promotion.

Grant: \$17,940

Organization: International Charitable Foundation "Vertical" (03115, Kyiv, General Vitruka St., 7A, Office 16, tel. +38 (044) 227-35-30)

Project Manager: Oleh Halaktionov

Project Description: Supporting the participation of representatives of the drug user community in the conference "Women's Health in Prisons" and presentations by two members of self-organization groups that work in penal institutions.

Grant: \$7,200

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: Increasing access to substitution therapy programs through an informational campaign that increases awareness about substitution therapy and its positive influence on the lives of not only intravenous drug users, but their family, friends, and society overall.

Grant: \$18,490

Organization: NGO "Cultural Communities Department" (08810, Kyiv Oblast, Romashky, Myroniv Raion, Kalinina St., 2)

Project Manager: Maria Lebedeva

Project Description: Creating a media discourse aimed at developing an attitude of acceptance towards drug addicts undergoing substitution therapy. Establishing ties with the public, obtaining positive responses in the media, informing society about the advantages and results of substitution therapy programs as presented by experts. Involving parents of IDUs in building demand for substitution therapy so as to expand the availability of such programs in Ukraine.

Grant: \$10,000

Organization: Charitable Foundation "Virtus" Rehabilitation Center for Drug Addicts" (49027, Dnipropetrovsk, Furmanova St., 3, Office 44, tel. +38 (0562) 470-0511, 785-89-93)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Yusiuk

Project Description: Creating opportunities for information exchange among the community of substitution therapy program patients to strengthen public control over the quality of these programs and advocating for better conditions that comply with global practices.

Grant: \$9,505

Organization: Charitable Organization “Kyiv Oblast Charitable Foundation “Hope and Trust” (04080, Kyiv, Frunze St., 20-22, tel. +38 (044) 484-30-79)

Project Manager: Iryna Sukhoparova

Project Description: Opening a counseling hotline for substitution therapy patients at the Ukrainian Medical and Monitoring Center on Drugs and Alcohol, Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

Grant: \$10,000

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

Project Manager: Olena Kucheruk

Project Description: Organizational support for the participation of 9 Ukrainians in the Second Eastern Europe and Central Asia AIDS Conference in Moscow on 1-6 May 2008.

Grant: \$4,290

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

Project Manager: Olena Kucheruk

Project Description: Producing a video on the advantages and results of substitution therapy programs showing people who receive substitution therapy and the changes that take place in their lives. The film provides live evidence in support of substitution therapy programs and was used on the international level as advocacy for such programs in countries that don't have them.

Grant: \$9,160

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

Project Manager: Olena Kucheruk

Project Description: Holding a press conference to present the report entitled “Justice for All: the Importance of Legal Aid in the Context of Providing Medical Services to Drug Users in Ukraine.”

Grant: \$1,200

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

Project Manager: Olena Kucheruk

Project Description: Ensuring participation by Ukrainian experts in the International HIV/AIDS Conference in Mexico on 1-9 August 2008 to present the Ukrainian experience.

Grant: \$5,048

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

Project Manager: Olena Kucheruk

Project Description: Publishing program-based informational materials (a report entitled “Tipping the Balance: the Importance of Legal Aid in the Context of Providing Medical Services to Drug Users in Ukraine” and an informational booklet on harm reduction). Holding working meetings on developing advocacy strategies and action plans for the program.

Grant: \$20,000

Law and Health Initiative

Number of Projects: **21**
 Number of Organizations: **14**
 Total Amount: **\$270,664**
 Share of Total Project Expenditures: **5.39%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	1	\$10,600
Vinnitsia Oblast	1	\$11,984
Kyiv	4	\$68,215
Luhansk Oblast	1	\$12,000
Lviv Oblast	2	\$24,384
Mykolayiv Oblast	1	\$5,575
Poltava Oblast	1	\$14,986
Kharkiv Oblast	4	\$60,985
Kherson Oblast	1	\$10,900
Operational Projects	5	\$51,035

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization
 "Council for Patients Rights and Safety" (01133, Kyiv,
 Pervomaiskoho St., 9-A, Office 5, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Solop

Project Description: Monitoring and coordinating a joint
 project on providing legal aid to patients in the Lviv,
 Vinnitsia, Luhansk, Kyiv and Crimea regions.

Grant: \$14,720

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

Project Manager: Andriy Rokhansky

Project Description: Promoting human rights and reforms
 of the Ukrainian public health system by preparing the
 section on "Medicine and Human Rights" for publication
 in the annual report
 by human rights organizations "Human Rights in
 Ukraine – 2007."

Grant: \$5,000

Organization: Lviv Oblast Charitable Foundation "Medicine
 and Law" (79000, Lviv, Boykivska St., 10, Office 3,
 tel. +38 (0322) 382-570)

Project Manager: Iryna Senyuta

Project Description: Organizing and conducting a
 conference on medical law with the participation
 of foreign experts. Conducting a comprehensive
 analysis and studying the problems of a patient's
 legal status in Ukraine and abroad. Establishing
 international cooperation and exchanging experience.
 Improving Ukrainian legislation and taking into account
 international legal standards in the public health field.
 Studying the positive foreign experience in regulating
 medical law and presenting domestic and foreign work
 in this field.

Grant: \$7,497

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

Project Manager: Serhiy Zhuk

Project Description: Strengthening the advocacy capacity of the initiative group of HIV-infected drug users in Kremenchuk (Poltava oblast). Conducting a local advocacy campaign with the aim of introducing approaches and policies on harm reduction by involving representatives of the most vulnerable groups in decision-making processes on the level of the local HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis Coordinating Council.

Grant: \$14,986

Organization: Luhansk Branch of the NGO "Ukrainian Public Health Association" (91000, Luhansk, Oboronna St., 20A, Office 165, tel. +38 (0642) 54-32-69)

Project Manager: Oleh Peretyaka

Project Description: Creating favorable conditions for developing a patients' rights system by establishing cooperation between law enforcement, patient groups, the medical community and local government bodies in the Luhansk region. Introducing a system of medical legal aid for patients at medical institutions in the region, legally safeguarding patients' rights, monitoring and documenting court cases and rulings on patients' rights and publishing them on the internet and in the media, educational work in medical institutions on the foundations of medical law.

Grant: \$12,000

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: Protecting patients' rights in Crimea: providing legal consultations and support, increasing public awareness about their rights as patients, establishing cooperation between patient NGOs, lawyers, medical personnel and public health workers, developing proposals on how to improve the legislative based governing human rights in the public health sphere.

Grant: \$10,600

Organization: Charitable Organization "Legal Aid Pilot Project" (61010, Kharkiv, Haharina Prosp. 4, Office 87, tel. +38 (067) 574-3126)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Providing legal aid to patients in the form of consultations on how to realize their right to health care. Providing mediation and judicial support to "strategic" medical cases in the public health sphere. Monitoring patients' rights in village communities.

Grant: \$13,530

Organization: Vinnytsia Oblast Charitable Foundation "Positive" (21011, Vinnytsia, Vatutina St., 46, Office 140, tel. +38 (0432) 64-39-74)

Project Manager: Ihor Matkovsky

Project Description: Ensuring effective protection of the rights of people seeking medical assistance at public health institutions in the Vinnytsia oblast, regardless of their type or form of ownership. Increasing knowledge about medical law and human rights among the medical community (nurses and students of the Vinnytsia National Medical University). Adding an advocacy component to legal aid.

Grant: \$11,984

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Council for Patients Rights and Safety" (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9-A, Office 5, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Lyudmyla Sopol

Project Description: Providing legal aid in the public health sphere in cooperation with lawyers, patients groups and the medical community in the Kyiv region. Establishing dialogue between the medical and legal communities and patients by working with legal clinics at higher education institutions in the city of Kyiv and Kyiv Clinical Hospital No. 3.

Grant: \$13,960

Organization: International Charitable Oleksandr Bohomolets Foundation (01601, Kyiv, Shevchenko Blvd., 13, tel. +38 (044) 234-40-62, 234-93-72, 234-45-25)

Project Manager: Vitaliy Moskalenko

Project Description: Developing an experimental elective training program on medical law. Developing methodological recommendations for professors at medical schools and teachers and students of medical law. Conducting seminars for teachers and students. Developing the training manual "Medical Law" for medical school students in Ukraine.

Grant: \$14,635

Organization: Lviv Oblast Charitable Foundation “Medicine and Law” (79000, Lviv, Boykivska St., 10, Office 3, tel. +38 (0322) 382-570)

Project Manager: Iryna Senyuta

Project Description: Issuing a practical guide for lawyers on human rights in the public health sphere and conducting “medical” cases in three languages (Ukrainian, English and Russian). The guide will be helpful for students, postgraduate students, researchers and professors at legal and medical institutions, as well as for judicial and other bodies of state power, lawyers, medical personnel, health insurance workers, human rights organizations and the general public in realizing and protecting their right to health care.

Grant: \$16,887

Organization: Charitable Organization “Foundation for Social and Legal Protection “Rule of Law” (02147, Kyiv, P.O. Box 55, tel. +38 (044) 538-03-83)

Project Manager: Oksana Maslova

Project Description: Supporting the development of a portal on patients’ rights, opening a medical center for journalists who are interested in the public health field, creating a register of court ruling on patients’ rights, and establishing systematical cooperation between NGOs, medical personnel and the public to resolve pressing legal and legislative issues related to medicine and human rights.

Grant: \$24,900

Organization: Kherson Oblast Charity and Health Foundation (73000, Kherson, Frunze St., 2, Office 19-24, tel. +38 (0552) 49-60-03)

Project Manager: Svitlana Smal

Project Description: Promoting greater human rights protection in the health sphere in the Kherson oblast by providing free legal consultations to patients and medics in three oblast medical institutions and a public reception office. Informational work with students and professors at the medical college in Kherson on medical law. Creating a hotline for patients’ rights violations. Identifying gaps in legislation on patients’ rights and developing proposals on necessary changes that will be submitted for approval by government bodies.

Grant: \$10,900

Organization: NGO “Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies” (61145, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 3274, tel. +38 (057) 75-75-166)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Promoting the strengthening of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the health field by creating a network a NGOs that work in the field of public health in order to build effective cooperation between them, improve methods of cooperation, conduct coordinated monitoring of the situation, exchange experience and create a joint knowledge database. Conducting a training for NGOs on monitoring human rights in the public health sphere and specifics of running strategic court cases.

