



# The Institution Building Partnership Programme: Civil Society and Local Initiatives (IBPP)

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# Institution Building Partnership Programme (IBPP): Support to Civil Society and Local Initiatives

## What does the IBPP Civil Society and Local Initiatives programme do?

In order to provide active support to civil society organisations in Russia, the EU, via its Delegation in Moscow, has been running the IBPP programme since 2002.

Over the last eight years the EU has funded over 190 projects totalling 41 million EURO.

The overall aim of the Programme is to give a voice to a large variety of civil society organisations to enable them to fulfil their potential role in:

- Raising awareness and lobbying the authorities on various issues of concern
- Playing a pro-active role in public oversight of decision making and policy planning
- Creating links between non-state and state actors as well as between civil society organisations from the EU and Russia
- Creating networks between likeminded organisations in order to increase lobbying capacity

Projects are selected annually via an open call for proposals. Interested applicants have to apply in partnership, involving at least one organisation from Russia and one from the EU.

## Specific priorities of the programme

Over the last couple of years the specific priorities of the programme have significantly evolved and been reduced in quantity in order to prioritise certain areas of crucial importance, improve the focus of the programme as well as to increase percentage of applicants that receive EU funding.

The programme's limited resources and the sheer geographical size and population of Russia, demanded a clearer focus in order to achieve measurable results. Following an independent evaluation in 2006 and internal analyses of the programme's benefits, the social sector was identified as the key focal area. This redesign is reflected in the Call for Proposals (CfP) 2007 and 2008 that focused on Children, Women and Youth. The CfP for 2009 was limited to Child Welfare and Disability. By concentrating on social NSA's the programme is able to leverage the current government's commitment to improving social policy.

The EU also recognises that strengthening civil society requires alliance building among NSAs themselves and other key stakeholders. Since 2006 projects have been encouraged to include networking components. In the CfP 2009 there has been a shift away from pilot projects to supporting strategic platform development initiatives that meet urgent social needs.

## Relevance and added value of the programme

IBPP is a relevant instrument, which supports urgent issues through effective and innovative mechanisms. It actively contributes to the creation of a platform for discussion between the authorities and NGOs.

It fills in a niche for the kind of donor support that is not offered by any other donor in Russia, as it offers civil society support in a broader range of sectors through comparatively large grants. Furthermore, the programme funds networking and information exchange activities, not addressed by other donors.

Many projects dealt with governance issues at the local level and have managed to build relationships of trust and mutual benefit with local authorities.

## TAKING ACTION FOR CHILDREN



The project aims to ensure that the Regional Governments targeted by the action are effectively held to account over the success of their child welfare policies and plans in preventing, and addressing the consequences of, loss of parental care, including children with disabilities and very young children.

The project focuses on strengthening 3 national child welfare networks – focused on foster care, early intervention and family support - to more effectively support beneficiary engagement in constructive policy dialogue that leads to a reduction in, and addresses the consequences of, loss of parental care, at a federal level and in at least 10 regions of Russia by the end of the project.

A series of 6 Regional meetings and 2 conferences will be organised for child care practitioners, foster carers, early intervention specialists, children, young people and parents. Standards will be developed and implemented in 120 foster care and early intervention services. UN

Guidelines on Alternative care and a new 'loss of parental care' index will be applied across a further 130 services for children without parental care or at risk of losing parental care. Project publications will help to ensure that children, parents and carers are better able to hold their Government accountable for failures in the child welfare system including in children's homes, foster care and in child protection services.

An estimated 50,000 children without parental care living in foster care or in children's homes and children living in their families who are at risk of losing parental care will receive better care and support as a result of the project. Ultimately, fewer children will enter care unnecessarily and those that are in state care will have better outcomes.



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## POSITIVE CHILDHOOD



The project aims to ensure equal life chances for HIV-affected children in the Russian Federation through disseminating models of best practice in HIV-prevention and assistance for children, youth and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

The project will establish a professional Association for protecting the rights of HIV-affected children. The Association will carry out advocacy activities and facilitate information exchange between its members, as well as strengthen links between government institutions and NGOs providing assistance to children and families. Within the project framework, representatives of Russian regions most affected by the HIV epidemic will form an Advocacy Group to analyze and monitor the situation, and to develop policy suggestions for the government at different levels. Partners from the Consortium for Street Children will train the Association and Advocacy Group members on European best practices in organizational networking, as well as building joint platforms for government institutions and NGOs.

