



REPORT

2012

OF THE FOUNDATION OF LOCAL ANNUAL DEMOCRACY REPORT

THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION

THE MISSION

The Foundation of Local Democracy has grown from the international organization Embassy of Local Democracy Barcelona-Sarajevo, **established in 1996 upon the initiative of the Council of Europe**, with the aim of linking and twinning with other European cities, the development of democracy, cultural exchanges, and socio-economic development. During the existence of the Embassy of Local Democracy (1996-2003), over 300 projects had been implemented. The projects were implemented in the areas of reconstruction, sustainable returns, health and social care, education and culture.

In January 2003, we have re-registered into a local organization – the Foundation of Local Democracy – as legal successor of the Embassy of Local Democracy Barcelona-Sarajevo, in accordance with the Law on Associations and Foundations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The vision of the Foundation of Local Democracy is to create *a society of equal opportunities*.

The mission of the Foundation is the prevention, protection and fight against gender-based violence through system solutions, multidisciplinary approach to work and cooperation with other NGOs and institutions of the system.

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

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Name:	Foundation of local democracy
Type of organisation:	Foundation
Date of establishment:	March 20, 2003
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City:	Sarajevo
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Web site:	www.fld.ba
Full Time employees	21
Part time employees	5
Annual income in 2010	519.215,88 EUR
Annual income in 2011	670.114,48 EUR
Annual income in 2012	768.093,34 EUR
Board of Directors:	On October New Board of Directors has been chosen as follows: Ms Halima Hadžijamaković, economist, President of the Board Employed: Prevent invest, Director Ms Klelija Balta, Hydrogeology engineer-Member of the Board Employed: UNDP DG/SI Klaster, Gender Coordinator Ms Midheta Kurspahić, journalist, Member of the Board Employed: Public institution Elektroprivreda BiH, PR

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REFERENCES

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The FLD is a long term strategic partner of the following international organizations:

- United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA)
- United Nation High Commissionaire for Refugees (UNHCR)
- European Commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- United Nation Development Program (UNDP)
- United Nation Development Fund for Women (UNFEM)
- IOM (International Office for Migration)
- (SDC)Swiss Developmental Corporation
- City of Barcelona
- Agency for international cooperation /Government of Spain
- Agency for international cooperation / Government of Catalonia

The FLD is a long term strategic partner of the following BH institutions:

- Ministry for Human Rights BiH;
- Agency for Equality BiH;
- Gender Centers of Federation and Republika Srpska;
- Ministry for Work, Social policy, Refugees and Displaces person of Sarajevo Canton;
- Ministries of Sarajevo Canton: Internal Affairs, Health, Justice and Administration, Education;

PROGRAM AREA

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PERMANENT PROGRAMS:

IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN,
GIRLS AND CHILDREN

A/ Program “The power is within you”

This is an integrated basic program of the Organization relating to the protection of persons with traumatic experiences of domestic violence and the promotion of joint activities of women NGOs and institutions against domestic violence (ongoing project since 2000).

Within the framework of the program, from October 2000, we have headed the Safe House – **Shelter for women and children victims of domestic violence.**

The capacity of the Shelter is for 35 beneficiaries (15 women and 20 children) who are victims of domestic violence. The primary objective of the project is providing direct care and psychological and social support to extremely vulnerable groups of women, children and girls (placement in a shelter and providing the necessary psychological and social support).

B/ Program “You can do it”

Implemented since October 2002, during which time we have established a **Shelter for Girls Victims of Violence** (human trafficking, incest, prostitution) and is intended for Bosnian nationals aged 12-18 years. The Shelter has the capacity for 10 girls who are victims of mental, physical or sexual violence (human trafficking, incest, prostitution, rape). The primary goal of this project is to provide the direct protection of women victims of violence. It is designed for the Bosnian nationals aged 12-18

years. The shelter provides the girls with psychological and social rehabilitation (group and individual therapy) and re-socialization (continuing education and reintegration into social life).

