

5 year

**Regional Fund
IGA**



Establishment



The organization, „Initiatives and Civil Activity“ Foundation, grew from the concept of a group of specialists from Pazardjik (social workers, pedagogues, journalists and public men) and was established in 1998. After two years' active work, the organization established its position and won recognition as one of the leading non-government organizations in the Pazardjik Region.

In the beginning of 2000, organizational and structural changes were carried out in, additional specialists were involved in organizational functions and the range of activities was extended.

A variety of themes and new programs were developed and the number of partners was increased.

As a result of the changes in the organization, registration had to be effected and thus the „**Regional Fund - IGA**“ was founded.

Vision

The vision of the organization is the establishment of a sustainable and independent civic structure with a steadily increasing and improving team of specialists and experts, which exerts a tangible influence on the social, public and economic processes in Bulgaria relevant to the integration of the country towards leading international and European standards.



Opening of the Center for Work with Offenders in Community in 1999 with the participation of Vice - President of Bulgaria and the Regional Governor in Pazardjik.

Values

The organizational values mirror the European values for humanitarianism and human rights adherence, preserving and promoting the universal values and respecting people's individuality. An important organizational value is the intellectual development of the personality of the Bulgarians.

Mission

The main mission of the organization is to reduce crime and to provide support to risk groups of society.

Implementation of programs and models for crime prevention and re-integration of offenders;

Implementation of programs and models for prevention and rehabilitation of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS;

Active participation in the process of introducing the probation system in Bulgaria;

Development of the system for providing social services to vulnerable groups of the community;

Periodic monitoring of the institutions and the structures responsible for prevention of

crime, drug abuse and HIV/AIDS and providing services to risk groups of the community;

Development and implementation of training and informational programs and activities focused on: the target groups, the representatives of institutions and organizations, representatives of the society;

Development of publication activity;

Achieving sustainability of the organization through establishing and developing models of social enterprise and providing fees for service opportunities.



The British Ambassador Yan Soutar and the Mayor of Pazardjik Ivan Kolchakov open the first pilot probation Center in Bulgaria.

Summarized Results for the Period 1999 - 2003

Established the first Bulgarian Pilot Probation Center.

Trained the first twenty probation assistants of Bulgaria.

Established the first Probation Council in the country.

Trained fifty-seven specialists and transferred the skills for working with offenders.

Developed and implemented a model for active social labor mediation for the needs of offenders in areas of Pazardjik, Pleven, and Bourgas.

Facilitated training and informational probation seminars for 300 representatives of ministries, local government, policemen, social workers, and pedagogues.

Held a specialized program, „Informational Days on Probation for Magistrates“, for 100 magistrates country wide.

Summarized Results

for the Period 1999 - 2003



Trained ten representatives of the Ministry of Justice, judges and local institutions in England to develop a concept for the establishment of a regional probation service.

Developed seven specialized programs for working with offenders and more than 150 clients participated in the programs.

Provided probation supervision for 180 conditionally sentenced offenders.

Compiled the first twelve pre-trial reports by order of the court.

Defined the regulations for the Work of Probation Center, which were the first ones in the country.

Developed an informational and publishing model aimed at popularizing the probation in Bulgaria. It includes a specialized magazine „Probation“; series of editions „International Standards on Probation“; WEB site, informational and promotion publications.

5000 young people participated in preventive subject disco parties „NO Drugs! NO Violence! NO HIV/AIDS!“ held in the period 1999-2001.

Fifty young people and students were trained to carry out programs for prevention of drug abuse.

Fifty representatives of institutions participated in informational seminars relevant to prevention of drug abuse.

A Municipal Program for Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Drug Users was developed.



The building of the Pilot Probation Center, provided to Regional Fund - IGA by the Municipality of Pazardjik

It was the second one in the country and Pazardjik Municipality funded it in 2003.

A "Coalition for a Life without Drugs", including 12 NGOs from Pazardjik was established.

Two specialized programs for initial prevention of drug abuse were developed and adapted ("NO Drugs! NO Violence! NO HIV/AIDS!" and "I am learning to make a choice"); more than 200 schoolchildren participated in them.