To strengthen the organizational program and advocacy capacity of Russian NGOs, the St. Petersburg-based NGO Doctors to Children and the government social welfare institutions of St.

Petersburg will organize a series of workshops, seminars and study tours for representatives of five Russian regions most affected by the HIV epidemic. The training will focus on replication of the St. Petersburg models of best practice in assistance to HIV-affected children and families. These models include the continuum of care for street and at-risk children and youth, HIV prevention and access to medical care for HIV-positive drug-involved youth, and comprehensive MAMA+ model to assist HIV-affected families with young children. A number of seminars will focus on developing sustainable social support projects and writing grant proposals.

It is expected that five regions of Russia will replicate St. Petersburg's models of best practice in assistance to HIV-affected children as a result of the project. During the project, at least 500 children born to HIV-positive women and around 1,000 street and at-risk youth will benefit from professional assistance. The results of the Positive Childhood Project will be presented at a final conference in St. Petersburg in 2013.



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## TODAY WE BUILD OUR FUTURE!



The project aims to increase equal life chances of children in the North Caucasus regions by promoting children's rights in general and supporting in particular the right to an appropriate education for children living in a post-conflict context and suffering from its consequences.

The project will take place in Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan and North Ossetia. It will focus mainly on raising awareness about children's rights and on providing an adapted education, both formal and informal, to children in need. This will be accomplished through multiple activities targeting various people: children themselves, their parents, teachers, local authorities, the media and the population in general.

Teachers from mountainous regions of Chechnya will participate in several seminars to exchange experiences and be better prepared to work in the difficult context, to answer special needs, in terms of psychosocial support, of the children.

Children of Chechnya will be offered an opportunity to participate in regular educational and recreational activities, such as drawing, painting, photography, oral and corporeal expression, based on methods and technologies of art-therapy and theatre of the oppressed. Special classes for children in need will be open to teach them how to read, write, count and formulate ideas.

Information about children's rights will be disseminated throughout the project in Chechnya, Dagestan, Ingushetia and North Ossetia, using flyers, brochures, radio spots, round tables, seminars, theatrical pieces, exhibitions and various public event.

By the end of the project, the project's team wishes to organise a final conference in Chechnya with the teachers who have participated in the project, which will also be open to other teachers in the region and other stakeholders.



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## CHILDREN'S RIGHTS TO A LIFE WITHOUT VIOLENCE



Violence against children is a significant indicator of the scale of violence in society and an obstacle in the development of civil society. In Russia in recent years, an increase in violence against children by parents and other family members has been documented by official statistics and NGOs. Abuse violates children's equal life chances due to the severe impact on child development. In severe cases, abuse can lead to death or injury. It can also affect children's health and development. Thus, children suffering from violence are the most vulnerable group in society and lack of awareness on the issue prevents these children from having equal chances of a happy childhood and a successful adult life.

Our project includes actions aimed at:

- (1) Ensuring children's rights, particularly their right to life and the right to be protected from violence;
- (2) Setting up and maintaining links between Russian NGOs working in the field of children's rights;
- (3) Improving cooperation between NGOs and governmental bodies;
- (4) Adapting and promoting European best practices on the issue of children's rights and networking;
- (5) Ensuring capacity building among Russian NGOs.

Austrian and Russian experts will develop the Model of multi-level response to child abuse. The work of different professionals will be coordinated within the framework of the Model in order to develop and implement the system of inter-agency response to cases of child abuse. In

addition, the Model will contain an educational programme for children and public awareness campaigns for communities. A seven-day Regional Capacity Building NGO School on the issue of children's rights and child abuse will be conducted for eight NGOs. At the School the Model will be presented to local NGOs. After the School pilot NGOs will set up collaboration with local schools in order to involve them in the project as the base for testing the Model. Within the framework of collaboration seminars for school teachers and psychologists will be undertaken. NGOs in collaboration with schools will launch educational programmes for children on prevention of violence.