Types of services provided to victims of domestic violence in the Safe House/Shelter:

- Psychological and social treatment (individual, group, educational, supportive, recreational, work and occupational therapy, medication);
- Providing medical assistance in cooperation with relevant health institutions
- Providing legal assistance/free legal aid, by Centre for free legal assistance of FLD,
- Therapeutic work with the partner / abuser together with social protection services in the Sarajevo Canton in the premises of the Service or within the family via mobile visits;
- Administrative solution of cases of violence, as well as criminal prosecution of violence in cooperation with the Social Protection Services of Canton Sarajevo, the Canton Sarajevo Police Department, the Sarajevo Canton Prosecutor's Office, Municipal Court, etc.

Partnership and cooperation is maintained with all relevant BH institutions and NGOs. Signed **protocols and agreements on cooperation** with: Ministry of Human Rights in BiH, Cantonal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Sarajevo Canton, the Cantonal Centre for Social Work and Family Counselling.

Since 2001, The Ministry of Labour, Social Policy, Refugees and Displaced Persons of Canton Sarajevo with the signing of a Contract for the co-financing of victims staying at the Shelter has accepted the FLD as an equal partner in solving the problem of violence in Sarajevo Canton, which provided the partial self-sustainability of the project (60%).

C/ Program “SOS Red Line, telephone for victims of violence”

The Foundation of Local Democracy has launched the service called “SOS Red Line, telephone for victims of violence” in June 2004. The objective was to provide a 24-hour line to allow reports of violence and the possibility of intervention in preventing violence.

1. ECONOMIC PROGRAMS



1.1. PROJECT TITLE: "AID TO WOMEN VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND WOMEN VICTIMS OF WAR"

Donor: UNHCR

Implementation period: 01.01.2012. – 31.12.2012.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Foundation of Local Democracy provides through the project assistance to women who are fugitives, refugees or returnees, and victims of domestic violence, trafficking, and victims of war. The project is trying to help those segments that are insufficiently covered by institutions of the system and society such as: facilitating access to health service for beneficiaries who are not insured, the additional assistance necessary for the proper functioning of the Safe House in Sarajevo (providing access to medical treatment / examination of beneficiaries of the Shelter in Sarajevo, procurement of essential drugs), **securing the economic independence** of this target group through additional training and retraining in occupations and skills required (providing institutional or non-institutional but certified and recognized training for all users of the shelter, as well as other identified beneficiaries of the project, in accordance with their abilities and needs) and through the creation of small businesses (self-employment) that allow the same economic independence.

Beneficiaries:

In 2012, three hundred and thirty-nine (339) beneficiaries of the project were directly included.

Project results:

In 2012, the economic empowerment project included a total of a hundred and fifty-three (153) beneficiaries; as compared to 2011 it is an increase of 34 users.

It was provided for thirty-eight (38) women war victims in Goražde (20) and Potoci (18) to receive regular monthly neuropsychiatric treatment. (Regular visits to the neuropsychiatrist clearly demonstrated an improvement of psychological and physical condition in women.)

It was provided for eleven (11) beneficiaries of the Shelter to receive adequate and additional health protection (examinations and appropriate treatments), and medicine for all beneficiaries of the Shelter (regular monthly). Regular monthly purchase medical supplies, basic apparel / footwear for the beneficiaries of the Shelter were conducted.

Three (3) beneficiaries of the Shelter for victims of violence entered (additional) training, or rather part-time education and taking exams. One (1) beneficiary is enrolled in the second grade of the Secondary Textile School in Sarajevo, one (1) beneficiary is enrolled in the second grade Nursing School in Sarajevo, and one (1) beneficiary is enrolled in the first grade of Secondary School Of Hairdressing. One (1) beneficiary has completed a certified training for manicures, while thirty-eight (38) beneficiaries completed certified courses that can help them in their future independence (English language and computer courses).