Ten specialists were trained to work on issues of drug habits.

Regional Fund - IGA has a very good cooperation with media on national and regional level. All the activities and projects, realized from Regional Fund - IGA in the 5 years existence of the organization are wide - spread popularized in the mass media. Reflection in the national medias: 20; Reflection in the regional medias: 110; Reflection in the newspapers and magazines: 60 articles; Reflection in the electronic medias: 79 broadcasts and reportages.

Program „PROBATION“

1. Development of the probation Center in Pazardjik.
2. Participation in the process of introducing a National Probation System.
3. Development and implementation of a program for probation officers training - establishment of a probation school in Pazardjik.
4. Expansion of new programs and specialized tools for working with offenders in society.
5. Development of the publication and information activity aimed at popularizing probation.
6. Elaboration and implementation of a system for the continuous monitoring of all state institutions in Bulgaria, which deal with offenders.
7. Development of activities for working with young offenders.
8. Active participation in international partnerships and programs.

Program „INITIATIVES AND CIVIL ACTIVITY“

1. Introduction of a public ombudsman in the Pazardjik Region.
2. Participation in national programs and projects for monitoring corrupt practices.
3. Development of the model for advocacy and lobbying through various initiatives and projects of the organization.
4. Providing support to youth programs and initiatives.

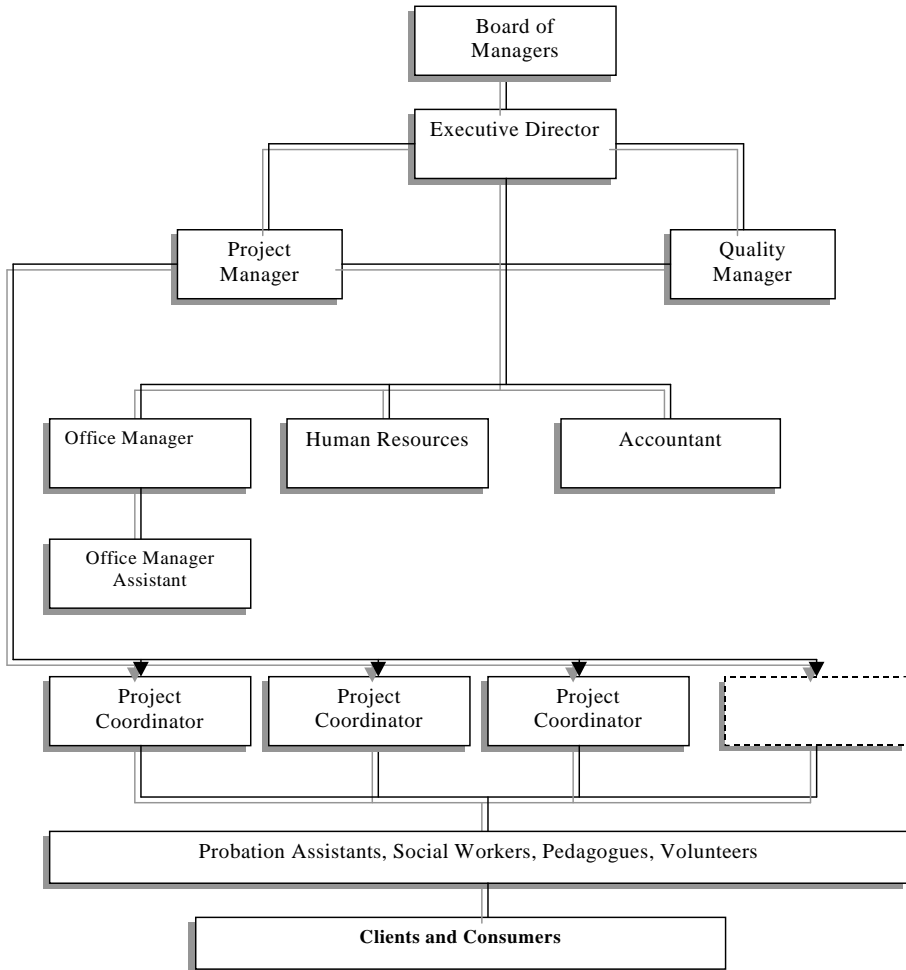
Program

„NO DRUGS! NO VIOLENCE! NO HIV/AIDS!“

1. Implementation of sustainable programs for initial prevention of drug abuse in the schools in the area of Pazardjik.
2. Introduction of programs for working with high risk groups - drug addicts, prostitutes, prisoners.
3. Training of local specialists for working on problems of drug habits and HIV/AIDS.
4. Involvement of the organization in national and international programs and projects for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of drug habits and HIV/AIDS.

