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The Project activities in Staro Nagoricane, Centar Zhupa and Saraj Skopje municipalities are progressing according to the approved action plans. Krushevo municipality successfully organized its key event while municipality of Tetovo delays in implementation of project's activities.

Center Zupa - Local self-Government

Field: Effective participation

Key minority engaged: Albanians, Turks, and Macedonians

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. Presently, the nearest cultural association is situated 15 km away from the municipality.



With some delay, the municipality has successfully implemented the foreseen activities. The Retirees' Club was established and registered. Due to delays in the procedures linked to the equipping of the Club's premises, only two workshops were held so far on the theme "Men's health" and "Multicultural dialogue". Video material on pensioners' activities is recorded continuously and will be used for the production of a documentary at the end of the project. The creation of the website is underway. The collection of photos on local culture and tradition is completed, the photos are framed and will be exposed in the Club's premises. Drafting of

Centar Zupa Monography is in its final stage and will be edited and translated into Turkish and English (by the end of November 2015 (it will be promoted at the Retirees' Club premises).

Krushevo - Local Self-Government

Field: Culture

Key minority engaged: Vlachs

Promotion of culture and language of Vlachs. Adaption of 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.

The Project activities in Krushevo are progressing according to the plan. Research for the preparation of the brochure on Vlach tradition and culture was completed. Based on the research's information, promotional material on Vlach culture in Krusevo was produced and 600 brochures were printed



and disseminated during the Six Day Festival on Vlach culture in Krushevo. As a part of the promotional material, billboards were prepared and placed at the two entrances of Krushevo city. A traditional Vlach room was established and equipped with items of historical value and the opening ceremony took place on 22 May 2015. The Six Day Festival of Vlach culture and music was organized from 26-31 July 2015 and 18 traditional costumes were produced for that occasion within the framework of the small grant. The costumes were

used during the festival and will be used as a part of touristic offer in future.

Saraj Skopje - Local Self-Government

Field: Effective participation

Key minority engaged: Albanians, Bosniaks

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. Proposed project activities will provide means and mechanisms for regular meetings of the CICR, develop 2 specific projects ideas and strategy for the CICR.

The Project activities are progressing as planned. The research Analysis on the positive cases of the Commission for Inter-Community Relations (CICR) is finished and printed. It should lead to the preparation of a policy paper on how to make the CICR utilizable at national level. The Mayors from Saraj Skopje and Gjorce Petrov municipalities met in order to emphasize their political will for an environment free from ethnic-based violence. As it was planned, the two mayors intend to sign a Memorandum of cooperation on how to build interethnic relations in November 2015.



Staro Nagoricane - Local Self-Government

Field: Culture

Key minority engaged: Serbs

Establishment of Cultural Community Center aimed to cultivate traditional values of Serbian national community and produce and sale souvenirs. The municipality is willing to employ several persons in the Center and thus ensure sustainability of the project.

The Municipality is successfully implementing the planned activities. About 80 pupils from 8 villages practice traditional folk dances in the municipal local center twice a week and the municipality is organizing the transportation. Training sessions for threading, knitting and sewing are regularly organized under the supervision of an experienced coach. So far, 24 costumes were sewn for the first two



choreographies. The costumes and choreographies were presented by members of ensemble “Srpski vez” at the folk events that were visited by approximately 2500 visitors from Kumanovo, Skopje and Serbia, 60 children among them.

Tetovo - Local self-Government

Field: Effective participation

Key minority engaged: Albanians, Turks, Roma, Serbs, Bosniaks, Macedonians

Inclusion of all ethnic communities in the decision-making process at local level through the stipulation of successive continuity in the work of the Commission for inter-ethnic relations (CICR). The proposed project activities will include research, drafting policy papers and CICR strategy, study visits, capacity building of CICR members and organization of conference.



The municipality delays in implementation of the project activities mainly due to the organizational reasons. Drafting of the Review and analysis of the current situation with municipality CICR is late due to the problem with first contractor whose contract was terminated. The municipality plan to organize two trainings for stakeholders and two meetings with CICR members by the end of December 2015. So far three meetings with CICR members were organized.