One hundred and fourteen (114) beneficiaries that were victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and war with the status of displaced, refugee, returnee or domicile persons, were given the opportunity for self-employment based on their capacities and capabilities. Thirty-three (33) decided for the procurement of the greenhouse and greenhouse

production, twenty-seven (27) for the production of milk and milk products, 2 for offering services with a professional vacuuming machine, 8 for offering services of tailoring and sewing, 3 for offering services of mobile hairdressing, 15 for offering services of milling the land, 2 for sprayers for spraying fruit, 7 for services of grass cutting, 1 for the production of eggs (hens), 5 for the production of sheep cheese and milk, 1 for a cash register, 2 for hay for their cow, 3 for honey production, 1 for the breeding of broilers, 1 for the production of cattle food, 2 for electric saws, 1 for a receptacle for the cultivator.

On the basis of the presented data we monitor the growth in the beneficiary's income, if we consider that in _ 2011 we had 53 beneficiaries, whereas in 2012 we have 114 beneficiaries that are economically strong.



One of the donated greenhouses within the project



1.2. PROJECT TITLE: “STRENGTHENING AND APPROACH TO WOMEN VICTIMS OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE OIN THE LABOUR MARKET CENTER FOR WOMEN”

The Foundation of Local Democracy started the project “Centre for Women” with the support of the United Nations Population Fund UNFPA and UNHCR. The Centre for Women is aimed at **empowering women victims of gender-based violence, single mothers, women on the social margins of the labour market through training, personal development and social skills.**

The Centre for Women had the task of mediation in employment for women victims of violence, single mothers and women on the social margins. Through the Centre, women have had access to information about employers and information about job vacancies. The Centre for Women, concluding with December 2012, had registered 94 people – Centre beneficiaries.

Project results:

- In May and October 2012 the project activities of the Centre for Women included the organization and implementation of two motivational trainings. The training was attended by 17 women – Centre beneficiaries. The education was aimed at their empowerment and actively seeking work through practical exercises writing motivation letters, CV creation and presentation at the interview.
- An educational training was realized that included the attendance of courses in foreign language (English) and computers for a total of 15 women – Centre beneficiaries. The education training was imple-

mented in the period October-December 2012. After completing the course beneficiaries who attended the course individually took the final exam based on which they received the diploma of “Poliglot” foreign language school.

- According to the project activities, 33 women from the target group underwent training for the use of semi-professional machines to provide cleaning services to residential and commercial buildings.
- Through the mediation of the Centre 22 women provided occasional and continuous work on jobs cleaning residential and commercial premises.
- In the open market through employment centres 16 women found work as assistants, cleaners, shop assistants, nursing the elderly, nannies.
- Women who were in need of a therapy were provided with psychological with the help of an expert. During the work of the Centre in 2012 psychological support was provided to 52 beneficiaries of the Centre. These were mainly victims of violence, single mothers, women on the social margins. The aim was the empowerment of women to take a more active role in all aspects of their lives, raising awareness of rights and responsibilities, increasing the knowledge and skills to find work, empowerment in solving the unemployment problem, raising awareness about the importance of employment, empowerment and raising awareness of the role of women community, social, emotional, and mental empowerment of women to get out of an abusive situation.



Press conference on the occasion of the opening of the Centre for Women

2. SOCIAL PROGRAMS

2.1. PROJECT TITLE: “THE CITY OF SARAJEVO – A SAFE COMMUNITY”

Donor: UNDP – LOD II

Implementation period: 01.08.2011. – 17.03.2012.

As every modern society, especially a society in transition, Sarajevo is increasingly characterized by uncertainty. Relevant actors in society are not recognized, nor have so far been engaged in the investigation of connections between personal safety in the community and violence perpetrated in the urban environment, the promotion of non-violence against women, especially girls, in creating safe communities.

Project results:

- Performed analysis of the security situation in the municipality of Novi Grad through the survey of citizens (200) and collecting the relevant data on reports of violence from the competent agencies and NGOs in the area of the municipality.
- Obtained for the first time data on violence against women, especially girls in terms of the environmental impact of violence against girls. There are 150 copies of printed and shared analysis of the security situation in the municipality of Novi Grad in terms of violence against women, especially girls, as well as analysis of the situation in terms of security from the standpoint of official institutions.
- There is a map of “critical points of Municipality Novi Grad” with clearly identified and described “critical points” on the map of the



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spatial plan of Novi Grad, the basis for the activities leading to the improvement of these points, but also for creating programs and forecasting projects / activities that will overcome these dangerous points where violence is most frequently observed.