Achieving sustainability through establishing the institutional capacity of the organization

1. Developing a model for providing social services in the community.
2. Developing a model of a social enterprise.
3. Overhauling the building provided by the Pazardjik Municipality to the agency for a period of ten years.
4. Training the organization team.
5. Offering fees for services opportunities.



Regional Fund - IGA is in the process of receiving a certificate in accordance with the international standard for a quality management system ISO 9001. The consultants are experts from the German organization TUV Nord Academy.

*The Board of Managers of the organization includes seven people.
Two of them carry out operative tasks as well.*

Gergana Jouleva is Chairman of the Board of Managers
*Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), sociologist,
Chairman of „Access to Information Programme“ Foundation*

Members of the Board of Managers:

Dr. Antonina Jelyazkova
*anthropologist, Chairman of the Board of Managers of the „International
Center for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations“*

Georgy Dimitrov
*Master of Pharmacy, President of „Fromvoulevs“ Ltd., Executive Director of
the Board of Managers of „Autumn University of Addictions“*

Vesselin Komarsky
computer expert

Mariana Boyrikova
Master of Philology, expert in the field of library science

Dimitar Rusinov
*Master of Pedagogy, Chairman of the Center for Integration of Crime
Manifested and Risk Groups.*

Marina Manolcheva
*Master of Pedagogy and Journalism,
Executive Director of The Regional Fund - IGA.*

Mrs. Marina Manolcheva is Executive Director.



Journalism

ar program for training of probation officers that was carried out by the Special Needs Offenders, Lancashire - Great Britain. She was a participant in the Czech Republic, Romania, and Latvia. The visits were aimed at acquiring field of NGO management and management of probation services. She was program for advocacy and lobbying, carried out by USAID, and participated in USA. She was also a participant in a training course „Quality Management“, Bulgaria. She is a member of Public Council of the National Assembly. She is tions and editions.

Mr. Dimitar Rusinov is Project Manager.



Master of Pedagogy He manages the program activity of the organization. He gained 11-year experience as a social worker in the Prison System of Bulgaria. He took part in a 2-year program for training of probation officers that was carried out by the International Institute on Special Needs Offenders, Lancashire - Great Britain. He was a participant in study visits to England, Romania, and Latvia. The visits were aimed at providing skills and knowledge in the field of NGO management and management of probation services. He was included in a six-month program for advocacy and lobbying, carried out by USAID. He was also a participant in a training course „Quality Management“, carried out by TUV Nord, Bulgaria. He is an author of many publications and editions. He has been Chairman of Center for Integration of Crime Manifested and Risk Groups since 1999.



Mrs. Emilyya Velova - Master of Law.

She is the Human Resource Manager and she took part in a two-year probation program, carried out by University of Central Lancashire - Great Britain.



Ms. Vesela Dimitrova - Master of Ethnology.
She is the Office Manager.



Mr. Nikolay Valkov - Master of Economy.
He is the Financier of the organization.



Mrs. Marya Vasileva is Quality Manager.
Bachelor of Pedagogy.
She took part in a two-year probation program,
carried out by University of Central Lancashire -
Great Britain.



Ms. Petya Gerova - Bachelor of Social Work.
She manages the specialized programs of the
organization - She took part in a two-year probation
program, carried out by University of Central
Lancashire - Great Britain.

Part Time Employees

Project coordinators, probation assistants, social workers psychologists, and pedagogues work full- and part-time with the organization.

Experts in psychology, law, social work, sociology, and computer experts consult the work of the operative team.