Grant: \$17,710

Organization: Mykolayiv Oblast Charitable Tuberculosis Foundation “Vita-Light” (54001, Mykolayiv, Velyka Morska St., 49, Office 60, tel. +38 (0512) 37-31-20, (0512) 76-83-00)

Project Manager: Eduard Horbatenko

Project Description: Developing and testing a pilot model for integrating legal service into the palliative care sphere at hospices and hospice units in the Mykolayiv oblast: providing consultations on a person’s right to receive social and medical services at public and private institutions; providing assistance with issues related to pensions; consulting on social and legal issues, etc. Researching and analyzing legal requirements in the palliative care sphere needed for increasing cooperation between human rights organizations, patients and the medical community.

Grant: \$5,575

Organization: NGO “Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies” (61145, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 3274, tel. +38 (057) 75-75-166)

Project Manager: Arkadiy Bushchenko

Project Description: Promoting the strengthening of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the health field by running strategic court cases aimed at changing legislation, judicial or administrative practices. This goal is reached by supporting the work of the Legal Aid Center: providing free legal aid and financial support for strategic court cases, informing the public and government bodies on the human rights situation in the health field.

Grant: \$24,745

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

Project Manager: Maria Vynnytska

Project Description: Organizational and technical support for the participation by international experts in the All-Ukrainian Conference on Medical Law (Lviv, 17-18 April 2008).

Grant: \$1,343

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

Project Manager: Maria Vynnytska

Project Description: Translating into Ukrainian and publishing the manual developed by the Open Society Institute "Health and Human Rights," which contains a section on international mechanisms for protecting the rights of patients and vulnerable groups. The manual will be useful for human rights organizations, patients groups and medical personnel and its dissemination will help people better understand and respect human rights in the health field in Ukraine.

Grant: \$15,709

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

Project Manager: Maria Vynnytska

Project Description: Organizational and technical support for Lyudmyla Deshko's, director of the "Medical Law" Legal Clinic at Donetsk University, participation in the conference on Medical Law and Patients' Rights for Legal Clinics in Manila, Philippines in December 2008. The goal of the conference was to develop models for involving legal clinics in protecting the health rights of vulnerable groups.

Grant: \$2,303

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

Project Manager: Maria Vynnytska

Project Description: The project aims to assess the current and future institutional capacity and key needs of Ukrainian NGOs working in the human rights and health sphere. The future goal is to develop a long-term strategy for developing the network of organizations and supporting their institutional activities in the patients' rights sphere in Ukraine.

Grant: \$9,590

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

Project Manager: Maria Vynnytska

Project Description: Project goal – to conduct a two-day seminar/roundtable in Kharkiv for palliative care experts, representatives of human rights NGOs and legal clinics to identify ways to integrate legal aid into the palliative care sphere in order to protect human rights at the end stage of life.

Grant: \$22,090

Palliative Care Initiative

Number of Projects: **8**
Number of Organizations: **4**
Total Amount: **\$108,725**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **2.16%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	7	\$98,750
Operational Projects	1	\$9,975

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: Charitable Organization “Palliative Care Association” (Kyiv, Shchuseva St., 24, Office 11, tel. +38 (044) 235-65-87)

Project Manager: Olena Yakymenko

Project Description: Technical and expert support for a three week theoretical and clinical training on palliative care for medical personnel from Kyiv and the regions. Providing financial and technical support for clinics and coordinators organizing practical sessions for seminar participants. Providing lodging, meals and transportation for training participants.

Grant: \$19,900

Organization: Charitable Organization “Palliative Care Association” (Kyiv, Shchuseva St., 24, Office 11, tel. +38 (044) 235-65-87)

Project Manager: Larysa Sidelnik

Project Description: Developing the concept for a State program on palliative and hospice care in Ukraine and preparing a package of preliminary documentation required for the work of the coordinating council on palliative care and expert groups in developing the State program for palliative care with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

Grant: \$3,460

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “Council for Patients Rights and Safety” (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9-A, Office 5, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Viktor Serdiuk

Project Description: Establishing cooperation with national and international human rights and patient organizations to collect information about the rights of palliative care patients. Developing recommendations on indicators and methodologies for monitoring the rights of palliative care patients, with focus on access to pain management medicationary. Preparing an analytical report on the rights of palliative care patients in Ukraine for the annual report by human rights organizations “State of Human Rights.” Publicizing the conclusions of the analysis on the rights of palliative care patients by publishing it in the media and sending it to central and local government bodies. Presenting the conclusions at the international Congress of Patient Organizations in Eastern Europe and Asia (project supported by IRF’s East East Program).

Grant: \$2,500

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association” (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9A, Rozmai Media Center, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Larysa Sidelnik

Project Description: Developing a draft of state program for palliative and hospice care for 2010-2014 and submitting it to the Ministry of Health and other Ministries for further coordination and approval.

Grant: \$9,930

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association” (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9A, Rozmai Media Center, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Larysa Sidelnik

Project Description: Support to working groups of experts on developing a draft concept for a state program and draft state program on palliative and hospice care for 2010-2014 and submitting them to the Ministry of Health and other Ukrainian Ministries for further coordination and approval.

Grant: \$19,890

Organization: Charitable Organization “Palliative Care Association” (Kyiv, Shchuseva St., 24, Office 11, tel. +38 (044) 235-65-87)

Project Manager: Anatoliy Tsarenko

Project Description: Technical and expert support for a practical seminar on palliative care: simultaneous and consecutive translation; preparing, copying and distributing training materials; organizing meetings of international experts and representatives of the medical professionals community in Kyiv and different regions of Ukraine.

Grant: \$23,100

Organization: All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization “All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association” (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9A, Rozmai Media Center, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)

Project Manager: Larysa Sidelnik

Project Description: Calculating the cost of providing different types of palliative and hospice care in Ukraine: at hospitals, at home, traveling medical crews. Presenting the financial and economic grounds for developing and introducing a state program on palliative and hospice care in Ukraine for 2010-2014 and preparing a budget for this program based on the calculations.

Grant: \$19,970

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Producing and disseminating documentary video on palliative and hospice care development in Ukraine as an inalienable human right in order to inform the general public, medical personnel, potential donors and key government decision makers. Highlighting palliative care from different points of view: state policy, the right to quality medical care and an honorable death, and civil society's role in developing palliative and hospice care in Ukraine.

Grant: \$9,975

Health Media Initiative

Number of Projects: **4**
Number of Organizations: **2**
Total Amount: **\$28,334**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.56%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	1	\$10,000
Operational Projects	3	\$18,334

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: International Charitable Foundation
“Academy of Ukrainian Press” (01133, Kyiv, Vavilovkyh
St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. +38 (044) 286-13-36)

Project Manager: Valeriy Ivanov

Project Description: Conducting the training “How to
write about public health” on how to conduct public
advocacy media campaigns for representatives of
the public sector and journalists and together with
the school for social journalism. Providing expert and
technical support for NGOs and consulting training
participants (journalists and representatives of the
public) to ensure quality and correct coverage of health
issues in national and regional media.

Grant: \$10,000

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Providing organizational and technical
support for media and advocacy expert O. Maslova
to travel to Lviv and Poltava to study the work of
grant recipient organizations that work in the patients’
rights and harm reduction sphere. Providing grant
recipients with expert consultations on their work with
representatives of the media.

Grant: \$1,834

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Organizational support for the
practical seminar “Developing Media Strategies for
Grant Recipients Working in the Harm Reduction
Sphere” with participation by international experts
(18-21 November 2008, Kyiv). Discussing the most
priority issues for advocacy on access to substitution
therapy and changes to existing norms for registering
intravenous drug users. Developing an advocacy
strategy plan.

Grant: \$14,500

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Preparing materials, translating
and editing the manual “Developing Media Strategies
for Grant Recipients Working in the Harm Reduction
Sphere” that will be used during trainings for grantees
and their work in developing and implementing local
and national advocacy campaigns on substitution
therapy in Ukraine.

Grant: \$2,000

Access to Essential Medicine Initiative

Number of Projects: **6**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total Amount: **\$60,951**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.21%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	3	\$40,499
Chernihiv Oblast	1	\$9,657
Operational Projects	2	\$10,795

Projects Supported by the Program:

Organization: International Charitable Foundation “Open Health Institute” (Kyiv, Tymoshenka St., 3, Office 16, tel. +38 (044) 568-58-07)

Project Manager: Denys Poltavets

Project Description: Releasing the results of a study on accessibility of essential medicines and those used in palliative care by translating, printing and disseminating reports based on the study and holding a roundtable on access to medicine, with the participation of medical experts, representatives of the public and media.

Grant: \$3,000

Organization: International Charitable Foundation “Open Health Institute” (Kyiv, Tymoshenka St., 3, Office 16, tel. +38 (044) 568-58-07)

Project Manager: Denys Poltavets

Project Description: Organizing and providing technical support for the International Conference on Transparency of Procurement of Medicines in 7 Countries of the East Europe and Former Soviet Union (5-7 March 2008, Kyiv).

Grant: \$17,761

Organization: International Charitable Foundation “Open

Health Institute” (Kyiv, Tymoshenka St., 3, Office 16, tel. +38 (044) 568-58-07)

Project Manager: Denys Poltavets

Project Description: Informing a broad section of the public, government officials and mass media representatives about transparency of purchase and supply of medicine in countries of the former Soviet Union by presenting project reports entitled “Monitoring Pharmaceutical Procurement in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus” during the international conference on transparency of procurement of medicine in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union (5-7 March 2008). The information will service as the basis for regional and national advocacy strategies for securing access to antiretroviral therapy for Ukraine.

Grant: \$19,738

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Organization and technical support for the International Conference on Transparency of Procurement of Medicine in Countries of the Former Soviet Union (5-7 March 2008, Kyiv). The aim of the conference is to outline the most important issues concerning the purchase of medicine and healthcare products using budget funds, transparency and public access to such information, and identify possible ways to improve how tenders are held.

Grant: \$9,780

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevska

Project Description: Studying and analyzing accessibility to medicine and best practices in advocating the needs of people with hepatitis C in Central and Eastern Europe. Using the best examples of an active public position and cooperation between public and medical organizations to improve access to diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis C.

Grant: \$1,015

Organization: City Youth NGO "Youth Alternative "M'ART"
(14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. +38 (04622) 74-110)

Project Manager: Nadia Samardak

Project Description: Conducting an analytical study on the spread of the hepatitis C epidemic in Ukraine: collecting existing statistics, surveying experts, analyzing and assessing current hepatitis C diagnostic and treatment protocols. Holding public discussions on the situation in Ukraine, with the participation of a wide range of experts, health professional, patients and their families, journalists and all interested individuals in order to identify measures to prevent the further spread of this disease. Creating conditions to formalize activists' efforts in developing and obtaining approval of the state program on chronic viral hepatitis in Ukraine by consolidating the efforts of patient organizations, government bodies, the Ministry of Health, doctors and others, and developing a plan for joint advocacy actions.