Raised awareness of the population of the municipality and beyond (City of Sarajevo), opportunities and ways of converting the municipality of Novi Grad into a safe community.



Official presentation of the results of the Analysis to the City Administration

2.2. PROJECT TITLE: “SUPPORT TO THE SAFE NETWORK”

Donor: OAK Foundation, Switzerland

Implementation period: 15.07.2012. – 15.07.2013.

The Safe Network was formed in 2001 and is comprised of 33 organizations – NGOs and institutions of the system that deal with the fight against gender-based violence. The network has for years been losing their significance, and it was evident that this is the case because of the lack of financial resources. At the initiative of FLD, it was reactivated in 2011 and is comprised of 8 permanent members, which have at all times remained active in the network on a voluntary basis.

The main objective of the project is for the Safe Network to unify and strengthen, the membership of this network as well as the internal network structure, and to develop a strategic plan to strengthen the capacity of its members and the inclusion of these in common advocacy.

The project is in the process of implementation.





2.3. PROJECT TITLE: “CENTER FOR EARLY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT”

Donor: Municipality Novi Grad, Sarajevo

Implementation period: 01.03.2012. – 31.12.2012.

The proposed project is based on the two and a half years of experience of working of the Centre for early growth and development of children in the municipality of Novi Grad, Sarajevo.

Its main objective is the promotion and development of innovative models of integrated approach to early growth and development of children and parents, with a focus on the socially excluded and marginalized families.

Beneficiaries: Children aged 0-10 years, women of reproductive age of 15-49 years, the parents / guardians of children aged 0 to 10 years, young couples who are planning to start a family.

The services provided by activities:

Pre-school workshops for children and parents 3821 services; Observation of children in the PO and feedback 510 adults, individual family counselling services 175; Library 409; Educational workshops with parents (paediatrician) 62; Educational workshops with parents (gynaecologist) 19; Educational Workshops “Little school of responsible parenthood, “29; Donation of children clothing and toys 16; distribution of packets to pre-schoolers from the seventh cycle of workshops / Happy hour 99; consulting services to preschool 50 – TOTAL 5190 services.

The total number of beneficiaries for the period April – December 2012 was 264 (Cycle VI was attended by 124 users, Cycle VII was attended by 140 users).



Distribution of packets for New Year

2.4. PROJECT TITLE: “WORK WITH PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE – SELF-HELP GROUPS”



Donor: Gender Equality Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Gender Center of the Federation of BiH and Gender Center of Republika Srpska

Implementation period: September 2011 – March 2012

Foundation of Local Democracy was a partner in the project, whose holder was the Sarajevo Cantonal Centre for Social Work within the framework of the “Gender Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina, FIGAP, the Strategy to prevent domestic violence and UNSCR 1325” Women, Peace and Security.”

Based on many years of practice imposed by the necessity to develop a multidisciplinary approach to people with experience of domestic violence and perpetrators of violence through the establishment of better cooperation and coordination with relevant institutions, their agencies and non-governmental organizations in order to prevent the continuation of violence and also reduce current violence.

Project result:

Effective assistance and protection for persons exposed to domestic violence through the establishment of institutional treatment of perpetrators of violence.



The participants of the Round Table within the Project. Topic: A multidisciplinary approach to people with experience of domestic violence and perpetrators of violence



2.5. PROJECT TITLE: “PREVENTION OF GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE/CHILDREN IN BH”

Donor: United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA

The Foundation of Local Democracy has been for seven years successfully implementing project to initiate the establishment of a basis for obtaining relevant information and input on sexual and reproductive rights, the right to a life free of violence and discrimination based on gender through an information phone line for BH called “Green Line”. Through a multi-year implementation of the project, the experience revealed a clear need to strengthen the young people of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the fight against domestic violence and violence in teen relationships through working with youth.



