

Small Grants Round Table – Results of 2001 & Objectives for 2002

A round table was organized on February 13, 2002 in the World Bank Tirana office on the main results of the Small Grants Program for 2001 where objectives for the Small Grants Program for 2002 were outlined. Participants of this event consisted of representatives from main NGO networks, Tirana municipality, main NGO grantees in the country such as the Soros Foundation, GTZ, USAID, Diplomatic bodies, OSCE, UNDP, EU, the PRSP secretariat, and awarded NGOs for FY2001.

A modest exhibit was prepared with photos from the projects funded/co-funded by the Small Grants Program. Information on the Program, main objectives, application forms (all in Albanian) were disseminated.

The results of the 2001 Small Grants Program were presented by Anna Gjokutaj, World Bank Small Grants Program coordinator.

Eight awarded NGOs presented their projects. Some were focused in the results and some others in the challenges they faced working with communities and the local power. The participants discussed the mechanisms of improvement and collaboration with key factors as well as the involvement of beneficiaries in their projects.

The results of the 2001 Small Grants Program were presented by Ana Gjokutaj, World Bank Small Grants Program coordinator. Mrs. Gjokutaj also explained the objectives of the Small Grants Program for 2002, the criteria, the focus and the process.

The participants highly appreciated the program and its focus, but also had comments on its small size compared with the big need of NGOs for financial support. They also suggested that the decentralization of the Small Grants Program could be further extended to the objectives/criteria according to each country needs/specificity.