Grant: \$9,657

Cooperation with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **3**
Total Amount: **\$96,045**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **1.91%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Kyiv	3	\$96,045

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: Daria Chepak

Project Description: Producing a 40 minute documentary film about the development of civil society in Ukraine and its role in fighting HIV/AIDS. Highlighting the role and development of NGOs in battling HIV/AIDS by featuring the work of Ukrainian NGOs that wrote and submitted projects to The Global Fund to Fights AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and then implemented these project.

Grant: \$75,000

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

Project Manager: Maria Makovetska

Project Description: Writing a consolidated application from Ukraine to The Global Fund to Fights AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for the 8th round of financing for the tuberculosis component – on behalf of the Ukrainian National Coordination Council on Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.

Grant: \$18,545

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: Public control and reaction to actions by government bodies in implementing the State Target Program on Tuberculosis Prevention for 2007-2010. The work focuses on monitoring measures aimed at keeping the tuberculosis epidemic under control and monitoring the provision of anti-tuberculosis medication to relevant medical institutions.

Grant: \$2,500

Activities Initiated and Implemented by the Program

Number of Projects: **3**
Number of Organizations: **1**
Total Amount: **\$7,982**
Share of Total Project Expenditures: **0.16%**

Expenditures by Region of Ukraine:

REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Operational Projects	3	\$7,982

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: Victoria Tymoshevskya

Project Description: Visit by international experts to
Uzhhorod within the “Roma Health Initiatives” public to
study the work of Roma NGOs in the health sphere.

Grant: \$1,000

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

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevskya

Project Description: Organizational and technical support
for the participation of Roma NGO representatives
Z. Kondur and S. Sukhomlyn in a seminar on harm
reduction programs for national minority communities.
Conducting meetings and exchanging experiences
on introducing harm reduction programs in Roma
communities in Bulgaria.

Grant: \$1,572

Organization: International Renaissance Foundation

(04053, Kyiv, Artema St., 46,
tel. +38 (044) 461-97-09, 461-95-00)

Project Manager: Victoria Tymoshevskya

Project Description: Organizational and technical support
for the Public Health Program project manager's
working visit to the Open Society Institute's main office
in New York to learn about the Institute's work and new
directions, and to hold discussions on implementing the
program's strategy.

Grant: \$5,410

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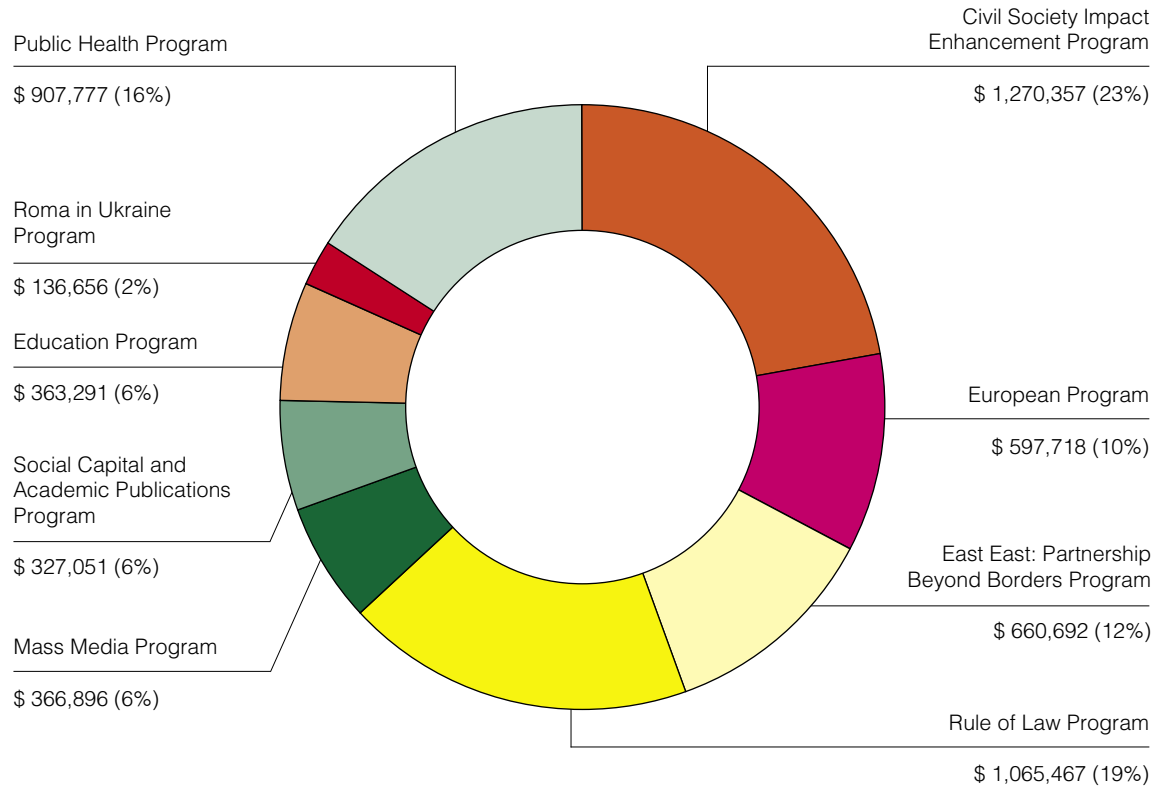
Cost Structure by Line of Activities

LINE OF ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Civil Society Impact Enhancement Program	78	\$1,270,357
European Program	48	\$597,718
East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program	94	\$660,692
Rules of Law Program	44	\$1,065,467
Mass Media Program	24	\$366,896
Social Capital and Academic Publications Program	46	\$327,051
Education Program	12	\$363,291
Roma in Ukraine Program	25	\$136,656
Public Health Program	72	\$907,777
Total	443	\$5,695,905

Distribution of Supported Projects by Region of Ukraine

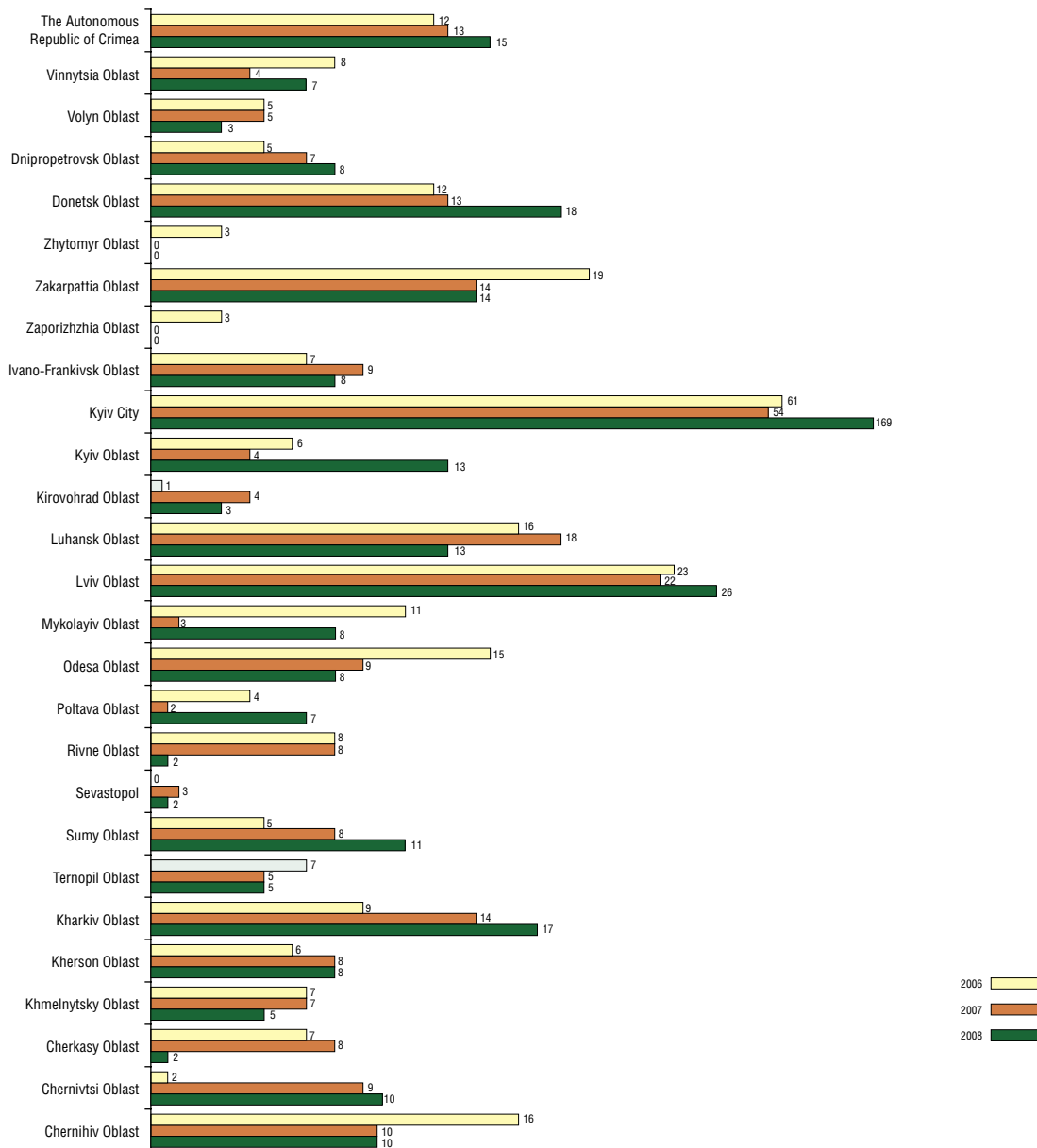
REGION	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	AMOUNT
AR Crimea	13	\$159,583
Vinnysia Oblast	7	\$82,300
Volyn Oblast	3	\$28,184
Dnipropetrovsk Oblast	8	\$43,417
Donetsk Oblast	18	\$143,494
Zakarpattia Oblast	14	\$85,754
Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast	8	\$56,208
Kyiv	169	\$2,401,386
Kyiv Oblast	13	\$187,663
Kirovohrad Oblast	3	\$25,500
Luhansk Oblast	13	\$146,583
Lviv Oblast	26	\$308,333
Mykolayiv Oblast	8	\$101,902
Odesa Oblast	8	\$92,273
Poltava Oblast	7	\$83,756
Rivne Oblast	2	\$10,930
Sevastopol	2	\$40,605
Sumy Oblast	11	\$96,912
Ternopil Oblast	5	\$46,026
Kharkiv Oblast	17	\$375,473
Kherson Oblast	8	\$109,795
Khmelnysky Oblast	5	\$157,276
Cherkasy Oblast	2	\$16,823
Chernivtsi Oblast	10	\$92,798
Chernihiv Oblast	10	\$123,157
Operational Projects	53	\$679,774
Total	443	\$5,695,905