Project results:

- During the period January-December 2012 the “Green Line” database of recorded daily data on 713 incoming calls.
- In 2012, the project implemented 30 planned workshops, and at the request of the teaching staff in Kiseljak and long-term collaboration with the Dental School in Sarajevo we held two workshops for students in these schools. The workshops were implemented in 14 primary and 18 secondary schools in the area: Canton Sarajevo, Bosnia-Podrinje Canton, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, Tuzla Canton and Central Bosnia Canton.
- Three two-day educational trainings were realized on the topics: “Violence” and “Violence in Teen Relationships.” The educational training program was attended by 60 students from the secondary schools in Travnik, Zenica and Jajce. The trainings were designed so that the students during the two days learn how through interactively work to recognize and act upon cases of domestic violence or dating violence.

Additional activities:

As part of the “Green Line” project, which is implemented by the Foundation of Local Democracy, through an educational program for students on prevention, protection and the fight against violence on the basis of sex / gender a performance was conducted on “Violence – there is no excuse for violence”, by A. Zijah Sokolović under the auspices of UN agencies (UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women,) the EU and NATO in Bosnia, in 30 schools (primary and secondary schools) in the area.



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2.6. PROJECT TITLE: “VIOLENCE IS NOT MY CHOICE”

Donor: UNDP – LODII

Implementation period: 01.08.2011. – 01.02.2012.

Parents are not sufficiently sensitive, do not devote enough time to training and talking with their children, the educational system is currently in the process of reform, the schools are not able to respond to the growing number of problems, because there is no organized and institutional training about this problem – prevention of violence itself.

Project results:

- Created, filmed and distributed promotional film / video about violence on the Internet and among / over youth. The film is distributed to schools involved in the project implementation, but also to other schools at their request. In addition, interest in the film was shown by other NGOs, networks of NGOs.
- Training workshops conducted (in selected 5 primary and 5 secondary schools in the city of Sarajevo, created with the use of the educational film / DVD) which aimed to educate children and teachers about all kinds of violence, particularly through FB, and to offer information and solutions of how to respond to the perceived problem.
- Media promotion of the film and the project.

3. LEGAL ASSISTANCE – CENTER FOR LEGAL AID



3.1. PROJECT TITLE: “PROVISION OF FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES AND APPLICANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION”

Donor: UNHCR

Implementation period: 01.07.2010. – 31.12.2012.

As Bosnia and Herzegovina has ratified a number of international instruments (The European Convention on human rights and basic freedoms, the Convention on the Status of Refugees of 1951, with the Protocol from 1967.....), the Foundation of Local Democracy has through the implementation of this project secured the provision of international protection in accordance with these instruments.

Project results:

- The implementation period of the project provided free legal assistance to 81 beneficiaries, of which 65 were asylum seekers, persons under subsidiary protection, recognized refugees and persons who were under temporary admission, one person without citizenship and 15 people who were potential asylum seekers in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- During the reporting period, leaflets, previously printed in seven languages (English, Arabic, Persian, Punjabi, Pashto, Hindi and Urdu) were distributed to all Field Offices (Sarajevo, East Sarajevo, Goražde, Trebinje, Mostar, Livno, Ljubuški, Bihać, Banja Luka, Zenica, Tuzla, Doboј, Orašje, Brčko, Bijeljina and Travnik) of the Department for For-

eigners' Affairs. Meetings were held with the heads of FO during which they were introduced with the work of the Centre for Free Legal Assistance. Information material is regularly distributed by the AC Rakovica and IC Lukavica (during this year 420 copies) in order to inform their users of the free legal assistance. Leaflets were also distributed and the Border Police by the representatives UNHCR (275 copies).

- An active role in the process of adopting the Law on Free Legal Assistance at the cantonal and national level, during which the law was adopted at the cantonal level, with seven out of ten of our proposals while still waiting for adoption at the state level.



Participation of the attorneys of the Centre at the international conference on asylum.

3.2. PROJECT TITLE: “ADVOCACY FOR THE BETTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW ON PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE”



Donor: USAID

Implementation period: 01.09.2011. – 30.03.2012.

