

MCIC has based its general strategy on empowerment of people, particularly the marginalized group, for participation in decision making processes, strengthening the capacities of the civil society organizations and creation of enabling environment for functioning of the civil society.

The overall objective of the project is developed organizational and institutional capacities of the civil society organizations and the other actors of the civil society.

The project purpose is to build the capacities of the CSOs for obtaining EU funds.

The target group includes the actors of the civil society i.e. the formal civil society organizations and networks as well as all other actors of the civil society (trade unions, faith communities and others).

Expected result of the project is: trained representatives of the civil society organizations and other actors of the civil society.

The project activities will be realized through tailored training and consultations. The training sessions and consultations will include portfolio management with special focus on managing EU projects as well as preparation and delivery of new products in similar areas as necessary.

The assumptions that affect the realization of project objectives are the following: the activists of the civil society organizations are interested in developing their own skills and deepening their knowledge; CSOs and the other actors of the civil society are aware of their organizational and institutional weaknesses and are willing to improve them; activists and volunteers of CSOs are interested in gaining new knowledge with the training.

The assumptions that affect the realization of overall objective of the project: the participants at the trainings will apply the newly acquired knowledge in their respective organizations; the available IPA funds for CSOs and other actors of the civil society will be operationalized in 2009.

MCIC is fully responsible for the project implementation.

The funds for implementation of this program will be provided partially by the Evangelical Church Aid (Evangelische Zentralsstelle für Entwicklungshilfe - EED) as well as from own funds obtained from the organizations that will cover the full cost for the training and consultations.

Implementation period: March 15 – December 20, 2009.

Budget: 200,000 MKD (direct costs).