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Description of the activities planned for 2008:

PROGRAM FOR SUPPORT OF CHILDREN IN CONDITION OF CRISIS

SOS telephone for children and youth with counseling service

During the fifteen years' existence and active work of the SOS telephone for children and youth over 17000 telephone calls have been registered. The counseling function of the SOS line is consisted of providing support and help to the children and youth, with various problems in the family, school and love life; addiction problems - alcoholism, drug addiction; personal and intimate problems etc. The volunteer - operator at the SOS line conducts the counseling by listening to the child's or the young person's problem, obtaining information relevant to leading to the solution to the problem, and if necessary, addressing to the appropriate institution for help. Twenty five volunteers (psychologists, social workers, pedagogues, doctors and students that attend trainings in this type of work) are regularly on duty at the SOS line.

The following activities are planned for 2008:

- Training and workshops for this type of service
- Press for updating the information and the experiences of the SOS line for children and youth during the running year
- Printing of flyers, calendars, stickers
- Participation of the SOS line at the NGO Fair
- Continuous presentation of the SOS line in the media
- Continuous broadcast of the clip on the radio and the television stations throughout Macedonia
- Distribution of flyers in schools
- Distribution of flyers on the streets
- Preparation of a brochure that will cover the fifteen years' work of the SOS line
- Increasing the accessibility of the SOS line (telephone, e-mail, mail, counseling service, reports through special rubrics in magazines close to the young population etc.)
- Participation at the annual regional meeting of the members of Child Help Line International.

Children's workshops

The children's workshops have functioned for fifteen years, within the frames of the regular activities of the First Children's Embassy in the World - Megjashi. They are an opportunity for the children of different nationalities and lower economic status to develop their creativity and imagination together.

The workshops run various activities according to children's interests, with the use of appropriate manuals.

This year, 2008, numerous workshops are taking place. The children between the age of 4 and 16 can attend one of the following workshops: English, German, Albanian, French, math, computer science, sports, art, as well as workshops for corresponding, applied arts, literature, theatre, bon ton, journalism, education of human values and origami.

The workshops are held Monday to Friday, from 17:30 - 20:30 h, and Saturday from 11:30 - 15:30 h.

Each workshop is held once a week for 90 minutes. During that time, the children attend the program of the specific workshop for 70 minutes, have a break for 10 minutes and the workshops end with social games from 10 to 15 minutes.

Each group is consisted of 10-15 children, divided into two age groups - from 4 to 9 years old and from 10 to 16 years old. The english workshop is divided into three age groups : from 4 to 7 years old, from 8 to 10 years old and from 11 to 16 years old.

Volunteers are engaged as educators of the workshops.

The workshops can be attended by all children members of the Embassy.

The annual membership costs 600.00 MKD, and can be paid in two part payments of 300.00 MKD.

The monthly costs for each workshop is 100.00 MKD.

The children whose parents are users of the social aid, the children without parents and the displaced children are relieved from the membership and the monthly fees.

The total number of children who have signed in during September and October 2007 is 85, between 4 and 16 years old, equally including girls and boys.

The total number of workshops is 19, conducted by 20 volunteers.

Free legal service for support, prevention and protection of children - informing, lobbying, campaigns...

Although the legal service is working on voluntary base, the prepared project proposal which includes engaging of a coordinator in the following 2008 will be submitted in many foundations. The coordinator of the legal service together with the team of volunteers will be responsible for:

- providing legal services and representing of children and youth,
- coordinating of volunteers involved in the legal service,
- providing program and financial sustainability of the service,
- preparing and publishing of a book of regulations for the service.

During the past years, FCEWM has constantly developed and executed various activities to promote children's rights. This was conducted through printed materials, media, lobbying and running of campaigns.

In the following period, brochures, posters and flyers will be printed whose purpose will not only be the children, but also those who are responsible for their development. The content of the printed materials will be of informative and educative character.

The main purpose of informing on children's rights is to increase the public awareness of the citizens about the need of a more efficient protection of children and youth in the Republic of Macedonia.