Local Consultative Council, which includes leaders from main institutions and organizations from the Pazardjik Region, is established by the organization and functions permanently.

1. Regional Fund - IGA was registered in the Central Register of Non-Profit Legal Entities of the Ministry of Justice as an organization that implements socially useful activities.



2. The organization was registered by the Social Assistance Agency of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy as a provider of the following social services: Center for Social Rehabilitation and Integration, Day Center, and Social Assistant.



3. Regional Fund - IGA belongs to and has the right to vote in all regional and municipal commissions dealing with crime prevention, reintegration of offenders, prevention and rehabilitation of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS, social support to vulnerable groups of the society.



4. Experts of the organization participate in two Interdepartmental Working Groups, coordinated by the Ministry of Justice:

- for development of National Strategy and Program for prevention and counteraction to anti-social behavior and crimes committed by juveniles;
- for drafting legislative changes and a strategy for the introduction of a probation system in Republic of Bulgaria (the organization developed and submitted to the Minister of Justice a Concept Proposal for Legislative Introduction of Probation in Bulgaria).

5. Regional Fund - IGA is a member of the Public Council, established under Select Committee of the National Assembly, working on the issues of civil society Народно събрание

6. The organization is a member of the national Coalition, „Anti-Drugs“. More than sixty non-government organizations from all over the country participate in the coalition.

7. Regional Fund - IGA won a nomination in a special category PIONEER Organization. The award was bestowed in a ceremony „Community Justice Awards“, as a part of International Conference „Probation 2004“ that was held in London and organized by National Probation Directorate of England and Wales.

**Program „Probation“****Main goal**

Protection of community through crime prevention and reintegration of offenders

Main tasks

- to support the process relevant to the introduction of the probation system of Bulgaria;
- to develop specialized programs and models for work with offenders in society;
- to organize trainings of specialists for work with offenders in society;
- to develop and implement programs for crime prevention;
- to implement informational activities and events aimed at changing the public attitudes;
- to implement publishing activities.

Target groups

- Offenders;
- Representatives of vulnerable groups of the society;
- Representatives of institutions and organizations, working with offenders;
- Representatives of the community.

**Program „NO Drugs!
NO Violence! NO HIV/AIDS!“****Main goal**

Prevention and rehabilitation of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS

Main tasks

- to implement specialized programs for prevention of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS;
- to implement programs aimed at reducing drug abuse and providing rehabilitation to drug addicts;
- to implement informational, training and publication activities, aimed at achieving prevention and rehabilitation of drug abuse and HIV/AIDS.

Target groups

- Dependent persons, drug addicts;
- Representatives of risk groups of the community;
- Representatives of institutions and organizations, working on the issues of drug habits and HIV/AIDS;
- Representatives of the community.

**Program „Initiatives and
Civil Activity“****Main goal**

Establishment of civil society in Bulgaria

Main tasks

- to support local initiatives and programs, stimulating the development of the civil society;
- to support national and international initiatives, aimed at counteracting corruption;
- to support youth initiatives and programs;
- to support initiatives for involving the public in the local government.

Target groups

- Representatives of all local institutions and organizations;
- Young people of all ages;
- Representatives of the community.

Implemented Programs and Projects



PROGRAM „PROBATION“ ***Organization's own projects***

Project „Catharsis - Wistful behind the Barred Window“
Sources of funding - „Art Center Soros“ Foundation (1999)



Project results

Popularized the creative work of persons serving their terms of imprisonment.

Recorded and circulated an audio cassette with the same title.

Facilitated three public promotions of the audio cassette in the prisons of Pazardjik, Plovdiv, Stara Zagora.

Carried out a wide campaign aimed at promoting the project through Bulgarian National Television, Bulgarian National Radio, Eurocom TV - Plovdiv, „Trud“ Newspaper, „24 Hours“ Newspaper, „Maritza“ Newspaper; TeleCable and CableSat - Pazardjik.

Project „Integrated Model for Providing Support to Imprisoned Persons and Discharged Prisoners“

*Sources of funding - United Dutch Foundations
for Central and Eastern Europe (2000-2001)*

Project results

Trained a team of twelve individuals to work on a concrete social case and establish a model of a day social center for work with offenders.