GENERAL COST STRUCTURE IN 2007



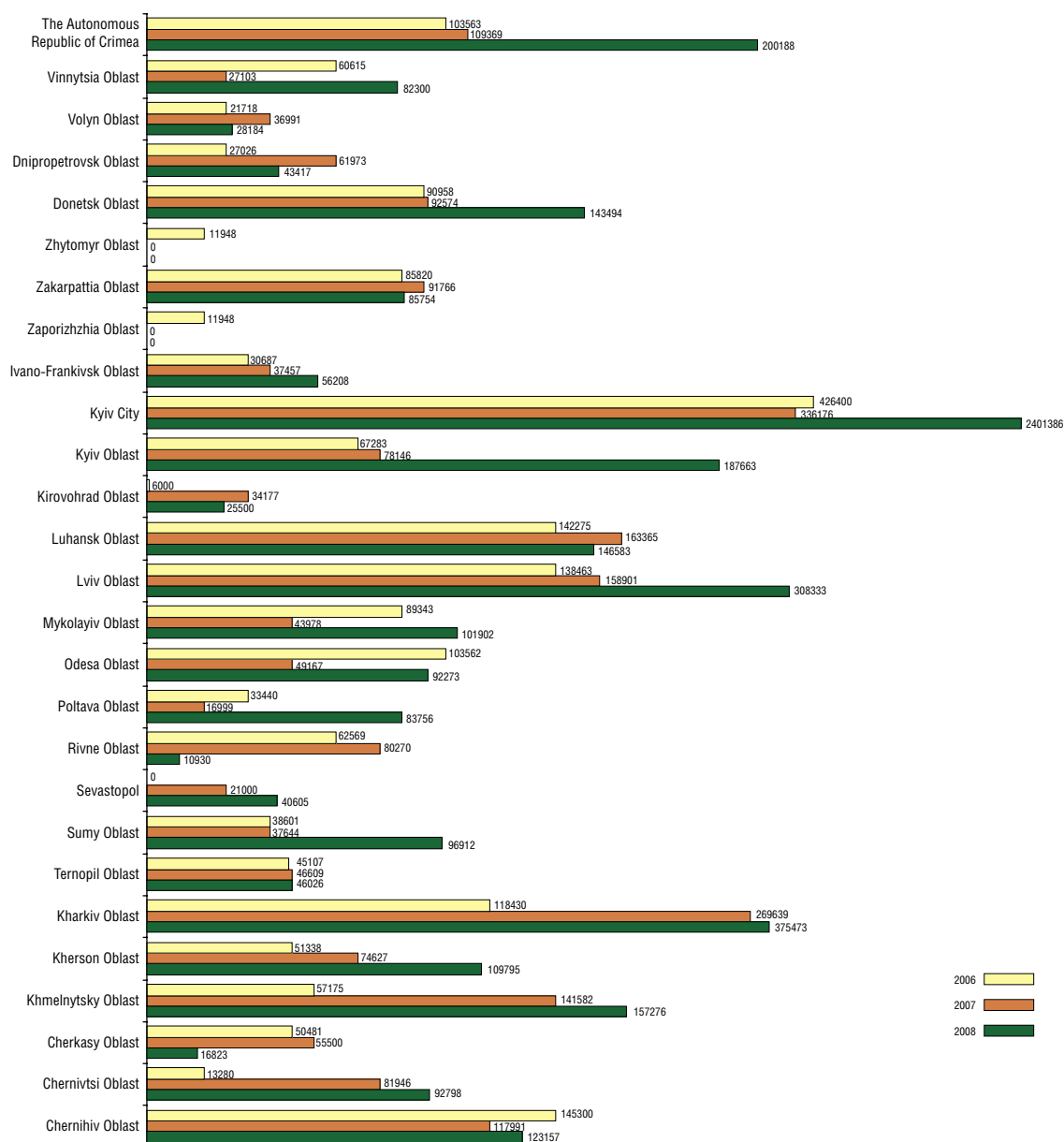
BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY REGIONS OF UKRAINE

TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE IRF IN **2008** – 443, **2007** – 592, IN **2006** – 592



BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS DISBURSED BY REGIONS OF UKRAINE

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS DISBURSED BY THE IRF IN **2008** – \$ 5,695,905, **2007** – \$ 6,647,946, IN **2006** – \$ 6,231,359



ORGANIZATIONS
SUPPORTED BY
IRF IN 2008



Organizations Supported by IRF in 2008

Organization		Projects Supported	Total Amount
1.	Association of Economic Development of Ivano-Frankivsk (AEDIF) (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnistrovka St., 26, tel. +38 (0342) 55-20-22)	1	\$13,778
2.	Bila Tserkva City NGO "Legal Unity" (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, 50 Richchia Peremohy St., 96, Office 13, tel. +38 (04463) 40-440, (04463) 5-04-50)	1	\$19,825
3.	Bila Tserkva City Association of Disabled Children and their Parents "Ayurveda" (09108, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, Skhidna St., 34, tel. +38 (263) 96-3-89)	2	\$13,201
4.	Charitable Association Helping People with HIV/AIDS "Svitlo Nadiyi" (36000, Poltava, Artema St., 28-A, tel. +38 (0532) 50-85-99)	2	\$34,081
5.	Charitable NGO "Center for Educational Initiatives" (79019, Lviv, P.O. Box 2832, tel. +38 (032) 297-18-57)	1	\$19,899
6.	Charitable Organization "Palliative Care Association" (Kyiv, Shchuseva St., 24, Office 11, tel. +38 (044) 235-65-87)	3	\$46,460
7.	Charitable Foundation of the Kyiv City Dnipro Raion "Kyiv Environmental and Cultural Center" (02218, Kyiv, Rayduzhna St., 31-48, tel. +38 (044) 443-52-62)	1	\$12,585
8.	Charitable Organization "Teachers for Democracy and Partnership" (02166, Kyiv, Zhukova St., 45, Office 409, tel. +38 (044) 228-86-77)	1	\$5,000
9.	Charitable Organization "Dniprovsk Association for Development of Regions" (49044, Dnipropetrovsk, Hohol St., 29, Office 107, tel. +38 (056) 377-35-96)	2	\$2,452
10.	Charitable Organization "Kyiv Oblast Charitable Foundation "Hope and Trust" (04080, Kyiv, Frunze St., 20-22, tel. +38 (044) 484-30-79)	1	\$10,000
11.	Charitable Organization "Your Choice" Club" (84646, Donetsk Oblast, Horlivka, P.O. Box 1913 (Peremohy Prosp. 72), tel. +38 (0624) 52-19-15)	1	\$10,000
12.	Charitable Organization "Legal Aid Pilot Project" (61010, Kharkiv, Haharina Prosp. 4, Office 87, tel. +38 (067) 574-3126)	2	\$191,264
13.	Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum" (04070, Kyiv, Illinska St., 18, Office 1, tel. +38 (050) 536-77-92)	2	\$4,000
14.	Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Center for Understanding" (01023, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz, 8, Office 7, tel. +38 (044) 537-10-07)	2	\$21,578
15.	Charitable Organization "Foundation for Social and Legal Protection "Rule of Law" (02147, Kyiv, P.O. Box 55, tel. +38 (044) 538-03-83)	1	\$24,900
16.	Charitable Organization "Chernihiv Women's Human Rights Center" (14014, Chernihiv, Tolstoho St., 120, P.O. Box 797, tel. +38 (0462) 483-26)	1	\$16,448
17.	Charitable Organization "Yalta European Strategy" (01011, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 45/2, Office 27, tel. +38 (044) 238-22-98)	1	\$49,900
18.	Charitable Non-Governmental Foundation "Center for Social and Psychological Information "All Together" (79035, Lviv, Zelena St., 115-B, Office 401, tel. +38 (0322) 270-45-94)	1	\$20,685

	Organization	Projects Supported	Total Amount
19.	Democratic Initiatives Foundation (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box V-271, tel. +38 (044) 581-33-17, 510-05-42)	2	\$16,100
20.	Charitable Foundation "Drop-In Center" (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 52, tel. +38 (044) 497-70-48, 272-33-59)	3	\$60,430
21.	Charitable Foundation "Zion" (04210, Kyiv, Mate Zalky St., 3-A, Office 237, tel. +38 (044) 275-36-06)	4	\$22,837
22.	Charitable Foundation "Intellectual Perspective" (01021, Kyiv, Shovkovychna St., 12, Office 206 tel. +38 (044) 255-7541, 7483)	1	\$23,980
23.	Charitable Foundation "Virtus" Rehabilitation Center for Drug Addicts" (49027, Dnipropetrovsk, Furmanova St., 3, Office 44, tel. +38 (0562) 470-0511, 785-89-93)	1	\$9,505
24.	Charitable Fund "Calvaria Publishing House Foundation" (01054, Kyiv, P.O. Box 108, tel. +38 (0322) 98-00-39)	1	\$8,000
25.	Charitable Foundation "The Center for Studies of the History and Culture of East European Jews" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 5, tel. +38 (044) 463-57-89)	1	\$5,000
26.	Velykoberezhniansky Raion Cultural-Educational Roma Association "Romani Yag" (89000, Zakarpattia Oblast, V. Berezny, Partyzanska St., 57, tel. +38 (03135) 2-16-24)	1	\$5,000
27.	Ukrainian Writers Union Publication "Ukrainian Writer" (01054, Kyiv, O. Honchara St., 52, tel. +38 (044) 486-25-92)	2	\$9,340
28.	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)	2	\$11,600
29.	Vinnitsia Oblast NGO "Podil Center for Social Technologies" (21018, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 4906, tel. +38 (0432) 57-88-42)	1	\$14,988
30.	Vinnitsia Oblast Charitable Foundation "Positive" (21011, Vinnytsia, Vatutina St., 46, Office 140, tel. +38 (0432) 64-39-74)	1	\$11,984
31.	Voznesensk City NGO "Voznesensk Economic Development Agency" (56500, Mykolayiv Oblast, Voznesensk, Lenin St., 41, tel. +38 (05134) 3-22-50)	1	\$13,000
32.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Palliative Care Association" (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9A, Rozmai Media Center, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)	3	\$49,790
33.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Council for Patients Rights and Safety" (01133, Kyiv, Pervomaiskoho St., 9-A, Office 5, tel. +38 (044) 234-84-02)	6	\$63,998
34.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Ukrainian Association of Philanthropists" (04209, Kyiv, Obolonsky Prosp., 37-V, Office 9, tel. +38 (044) 412-39-82)	2	\$22,000
35.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "Child Well-Being Fund Ukraine" (04205, Kyiv, Marshala Tymoshenko St., 21, Building 2, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 537-20-16)	1	\$2,292
36.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Association for the Support of Public Self-Organization" (65014, Odesa, Marazliyivska St., 38, tel. +38 (048) 738-68-30)	1	\$14,000
37.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Civic Network "OPORA" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 3/7, Office 38, tel. +38 (044) 425-31-55)	1	\$7,770
38.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Women's Consortium of Ukraine" (02217, Kyiv, P.O. Box 102, tel. +38 (044) 592-68-54)	1	\$13,842
39.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Children's Rights" (03150, Kyiv, Predslavynska St., 49, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 331-98-98, 528-37-48)	1	\$19,455

