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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 :** 11 February 2008
- 2. Name of Organization:** Centre for a Roma Contemporary Vision
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- 7.Mission statement of the applicant organization:** To promote and support Roma community to face the challenges of social inclusion and cultural integration.
- 8. Title of the project:** Roma youth and the challenges of social inclusion: Open Forum Debates in Tirana and Fieri
- 9.Purpose of funding request and how this activity relates to youth civic engagement or environment protection:** Through this project is aimed to involve the Roma youth community in Tirana and Fier in open debates that raise the awareness amongst them to better implement the National Strategy on Improvement of Roma Living Conditions as well as to other aspects which influence their social inclusion.
- 10.Target population and number benefiting from the proposed activities:** The Roma youth population in Tirana and Fieri which account about more than 2000 who live in the above cities.
- 11.Expected outcomes of the activity:** To further increase the awareness and social actions of these target groups which may help them to better address their needs and benefit from the approach of social inclusion.
- 12.Plans for learning and knowledge sharing:** The establishment of Local Networks of Action Group which in close collaboration with the regional NGO may play an important role to enhance their activism on the ground.
- 13. Period this funding request will cover:** June-December 2008
- 14.Amount of request(Details under Activity Income):** 4040 \$
- 15. If your organization has received previous support from the World Bank, please list the year, amount, and describe for what purpose:** N/A
- 16. Authorizing signature of the applicant organization’s executive director or board chair:**

Signature:

Name(print); Arben Bastriu

Title: Executive Director

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 . By arrangement a series of Open Forum Debates in Tirana and Fier named “ Roma youth and the challenge of social inclusion” , this project aim to increase the awareness and the social action amongst this target group in favour of its social integration. In both cities live Roma communities where the youth from 14-25 years old account the most sensitive social group. Through their involvement in these debates they would have the opportunity to directly participate in open discussion by sharing their daily life ideas and experiences . On the other hand in such meetings will be provided a full information related to national and local policies on Roma community like the National Strategy on Improvement Roma Living Conditions or Decade of Roma (2005-2015) thus increasing their knowledge about the role of other stakeholders interested on them. The open debate with governmental and non-governmental actors influence directly provides a good chance for them to be actively engaged and discuss on the challenges of social integration.

18. How will the proposed activity promote youth civic engagement or environmental protection. The project will promote an active participation of the local Roma NGO where the youth are largely represented. By being directly involved in such debates these young people meet the opportunity to decide about their future and remove the apathy and lack of social activism. At the same time these events brings before them the broad framework of the national and local institutions which bear the responsibility to implement the National Strategy on Improvement Roma Living Conditions. In this way they feel more responsible to increase the pressure on such decision-makers to speed up their social inclusion process.

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

Some of the main goals of the activity are as follow:

-Increase the awareness and responsibility amongst the Roma youth on their role to social inclusion vs social exclusion

- Promote the open debates amongst the governmental and non-governmental actors related to their responsibilities to better implement the national and regional strategies on Roma community.

-Review the policies realized so far for more active engagement in favour of this target group.

-Share the experience and ideas between the participants to have better harmonised and coordinated action plan that bring a sustainable social inclusion for Roma youth community.

-To further identify the role and responsibility of every institution at national and local level which have a direct impact on the social inclusion process.

Amongst the measurable objectives could be mention :

-The number of Roma youth who participate in both Open Forum Debates in Tirana and Fier

-The participation of the national and local governments and their engagement in these debates.

-Number of articles written and presented in electronic and printed media about these activities

- Initiatives undertaken by the Roma youth after these debates as part of future action plans that promote their active participation in social inclusion process.

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?

The project is a new initiative of the Centre for a Roma Contemporary Vision

21. Provide a brief timetable for implementation of activity.

June- September – First Open Forum Debate “ Roma youth and the challenge of social inclusion(Tirane)

September- November – Second Open Forum Debate” Roma youth and the challenge of social inclusion”(Fier)

For every activity is provided a three-month preparatory period which help to establish the contact with the local partners and arrange any details to held the debates.

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

In this project , Centre for a Roma Contemporary Vision collaborate with the partner organization named Roma Sun(Dielli Rom) and its branch in Fieri. It provides us with the necessary help and assistance to identify the target groups and the issues to address in the debates as well as to promote the increasing participation in these events.

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

Evaluation

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

Through organization of these debates aim to achieve some of the following specific outcomes:

-To face the Roma youth with the institutional and policy environment which directly influence the fulfilment of their needs for a successful social inclusion.

-The active engagement of this target group in open debates by promoting the community action and removing their dependence from the social apathy.

-Promoting the local Roma NGO-s by increasing their collaboration and establish future sustainable network in the future.

Regarding the methodology to measure the outcomes, it includes direct interviews with the Roma youth , providing recommendations after every debates as part of community feedback as well as the evaluation through different surveys to identify the role played by this target groups in being proactive against the social exclusion.

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

After the implementation of this project, the Roma Youth take the opportunity to be encouraged for a more coordinated action which meet the responsibilities and objectives derived by the National Strategy on the Improvement of Roma Living Conditions. On the other hand they would be more aware about their primary role to play as the main actors by pushing forward any efforts which contribute to a further social inclusion.

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

By providing a list with the essential recommendations , the Roma Youth community have the chance to make present their concerns to national and local decision-makers. These could be transformed to a good basis for visible actions in favour of social inclusion and by using the power of media may increase the public awareness about this marginalised social target group.

Activity income

27. Total applicant contribution.

- a. In kind (describe) N/A
- b. Cash: N/A

28. Funding leveraged by applicant from other donors:

(List all sources and give estimated amounts)

Source

- a. N/A
- b.N/A

29. Total requested from the World Bank: 4040 \$

30. Total activity income from all sources: 4040 \$