Developed and experimented with a program for clinical social work with persons sentenced to imprisonment.

Achieved institutional sustainability of the Center for Work with Imprisoned Persons and Discharged Prisoners.



Young specialists from Pazardjik are trained for work in concrete social case

Implemented Programs and Projects

Project „Public System for Reintegration of Convicted Persons and Discharged Prisoners“

*Sources of funding - „Open Society“ Foundation, Sofia
by a joint legal program with Constitutional and Legal policy Institute
COLPI - Budapest (1999-2000)*

Project results

Trained twenty young specialists in teamwork,
clinical social work.

Established the first Bulgarian (community-based) Center
for Work with Imprisoned Persons and Discharged
Prisoners in Pazardjik.

Conducted a sociological study among 300 imprisoned
persons in three prisons of the country

Conducted a sociological study concerning the public
attitudes towards imprisoned persons.



*Support for the families of sentenced persons
in the office of Regional Fund - IGA.*

Developed four specialized programs:
(„Concrete Social Case“, „Literacy Course“,
„Motivation for Employment“, „Legal
program“) and fifty clients/offenders took part
in them.

Developed a software product for an
informational system for registering and
tracing clients offenders.

Promoted informational activities: two
promotion boards in Pazardjik Prison; three
types of promotion leaflets; a bulletin - 1
edition with circulation 500 copies; four
radiobroadcasts and two TV discussion
broadcasts.

Implemented Programs and Projects



Project „Model of a Probation Center“

Sources of funding - British Department for International Development (DFID)
(2002 - 2004)

Project results

Established the first probation center in Bulgaria.

Established the first Bulgarian Local Council on Probation.

Elaborated procedures for collaboration among the probation center, the court, the police, the prison, the local government and various local institutions and organizations.

Developed and implemented regulations for work of the Probation Center.



The lecturers in the traditional Forum „Day of Probation in Pazardjik“



A probation assistant meeting with offender in the office of Regional Fund - IGA

Implemented probation supervision over approximately 177 conditionally sentenced persons and prepared the first pre-trial reports compiled by order of the court.

Carried out informational and training seminars with the participation of about 150 representatives of various institutions, dealing with offenders.

Published three editions of the specialized magazine "Probation"; series of international standards on probation; informational and promotion materials; and a specialized WEB site.

Implemented Programs and Projects

Project „Training Program on Probation“

Project partners - British Council, Sofia and International Institute on Special Needs Offenders, London

Sources of funding - Foundation „Open Society“, Sofia (2001-2003)



The first trained probation assistants

Project results

Twenty people from Pazardjik Municipality (including representatives of the Roma population) were trained in skills for working in a probation service.

The first Bulgarian program for training probation officers was developed.

Project „Informational Days on Probation for Magistrates“

Project partner - Magistrates Training Center, Sofia
Sources of funding - Foundation „Open Society“, Sofia (2003)

Project results

Carried out two informational training seminars on probation for magistrates country wide.

Trained and acquainted forty magistrates, judges and prosecutors with: the international standards on the implementation of community sanctions and measures as an alternative to imprisonment, the characteristics of foreign probation systems; the opportunities for implementation of probation in Bulgaria; and the latest legislative amendments along these lines.

Developed specialized program for training magistrates on probation.



The Chairman of the Regional Court, Judge Shopov and representatives from Regional Fund - IGA present the work of the first Probation Center

Implemented Programs and Projects



Project „Study Visit to Great Britain and Development of a Concept for Legislative Introduction of Probation in Bulgaria“

Sources of funding - Charity Know How Fund (2003)

Exchange of experience and good practices with the participation of ten Bulgarian representatives of: Ministry of Justice (including Deputy Minister), court, local government and NGO from Pazardjik Municipality, and British experts on probation, juvenile justice, judicial system and prison.



Experience exchange in the Probation Directorate in London



Workshop with specialists for work with young offenders in Oxford

Various institutions were visited so the participants had the opportunity to meet specialists from: National probation Directorate in London, National Probation Service (NPS) in London, Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court, Highbury Magistrates Court, Team for work with young offenders - Camden London and Oxford, Probation Centres in St. Albans and Bedford - Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, Institute of Criminology - Oxford.