	Organization	Projects Supported	Total Amount
40.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Institute for Budgetary and Socio-Economic Research" (01034, Kyiv, Yaroslaviv Val St., 14H, 1st Floor, Office 54)	1	\$17,433
41.	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 (mailing address), tel. +38 (044) 411-03 32, 496-52-92)	1	\$3,848
42.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (04212, Kyiv, P.O. Box 56, tel. +38 (044) 492-27-68)	1	\$90,000
43.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Independent Association of Television and Radio Broadcasters" (01032, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 103, Office 30-31, tel. +38 (044) 254-55-56)	3	\$36,253
44.	All-Ukrainian NGO "Ukrainian European Studies Association" (03057, Kyiv, Sofiyi Petrovskoyi St., 5, Office 800, tel. +38 (044) 456-36-24)	1	\$15,882
45.	All-Ukrainian Law Association "Foundation for the Promotion of Justice" (02206, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (044) 577-21-42)	1	\$18,830
46.	All-Ukrainian Trade Union of Able-Bodied Invalids (02121, Kyiv, Verbytskoho St., 11, Office 191, tel. +38 (044) 223-13-29)	1	\$19,000
47.	All-Ukrainian Union of NGOs "Roma Congress of Ukraine" (01001, Kyiv, Mala Zhytomyrska St., 9-B, tel. +38 (044) 228-8711)	2	\$12,000
48.	All-Ukrainian Charitable Foundation "Legal Initiative" (02232, Kyiv, Zakrevskoho St., 87-V, Office 13, tel. +38 (044) 530-16-09, 269-6000)	3	\$41,220
49.	All-Ukrainian Foundation "Step by Step" (01034, Kyiv, Pushkinska St., 9a, Office 4, tel. +38 (044) 235-11-36, +38 (044) 531-12-76)	5	\$84,330
50.	NGO "Crimean Republication Association "Ecology and Peace" (95006, Simferopol, P.O. Box 333, tel. +38 (0652) 69-31-43)	1	\$11,500
51.	NGO "Kolomyia District Economic Development Association" (78200, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Kolomyia, Lesi Ukrayinky Blvd., 2, tel. (03433) 2-4654, 2-27-98, 2-35-85)	1	\$14,940
52.	NGO "Association of Kyiv School Directors" (04215, Kyiv, Radyanskoyi Ukrainy Prosp. 32-C, tel. +38 (044) 434-84-64)	1	\$9,600
53.	NGO "Association of Media Lawyers" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 27-A, tel. +38 (044) 235-33-31)	1	\$14,000
54.	NGO "Association of Network Television and Radio Broadcasters "Merezha" (01015, Kyiv, P.O. Box 34, tel. +38 (044) 244-3308)	1	\$13,000
55.	NGO "Local Self-Government Support Association" (91493, Luhansk, Tsementna St., 3, tel. +38 (0642) 34-60-61, 34-60-56)	2	\$15,509
56.	NGO "Bakhtalo-Drom" (Lucky Road) (88000, Uzhhorod, Voloshyna St., 14, Office 5, tel. +38 (03122) 2-97-29)	1	\$5,000
57.	NGO "Top-Kaya" Bakhchysaray Regional Development Center (98400, AR Crimea, Bakhchysaray, P.O. Box 24, tel. +38 (050) 664-06-16)	1	\$13,730
58.	NGO "Vivat Sokrat" (61202, Kharkiv, L. Svobody Prosp., 35/292, tel. +38 (057) 336-41-92)	1	\$2,486
59.	NGO "Vinnytsia Regional Information Center "Kreativ" (21036, Vinnytsia, 40-Richchia Peremohy St., 50/156, tel. +38 (0432) 524-580, +38 (0432) 518-606)	2	\$28,020
60.	NGO "National Association of Regional Development Agencies of Ukraine" (01001, Kyiv, Khreshchatyk St., 4, Office 17, tel. +38 (044) 494-18-96)	1	\$8,576

	Organization	Projects Supported	Total Amount
61.	NGO "Luhansk Region Civic Initiative" (91034, Luhansk, Lomonosova St., 73, Office 507, tel. +38 (0642) 33-11-74, 35-72-32, 50-84-24)	1	\$16,500
62.	NGO "Public Committee for the Protection of Citizen's Constitutional Rights and Freedoms" (91055, Luhansk, Frunze St., 4/40, tel. +38 (0642) 55-34-25)	1	\$15,000
63.	NGO "Strategic and Security Studies Group" (03150, Kyiv, Antonovycha St., 156/17, tel. +38 (044) 491-38-30)	5	\$42,055
64.	NGO "Cultural Communities Department" (08810, Kyiv Oblast, Romashky, Myroniv Raion, Kalinina St., 2)	1	\$10,000
65.	NGO "ECO-Environment" (81700, Lviv Oblast, Zhydachiv, D. Halytskoho St., 34, tel. +38 (03239) 310-88)	1	\$8,000
66.	NGO "Era of Mercy" (65069, Odesa, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 68, Office 6-7, tel. +38 (048) 712 00 85)	1	\$16,000
67.	NGO "For Professional Journalism" (01054, Kyiv, P.O. Box 154, tel. +38 (050) 944-03-25, (044) 425-31-55)	2	\$110,000
68.	NGO "Civil Society Institute" (01103, Kyiv, Druzhby Narodiv Blvd. 22, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 529-73-94, 529-07-32)	1	\$90,000
69.	"Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation" NGO (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)	4	\$29,815
70.	"Institute of Mass Information" NGO (01133, Kyiv, Lesi Ukrainky Blvd, 36-B, Office 68, tel. +38 (044) 461-90-23)	1	\$14,050
71.	NGO "Institute for Legal Studies and Strategies" (61145, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 3274, tel. +38 (057) 75-75-166)	2	\$42,455
72.	NGO "Institute for Social Research" (49034, Dnipropetrovsk, Bilostotskoho St., 159, tel. +38 (056) 721-03-01)	1	\$12,000
73.	NGO "Internet Initiatives" (08341, Kyiv Oblast, Petrivske, Boryspil Raion, Molodizhna St., 1, tel. +38 (050) 640-41-68)	2	\$8,199
74.	NGO "Information Press Center" (95005, Simferopol, Sevastopolska St., 8, Office 106, tel. +38 (0652) 25-15-48)	1	\$20,000
75.	NGO "Civic Space" Information-Analytical Center" (02140, Kyiv, B. Hmuri St., 3, Office 140, tel. +38 (044) 573-14-69)	2	\$29,720
76.	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)	2	\$16,600
77.	NGO "Kyiv Human Rights Alliance" (02121, Kyiv, Horlivska St., 220, Office 74, tel. +38 (044) 576-03-13)	1	\$4,483
78.	NGO "Club "Eney" (01001, Kyiv, Shevchenka Prov., 13/21-V, tel.+38 (044) 279-72-35)	1	\$5,000
79.	NGO "Laboratory for Legislative Initiatives" (04070, Kyiv, P.O. Box 20, tel. +38 (044) 531-37-68)	5	\$162,156
80.	NGO "Luhansk Oblast Mediation Group" (91055, Luhansk, Lunacharskoho St., 122, A/509, tel. +38 (0642) 717-378, (0642) 42-03-78)	1	\$14,810
81.	NGO "Luhansk Oblast Foundation "Region and Community" (91005, Luhansk, Hoduvantseva St., 1, Office 30, tel. +38 (0642) 49-86-94)	1	\$15,000
82.	NGO "Lviv Legal Society" (79058, Lviv, Hazova St., 26, Office 318, tel. +38 (0322) 294-92-63)	1	\$18,124