Daycare center for children on the streets

The Daycare Center for children on the streets has started working within the Children's Embassy since July 2007, which involves 35 children from Klanica and Karton Maalo in the municipality Aerodrom. Through the Daycare Center, the children are provided with the basic hygiene needs (shower), are supplied with clean clothes and snack and attend psycho-social, educative and creative workshops. Of course, attention is paid to personal documentation, and efforts are made to include them in education.

The Daycare Center will continue to work in 2008, because progress can be achieved only through continuous work with these children, as well as to keep them successfully away from the streets.

Social services

Since the beginnings the Children's Embassy Megjashi has worked on implementation and development of activities with social and humanitarian character. The social services exist and answer the needs of a large number of people that look for various kinds of help (humanitarian - food, medicines, clothes, hygiene items; legal - representation, mediation etc.).

In 2008, the engagements of FCEWM will be focused on providing and supplying of humanitarian aid in food for 10 families in poverty, as well as the families of the children on the streets.

Like so far, the social service will comprise of a few social workers-students engaged for a few hours a week and will answer to the people who have asked for help, which means addressing to the governmental and non-governmental institutions when necessary, giving information for their health-related and social-related rights, linking with other non-governmental institutions that offer services of public interest, looking for various kinds of support and help from other organizations and companies.

LOBBYING AND REPRESENTING

Campaign for inclusion of all children in education

For five years in a row, the First Children's Embassy in the World - Megjashi has conducted a campaign for inclusion of all children in education - so **called World campaign for education - Week of Action "Let's include the children in schools"**.

For the past five years, we have organized a MARCH at the city square in Skopje with a few hundred children from the primary schools in Skopje, organizations, daycare centers, the special institute Demir Kapija, the mayor of Skopje Mr. Trifun Kostovski, Mrs. Kaliopi Bukle, Mr. Vlatko Stefanovski, Mr. Edin Hajdarpasic, the child ambassador Stefan Pleskonjic, and other public people and celebrities.

The activities are different each year. One time, the schools and the organizations were creating "friends" and invited famous people who signed the "friends" and promised to fight for inclusion of all children in education with no exceptions. Events took place where the children performed street theater. A chain of hands was made at the city square "Makedonija" in 2007.

In 2008, our organization will continue lobbying for inclusion of all children in education, by running a campaign as in the previous years, but also by conducting a survey on the children who do not attend schools, their number, the reason for not attending schools, and recommendations to the Government of the Republic of Macedonia how to include all children in the educational system.

Activities for raising public awareness against child labor abuse and other types of child abuse

The activities of Global March Against Child Labor whose national coordinator for the Republic of Macedonia is FCEWM continue on a world wide level in the upcoming year.

As in the previous years, the First Children's Embassy in the World - Megjashi is planning and preparing activities in order to mark the World Day Against Child Labor Abuse in 2008, on June 12.

On the occasion of the World Day Against Child Abuse, the World Children's Day and the Children's Week, like in the previous years, there will be activities in order to promote and celebrate them: workshops for children's rights, events...

Program for improvement of the ethnical relationships between the youth of different nationalities in the Republic of Macedonia

Activities on the field of non-violent conflict resolution in primary schools and high schools

Friendships through multiethnic collaboration in 5 multiethnic schools in the Republic of Macedonia

The activities on the field of non-violent conflict resolution for improvement of the ethnical relations will continue in 2008.

The lack of communication and the excessive prejudices between the highschool students of Macedonian and Albanian nationality is more and more often expressed through everyday ethnically opposed conflict situations inside and outside the highschools, among the youth in general. This project is an initiative consisted of the following two components that would contribute to the improvement of the communication between the highschool students of Macedonian and Albanian nationalities in 5 high schools:

- Educational and organizational component executed with training of a part of the pedagogical staff;
- Active component of communication, planned for 2008, through organizing workshops for the highschool students and various peace activities initiated by the students.

The project will involve the following activities:

- trainings for mediation and non-violent conflict resolution of 20 professors and 12 workshops for 24 students in the high schools;
- activities for building peace and increasing the public opinion which would include over 500 students;
- creating a network of professors for non-violent communication;
- publishing a brochure created by the highschool students.