Development of Concept for Legislative Introduction of probation in Bulgaria.

Implemented Programs and Projects

Partner projects with the participation of Regional Fund - IGA

Project „Study Visit to Great Britain“

*Leading organization - Foundation „Help“, Varna
Sources of funding - Charity Know How, London (2002)*



*Observation of the work in the Probation
Center in London*

Project results

Fourteen day theoretical-practical training carried out in Great Britain (London, York, White Island) for managers of NGOs working with offenders.

Project „Partners in the Social Rehabilitation of Juvenile Offenders“

*Leading organization: Center for Integration of Crime Manifested
and Risk Groups, Pazardjik*

*Sources of funding: „Charles Stewart Mott“ Foundation
through Foundation for Local Government Reform, Sofia (2001)*

Project results

Held two training seminars for representatives of the Local Commission for Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency, Department for Dealing with Young Offenders, Department „Protection of the Child“ of Social Assistance Directorate, and NGOs.

Developed and adapted the Program „Alternative“ with the participation of twelve children, registered in the Department for Dealing with Young Offenders.

Published a specialized project edition.

Implemented Programs and Projects



Project „Integrated Programs for Social Inclusion of Imprisoned Persons and Discharged Prisoners“

Leading organization: Center for Integration of Crime Manifested and Risk Groups, Pazardjik

Sources of funding: Foundation „Open Society“, Sofia by a joint legal program with Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute COLPI - Budapest(200-2001)

Project results

Finalized informational system for registering and monitoring clients offenders.

Trained fifteen people in skills for working with offenders.

Developed and implemented four specialized programs for work with clients from the target group.



Offenders with their children in the office of Regional Fund - IGA



Offenders in Pazardjik Prison participating in the programs of Regional Fund - IGA

Published two books „Guidebook of the Prisoner“ and „Programs for Work with Imprisoned persons and Discharged Prisoners“.

Conducted study on the resources of Pazardjik Municipality for reintegration of persons released from prison.

Implemented Programs and Projects

Project „Initiative for Establishment of a Pilot Probation Center in Pazardjik“

Leading organization: Center for Integration of Crime Manifested and Risk Groups, Pazardjik

*Sources of funding: Royal Netherlands Embassy in Bulgaria
by MATRA KAP Program (2001-2002)*

Project results

Two training seminars were carried out for representatives of court, prosecutor's office, prison, police, local government, NGO.

Eight materials, provided by Dutch Probation Service, were translated.

Two books were published: „The Judicial Systems of Bulgaria and Netherlands“ and „How Does the Dutch Probation System Work?“.

Project „Regional Model for Sustainable Reintegration of Offenders“

Leading organization: Center for Integration of Crime Manifested and Risk Groups, Pazardjik

Sources of funding: Institute „Open Society“, New York (2002-2003)



Awarding certificates to offenders who participated in literacy courses, provided by the Regional Fund - IGA

Project results

Six people trained to work with ex-prisoners as active social labor mediators; total number of clients included in the project: 305 offenders, 106 of them were discharged prisoners, 77 clients were trained.

Temporary employment was provided to fifteen discharged prisoners and permanent employment was provided to five discharged prisoners.

Two sets of instruments for assessment of offenders' educational level and professional qualification were elaborated.

Twelve types of preferences for employers hiring ex-prisoners, were developed.

Implemented Programs and Projects



Project „Horizons - System for Providing Information and Social Support to Ex-Prisoners“

Leading organization: Center for Integration of Crime Manifested and Risk Groups, Pazardjik
Sources of funding: European Union by PHARE Access Program (2003)

Project result

Developed specialized informational system for providing social services and monitoring services provided to ex-prisoners by institutions.

Thirty representatives of NGOs were trained on how to implement the system.

Developed three regional strategies for the functioning of the system and involved more than 150 representatives of institutions and organizations from the three regions.

Published: „Guidebook of the Prisoner“, „General Handbook for Implementation of „Horizons“ System“, „Report on the Situation of Social Services Provided to Discharged Prisoners“.