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83.	NGO "Narodna Dopomoha – Kyiv" (03061, Kyiv, Suzdalska St., 4/6, tel. +38 (044) 455-00-05)	1	\$12,000
84.	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)	2	\$10,705
85.	NGO "Independent Center for Political Studies" (01030, Kyiv, B. Khmelnytskoho St., 50, Office 18, tel. +38 (044) 234-38-61, 230-9178, 599-4251)	2	\$30,055
86.	NGO "Independent Center for Political Researchers and Journalists" (95000, Simferopol, P.O. Box 142, Main Post Office, tel. +38 (0652) 54-41-23)	1	\$2,570
87.	NGO "Society for Deaf Teachers" (02173, Kyiv, Berezhnyakivska St., 16-A, Office 239, tel. +38 (044) 287-21-80)	1	\$5,086
88.	NGO "Education Resource Center" (79019, Lviv, P.O. Box 2832, tel. +38 (03229) 71-857)	1	\$14,000
89.	NGO "Poltava Regional Development Agency" (36004, Poltava, Holovka St., 18, Office 52, tel. +38 (0532) 52-20-59)	1	\$15,000
90.	NGO "Kyiv Homeowners Association" (04108, Kyiv, Pravdy Prosp. 19/3, tel. +38 (044) 279-62-93)	1	\$15,000
91.	NGO "Eastern European Institute of Media Problems" (01032, Kyiv, Saksahanskoho St., 103, Office 30, tel. +38 (044) 280-70-07)	1	\$14,000
92.	NGO "Telekrytyka" (01030, Kyiv, Shevchenko Blvd., 34-B, tel. +38 (044) 235-70-91)	1	\$17,600
93.	NGO "Territory of Success" (25011, Kirovohrad, Chaikovskoho St., 42, tel. +38 (0522) 27-09-63)	1	\$10,000
94.	NGO "Roma Cultural Society "Amaro Deves" (39605, Poltava Oblast, Kremenchuk, Moskovska St., 21, Office 21, tel. +38 (05366) 5-16-29)	1	\$6,960
95.	"Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after O. Razumkov" NGO (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 46, tel. +38 (044) 201-11-98)	2	\$60,075
96.	NGO "Democratic Seminar" Foundation" (79000, Lviv, Universytetska St., 1, Office 318, tel. +38 (032) 279-45-85, 274-13-26)	1	\$4,000
97.	NGO "Kremenchuk City Community Development Foundation" (39600, Poltava Oblast, Kremenchuk, Kvartalna St., 5, tel. +38 (0536) 79-91-64)	1	\$10,000
98.	NGO "Forumo Romen Ukrainatar" (01001, Kyiv, Mala Zhytomyrska St., 9-B, tel. +38 (044) 278-87-11)	1	\$6,680
99.	NGO "Open Society Foundation" (04071, Kyiv, Kostyantynivska St., 37, Office 22, tel. +38 (044) 419-70-10)	2	\$36,060
100.	NGO "Souspilnist Foundation" (04050, Kyiv, Puhachova St., 6/29, Office 45, tel.: +38 (044) 483-03-72, 483-33-57)	4	\$45,486
101.	NGO "Khmelnytsky Regional Office of the Association of Ukrainian Cities" (29000, Khmelnytsky, Haharina St., 18, tel. +38 (0382) 76-54-03, (0382) 72-01-95)	1	\$29,445
102.	NGO "Social Indicators" Center" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, tel. +38 (044) 416-6053)	1	\$19,920
103.	NGO "Center for Public Advocacy" (79008, Lviv, Stavropiyska St., 11, Office 3, tel. +38 (035) 75-22-98)	1	\$18,450
104.	NGO "Center for Public Expertise" (02140, Kyiv, Bazhana Prosp. 10, Office 264, tel. +38 (093) 246-02-46)	2	\$43,000

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105.	NGO "Center for the Study of Social Perspectives of Donbas" (83055, Donetsk, Postysheva St., 137, Office 28, tel. +38 (062) 348-07-77)	1	\$12,774
106.	NGO "The Center for Economic Development" (04116, Kyiv, Starokyivska St., 10, 3rd floor, Office 211, tel. +38 (044) 236-50-78)	1	\$8,000
107.	NGO "Center for European and Transatlantic Studies" (03124, Kyiv, I. Lepse Blvd., 8, tel. +38 (044) 454-11-56)	1	\$14,955
108.	NGO "Center for Electronic Government Initiatives" (03146, Kyiv, P.O. Box 92, tel. +38 (044) 454-99-26, 241-68-08)	1	\$74,800
109.	NGO "Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine" (01034, Kyiv, Volodymyrska St., 42, Office 21, tel. +38 (044) 238-68-43)	1	\$49,340
110.	NGO "Center for Reform Support and Development" (77503, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Dolyna, Hrushevskoho St., 11 (2nd floor), tel. +38 (03477) 2-52-30)	1	\$7,000
111.	NGO "Center for Psycho-Social Rehabilitation of Chemically Dependent Youth "Step by Step" (04215, Kyiv, H. Gongadze Prosp., 20V, tel. +38 (044) 433-32-59)	1	\$15,000
112.	NGO "Center for Information Rights" (04071, Kyiv, Shchekavyska St., 37/48, Office 1, tel. +38 (044) 418-29-31)	1	\$14,878
113.	NGO "Center of Modern Information Technologies and Visual Arts" (61013, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10984, tel. +38 (057) 714-01-03)	3	\$43,566
114.	NGO "Chernihiv Public Committee of Human Rights Protection" (14000, Chernihiv, Horkoho St., 57/1, tel. +38 (046) 262-53-81)	1	\$11,630
115.	NGO "School for Political Analysis" (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5, building 4, Office 424, tel. +38 (044) 255-65-15, (066) 734-69-52)	1	\$30,000
116.	NGO Zakarpattia Roma Society "Roma" (88007, Uzhhorod, Bohatyrskya St., 45, tel. +38 (0312) 61-37-58)	3	\$28,544
117.	Citizens Association "For the Future of Kherson" (73000, Kherson, 14-a Skhidna St., 5, tel. +38 (0552) 26-31-46)	1	\$10,000
118.	Public Association "Committee for Children's Rights" (01103, Kyiv, P.O. Box 9, tel. +38 (044) 285-26-96)	1	\$12,000
119.	Public Information and Methodological Center "Vsesvit" (61003, Kharkiv, Sliusarny Prov. 10, Office 2, tel. +38 (057) 731-10-76)	3	\$39,636
120.	Public Committee for the Constitutional Right to Legal Aid (09100, Kyiv Oblast, Bila Tserkva, Skvyrske Shose, 194, Office 102, tel. +38 (04463) 447-33, (044) 223-3151)	1	\$98,479
121.	Public Center "Business Initiatives" (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Dnistrovska St., 26, tel. +38 (0342) 77-65-55)	1	\$5,800
122.	Dnipropetrovsk Oblast NGO "Intellectual Property Society" (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, Komsomolska St., 48, tel. +38 (056) 785-18-29)	1	\$4,100
123.	Donetsk City NGO "Alliance" (83015, Donetsk, Naberezhna St., 149, Office 37, tel. +38 (062) 338-40-83)	2	\$19,978
124.	Donetsk City Organization "Donetsk Memorial" (83092, Donetsk, P.O. Box 4836, tel. +38 (062) 304-14-71)	1	\$12,300
125.	Donetsk Oblast NGO "Institute for Social Research and Political Analysis" (83001, Donetsk, Shchorsa St., 12, Office 11, tel. +38 (062) 305-02-59)	2	\$14,180
126.	Donetsk Oblast NGO "Ridna Krayina" (84330, Donetsk Oblast, Kramatorsk, Mariupolska St., 7, tel. +38 (06264) 41-91-99)	1	\$7,000

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127. Donetsk Oblast League of Business and Professional Women (83086, Donetsk, Artema St., 45, tel. +38 (062) 334-2043, 335-19-02)	1	\$1,196
128. Donetsk Youth Debate Center (83003, Donetsk, Illicha Prosp., 79/31, tel. +38 (062) 385-98-39)	5	\$42,912
129. Subsidiary Enterprise "Nora-Druk" (03022, Kyiv, Vasytkivska St., 30, tel. +38 (044) 495-50-69)	1	\$4,084
130. Subsidiary Enterprise "Summit Book" (04060, Kyiv, M. Berlinskoho St., 9, 1st Floor, tel. +38 (044) 501-93-94)	5	\$71,850
131. Women's Charitable Organization "Our Visions" (81700, Lviv Oblast, Zhydachiv, Shevchenko St., 1, tel. +38 (067) 283-6873)	1	\$15,470
132. Women's Information-Coordination Center (49044, Dnipropetrovsk, Barykadna St., 21, tel. +38 (056) 370-25-35)	2	\$2,360
133. Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Association "Romani Cgib" (Romany Language) (88000, Uzhhorod, Darvina St., 19, tel. +38 (0312) 61-54-42)	1	\$5,000
134. Zakarpattia Oblast Roma Society "Amaro Drom" (88000, Uzhhorod, Timiriazeva 46, tel. +38 (03122) 25-509)	1	\$3,000
135. Transcarpathian Roma Cultural-Educational Association "Romani Yag" (88007, Uzhhorod, Dunayevskoho St., 18, tel. +38 (0312) 638-241, 61-39-56, 61-41-21)	2	\$4,320
136. 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)	1	\$2,500
137. Kyiv-Svyatoshyh Branch of the Ukrainian Children's Fund (255510, Kyiv Oblast, Boyarka, Molodizhna St., 48, tel. +38 (044)288-04-59)	3	\$1,1072
138. Kirovohrad Regional Information Service for Women (25006, Kirovohrad, K. Marx St., 24, tel. +38 (0522) 22-65-79)	1	\$5,500
139. Congress of National Communities of Ukraine (04070, Kyiv, Voloska St., 8/5 (mailing address), tel. +38 (044) 248-36-70)	2	\$20,000
140. Crimean Republication Institution "I. Gasprynsky Crimean Tatar Library" (95011, Simferopol, Samokisha St., 8, tel. +38 (0652) 24-95-60)	1	\$3,325
141. Crimean Republican Charitable Foundation "Crimean World" (95017, Simferopol, Kyivska St., 38/34, tel. +38 (0652) 57-17-66)	1	\$10,600
142. Zakarpattia Roma Cultural Society "Rom Som" (88018, Uzhhorod, Mukachivska St., 25, tel. +38 (0312) 61-67-59)	1	\$5,000
143. Mykolayiv Region Medical Association (54030, Mykolayiv, Admirala Makarova St., 1-a, tel. +38 (0512) 369-107)	1	\$11,653
144. Luhansk Regional Universal Scientific Library named after M. Gorky (91053, Luhansk, Radiansky St., 78, tel. +38 (0642) 53-73-21)	1	\$7,900
145. Luhansk Branch of the NGO "Ukrainian Public Health Association" (91000, Luhansk, Oboronna St., 20A, Office 165, tel. +38 (0642) 54-32-69)	1	\$12,000
146. Luhansk Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (93404, Luhansk Oblast, Severodonetsk, Lenina St., 14, Office 26, tel. +38 (0645) 70-29-31)	1	\$9,000
147. Luhansk Charitable Foundation "A Step to the Future" (91000, Luhansk, Pushkina St., 3, Office 406, tel. +38 (0642) 52-54-32)	1	\$10,000

