

The ICO Special Projects Fund

The Special Projects Fund (SPF), a small scale fund managed by the International Civilian Office (ICO) and dedicated to practical initiatives, has demonstrated how specific provisions of the Comprehensive Settlement Proposal (CSP) and reconciliation can be strengthened and promoted.

Currently, the Special Projects Fund has been exhausted and is closed for applications.

The following projects are either completed or in the implementation stage:

- 1. Street lighting in Hoçë e Madhe/Velika Hoča**
Replacing light bulbs to uphold the character of a site of cultural value.
Organization: Municipality of Rahovec/Orahovac
- 2. New Reality, New Opportunities**
Radio broadcasts throughout Kosovo in Albanian, Serbian, Turkish, Roma languages, on decentralization and rule of law.
Organization: NGO "Human Rights Radio Network"
- 3. Gold Fever- Documentary Film in Novo Bërdë/Novo Brdo**
Documentary on Novo Bërdë/Novo Brdo Special Protective Zone/Castle to educate audiences on its cultural value and prevent damage to the site.
Organization: Arben Llapashtica (documentary maker)
- 4. My municipality – our opportunity**
Debates, seminars, public performances on decentralization in Kosovo Serb communities.
Organization: NGO "Fractal"
- 5. Legal Clinical Education for the Students of Law Faculty in North Mitrovicë/Mitrovica**
Legal clinical education for a group of students from the Law Faculty in north Mitrovicë/Mitrovica in order for them to provide with free basic legal aid to local population.
Organization: NGO "Center for Local Areas Development"
- 6. Production of documentaries about the CSP**
TV broadcast of four 27-minute documentaries about elements of the CSP with a focus on community rights.
Organization: NGO "Centre for Peace and Tolerance", Prishtinë/Priština
- 7. Decentralization, a story told from below**
TV broadcast of five 35-40 minute documentaries to inform all citizens of Kosovo about decentralization and evaluate their perceptions and expectations of this process.
Organization: Bul Salihu (documentary maker)
- 8. Library as empowerment**

Purchased books for the Roma and Ashkalia Documentation Center related to minority rights, gender issues and development in order for civil society to be informed about their rights and to know how to use them to prevent cases of discrimination.

Organization: NGO "Roma and Ashkalia Documentation Center" (RADC), Prishtinë/Priština

9. Triangle

Production of 26 one-hour radio shows on decentralization broadcast on Radio KIM. Shows focused on the technical aspects of decentralization.

Organization: Radio KIM, Çagllavicë/Čaglavica

10. Summer multiethnic camp

One-week summer camp in Brezovicë/Brezovica comprising a series of workshops (human rights, community rights, diversity, peace, cohabitation and reconciliation), educational activities and fun and sport games for 45 pupils aged between 14 and 16 from the municipality of Obiliq/Obilić representing the various communities (25 Albanians, 9 Serbs, 2 Bosnians, 6 Romas, 3 Ashkali).

Organization: NGO "Women's Association AUREOLA"

11. Info wave

Launch of a radio station (Info wave) focusing on daily problems of people living in Prelluzhë/Priluzhje enclaves (civil society, employment, public institutions, community rights, road safety, electricity, medical issues, etc).

Organization: NGO "DUGA"

12. Construction of the village water pool for drinking water

Building of a drinking water supply pool for the village of Pllanjan/Planjane, inhabited by Bosniak and Serb Communities. The aim of the project is to promote good relations and avoid conflicts between those two communities that have lived in good relationship for many years.

Organization: Pllanjan/Planjane village water supply council

13. Building a road with concrete cubes in neighborhood Kodra (Gelancë/Geljance)

Building of a road with concrete cubes to connect Neighborhood Kodra, mainly inhabited by Ashkali, to the village of Gelancë/Geljance, mainly inhabited by Albanians.

Organization: Municipality of Suharekë/Suva Reka

14. Archeology camp for interethnic youth – Ulpiana 2009

A two-week archeological camp for 18 high-school students (4 Serb, 3 Roma and Ashkali and 11 Albanians) in the Ulpiana site (Graçanicë/Gračanica). The aim was to sensitize Kosovo youth to the values of Kosovo's cultural and historical heritage through lectures, field-work, practical training and multi-media projections.

Organization: Museum of Kosovo

15. Conference – Local Policies in Multiethnic Societies

On 10 September, a conference was organized in Prishtinë/Priština to present the results of the research conducted on community rights in three municipalities (Obiliq/Obilić, Gjilan/ Gnjilane and Prizren) together with recommendations for central and local levels of government.

Organization: NGO "KHCS Mother Teresa Society"

16. Running water to every household in Pasjan/Pasjane

Bringing running water to each of 400 households living in the Serbian village of Pasjan/Pasjane (representing 2000 people). Every household contributed to the project in addition to the municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane and the SPF.