In order to replicate the results of the project and to provide dissemination of the project achievements, ANNA and WAVE will conduct Replication workshops for 30 representatives of Russian organizations.



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## PERSPECTIVES FOR RUSSIAN CHERNOBYL CHILDREN – BUILDING UP A TRAINING CENTRE AND A NETWORK



The project aims to improve the situation and life chances of socially, economically disadvantaged and handicapped children in the Russian Chernobyl Area and all over Russia with qualified youth work. A training centre for pedagogues, social workers and volunteers is built up within the existing Radimitschi youth centre to improve their education. State and non-state actors will have opportunities to exchange information and experiences within the network supported by a new internet platform.

First, the Radimitschi experts improve their knowledge about training methods in a "train the trainer" seminar. Then, four workshops for pedagogues and social workers are conducted to transfer experiences and the know-how of the previously developed youth programmes on the topics of prevention, radiation, ICT and integration. During two Youth Leader Card seminars about 140 volunteers will benefit from qualified education, internship included. The Youth Leader Card sets quality standards and can be replicated. And it is an approval for voluntary work.

To exchanges experiences an active network of NGOs, schools, summer camps, universities, health/educational institutions is to be created. An internet platform will host materials, forums, links and support. Child focused ideas and programmes will be spread.

The youth centre is to operate daily and will include social and educative activities, accessible and adapted to the needs of the different children including those with disabilities. Opportunities will be given to participate in creative activities, ICT, sports, games, prevention and radiation information. Participatory approaches encourage children's initiative. Partnerships support integration.

Intensive PR work on the taboos of integration, radiation and addiction and the offensive treatment of "continuous radiation" will raise public awareness and the knowledge levels of the children. Finally, a conference entitled "How can we give children perspectives? Methods, means and practical advice for participation and reorganising the future" will be organised at the end of the second year.



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# EXPERIMENTAL MODEL OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL ADAPTATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES IN MOSCOW AND ITS DISSEMINATION IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



The overall objective of the project is to create an effective system of employment for young people with severe disabilities in Russia, to ensure their professional future and social integration. The creation and further development of a special employment model in Russia are being planned through setting up Facilities for Supported Employment system that is widely employed in European countries. In Russia this system is only taking its first steps.

The specific objectives of the project they are the following:

- Developing a starting model of employment and social adaptation of young people with severe disabilities through creating a unique experimental complex in Moscow;
- Improving the qualification of specialists from Moscow and Moscow region working with handicapped young people and organizing their employment and independent living;
- Encouraging examination of current legislative and normative base of employment in Russia and then introducing a motion for base revisions in close cooperation with the Departments of Social Protection of Moscow;
- Disseminating the project information and project results via telecommunication, networking and mass-media.

The project target group consists of young people with severe developmental disorders in Moscow and Moscow region, their families, non-disabled people who come into contact with persons with

disabilities at work including employers, professionals all over the country working for NGOs and state institutions, potential employers.

There are already more than 1000 beneficiaries who are interested in the project and its immediate results. - more than 50 young people with severe intellectual and psychiatric disorders who have received training in the college, 60-100 members of their families, more than 200 university students in Moscow, which will have internships during the implementation of the project, 100 experts and officials who will participate in an international seminar in Moscow.

Project events will include the following: visits of Finnish experts to Moscow; two Study visits by Russian specialists to Europe; seminars on the results of study visits; printing of booklet/catalogue/leaflet etc; setting up an experimental program of employment and social adaptation of severely handicapped young people (Crafts Center) etc.

The expected outputs of the project include: development of close cooperation between the authorities and NGOs; a change in attitude of the population and employers to the existing problem, the creation of jobs for young people with severe disabilities; simplification of outdated regulations, strengthening ties between specialists from Russia and Europe.



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# BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE EDUCATION MOVEMENT IN RUSSIA



The overall project objective is the full inclusion of disabled children in the community through their inclusion in mainstream schools. The specific objectives will be to develop a national inclusive education movement of disabled activists, parents of disabled children, and education professionals in Russia by developing further the capacity of the National Coalition "Education is a Right for All," Disability/parents NGOs to lobby more effectively for inclusive education; to develop inclusive schools in each of the partner cities and to create a structure of support for the schools; to raise awareness about inclusive education at both the national and local levels.

