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## WORLD BANK SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM SUPPORTS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE MARGINALIZED AND VULNERABLE GROUPS IN ALBANIA

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Since two years the World Bank Office in Tirana has been allocating grants to civil society organizations in the context of the Decentralized Small Grants Program. The scope for the grants this year is empowerment of the marginalized and vulnerable groups engagements in order to have voice in development processes.

The External Advisory Board comprising representatives of Donor and international organizations focused on Civil Society and the Internal Grants Selection Committee, composed of World Bank Tirana Office staff carefully reviewed 65 project proposals and selected twelve for funding. The amount for each project varied from USD 700 to USD 4.000. Geographical distribution of the projects covered the entire country from Shkodra, Puka, Kukesi, Peshkopia, to Durresi, Tirana, Gjirokastra, and Permeti.

The following NGOs and projects are the winners of the World Bank Small Grants Program in Albania for 2002:

- ❑ **Useful to Puka Women Association**  
Public awareness campaign and assistance for the families in blood-feud, Puka
- ❑ **All Children are human Associations**  
Different but equal, Shkodra
- ❑ **Regional Agriculture Advisory Center**  
Women Farm School as a tool for the emancipation of women migrated from the remote areas of the country
- ❑ **Christian Children Fund Association in cooperation with the network of parents community groups**  
Open debate on Childhood, Tirana, Peshkopi, Kukes
- ❑ **Youth and Children Association**  
Involvement of marginalized groups in the municipality decision-making, Permet
- ❑ **Center for Social and Economic Studies**  
Establishing network between the Roma population in Albania and in Romania, Tirana
- ❑ **Useful to Albanian Women Association**

Social and Physiological support of the elderly through involvement of youth groups,  
Tirana-Kombinat

- ❑ **Multidisciplinary Center for the Management of Child Maltreatment**  
Establishment of the mother's club "Let's help each other", Tirana
- ❑ **Southern Albania Environment Association**  
Promotion of Civic initiative in solving the economic and environmental issues in Fushe Bardha through dialogue and lobbying, Gjirokastra
- ❑ **Children's World Association**  
Promotion of cooperation and tolerance among teenagers from families with social and economic problems, Tirana
- ❑ **Pjeter Bogdani Association**  
Media raising the public authorities awareness about the mine fields communities, Kukes
- ❑ **Institute for Public Opinion Poll**  
Raising the awareness of the social opinion community and the donors about the needs of women and children in Albanian prisons, Tirana

The Small Grants Program was created to promote dialogue and dissemination of information on development, and to enhance partnerships with the civil society.

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