The lack of implementation of the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence led to the preventing of one of the most vulnerable population in BiH, such as victims of domestic violence, to exercise their rights because the law on protection against domestic violence is not being applied. A small number of requests for protective measures prescribed by the law in relation to criminal offenses of domestic violence and a lack of protective measures imposed have led to the collapse of the system of protection against domestic violence.

Project Goal: To increase the application of safeguard measures as a mechanism to protect victims of domestic violence as specified by the prohibition of domestic violence in FBH through advocacy.

Project results:

- An analysis was created on the of causes of not applying the Law on the Protection Against Domestic Violence.
- A two-day training was implemented, intended for police officers, prosecutors, employees of the Centre for Social Work of the Sarajevo Canton, and representatives from other relevant institutions and NGOs.
- 2000 information leaflets were created about the available capacities of the Centre for Legal Assistance.

- An increased number of safeguard measures imposed by the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence by 200% compared to 2011, in the Sarajevo Canton.



Education training for judges within the project

3.3. PROJECT TITLE: “EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ON THE LEGAL SYSTEM”



Donor: USAID

Implementation period: 01.10.2012. – 31.10.2012.

Project Goal: Increasing the trust of the public in the rule of law.

Post-conflict, transitional, and reform of the social context of the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, has produced a very complex and complicated legal system, characterized by a multitude of legal institutions and regulations as well as the complicated structure of the judiciary and other relevant institutions often ambiguous at different levels of government. This situation is directly reflected in numerous social problems, especially the ineffectiveness of the judiciary, which largely affects the poor and marginalized groups of citizens, to call for action within the institutions of government and civil society organizations. Activities to date are:

- Signing the partnership agreement. This activity led to the establishment of cooperation through the signing of a Partnership Agreement between the FLD and the Agency for Gender Equality of BiH, BH Association of Judges, Prosecutors Association of FBH.
The agreement defined activities, roles, rights and obligations of the partners in the implementation of this project. Partners also defined and signed a plan and work program for the joint implementation of the project.
- Analysis of current state of the level of education of the public. As part of this activity, an analysis was made on the existing level of education of the public in FBH and RS in the area of Family Law and the Law on Gender Equality, based on a uniform methodology.



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3.4. PROJECT TITLE: “STRENGTHENING THE SYSTEM OF FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CANTON SARAJEVO”

Donor: UNDP

Implementation period: 01.01.2012. – 14.04.2012.

Provision of free legal assistance in the Sarajevo Canton depends mostly on the NGOs who are also the main and most important actors in the provision of FLA, while government institutions operating at the local level (municipal) are limited to the provision of services FLA from the domain of the other local (municipal) services. In this situation, there is a lack of a transparent and organized FLA providing for the most vulnerable citizens in the Canton area. Reasons cited imposed the necessity of providing free legal assistance to marginalized groups of citizens, and also networking providers of FLA in the Sarajevo Canton for coordinating work with one another in order to provide adequate legal assistance to their beneficiaries

Project results:

- Strengthened capacities of municipal services for free legal assistance. As part of this result in order to strengthen the capacity and raise the quality free legal assistance services, the municipal offices for legal assistance, two thematic educational trainings were organized for representatives of municipal services on the “Practical application of the FBH Family Law” and “Practical Application of the Law on Enforcement Procedure” in order to empower service providers of free legal assistance in these areas of the law.

- Established cooperation with social welfare services and strengthened capacity in the same way whereby FLD via the Centre for Legal Aid provides free legal assistance services to their customers.
- Designed printed the Register of legal assistance providers in Sarajevo Canton and their networking (FLA municipal authorities and NGOs in Sarajevo Canton)

The integrated number of beneficiaries in the work of the Centre for Free Legal Assistance to women “for all 3 projects:

Results of the work of the Centre for Free Legal Assistance in relation to the services provided for the period 01.01.2012.-31.12.2012.:

Centre for Legal Assistance to Women had direct beneficiaries a total of: 1407



3.5. PROJECT TITLE: “FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN”

Donor: OAK Foundation

Implementation period: 15.07.2012. – 15.07.2015.

