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Application Form **Civil Society Fund FY08**

Tirana Country Office, WORLD BANK

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

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7. Mission statement of the applicant organization:
The creation of services for support, care, education of children, youth, and marginalized groups in accordance with the Albanian legislation and rights

8. Title of the project:
The youth has the right to know

9. Purpose of funding request and how this activity relates to **youth civic engagement** or **environment protection**:
Through the project is aimed the identification of the efforts made till now for the youth and the mechanisms used to increase the youth participation in local decision making.

It will be organized an analysis of the programs, documentation, financial resources used by local government as well as an analysis of the current situation
The Center aims to give a clear panorama/view of the work that 4 Mini Municipalities, which represent the center and suburban areas of Tirana City (4, 8, 10, 11), have done according the Youth strategy. Its purpose is to involve young people as part of the group in assessing their current situation, prepare a report and publish it, provide support in strategic thinking of Mini Municipalities and in advocacy, and introduce resources through web site set up.

The analysis results will be presented in a workshop which will help the 4 Mini Municipalities to get knowledge on the progress and steps that should be taken to go ahead by using most efficiently the community resources and presenting the instruments which will facilitate the program and resources control and monitoring process.

10. Target population and number benefiting from the proposed activities:
 - ❖ The local authority of the Mini Municipalities 4, 8, 10 and 11, which will have at the end of the project: i) a better understanding of the situation and the

recommendations to try/compete with concrete projects on the benefit of the youth community; ii) the way to constantly monitor the situation; iii) the way of drafting intervention plans.

- ❖ The youth community of these Mini Municipalities which will be introduced the programs, resources and the need to be involved in the decision making.
- ❖ The donors and youth community in Tirana city.

11. Expected outcomes of the activity:

At the end of the project the results will be:

- Two analysis at the mini Municipalities 4, 8, 10 and 11;
- A published report with the monitoring results, conclusions and recommendations;
- No less than 50 people from the Center, Mini Municipalities, Lets get Started and Social Sciences Faculty engaged in the process for the situation identification;
- 1000 published copies of the report;
- Improvement of strategic thinking at these Mini Municipalities;
- A data base, which through the web site will provide all the interested stakeholders with the opportunity to get the needed information.

12. Plans for learning and knowledge sharing:

The Center in collaboration with the youth association 'Lets Get Started' and Mini Municipalities have undertaken this initiative to monitor the youth strategy and the local measures taken thus fulfilling one of the center's roles that is information and advocacy on the youth problems.

The center aims to set up the web site where there will be presented: the services map for the youth in the four Mini Municipalities; other services; the analysis data; the published report; and the information on the meetings. The call center will orientate the young people on their opportunities and capacities in community and broader.

13. Period this funding request will cover:

The project will be implemented during 4 months.

14. Amount of request (Details under Activity Income):

3,800 (three thousand and eight hundred) \$

15. If your organization has received previous support from the World Bank, please list the year, amount, and describe for what purpose:

No

16. Authorizing signature of the applicant organization's executive director or board chair:

Signature: Elza Vojka

Name (print): Elza Vojka

Title: Board Chair

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?

The youth consist of 50% of the whole population in the country. Based on this statistics data and problems related to the youth with the aim to improve the youth's life, their social economical situation, and their involvement in the society, the Albanian Government has drafted the youth strategy where the local government has an important role.

- To what extent is the strategic program known by the local government?
- Which are the structures engaged in its implementation?
- Which are the financial opportunities and to what extent are they engaged in projects financed by donors and agencies which have programs and projects to support the youth?
- Which are the services offered by the community?

All these are matters which make a panorama of the current situation.

The place where the young people should address for support is the Local Unit. Our concern is the level of the knowledge that the local government has regarding this responsibility.

There is lack of mechanisms for the youth participation in decision making at the mini Municipalities and these mechanisms do not function regularly and institutionally at Tirana Municipality.

Through provision of a neutral monitoring of these four Mini Municipalities (4, 8, 10 and 11) which represent the youth community of the center and suburban areas, and relevant recommendations, we will provide the opportunity to these municipalities so that they can be orientated and address the youth needs problems where it is needed. Young people from Lets Get Started organization will collaborate with our Center and youth community to better understand the situation. The Mini Municipalities staff which is engaged in services for the youth will be involved in discussions and team work.