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148.	Luhansk Oblast Center for Political and Sociological Studies "Politsocium" (91055, Luhansk, Oktiabryska St., 46, tel. +38 (0642) 52-81-31)	1	\$9,564
149.	Lviv NGO "Center for the Study of Local Self-Government" (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Proyzid, 6, 3rd floor, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)	4	\$44,750
150.	Lviv City NGO "Society of Mutual Aid "Oselya" (79495, Lviv Oblast, Vynnyky, I. Franka St., 69, tel. +38 (0322) 96-33-03)	1	\$1,095
151.	Lviv City NGO "Centre for the Humanities" (79000, Lviv, Universytetska St., 1, Office 208, tel. +38 (032) 239-41-18)	1	\$9,658
152.	Lviv City NGO "Center of Moral and Psychological Support and Mutual Assistance on the Principles of Christian Morality "Doroha" (79021, Lviv, Kulparkivska St., 160, tel. +38 (032) 292-23-95)	1	\$8,800
153.	Lviv Oblast Charitable Foundation "Medicine and Law" (79000, Lviv, Boykivska St., 10, Office 3, tel. +38 (0322) 382-570)	3	\$36,384
154.	Medical Informational-Analytical Center "Vector" (04060, Kyiv, Shchusyeva St., 24, Office 11, tel. +38 (044) 235-65-87)	1	\$9,980
155.	Mykolayiv Association of People with HIV "Chas Zhyttia" (54055, Mykolayiv, Patomkinska St., 138, tel. +38 (0512) 48-96-38)	1	\$19,060
156.	Mykolayiv Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO "Association for Public Self-Organization" (54001, Mykolayiv, P.O. Box 54, tel. +38 (0512) 47-34-79, (0512) 55 -83-29)	1	\$11,500
157.	Mykolayiv Oblast Branch of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine (54027, Mykolayiv, Admiralska St., 20, Office 216, tel. +38 (0512) 35-43-56)	1	\$9,114
158.	Mykolayiv City LASKA Foundation "Promoting Economic and Social Reforms" (54038, Mykolayiv, Bila St., 82, Office 2, tel. +38 (0512) 40-12-31, 55-03-60)	1	\$14,000
159.	Mykolayiv Oblast Charitable Tuberculosis Foundation "Vita-Light" (54001, Mykolayiv, Velyka Morska St., 49, Office 60, tel. +38 (0512) 37-31-20, (0512) 76-83-00)	1	\$5,575
160.	International Charitable NGO "East European and Central Asian Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 87a, tel. +38 (044) 467-75-65)	1	\$13,429
161.	International Charitable Organization "Environment-People-Law" (79000, Lviv, P.O. Box 316, tel. +38 (032) 275-15-34)	1	\$940
162.	International Charitable Organization "Testing Technologies and Education Quality Monitoring Center" (01042, Kyiv, Filatova St., 1/22, Office 106, tel. +38 (044) 521-24-71)	1	\$65,000
163.	International NGO "Pylyp Orlyk Institute for Democracy" (01030, Kyiv, B. Khmelnytskoho St., 30/10, Office 1-B, tel. +38 (044) 537-62-30)	2	\$12,828
164.	International NGO "Internews-Ukraine" (04112, Kyiv, Ryzka St., 15 (P.O. Box 57), tel. +38 (044) 458-4440)	1	\$5,140
165.	International NGO "International Institute for Humanities Technologies" (02002, Kyiv, Lunacharskoho St., 12/6, tel. +38 (044) 227-82-01)	1	\$585
166.	International NGO "International HIV/AIDS Institute" (03150, Kyiv, Predslavynska St., 38, Office 143, tel. +38 (044) 528-37-14)	1	\$18,545
167.	International NGO "Amnesty International in Ukraine" (01015, Kyiv, P.O. Box 60, tel. +38 (044) 469-70-27, 484-16-34)	1	\$15,575
168.	International NGO "International Centre for Policy Studies" (04050, Kyiv, Pymonenka St., 13a, tel. +38 (044) 484-4400, 484-4401)	1	\$9,791

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169.	International Association of Journalists "Health Without Borders" (03110, Kyiv, P.O. Box 101, tel. +38 (044) 270-44-52)	1	\$5,480
170.	International Charitable Foundation "Academy of Ukrainian Press" (01133, Kyiv, Vavilovych St., 16/12, Office 112, tel. +38 (044) 286-13-36)	2	\$22,120
171.	International Charitable Foundation "Vertical" (03115, Kyiv, General Vitruka St., 7A, Office 16, tel. +38 (044) 227-35-30)	1	\$7,200
172.	International Charitable Foundation "Open Health Institute" (Kyiv, Tymoshenko St., 3, Office 16, tel. +38 (044) 568-58-07)	3	\$40,499
173.	International Charitable Foundation "Ukrainian Women's Fund" (04050, Kyiv, Artema St., 79, Office 38, tel. +38 (044) 568-53-89)	1	\$11,151
174.	International Charitable Oleksandr Bohomolets Foundation (01601, Kyiv, Shevchenko Blvd., 13, tel. +38 (044) 234-40-62, 234-93-72, 234-45-25)	1	\$14,635
175.	Interoblast Volunteer Organization "SVIT-Ukraine" (Donetsk Oblast., Artemivsk, P.O. Box 28, tel. +38 (062) 744-67-39)	1	\$906
176.	Local NGO "Dobrochyn" Social Welfare Center" (14017, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 435, tel. +38 (0462) 67-71-81)	1	\$14,000
177.	City Youth NGO "Youth Alternative "M'ART" (14000, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 79, tel. +38 (04622) 74-110)	2	\$19,667
178.	Youth NGO "Ukrainian Youth Academy" (79021, Lviv, S. Petliura St., 49/97, tel. +38 (0322) 76-95-45)	1	\$8,000
179.	Youth NGO "Association for the Protection of Rights of Volyn Youth" (43025, Lutsk, P.O. Box 221, tel. +38 (03322) 483-12)	2	\$18,204
180.	Youth NGO "Vsesvit" (97400, AR Crimea, Yevpatoria, Internatsionalna St., 133, Office 31, tel. +38 (06569) 42-6-42)	1	\$14,000
181.	Youth NGO "Young Diplomats Club of Ukraine" (03142, Kyiv, Dobrokhotova St., 11, Office 66, tel. +38 (097) 944-81-33)	1	\$6,194
182.	Youth NGO "Student Unions Support Committee" (79019, Lviv, Stavropiyivska St., 11, Office 3, tel. +38 (032) 275-22-98)	1	\$17,000
183.	Youth NGO "Youth Center for Humanities" (04070, Kyiv, tel. +38 (044) 425-68-65, (044) 417-35-20)	3	\$17,020
184.	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)	2	\$30,950
185.	Public Youth Center "Etalon" (76000, Ivano-Frankivsk, Pavlyka St., 10, Office 17-19, tel. +38 (0342) 50-25-25)	3	\$14,540
186.	Educational-Informational Computer Center of the Ukrainian Society for the Blind (01133, Kyiv, Pechersky Uzviz 5, tel. +38 (044) 235-6297)	1	\$5,000
187.	Nadvirna Branch of "Student Brotherhood" (78400, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Nadvirna, Lesi Ukrayinky St., 7)	1	\$150
188.	Oblast NGO "Center for Strategic Initiatives" (29013, Khmelnytsky, Svobody St., 36, Office 601, tel. +38 (0382) 65-31-73)	1	\$4,823
189.	Oblast Citizens Association "Informed Choice of the People" (40030, Sumy, Chervona Sq., 13)	1	\$10,000
190.	Odesa City NGO "Face to Face" (65014, Odesa, Marazliyivska St., 38, tel. +38 (048) 738-68-30)	1	\$18,000

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191.	Odesa Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO "Committee of Voters of Ukraine" (65021, Odesa, P.O. Box 209, tel. +38 (0482) 26-01-29)	1	\$15,000
192.	Odesa Oblast Roma Culture Association "Romani Zbora" (65000, Odesa, Ak. Korolyova St., 85/85, tel. +38 (048) 746-98-96)	1	\$5,000
193.	Perechyn Raion Cultural-Educational Association of Roma "Romani Yag" (89200, Zakarpattia Oblast, Perechyn, Tsehelna St., 20, tel. +38 (034) 527-27-14)	1	\$7,000
194.	Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky City Youth NGO "Independent Youth Association" (08401, Kyiv Oblast, Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky, Sukhomlynskoh St., 32, Office 108, tel. +38 (097) 923-16-58)	1	\$11,000
195.	Podil Human Rights Center (21050, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 8216, tel. +38 (0432) 35-14-66)	1	\$5,908
196.	Poltava Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian NGO "Society of Ukrainian Officers" (36004, Poltava, Myru Prosp. 18, Office 196, tel. +38 (0532) 52-45-84)	1	\$10,000
197.	Poltava Oblast Media Club (36013, Poltava, Demokratychna St., 34, tel. +38 (0532) 610-479)	1	\$7,715
198.	Private Enterprise "Nauka" Publishers (03124, Kyiv, M. Vasylenka St., 13A, Office 68, tel. +38 (044) 497-81-69)	2	\$9,777
199.	Raion Women's Human Rights Organization "Victoria" (92700, Luhansk Oblast, Starobilsk, Vatutina St., 40/44, tel. +38 (06461) 3-22-67)	1	\$7,000
200.	Regional NGO "Donbas" Regional Development Agency" (83014, Donetsk, Livoberezhna St., 62a, tel. +38 (062) 335-70-57, 345-74-19)	2	\$21,083
201.	Regional Transborder Cooperation Agency "Euroregion 'Lower Danube'" (68800, Odesa Oblast, Izmayil, Suvorova Prosp., 62, Office 418, Tel. +38 (04841) 255-37)	1	\$7,673
202.	Regional Charitable Foundation "Rivne. European Choice" (33027, Rivne, Mury Prosp., 2/45, tel. +38 (0362) 23-23-25)	1	\$4,100
203.	Regional Public Charitable Foundation "Law and Democracy" (79000, Lviv, Kryva Lypa Proyzd, 6, tel. +38 (032) 297-19-32)	2	\$19,334
204.	Uzhhorod Regional Branch of the National Institute for Strategic Studies (88017, Uzhhorod, Universytetska St., 21, tel. +38 (0312) 64-4451)	1	\$11,290
205.	Svatove Raion Kozak Society "Svativsky Slobidsky Regiment" (92600, Luhansk Oblast, Svatove, O. Nevskoho St., 4, tel. +38 (06471) 3-30-09)	1	\$14,300
206.	Simferopol City NGO "Integration and Development" Information and Research Center (95006, AR Crimea, Simferopol, Khatska St., 13, Office 1, tel. +38 (0652) 505-812)	4	\$56,858
207.	Simferopol City NGO "Regional Resource Agency "Crimea-Perspective" (95006, Simferopol, Khatska St., 13, Office 1, tel. +38 (0652) 505-812)	1	\$9,000
208.	Private Entrepreneur Oleksiy Zhupansky (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 7A, tel. +38 (044) 223-94-99)	1	\$6,849
209.	Joint Ukrainian-American Enterprise "Krytyka" Magazine" LLC (01001, Kyiv, P.O. Box 255, tel. +38 (044) 270-5400)	2	\$8,225
210.	Sumy Single and Disabled Mothers NGO "Verbena" (40034, Sumy, M. Lushpy Prosp. 10/338, tel. +38 (0542) 32-47-37)	1	\$8,000
211.	Sumy City NGO "Internet Education Network" (40030, Sumy, Heroyiv Stalinhrada St., 10, Oblast Science Library, 3rd floor, tel.: +38 (0542) 34-04-88)	2	\$27,108
212.	Sumy City NGO "Center for Regional Policy Studies" (40014, Sumy, P.O. Box 44, tel. +38 (0542) 21-03-29)	1	\$8,955