The main objective of the project is to improve the legal framework to prevent and resolve domestic violence in order to improve access to justice for victims of domestic violence in FBH, supporting the development of free legal assistance to victims from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is in the process of implementation.

4. PROTECTION OF THE CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

PROJECT TITLE: “GREEN IS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROTECTED AREAS IN THE CROSS-BORDER REGION OF SERBIA AND BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA”

Donor: European Union

Implementation period: 01.12. 2010. – 31.05. 2012.

This project had the objective of promoting the management of protected areas through the strengthening of the role of civil society organizations (NGOs) in the integrated management and development of ecotourism in protected areas of the cross-border region of Serbia-Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a way for local and regional sustainable economic development.

Implementer from BH – The Foundation of Local Democracy with their partner the Ministry of Physical Planning and Environmental Protection of Canton Sarajevo.

Implementer from Serbia – Gorana Movement of Sremska Mitrovica with their partner the Institute for Environmental Protection of Serbia. Target groups: NGOs, environmental NGOs, management of protected areas, institutions that deal with environmental protection, local authorities and relevant ministries, research organizations, regional and local development agencies.



Project funded by the European Union



Project results:

An analysis of the existing state was conducted, as well as the recommendations for the improvement, printed and distributed in 800 copies.

– Polling of 10 municipalities was conducted, where there are protected areas included by the project.

The Action Plan was created for strengthening the role of NGOs for the protection of the environment within the program area in accordance with the applicable national strategic documents, a designed document, printed and distributed in 740 copies.

Created Guideline for the integrated approach to the management of natural resources and sustainable development of ecotourism in accordance with the relevant international conventions, a designed document, printed and distributed in 1300 copies.

Practical implementation of the integrated approach to the management of natural resources and sustainable development of ecotourism in practice in the 2 pilot areas.

A Network of protected areas and non-governmental organizations was formed, including the development of eco-tourism and protection of the environment in the program/border area comprised of 11 protected areas and 24 NGOs from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A promotional campaign was conducted: A promotional campaign was devised with the logo of the project, 400 posters for the announcement of the workshops and the final conference were designed and printed, 6000 leaflets were designed, printed and distributed, the web page of the project www.protectthenature.org was created, a video clip was recorded as well a short ten minute film “Best Eco Neighbours” about 5

protected areas in BH and 5 in Serbia, more than 40 articles about the project were published, and two press conferences were held. Increase of the capacities of the organizations and individuals included in the management of the protected areas within the program area (a total of 194 participants in the workshops).