Target groups include disability NGOs, NGOs of parents of disabled children, and parents of disabled children, local educators and other education professionals, including those who work in the government assessment commissions in 6 Russian cities.

The final project beneficiaries are more than 600 preschool and primary school children with disabilities aged 0-12. The second group of beneficiaries is more than 2000 local professionals supporting inclusive education, i.e. primary and pre-school teachers and other staff at these schools, and psychological pedagogical commission staff.

The three main activities are to:

- 1) Develop Capacity and Leadership amongst Disability and Parent NGOs and Educators by developing and training regional Inclusive Education Teams in six Russian cities and providing training and support for parents of disabled children and strengthening the capacity of the National Coalition Education is a Right for All;

- 2) Develop models of best practice in inclusive education for children ages 0-12 by providing training for educators and support for schools to become inclusive;

- 3) Disseminate project results and raise awareness about Inclusive Education by holding public actions / media campaigns, collaborating closely with media and using a wide range of media tools.

The cooperation with leading European networks and large non-governmental service providers will support the National Coalition in its efforts on platform building and strengthening the capacity of their members in the regions.





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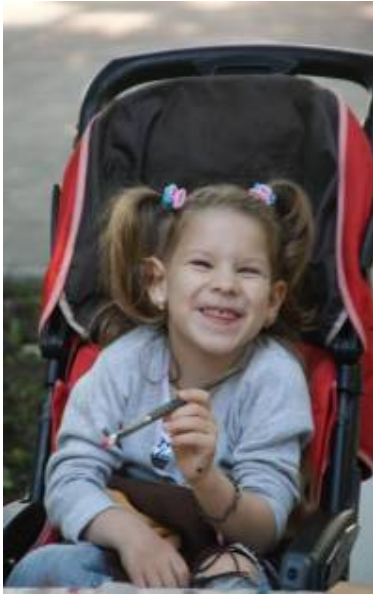
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# THE RIGHT OF DISABLED PEOPLE TO INTEGRATION



The position of disabled people in Russia, who make a considerable population group, remains extremely complicated. This is against the background of severe population decline, the financial and economic crisis as well as crisis in family relations.

As of January 1, 2010, 1.2 million persons were recognized as having a disability in Moscow, including disabled 26.808 children. People with disabilities make almost 10% out of the city's inhabitants and represent a permanent cohort with special needs.

More than 135 thousand people (according to the data of Department of the Social Protection of the Population of the City of Moscow) have average to high limitations (disability group II and I) and are in need of timely adequate rehabilitation measures. However, the coverage of this group by state rehabilitation organizations is not high.

In order to solve the problem it's necessary to develop a new tool of involvement of persons with disabilities in social life, create appropriate conditions so that disabled people with severe life limitations can have access to rehabilitation services by organizing the service of specially trained personal helpers (integration consultants).

The project is aimed at creation of effective mechanisms of social partnership between non-commercial organizations and regional agencies of the state authority in the sphere of social integration disabled persons with severe limitation through the organization of a service of personal helpers.

In this light, the project is based on the clauses of UN Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities. There will be elaborated and tested an innovative social technology of cooperation of specialists of state agencies of the city of Moscow, state and other organizations and institutions engaged in the sphere of rehabilitation of disabled people severe disorders. The approach will ensure equal conditions with other categories of persons with disabilities, access to medical and social rehabilitation, maintenance and health of all subjects of the rehabilitation process (persons with disabilities, their legal representatives and family members).

For this purpose it's proposed to prepare and train specialists with a wide knowledge of the whole complex of disability problems (integration consultants) on the basis of a specially developed programs; to elaborate individual plans of integration events for disabled people with participation of experts in medico-social expertise; to ensure their realization by consultations, group and individual trainings for disabled people and their family members, as well as active social patronage, monitoring and control over the process of solution of their problems.

Once the initial results have been evaluated by Russian and European experts the model will be refined, if necessary. Guidelines will be developed for the implementation of a regional model for a *network* service of personal helpers for disabled people in work of social protection organisations.

The results of the project will be presented in the final conference with participation of disabled people and a wide range of European and Russian specialists.

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