Social worker Petya Gerova with offenders (special programs)

Project **International Conference „Exchange of Experience and Good Practices for the Development of a Probation Service“**

Leading organization: British Council, Sofia
Sources of funding: European Commission
Phare Programme (2003)



Minister of Justice Anton Stankov opening the International Conference in Sofia

Project results

The participants became acquainted with successful probation practices from Great Britain and Central and Eastern Europe. The Ministry of Justice submitted for public discussion a project-strategy for establishment of the probation service in Bulgaria. Three work groups prepared a concluding declaration of the conference, which included certain recommendations aimed at the Bulgarian government concerning the probation introduction in Bulgaria.

Implemented Programs and Projects

PROGRAM „NO DRUGS! NO VIOLENCE! NO HIV/AIDS!“

Organization's own projects

Program „NO Drugs! NO Violence! NO AIDS!“

Sources of funding - Sources from charity activities and local donors (1998-2000)



*Students
participating
in the programs*

Program results

Established youth clubs in eleven schools and the following events took place: thirty-seven subject discotheques, two charity rock concerts, two public discussions, six TV and radio broadcasts.



Project „NO Drugs! NO Violence! NO AIDS!“

*Sources of funding - Foundation „Open Society“, Softa
(1999)*



Project results

Conducted sociological study among the local institutions on the attitudes towards prevention of drug abuse.

Trained forty youth leaders for team work.

Held a two day working meeting of local institutions for developing joint activities for the prevention of drug abuse.

Published a project bulletin.

Established a youth structure of the organization.

Implemented Programs and Projects



Project „Regional Consultative-Training Youth Center for Prevention of Drug Abuse, HIV/AIDS, and Violence“

Sources of funding - State Agency for Youth and Sport (1999)

Project results

- Held a training seminar for regional specialists on programs for early prevention and consulting on the issues of drug habits.
- Established a consultative cabinet with a team of regional specialists and open youth telephone (about fifty consulted clients).
- Implemented program „Get to Know Yourself!“ - three meetings of parents and their children.
- Trained twelve youth leaders to work in programs with children of their age.

Project „YOU and I Together“

Sources of funding - UN Program - UNAIDS (1999)



The posters are elaboration of young people - participants in the procession

Project results

- A number of events took place aimed at noting 1 December - International Day for Fight Against HIV/AIDS.
- Prepared audio and video clip.
- Announced competition for a poster.
- Printed and circulated a promotional poster.
- Held a carnival procession and a disco carnival night.

Implemented Programs and Projects

Project „Advocacy Campaign for Adoption of Municipal Program for Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Drug Abuse“

Sources of funding - Institute for Regional and International Studies by program „Democratic Net-2“ (Institute for Sustainable Communities) (2001-2002)



Sticker which popularizes the activities of Regional Fund - IGA

Project results

Established a Coalition of twelve NGOs "Together against Drugs".

Initiated the establishment of a Municipal Council on Narcotics.

Developed and adopted by Municipal Council on Narcotics „Municipal Program for Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Drug Users“.

Prepared sticker of Coalition „For a Life without Drugs“.

Published project book.



The participants received certificates for successful completion of the programs

Project „I am learning to make a choice“

Sources of funding - Catholic Relief Services (CRS) (2003)

Project results

Translated, adapted towards the Bulgarian conditions and published workbook, provided by the American organization D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistant Education).

Twelve teachers and students trained to implement the specialized program for initial prevention „I am learning to make a choice“.

Ninety children from the 5th and 6th grade acquired the skills necessary to say NO to drugs.



Implemented Programs and Projects



PROGRAM „INITIATIVES AND CIVIL ACTIVITY“

Organization's own projects

Project „Civil Activity against Corruption“

Sources of funding - Royal Netherlands Embassy in Bulgaria

MATRA KAP Program (2000-2001)

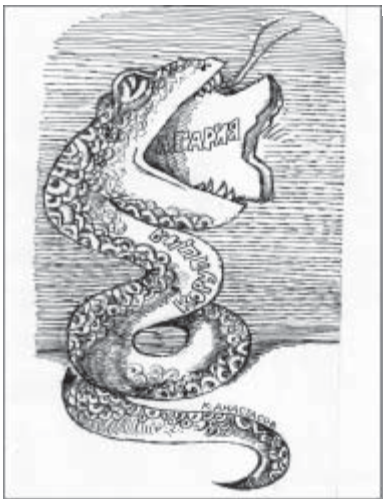
Project results

Conducted a telephone survey.