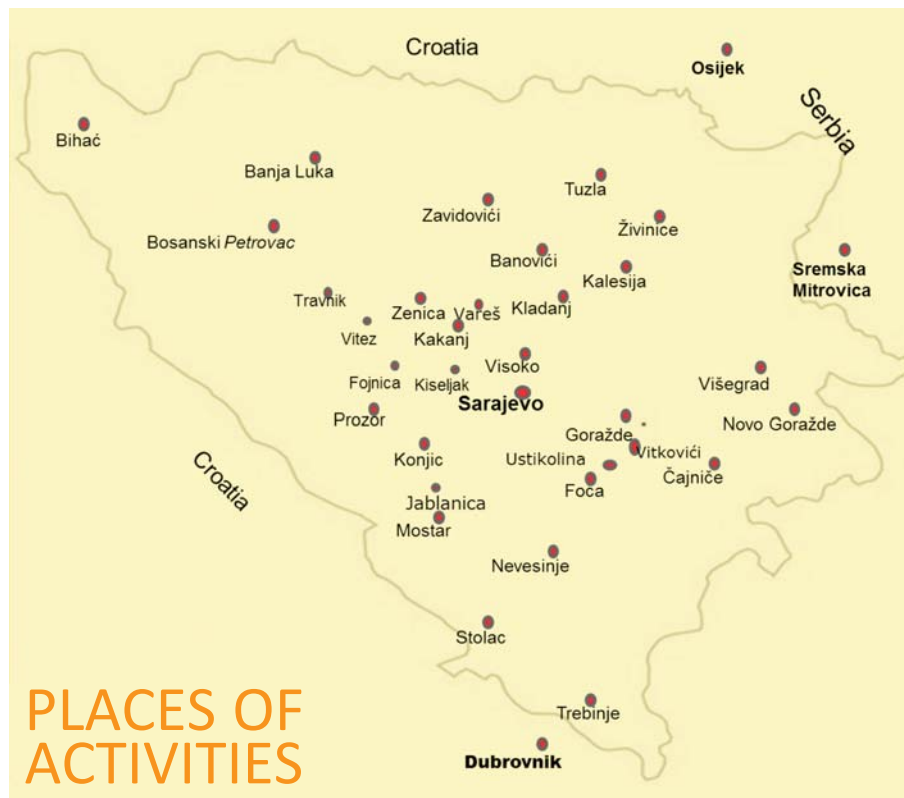


BENEFICIARIES AND COOPERATION

COOPERATION

In this year, The Foundation of Local Democracy has provided services (education, psychosocial support, legal assistance, assistance for economic empowerment) for a total of 4634 beneficiaries / women.

Territorial distribution of activities



Partnership and collaboration

Although the FLD has collaborated with all levels of government (local to national), the most important cooperation was achieved through the signing of the Protocol on cooperation with the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which established the cooperation for joint action and the development of free legal assistance in BH.

A/ Cross-border collaboration: Institute for Environmental Protection of Serbia ; Gorana Movement Sremska Mitrovica; Tourism Organisation of Western Serbia, Regional Development Agency Zlatibor, Serbia

B/ Government Institution of BH

The Ministry of Human Rights of BH; SIPA, Ministry of Security of BH, the Institution of the Ombudsman of BH; Department of Foreigner Affairs and all Field Offices of the service, the Agency for Gender Equality.

C/ Federation : CEST FBiH(The Centre for the Education of Judges and Prosecutors); Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports Podrinje Canton – Goražde, Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton – Mostar, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport Tuzla Canton, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports Central Bosnia – Travnik CSW Mostar; CSW Sanski Most;

D/ Canton Sarajevo: The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Refugees and Displaced Persons, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Physical

Planning and Environment, Education and Pedagogical Institute of the Sarajevo Canton, Cantonal PI Centre for Social Work, Family Counselling, Social Welfare Department of the Canton Sarajevo Police Department police CS; ER of Canton Sarajevo; Eight (8) of the municipal services of free legal assistance of Sarajevo, Novi Grad municipality.

We collaborated with 36 schools (primary and secondary schools) in whereby the Foundation implemented workshops in Canton Sarajevo, Bosnia-Podrinje Canton, Herzegovina-Neretva Canton, Tuzla Canton and Central Bosnia Canton.

NGO:

Federation: Women Victims of War – Goražde, Association of Detainees of FBH Gerc-Sumeja – Potoci, Lug, Mramorje – (Konjević Polje, Goražde), Association of Detainees-Orhideja, Stolac; Croatian Association of the Homeland War of BH-Mostar; Medica – Zenica; Vive Women – Tuzla; Žene BH – Mostar; Women from Una – Bihać: Žene ženama – Sarajevo; IOM; CEM – Centre for Youth Education, Travnik; Citizens Association “Our Children” – Zenica; Youth Centre “Jajce”, Jajce; CA Female Judges of BH; Association of prosecutors of FBH; Association of Judges BH.

Republika Srpska: Association of Detainees of Republika Srpska – Višegrad; Women’s Association – Banja Luka; Stop mobbing – Trebinje; Budućnost – Modriča.

Membership

Local Democracy Foundation is a member of multiple networks:



1. SECURE NETWORK



2. NETWORK FOR PEACE BUILDING



3. JUSTICE NETWORK



4. NGO Council



5. ECRE



6. ECCAS (European Citizen Action Service)

7. WOMEN'S NETWORK



8. A STRONGER VOICE FOR CHILDREN



9. NETWORK COORDINATION PROVIDER OF FREE LEGAL AID IN BIH



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