Organization: Municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane

17. Assist yourself and the community

Over a period of three months, organization of public events (e.g. concerts), primarily intended for Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian (RAE) community to inform about the CSP and promote community rights in Prishtinë/Priština and Mitrovicë/Mitrovica regions.

Organization: NGO "Romano Anglunipe", NGO "Romane Gjuvlja ko Angluno Veko" and NGO "Romano Resaipe"

18. Intercultural navigators – Serbs' meeting in Supetar, Croatia

Twelve young Kosovo Serbs met Croatian Serbs to discuss the benefits of minority integration on 14-18 October 2009.

Organization: British Council Croatia

19. Celebrating Cultural Heritage in Kosovo

Over a one-month period, at the occasion of European Heritage Days, organization of a painting competition on the theme of "perception of cultural heritage in Kosovo" among the 360 young people from multi-ethnic rural communities, who are part of "Kids for Peace" project, gathered in 16 clubs throughout Kosovo.

Organization: NGO "World Vision Kosovo" based in Prishtinë/Priština

20. EHD – Symposium in Vushtrri/Vučitrn – The role of the hammam during history

In the framework of the European Heritage Days, organization of a symposium in Vushtrri/Vučitrn followed by visits to sites usually closed to the public, namely the hammam of Vushtrri/Vučitrn, the "Stone Bridge" and Vushtrri/ Vuçitrn Castle.

Organization: Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Government of Kosovo

21. European Heritage Days 2009 in Kosovo

Over a one-month period, organization of a market in Prishtinë/Priština and an artisan fair in Novobërdë/Novo Brdo in which women from different communities presented their handicraft work. Started five years ago in Prishtinë/Priština, the project aimed at increasing interethnic relations and promoting cultural heritage of Kosovo.

Organization: NGO "Open Door"

22. Handcrafting promotes cultural heritage of Hoçë e Madhe / Velika Hoča

Two groups of 25 Kosovo Serb women were trained in sewing, embroidering, work on a braider and IT basics in order for them to be able to produce handcrafted accessories in view of the

exhibition that was held on 12 October 2009 at the occasion of the wine festival in Hoçë e Madhe / Velika Hoča.
Organization: NGO "Jefimija"

23. Information boards for cultural heritage monuments in Prizren

Tem information boards were built and placed in strategic areas leading to the historic centre of Prizren. The aim of the boards was to highlight cultural heritage sites with a map and a narrative description to orient visitors.

Organization: Institute for Protection of Cultural Monuments in Prizren

24. Replacement of carpentry in school building

Replacement of the old carpentry in primary and lower secondary school "Izvor" educating 350 Bosnian pupils in Lubinjë e Epërme/Gornje Ljubinje village.

Organization: Primary and lower secondary school "IZVOR"

25. Days of cultural heritage in the region of Pejë/Peć

On the occasion of European Heritage Days, lectures in schools on religious and cultural heritage, public debates with citizens, visits of important monuments and historical places as well as exhibitions of old photographs, traditional kitchen products, handwork and folk costumes were organized.

Organization: Municipality of Pejë/Peć

26. Linked Village (on-going)

Establishment of an internet café for Debeldeh/Debelde inhabitants, free of charge, to increase the computer literacy in the less developed areas, as well as help the youngsters in the village with education and connecting their age group regionally and globally. The project was also aimed at reinforcing links among inhabitants of the region and consolidating the agreement regarding border demarcation.

Organization: NGO "Kosovo Center for International Cooperation"

27. Radio Bravo (on-going)

Establishment of the first radio station - *Radio BRAVO* - in the Serb returnee settlement of Osojane (Municipality of Istog/Istok) in an area that remains the last impenetrable and most isolated enclave in Pejë/Peć region following the recent opening up of the Gorazhdec/Goraždevac enclave. This project enables the residents to gain access to a variety of information from the outside world.

Organization: NGO "Agro Focus"

28. We do exist as well

Organization of cultural events and sport activities to celebrate the Roma Day (6 April) in Graçanicë/Gračanica Municipality as well as in Prishtinë/Priština region from 5 to 11 April 2010.

Organization: NGO "Eyes of the Future"

29. Supporting Multi-Ethnic Education in the Viti/Vitina Municipality: Renovation of Elementary School Ndre Mjeda Binçë/Binaç (on-going)

Through this project, different needs in the two school facilities in the same yard in the village of Bincë/Binač were addressed. The aim of this project is to improve infrastructure and quality of education in this school in Viti/Vitina Municipality.

Organization: Municipality of Viti/Vitina

30. Supporting Multi-Ethnic Education in the Kamenicë/Kamenica and Ranillug/ Ranilug Municipalities (on-going)

The project focused on infrastructure as the most fundamental and immediate needs as well as IT equipment—both of which can act as a platform for further multi-ethnic projects in the future.

Organization: Municipality of Kamenicë/Kamenica