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213. 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, 79-11-78)	1	\$9,998
214. Sumy City Youth NGO "Foundation for Regional Initiatives" (40014, Sumy, Horkoho St., 2/5, tel. +38 (097) 153-07-71)	1	\$5,600
215. Sumy Oblast Youth NGO Club for the Resocialization of the Chemically Dependent "Chance" (40024, Sumy, Prokofieva St., 25A/132, tel. +38 (0542) 78-35-38)	1	\$14,525
216. Sumy City Youth Association "City Crisis Center" (40030, Sumy, Kirova St., 4, Office 77, tel. +38 (0542) 62-18-34)	1	\$1,881
217. Sumy Oblast Branch of the All-Ukrainian Charitable Organization "All-Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS" (40020, Sumy, Kurska St., 111, Office 2, tel. +38 (067) 542-86-62)	1	\$5,000
218. Sumy Oblast Youth Organization Committee (40030, Sumy, P.O. Box 44, tel. +38 (0542) 21-03-29)	1	\$5,845
219. Creative Society "Technologies for Optimal Personal Growth" (25005, Kirovohrad, P.O. Box 48, tel. +38 (0522) 27-27-54)	1	\$10,000
220. Ternopil City NGO "Ternopil Press Club" (46001, Ternopil, O. Kulchytska St., 3-5, tel. +38 (0352) 53-19-37)	2	\$20,500
221. 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)	1	\$10,500
222. Ternopil State Ivan Pul'uj Technical University (46001, Ternopil, Ruska St., 56, tel. +38 (0352) 52-41-81)	1	\$4,602
223. "Fact" Publishers, Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 76, tel. +38 (044) 287-18-82)	2	\$13,750
224. "Universe" Publishers, Ltd. (08293, Kyiv Oblast, Bucha, Irpin Raion, Tarasivska St., 32, Office 165, tel. +38 (044) 223-94-99, (050) 691-68-06)	1	\$9,038
225. "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" Publishing House, Ltd. (04655, Kyiv, Kontraktova Sq., 4, tel. +38 (044) 425-60-92, 417-59-56)	2	\$11,314
226. "Dzherela M" Ltd. (04073, Kyiv, Frunze St., 160- ІІІ, tel. +38 (044) 467-50-24)	3	\$25,263
227. Chornomorska Television and Radio Company (95038, Simferopol, Radio St., 4, tel. +38 (0652) 51-56-98)	1	\$18,000
228. "Ukrainian National Home in Chernivtsi" Association (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 52-80-59)	3	\$27,744
229. "K.I.C." Ltd. (04080, Kyiv, P.O. Box 1, tel. +38 (044) 462-52-69)	1	\$2,152
230. "AKTA" Ltd. (61085, Kharkiv, Zhukovskoho Prosp. 3, Office 133, tel. +38 (057) 751-2125, (067) 447-4489)	1	\$2,896
231. "Books-XXI" Publishers, Ltd. (58000, Chernivtsi, Sheptytskoho St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 58-64-64)	1	\$5,256
232. "Grani-T" Ltd. (02140, Kyiv, Borysa Hmyri St., 2, Office 10, tel. +38 (044) 200-12-57, 200-12-58, 200-12-59)	3	\$22,340
233. Megabyte Plus, Ltd. (33016, Rivne, Stepan Bandera St., 65/25, tel. +38 (0362) 26-76-05)	1	\$6,830
234. Society for Students' Rights and Dignity "Fortress" (46000, Ternopil, P.O. Box 10, tel. +38 (0352) 52-81-19)	1	\$10,424

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235.	Society to Help Families with Autistic Children "From Despair to Hope." (84626, Donetsk Oblast, Horlivka, Chury St., 14, Office 13, tel. +38 (06242) 59-76-31)	1	\$1,165
236.	Ukrainian Association of Press Publishers (04071, Kyiv, Mezhyhirska St., 22, Office 20, tel. +38 (044) 425-57-87)	1	\$14,650
237.	Ukrainian Philosophical Foundation (01001, Kyiv, Tryokhsvyatytelska St., 4, Office 321, tel. +38 (044) 279-16-70)	1	\$2,630
238.	Foundation for Mykolayiv City Development (54001, Mykolayiv, P.O. Box 54, tel. +38 (0512) 47-38-79)	1	\$18,000
239.	Foundation "Social Movement "Ukrainians Against Tuberculosis" (03110, Kyiv, P.O. Box 101, tel. +38 (044) 270-44-52)	1	\$2,500
240.	Kharkiv Civic Organization of Blind Lawyers (61058, Kharkiv, Danilevskoho St., 16/8, tel. +38 (057) 705-12-71)	1	\$15,000
241.	Kharkiv City NGO "Kharkiv Institute for Social Research" (61070, Kharkiv, L. Svobody St., 34, Office 245, tel. +38 (096) 364-87-14)	1	\$17,560
242.	Kharkiv Human Rights Group (61002, Kharkiv, P.O. Box 10430, tel. +38 (057) 700-67-71, (098) 236-52-07)	1	\$5,000
243.	Kharkiv Public Foundation for Local Democracy (61003, Kharkiv, Rozy Luxembourg Square, 10, 7th floor, tel. +38 (057) 731-60-44)	2	\$15,610
244.	Kherson City Journalists Association "Pivden" (South) (73000, Kherson, Lenina St., 18, tel. +38 (0552) 26-50-39)	1	\$19,980
245.	Kherson City NGO "Direct Rule of the People" (73001, Kherson, Pushkinska St., 124, tel. +38 (0552) 222-571)	1	\$13,000
246.	Kherson Oblast Youth NGO "Regional Development Youth Center" (73013, Kherson, P.O. Box 10, tel. +38 (0552) 44-28-40)	1	\$19,185
247.	Kherson City Roma Society (73003, Kherson, Horkoho St., 28, tel. +38 (0552) 49-32-70, (050) 588 05 55)	1	\$5,000
248.	Kherson City Center for Youth Initiatives "TOTEM" (73000, Kherson, Molodizhna St., 2a, tel. +38 (0552) 26-60-72)	1	\$12,630
249.	Kherson Oblast Charitable Foundation "Mangust" (73039, Kherson, 49 Gvardiyskoyi Diviziyi St., 3/83, tel. +38 (0552) 27-01-64)	1	\$19,100
250.	Kherson Oblast Charity and Health Foundation (73000, Kherson, Frunze St., 2, Office 19-24, tel. +38 (0552) 49-60-03)	1	\$10,900
251.	Khmelnysky Oblast Association "Podillya First" (29000, Khmelnytsky, Svobody St., 36, Office 601, tel. +38 (0382) 76-34-34)	1	\$4,100
252.	Khmelnysky Oblast NGO "Podil Center "Gender Council" (31310, Khmelnytsky Oblast, Chorny Ostriv, Cherkhova St., 13, tel. +38 (067) 30-32-022)	1	\$6,395
253.	Khmelnysky Oblast Association of Lawyers "Protection Agency" (29013, Khmelnytsky, Podilska St., 3, tel. +38 (0382) 70-09-62, (050) 376-12-71)	1	\$112,513
254.	Khmilnyk Raion NGO "Pravo" (22000, Vinnytsia Oblast, Khmilnyk, 1 Travnia St., 9, Office 29, tel. +38 (067) 425-84-95)	1	\$5,500
255.	Center for Near Eastern Studies (01001, Kyiv, Hrushevskoho St., 4, Office 210, tel. +38 (044) 279-07-72)	3	\$14,041
256.	Volyn Public Youth Organizations Centre "Nasha Sprava" (43000, Lutsk, Shopena St., 11, tel. +38 (0332) 72-45-67)	1	\$9,980

Organization	Projects Supported	Total Amount
257. Center for Information Research and Resource Services "Meridian" (79014, Lviv, Sakharova St., 42, Office 420, tel. +38 (032) 242-21-90)	1	\$12,794
258. Center for Civic and Cultural Initiatives Support "Tamarisk" (49000, Dnipropetrovsk, P.O. Box 907, tel. +38 (0562) 716-45-77, 716-45-76)	1	\$13,000
259. 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)	2	\$40,605
260. Cherkasy City NGO "Industrial Management Expert Society" (18000, Cherkasy, Smilyanska St., 78, Office 310)	1	\$10,823
261. Cherkasy Oblast Youth NGO "Association of Young Legislators" (18015, Cherkasy, Lenin St., 147, Office 1, tel. +38 (0472) 56-13-26, 56-12-28, 38-48-17)	1	\$6,000
262. Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Committee of Voters" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 55-58-06)	1	\$17,000
263. Chernivtsi City Youth Association "Union of Active Youth" (58000, Chernivtsi, Lomonosova St., 2, tel. +38 (0372) 52-80-59)	1	\$12,500
264. Chernivtsi Oblast NGO "Bukovynian Perspectives" (58001, Chernivtsi, Brativ Rusnakiv St., 12/11, tel. +38 (0372) 52-52-71)	3	\$23,098
265. Chernivtsi City Center for Cultural and Education Initiatives "Metasvit" (58000, Chernivtsi, Holovna St., 279 B/35, tel. +38 (0372) 525-230-53)	1	\$7,200
266. Chernihiv City NGO "Euro Club" (14035, Vinnytsia, P.O. Box 2, tel. +38 (0462) 61-08-03)	1	\$15,900
267. Chernihiv City NGO "Siversky Institute of Regional Studies" (14000, Chernihiv, Myru Prosp., 43, tel. +38 (0462) 676-052)	2	\$29,821
268. Chernihiv City Youth NGO "Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies" (14005, Chernihiv, Myra Prosp., 68, Office 916, tel. +38 (0462) 66-11-27)	1	\$7,491
269. Chernihiv Oblast NGO "Chernihiv Human Rights Center" (14017, Chernihiv, P.O. Box 891, tel. +38 (0462) 67-75-75)	1	\$19,100
270. Chernihiv City National-Cultural Society "Neve Roma" (14021, Chernihiv, Cherkaska St., 23)	1	\$5,000

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