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PRESENTATION

The idea for establishing association “Diverse and equal” came in 2005 right after the completion of the project “Diverse and equal”, funded by the European Youth Foundation. We are a non-governmental non – profit organization in public use. The founders are Bulgarian citizens from different ethnic communities mostly young Roma as well as Bulgarians and Turkish. Most of them are working in civil society sector locally, nationally and internationally.

The organization works to protect the fundamental freedoms of the Bulgarian Roma citizens; to provide opportunities for participation in the decision making process locally and nationally; to lobby local and state institutions for equal participation of people with ethnic origin; to provide facilities for implementing effective educational policies for Romani children and youth as well as for children and youth from other ethnic groups; to develop and preserve Romani culture and language; to develop the sport among ethnic groups as a modern approach for nondiscrimination actions.

The organization is a member of the international networks „Diversity and cohesion”, “Democracy leadership program” part of the Council of Europe as well as a member of the International Romani Network. We are also member of the National Council for Ethnic and Demographic Issues at the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria as well as a member of the Roma Integration Council at the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy in Bulgaria (Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005 - 2015)

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

ONGOING PROJECTS:



AMERICA FOR BULGARIA
FOUNDATION
Фондация Америка за България

2010 – 2012

Project name: “Roma are part of the human capital of Bulgaria”

Budget line: America for Bulgaria Foundation

Activities:

- Organizing meeting with school boards in Novachene, Skravena and Botevgrad;
- Sociological research among students in the schools;
- Analyzing and writing a report;

- Forming students groups for preparation to apply for the professional schools and classes in the municipality school network;
- Providing school books and materials for preparation classes;
- Implementation of preparation classes;
- Desk research on local economy and developing a manual for professional school orientation;
- Working with students parents;
- Trip to Veliko Turnovo town for the students;
- Providing support for the families to enroll their children in professional schools and classes;
- Project visibility;
- Round table for the achieved results;
- Reporting to donor.

Responsibilities: Leading organization



17 September 2010 – 30 September 2012

Project name: Component 5 "Extension of the Roma community with effective tuberculosis care" within the program "Strengthening the National Tuberculosis Programme in Bulgaria".

Ministry of Health Republic of Bulgaria, with headquarters in Sofia Square "Nedelya" № 5, represented by Dr. Stefan Konstantinov - Minister and Catherine Peneva - Acting Director of "Budget and Finance", hereinafter referred to as PRINCIPAL.

AND

ASSOCIATION "Diverse and equal", with its registered office: Sofia region "Nadejda" street "New St. Nicholas" 4, registered with the Sofia City Court from 05.01.2006, the registered in the register for legal entities non-profit company file № 14636 / 2005, the EFN 2105146361, represented by Rosenov Radostin Manov, Chairman of the Board, hereinafter referred to as CONTRACTOR.

This contract is made pursuant to Art. 14 of the Agreement for Grant Programme "Strengthening the National Tuberculosis Programme in Bulgaria" between the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Bulgaria (promulgated, SG. 30 20.04. 2010), under which the assignor is a "Principal Recipient" and the contractor is "Sub-recipient" in relation to a decision of the National Committee for AIDS and tuberculosis to the Council of Ministers on 17.09.2010

With this contracting authority awarded to the contractor and the Contractor agrees to carry out activities for the purpose of implementing Component 5 "Extension of the Roma community with effective tuberculosis care" within the program "Strengthening the National Tuberculosis Program in Bulgaria" .

IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS:

August 1st, 2010 – July 31st, 2011

Project name: Mentoring Roma medical students in Bulgaria – a way to better the access of Roma to quality health care

Budget line: Roma Health Project, Public Health Program, Open Society Institute, Budapest

Activities:

- Selection of new mentors;
- Developing individual plans for the mentoring program;
- Implementation of mentorship program;
- Monitoring of the program;
- Academic activities for the students;
- Public actions;
- Reporting to donor.

Responsibilities: Leading organization



**MENTORSHIP
COMPONENT**



October 1st, 2010 – September 31st, 2011

Project name: The world of our dreams

Budget line: Center for Educational Integration of Children and Pupils from Ethnic Minorities, Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, Republic of Bulgaria

Activities:

- Improvement of the interior of the school;
- Development of education program for teachers;
- Implementation of educational program;
- Organizing out school and out class activities for the children

Responsibilities: Partner organization

November 1st, 2010 – October 31st, 2011

Project name: Roma children want to study

Budget line: Roma Education Fund Budapest

Activities:

- Meeting and preparation the management staff of the 10 pilot kindergartens for the project implementation;



- Establishing Centers for educational adaptation for the Roma children in 10 kindergartens within Botevgrad municipality;
- Planning and organizing an educational campaign in the targeted villages in the municipality of Botevgrad;
- Training course for teachers “Education in multicultural environment for preschool children”;
- Enrolment of Roma children in preschool groups;
- Organizing and implementing activities for children;
- Monitoring the process of adaptation of Roma children in the kindergartens;
- Project visualization;
- Preparing narrative and financial reports to the donor.