The project results will be presented in a workshop which will help in resolving some matters which actually call for solution, the coordination and the creation of programs and mechanisms supporting the youth, as well as the strategic thinking for the problems solution.

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

The Center considers the information and advocacy on youth problems as a necessity for the future.

The key aspects of the youth strategy which is drafted by the Albanian Government indicate the necessity of such commitments/engagements.

The Center, through the web site will provide information on services, programs and financial resources for the youth.

The Center's information office will serve as orientation for young people regarding the community resources.

The other programs of the center will support the youth and staffs to collaborate in research, job opportunities and problems solution.

The innovative citizen culture will be transmitted through the report – The youth has the right to be informed, and it will be listed in P.I.C.E Center priorities as an important component of the work to improve the life quality through the appropriate services.

19. List the activity goal(s) and measurable objective(s).
 - ❖ The monitoring of the programs, projects and services provided by the four Mini Municipalities;
 - ❖ Investigation and making evident the current situation of the youth in these communities;
 - ❖ Report publication with the relevant recommendations for the improvement of this situation.

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 activity is new for the center and it aims to use the collected information as advocacy tool in different matters and fields related to the youth, thus encouraging the dialogue between the youth and local government, and organizing meetings between the Mini Municipalities Councils and staffs with the youth; the establishment of a monitoring methodology aims to be the long term impact of the project.

21. Provide a brief timetable for implementation of activity.

Annex 1

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

The center will collaborate with The Social Sciences Faculty and youth organizations. Their role is the preparation of the questionnaires and field interviews.

23. List the names and qualifications of key staff/volunteers responsible for activity implementation.
 - ❖ Gladiola Musabelliu, psychologist, master in social science.
 - ❖ Ingrid Trajani, teacher, qualifications for disabled people
 - ❖ Majda Mano, social worker
 - ❖ Sonela Kavaja, doctor, master in public health
 - ❖ Ilisia Abazaj, economist, project coordinator.

Evaluation

24. 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.)

	Activities	Inputs	Outputs	Indicators	Means of verification	Responsibilities
	First analysis	Social sciences expert, documents, web site info	Clear view of the situation	Number of the services at the local level, structures composition, funds, applied projects	Questionnaires, interviews, visited web sites	Project director and group members
	Working group	The staff of P.I.C.E center, Lets Get Started , Mini Municipalities 4, 8, 10, 11	The working methodology and action plans; Participation in the project	The members and meetings number	The meetings minutes and photos.	
	Youth situation study	human contacts	Youth involved in their life improvement.	The services list and programs needed for youth.	The document prepared for the Mini Municipalities and youth	
	Analysis report	Human, material and financial resources	Report prepared for Mini Municipalities	500 published copies	Reports for every Mini Municipality	
	Reports presentation	The staff of the center, mini Municipalities, Lets Get Started members, and youth community	Reports and recommendations	The number of the participants; the published articles	Meetings minutes and photos	
	Web site set up	Communication expert	Opportunities for the center and activity promotion	Number of the people visiting the web site	Web site	
	Report submission to the donors	Human resources	Narrative report; financial report	Submitted report	Web site	

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

The center aims through information program to support the interested stakeholders with the collected information for the achieved progress review and evaluation; facilitate the access to the information through the services map and responsible stakeholders/actors; and the discovery of the opportunities and financial resources for support. Through this grant it aims to bring:

- Youth involvement in policy making and decision making;
- Strategic thinking at local level;
- More opportunities referring data and services;
- Concrete recommendations for the Mini Municipalities and Youth;
- Clear and concrete steps for action;
- The World Bank confidence for a reliable partner in community projects.

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

The created data base will serve as monitoring and evaluation indicator in making policies and youth strategy monitoring.

The Mini municipalities and Tirana Municipality will have the published information available at the information centers.

The interested donors and NGOs will have it as well.

The web site will enable the access to the interested actors.

The organized workshop will raise awareness on strategic thinking.

The center information office will serve as orientation for the youth

Activity Income

26. Total applicant contribution.

a. In kind (describe):

US\$ _____

b. Cash:

US\$ 5,580 _____

Total: US\$ 5,580 _____

27. Funding leveraged by applicant from other donors:

(List all sources and give estimated amounts)

a. Source

Amount

a.

US\$ _____

b.

US\$ _____

Total: US\$ _____

28. Total requested from the World Bank:

US\$ 3,800 _____

29. Total activity income from all sources:

US\$ 9,380 _____