The specific goals of the project are:

1. Prevention from application of violence through constructive conflict resolution and multiplication of knowledge in the multiethnic clubs and outside of them;
2. Foundation of a network of professors trained in non-violent conflict resolution;
3. Increase of the public awareness and opinion;
4. Strengthening of the capacity and the work of 2 multiethnic clubs in 2 high schools.

Campaign fighting against violence over children

Like every year, the Children's Embassy organizes activities for marking of the following dates:

- July 12: World day against child labour abuse
- The first week of October and the first Monday - Children's Week
- October 17: World Day Against Poverty
- November 9: World Day Against Faschism
- November 19: World Day Against Child Abuse
- November 20: World Children's Day
- December 10: Day of Human Rights

Since last year, the First Children's Embassy in the World - Megjashi has engaged in the program "Childhood without abuse", with a specific field of action every year. The issue in 2007 were children witnesses, and in 2008 the emphasis is on providing for families.

Promotion of the UN's Convention of the Children's Rights

Printing and distribution of promoting materials for children's rights

In 2008 if we manage to provide budget, we are planning to print a brochure for children's rights. Except in Macedonian, the brochure will be printed in: Albanian, Turkish, Roma, Vlach and Serbian language. Within the frames of the SOS line for children and youth and the other services of FCEWM, other promoting materials for protection of children's rights will also be prepared and published.

Program for development and consolidation of the First Children's Embassy in the World - Megjashi

Each year the number of the projects increases in which FCEW Megjashi is engaged, so with a strategic plan and with determining of the strategic goals these projects have evolved into programs. The increase of the ammount of work has imposed the need of organizational strengthening of FCEWM as a citizen organization, i.e. the need of development and consolidation of FCEWM.

In the past 2007, a chain of activities has been conducted for development and consolidation of the organization, which covered the services of FCEWM through activities within the **SOS service** for advising children and youth, the **legal service** for free legal help and the **social service**, the **volunteering center**, as well as activities for

promoting the sustainability of FCEWM and increasing of the transparency of the organization.

The following activities are planned for 2008:

Increasing the transparency of FCEWM is a crucial condition for sustainability and acceptability of FCEW Megjashi, as a non-governmental organization in the eyes of the public, the domestic NGOs, the target group, the governmental institutions, as well as the international foundations.

As in the previous year, in the following 2008 a complete revision is planned (program revision and revision of the total financial work for 2007) by engaging an independent auditing house. The revision is made according to the international standards for revision, which opens opportunities and provides conditions for successful searching and providing funds to conduct the projects. As last year, printing and publishing of the auditing opinion in the public is also planned in 2008, as well as printing and advertising of the annual reports, and the electronic bulletin - informant of FCEWM.

Activities for increasing of the sustainability of FCEWM

In 2008 realization of the activities is planned, leading to lobbying for the domestic resources which would be used in socially useful needs. For instance, in order our NGO to rely on domestic sources of finances, it will be necessary to conduct activities for collecting finances based on the immediate experience with the individual donors, the business sector, the local community and the foundations. For this purpose, a pilot project will be constructed based on the development of philanthropy in our country in accordance with providing help for the community.

Activities for strengthening of the management capacities

The development and the implementation of strategy for running human resources in FCEWM means recruiting of a highly motivated staff and volunteers/activists, their inclusion in the realisation of the projects, in the trainings, and inclusion in the process of implementation. The strategy also includes a description of the working positions and the obligations of the staff, as well as evaluation of their engagement and the achieved results. In 2008 special attention will be paid to training of the volunteers of FCEWM through participation in various courses, seminars etc.

	Year 4 (January 2008 - December 2008)											
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Development of the capacities of the SOS service	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
2. Development of the capacities of the legal service and the right to help	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
3. Daycare center for the children on the streets	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
4. Social services	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
5. Activities for increasing the public awareness against child labour abuse and other types of child abuse				H								
6. Campaign for inclusion of all children in education			H	H	H							
7. Children's workshops	H	H	H	H	H	H			H	H	H	H
8. Activities on the field of non-violent conflict resolution	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
9. Campaign against violence over children	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
11. Promoting materials for children's rights			H	H	H							
12. Program for development and consolidation of FCEWM	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H