Responsibilities: Leading organization

July 1st – June 30th 2010



Project name: „The school is part of my home”

Budget line: BG051PO001-4.2.03 Operative program Human resources development – European Social Fund

Activities:

- Establishing a project team and Council for supporting the project.
- Organizing and implementing out schools and out of classes activities
- Organizing activities for civil participation for students 5th – 12th grade
- Working with children having “difficult behaviors”
- Working with parents communities

Responsibilities: Leading organization

June 1st – October 31th 2010



Project name: „Freedom is diversity”

Budget line: Sofia City Municipality – Europe Program

Activities:

- Organizing trainings for young people from Sofia on non – formal human rights and intercultural learning;
- Establishment of non formal youth clubs “Young European” in 4 schools in the municipal regions of Slatina, Krasna Poljana, Vrubnitsa and Ljlin where students with different ethnic origin study;
- Organizing open days in the four municipal administrations for young people.

Responsibilities: Leading organization

August 1st, 2009 – July 31st, 2009

Project name: Mentoring Roma medical students in Bulgaria – a way to better the access of Roma to quality health care

Budget line: Roma Health Project, Public Health Program, Open Society Institute, Budapest

Activities:

- Development of pilot mentorship program
- I semester – pilot implementation of mentorship program;
- Monitoring of the program;
- Training and meetings, etc.
- First training of the mentors
- Evaluation of the program, reporting,
- Final event

Responsibilities: Leading organization

August 1st – December 31st 2009

Project name: “Europe for all”

Budget line: Sofia City Council

Activities:

- Analyzing the current situation of young people within Sofia City Municipality
- Organizing and implementing information campaigns “Europe for all”
- European happenings “Europe for all”
- Presenting good practices – Youth council in France

Responsibilities: Leading organization

May 15th – August 15th, 2009

Project name: „To raise citizens’ trust towards local authority – Municipal District of Slatina in Sofia”

Budget line: Foundation for Local Governmental Reform Sofia, Bulgaria

Activities:

- Updating current web page
- Listing all services provided by the municipality
- Applying a module connecting the web page - administration documents – citizens through internet.
- Applying the module for informing citizens about their documents through internet.
- Applying electronic documents’ sharing among the administration staff.
- Training administration staff to work with electronic documents’ sharing.

Responsibilities: Leading organization

June 2009

Project name: “I Vote for Europe: Bulgarian Youth Votes in the European Parliament Elections 2009”

Budget line: “Youth in Action” program of DG “Education and Culture” of the European Commission.

Project goals: The main goal of the project is to encourage young people in Bulgaria to vote in the elections, by creating new models and channels for communication between young voters and the political parties and their candidates. The project will also focus on mobilization initiatives to get out the vote in the run-up to the elections. The coalition of non-governmental organizations implementing the project will work to include young people in the elections by providing them with non-partisan and objective information on key themes on the ballot and the candidates’ platforms.

Activities: To fulfill the project objectives, we will organize a number of activities, employing mechanisms characteristic for the communication and contacts between young people today, such as blogs, discussion forums, debates, information sessions and meetings with current MEPs and candidates for the European Parliament.

Within the project, the Bulgarian School of Politics will organize information sessions and discussions with young people (age 18-25) in different cities in the country – Gabrovo, Veliko Tarnovo, Blagoevgrad, Burgas, Plovdiv and Sofia.

Responsibilities: Partner organization

May 8th, 2009 - European day

Project name: “Roma fashion”



Traditional Romani women's clothes from different parts of the world were presented in the show “Roma fashion” in the Military Club of Sofia City. The show was sounded by original Romani music and poetry. Romani styles from Finland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Argentina were presented by Bulgarian and Romani fashion designers.

Responsibilities: Supporting organization



April 8th 2009 – The International Romani Day

Organizing happening and events in Sofia together with other Romani NGOs and groups;

2008 – 2009

Project name: „Outside is interesting”

Budget line: Center for Educational Integration of Children from Ethnic Minorities, Ministry of Education of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Activities:

- Carrying out and survey among 100 Bulgarian and 100 Romani parents about educational adjustments;
- Analyzing data and developing a plan for the educational activities
- Organizing meetings, discussions with parents with Bulgarian and Romani origin;
- Publishing attractive information brochure for enrolling Romani children in schools;

- Assisting the process of enrolling Romani children in mix schools;
- Providing opportunities for Romani parents to take part in School Boards
- Organizing a 5 day training course for teachers to work with Romani children;
- Organizing a 3 day training course for teachers in non-formal human rights and intercultural learning using the Council of Europe methodology.
- Establishing sport mixed school groups;
- Establishing school groups in Romani dances, Bulgarian dances;
- Organizing put of school trip;
- Developing a cultural calendar and publishing it;
- Establishing a “Club of the ethnic groups in our school”;

Responsibilities: Leading organization

2008 – 2009

Project name: “To study and live together”

Budget line: BG051PO001/07/4.1-01 Operative program Human recourses development – European Social Fund

Activities:

- Providing access to education for 160 Romani children;
- Providing trainings for teachers to work in multicultural groups;
- Providing schools with needed materials for the children;
- Organizing out school and out classes activities;

Responsibilities: Partner organization

Radostin Manov - Chairman of the Board

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