

“THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA”

STARO NAGORICANE

Theme covered: Culture

Affected minorities: Serbs

Main objective: Establishment of Cultural Community Center aimed to promote traditional values of the Serbian national community through production and sale of souvenirs. The municipality is willing to employ several persons in the Center and thus ensure sustainability of the project.

Main activities:

- Establishment of the local folk society;
- Establishing the workshop for sewing the traditional costumes for the folk society
- Public performances and festival preparation
- Exhibition of souvenirs held at the end of the project
- Performance exercises of the local folk society held twice a week over the course of 10 months.

Expected results:

- Promotion of two cultural societies from Serbia;
- Thirty-six Serbian and Macedonian traditional costumes (female and male) sewed and stored at the local folk society;
- Functioning pupils' folk society in Staro Nagoricane;
- Four women from the municipality trained in sewing, threading and knitting.

KRUSHEVO

Theme covered: Culture

Affected minorities: Vlachs

Main objective: Promotion of the culture and language of Vlachs; Staging a traditional Vlach living room with traditional cultural items and costumes; Publication of promotional materials that will be also used as teaching material in the local primary school; Engagement of vocal and instrumental bands to perform traditional Vlachs' music.

Main activities:

- Research and preparation of the content for the brochure and Vlach room - honoraria;
- Development of promotional materials about the Vlach culture in Krusevo;
- Preparation of the Vlach room;
- Promotion of the Vlach culture among pupils and the broader public;
- Organizing a 6 day festival with traditional Vlach costumes and music.

Expected results:

- Conducted and systematized research on the Vlach culture, language, customs, traditions, etc.
- Extended knowledge about the Vlach culture among pupils from different communities in Krusevo;
- Traditional Vlach room with exhibits;
- 40 traditional Vlach costumes;
- Prepared songs in Vlach language by pupils;
- Printed brochure and leaflet on the Vlach culture, language and customs in Macedonian, Vlach and English.

SARAJ SKOPJE

Theme covered: Effective participation

Affected minorities: Albanians, Bosniaks

Main objective: Enhancing the capacity of the Commission for inter-ethnic relations (CICR) to actively convene, participate in the work of the municipality and implement projects that improve inter-community relations.

Main activities:

- Public debate;
- Three day training for the members of the CICR (12 people);
- Research;
- Joint meeting of municipal councilors from Saraj and Gjorce Petrov;
- CICR Meetings
- Printing, designing and translating publication, flyers, folders;
- Final project conference.

Expected results:

- Built Capacities of CICR members and other stakeholders;
- CICR put in place, harmonized with the Law on Local Self-Government and made it operational;
- Facilitated and improved relations between Saraj and Gjorce Petrov;
- Built awareness about the importance of CICR and interethnic relations among lay population;
- Shared knowledge and experience.

TETOVO

Theme covered: Effective participation

Affected minorities: Albanians, Turks, Roma, Serbs, Bosniaks, Macedonians

Main objective: Inclusion of all ethnic communities in the decision-making process at the local level through stipulation of successive continuity in the work of the Commission for inter-ethnic relations (CICR).

Main activities:

- Reviewing and analyzing the current situation with CICR Tetovo;
- Public debate;
- Trainings for stakeholders;
- Analysis of Equitable representation;
- Lobbying for budgeting of CICR by the LGU Budget;
- Printing, translations;
- Final Conference.

Expected results:

- Analyzed current situation of the municipal Commission for Inter-Community relations;
- Awareness grown and citizens informed about the mandate and functioning of CICR;
- Built Capacities of CICR members and other stakeholders;
- Analyzed issue of equitable representation in the municipality of Tetovo and local public institutions;
- Shared knowledge and experience;
- Grown awareness for sustainable work of CICR.

CENTAR ZUPA

Theme covered: Effective participation

Affected minorities: Albanians, Turks, and Macedonians

Main objective: Establishment of elderly corner that will improve the social life of elderly population in the municipality and strengthen inter-ethnic relations among different ethnic communities.

Main activities:

- Establishing of multicultural Retirees Club;
- Working sections and workshops of the Retirees Club;
- Collecting and selecting ancient photos and preparation for a photo-exhibition;
- Photo-exhibition and solemnly open ceremony;
- Publication-monograph of Centar Zhupa and web-site;
- Organizing of dissemination and Best- Practicing conference;
- Producing and Broadcasting of a video –documentary.

Expected results:

- Established a functional multicultural Retirees club of the municipality of Centar Zhupa
- Grown capacities for protection of minorities and managing and fund raising of NGOs
- Promoted multicultural heritage and diversity of the municipality and the region;
- Shared knowledge and experience.