Prepared audio and video clips.

Held two informational days.

Maintained an open telephone line, reception-room and post box for messages on corruption.



Caricature of professional painter in connection with the anti-corruption program

Monitored „Transparency of the Local Government“ (Pazardjik Municipality).

Published a brochure presenting the project results.

Participated in the initiative of Coalition 2000 „Open Municipalities“.

Implemented Programs and Projects

Project „Model of a Study for Developing Strategy for Equal in Rights Integration in the Bulgarian Education System of the Roma Population in Pazardjik Municipality“

Sources of funding: Foundation „International Centre for Minority Studies and Intercultural Relations“, Sofia (2001)

Project results

Developed a Municipal Strategy for Integration of the Roma Population from Pazardjik Municipality by using the methods of education.

Partner Projects with the Participation of Regional Fund - IGA

Project „Corruption Practices in the Process of Managing Municipal Property. Transparency of Tenders“

Leading organization - Center for Economic Development, Sofia

Geographic focus of the project - Pazardjik, Dryanovo, Veliko Tarnovo, Stara Zagora

Sources of funding - Foundation „Open Society“ - Sofia (2002-2003)



Project results

(for Pazardjik):

Held a press-conference and an informational day on issues of corruption.

Maintains an open telephone, reception-room and post box.

Facilitated a wide presentation of the project activities by the local media.

Project „Informational Day for Popularizing Ombudsman Institutions in Pazardjik“

Leading organization - Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia

Sources of funding - Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia (2003)

Project results

An informational day was held with the participation of about 100 officials from the region.

The experience of the public ombudsman of Sofia Municipality was presented.

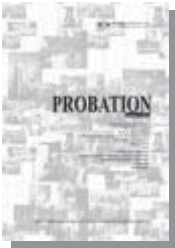
The participants were made acquainted with the legislation, concerning the introduction of ombudsman in Bulgaria, and the English practice of Prison Ombudsman.

ORGANIZATION'S OWN PUBLICATIONS



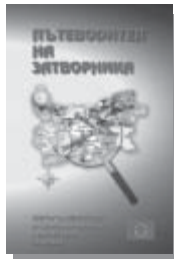
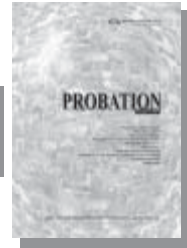
Rusinov, D.; Manolcheva, M., „Advocacy Campaign for Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Drug Abuse“, 2002

The book describes the experience in carrying out an advocacy campaign for adoption of Municipal Program for Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Drug Abuse in the town of Pazardjik. The campaign was implemented in the period October 2001 - March 2002 by twelve non-government organizations from Pazardjik, united as Coalition „For Life without Drugs“.



Rusinov, D.; Manolcheva, M.,
PROBATION, Booklet 1, 2002

Rusinov, D.; Manolcheva, M.,
PROBATION, Booklet 2, 2003



Rusinov, D.; Manolcheva, M.,
„Guidebook of the Prisoner“,
second revised edition, 2003



Rusinov, D.; Manolcheva, M., „To Keep out of Drugs and Violence“, 2003

*The publication is a workbook - a translation of the American edition of **D.A.R.E** (Drug Abuse Resistant Education), specially adapted to the Bulgarian conditions by a team of IGA. The workbook is used when implementing a program for initial prevention, developed for schoolchildren from 4th to 7th grade. The publication is aimed at forming a behavior that keeps the participants out of trying drugs and skills for saying NO in difficult situations. Moreover, the workbook provides information on the types of drugs, the influence they exert on the human organism and mentality, the dependence they cause, the ways of treating these dependences and the duration of the treatment.*



„Concept for Legislative Introduction of Probation in Bulgaria“
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