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Application Form **Civil Society Fund FY08**

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Executive Summary (Please type using no more than one page)

1. Date: 08.05.2008
2. Name of organization: Women Forum Elbasan (WFE)
3. Contact person and title: Dhoksi Quku, Head of the Board, WFE
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Email: forumi_gruaselbasan@yahoo.com Website (if available):
7. Mission statement of the applicant organization:
Protection of women rights
8. Title of the project:
Awareness on Aarhus Convention and national/local environmental legislation and the importance of public participation in local decision-making
9. Purpose of funding request and how this activity relates to **youth civic engagement** or **environment protection**:
First, we aim to inform the target groups on legal rights and then make it aware to be included in the solution of environment problems.
10. Target population and number benefiting from the proposed activities:
Indirect beneficiaries will be 10. 000 inhabitants, direct beneficiaries will be 55.
11. Expected outcomes of the activity:
 - 10 000 inhabitants made aware
 - 55 direct beneficiaries
12. Plans for learning and knowledge sharing:
The people trained and discussions in the local radio will directly disseminate knowledge.
13. Period this funding request will cover:
May – September 2008
14. Amount of request (Details under Activity Income):
4180 \$
15. If your organization has received previous support from the World Bank, please list the year, amount, and describe for what purpose:
No, we have never received funds from World Bank.
16. Authorizing signature of the applicant organization's executive director or board chair:

Signature:

Name (print): Dhoksi QUKU

Title: Head of the Board

Purpose of the Grant

17. Describe briefly the need or issue you will address. Include a description of the constituency served (including number participating) and how they will participate/benefit?

Community group will be trained on:

- a. Aarhus Convention (the right for information, inclusion in decision-making and reference to the Court)
- b. Local environmental legislation and public rights for information and especially the right to participate in the environment decision-making.

With the counselors will be discussed the following laws which are directly linked to the environment and local decision-makers are obliged to implement them:

- a. Law Nr. 8934 date 05.09.2002 "For environment protection"
- b. Law Nr 8652 date 31.07.200 " For organization and functioning of local government"

With the administration will be discussed:

- a. Law on "The right of information on official documents"
- b. Law on "The evaluation and impact on environment"

18. How will the proposed activity promote youth civic engagement or environment protection?

We think that no one is committed to protect the environment without first knowing the legal rights and obligations you have to do it.

19. List the activity goal(s) and measurable objective(s).

Project aims will be:

- Awareness of local decision-makers on the duties they have to protect the environment in their own area. The indicator is measurable quantitatively from the number of counselors that will participate in the training and qualitatively from the number of decisions they will take regarding environment after the training.
- Awareness of administration on their obligations to be transparent with the public based on laws in power. An indicator will be the nr of persons that will participate in the training, number of requests and mainly the responses for information on environment field. Inclusion in discussions will be another indicator.
- Awareness of community on the right they have to take information on environment, to be included in decision-making and to address an environmental problem in the Court.
- Awareness of Prrenjas community on the actual situation of the environment in their region and their legal rights to change it through discussions in the local radio, leaflets and questionnaire that will be prepared.
- Extraction from the economic scheme of 5 persons, their inclusion in different environmental works and improvement of economic conditions.

The used indicators will be measurable, realist and reliable.

Concretely, some quantitative indicators will be:

1. Number of participants in the organized trainings
 2. Number of persons included in the discussion
 3. Questionnaire completing for the impact of the training.
 4. Number of friendly decisions taken for the environment by local decision-makers.
 5. Number of information given to the public based on addressed requests.
 6. 5 persons will change their economic status and will contribute to the change of environment in Prrenjas.
20. Is the activity new or ongoing on the part of the applicant organization? If the activity is ongoing, how will your organization support this activity in the future?

This is a new project for WFE because it is the first collaboration with the Municipality and community of Prrenjas.

Some of the activities are:

- Setting up of a board of 2 persons that will follow and monitor the project implementation
- Setting up of a civil group and its one-day-training
- A one-day-training of local counselors on the duties deriving from the legislation for a transparent decision-making in the field of environment.
- A one-day-training of the Prrenjas Municipality administration
- Evidence of 2 experts that will do the trainings, a lawyer and a representative from Regional Environmental Agency, Elbasan District.
- Compiling of a questionnaire and filling of 200 copies
- Preparation and distribution of a leaflet with the basic concepts
- Discussions in the local radio on environment problems

21. Provide a brief timetable for implementation of activity.

Nr.	What will be done	May	June	July	August	September
1	Training of Counselors					
2	Training of Community					
3	Training of Administration					
4	Cleanings/Workings in terrain					
5	Compling of the Questionnaire					
5	Discussions in the local radio					
6	Leaflets					
7	Monitoring					
8	Evaluation/Report					

22. What other organizations, if any, will be participating in the activity? Describe their roles.

No other organizations will be included in this project. There will be a collaboration with the Prrenjas Municipality and the community.

23. List the names and qualifications of key staff/volunteers responsible for activity implementation.

Board:

1. Dhoksi Quku, member of the board, representative of the WFE
2. Eqerem Karriqi, construction ing. member of the board, representative of Prrenjas community
3. Greta Koka, member of the board, representative of Prrenjas community
4. Nertila Toli, social sciences, leader of the project, member of WFE

Trainers:

Shpresa Banja, inspector of Regional Environmental Agency, Elbasan District.
Kastriot Gurra, Lawyer

Evaluation

23. Please list the specific outcomes of your activity. What assessment methods/strategies will you use to track and measure outcomes? (e.g. interviews, surveys, focus groups, community feedback, etc.)

- Questionnaire completing with the groups that will be trained, before and after the training
- Monitoring of decisions taken from the Municipal Council after the training.
- Monitoring of the information given from the Municipal administration conform community requests.
- Follow up of the work graphic of the persons that will leave the economic help scheme.
- Interviews with the inhabitants of the community to see the impact of the discussions in the local radio ERTA, leaflet, questionnaire, requests for information in the Prrenjas Municipality etc.

24. Describe briefly what will be different at the end of the grant period.

- A more inclusive, transparent decision-making
- A more sensitized community on environment and decision-making problems
- A more transparent decision-making
- A more sensitized community
- A cleaner city

24. How will the activity's results be used and/or disseminated?

- Prrenjas Municipality will be open to any information requested by the community.
- Municipal Council will take in consideration community suggestions in the field of decision-making and further.

Activity Income

26. Total applicant contribution.

a. In kind (describe):

US\$ _____

b. Cash:

US\$ _____

Total: US\$ _____

27. Funding leveraged by applicant from other donors:
(List all sources and give estimated amounts)

	<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
a.		US\$ _____
b.		US\$ _____
		Total: US\$ _____

28. Total requested from the World Bank: US\$ _____
29. Total activity income from all sources: US\$ _____