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42 CAAHT Grants Awarded to NGOs in Albania to Expand and Improve the Effort to Combat Trafficking of Human Beings in the Country

Through the CAAHT Grants Program in Albania, USAID is supporting a wide variety of dynamic civil society anti-trafficking efforts throughout the country. These initiatives include development of the first university anti-trafficking curriculum for social workers and psychologists; shelter and reintegration services for women and children victims of trafficking; house-to-house awareness campaigns in highly vulnerable rural areas of the country; awareness raising and empowerment training for Roma women; and an educational radio soap opera broadcast three times a week throughout the country. All the projects are being conducted in close cooperation with local and national government offices and officials.

A total of **US\$ 2,761,407 (265,062,876 Lek)** has been awarded through **42 grants** to 21 local NGOs and 2 country programs of international NGOs in Albania in the first second and third phases of the CAAHT grants program. Brief descriptions of each of these projects may be found on the pages that follow.

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Background

To stem the risk and incidence of trafficking, and to support national and local level anti-trafficking efforts, USAID is implementing *The Albanian Initiative: Coordinated Action Against Human Trafficking (CAAHT)*, a 3-year program in Albania to strengthen the capacity and participation of civil society by:

- Improving programs that decrease trafficking in children and women (prevention); and
- Improving services which assist and reintegrate victims of trafficking into their communities of origin, and reduce re-trafficking (assistance and reintegration).

The CAAHT Grant program is a major contribution to building civil society capacity to prevent trafficking of human beings in Albania and provide more effective assistance and reintegration services for the women and children who are its victims. CAAHT Grants are awarded to Albanian NGOs, locally registered international NGOs, and Private Voluntary Organizations. Priority was given to projects that expand the geographic coverage of anti-trafficking programs especially to underserved rural areas. A total of 2.1 million USD was awarded to ensure that better anti-trafficking services span the entire country.

CAAHT Grantees Phase 1

Project Title: *Expanding and Consolidating Reintegration Assistance to Former Victims of Trafficking in Albania*

Location(s): Nationwide

Duration: 1 February 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: Different & Equal (D&E)

Building on 4 years of professional experience in shelter and reintegration services to victims of trafficking, this award enables the recently established national NGO, *Different and Equal*, to become an independent and locally managed program. D&E provides direct reintegration services to victims of trafficking. D&E's 'hands on' reintegration, residential, and outreach services enable young women who have suffered the devastating consequences of trafficking to recover their sense of dignity and re-establish normal, happy lives.

Project Title: *Higher Education Training of Psychosocial Professionals for Services on Public Awareness, Prevention of Trafficking and Reintegration of Victims throughout Albania*

Location(s): Nationwide

Duration: 1 March 2005 to 28 February 2006

NGO: Albanian Institute of Social and Psychological Studies

Using the expertise of faculty from the University of Tirana as well as governmental and NGO experts in anti-trafficking and social services, this project is developing a social work and psychology curriculum specific to anti-trafficking. It will also develop standards for professional qualification for these services. The curriculum will be tested in an initial summer higher education training program for psychosocial service providers, employees and volunteers working in anti-trafficking and victim services.

Project Title: *Trafficking Prevention Program in Rural Areas*

Location(s): Lezha, Rreshen, Lushnje, Perrenjas and Devoll

Duration: 1 March 2005 to 31 December 2005

NGO: Institute of Gender Applied Policies

Young women in under-served rural areas are disproportionately vulnerable to trafficking. This program is educating women about the phenomena of trafficking in order to protect themselves against trafficking and sexual exploitation. The project uses an innovative house-to-house information campaign, disseminating information on possibilities for legal migration, providing age appropriate information on sexual relationships, gender sensitivity, and life skills. Other project activities include awareness-raising in schools and communities.

Project Title: *Establishing an Effective Network of Good Practice to Counter Trafficking of Human Beings in Albania*

Location(s): Durrësi

Duration: 1 March 2005 to 28 February 2006

NGO: International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)

The port city of Durrësi and its surrounding communities are particularly vulnerable to trafficking due to the proximity to the Adriatic Sea and the economic and social pressures of substantial internal migration to this area. This project is establishing a comprehensive and coordinated community based system of anti-trafficking programs and services in the prefecture. Key structures are being identified within the local authorities (e.g. the Directories of Social Services, Education, Health and Police) which are best positioned to serve victims of trafficking, in cooperation with local civil society organizations. ICMC is developing the

capacities of these governmental and civil society institutions to prevent trafficking and to address the needs of victims returning to their communities. Capacity building efforts are focused on the need for prevention, providing proper protection, assisting in victims' return and re-integration, and coordination of services within the Durrësi district and with other regions of Albania. The project is serving as a pilot for emerging anti-trafficking working groups in other prefectures/*qarkus* of the country.

Project Title: *Proposals of Prevention and Social Rehabilitation for Children At-risk or Victims of Trafficking in the Region of Elbasani*

Location(s): Elbasani and Gramshi

Duration: 1 May 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: Another Vision

This project has two main foci: one on the social rehabilitation and integration of minors who have been trafficked and another on the reduction of trafficking through the provision of social services to at-risk and vulnerable groups. It builds on the organization's successful work with school drop-outs using non-formal basic education. Project services include residential centers, shelters and secure apartments in the district of Elbasani. CEFA-Albania (the European Committee on Formation and Agriculture) is partnering with Another Vision to extend these services and programs to the underserved region of Gramshi.

CAAHT Grantees Phase 2

Project Title: *Workshops on Education Against Trafficking With Roma Young Women, Girls and Children in Tirana Suburbs*

Location(s): Tirana suburbs

Duration: 1 May 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: Young Women's Christian Association of Albania (YWCA)

Over the past several years, the YWCA has built a strong relationship with residents and leaders in the suburban areas of Tirana where the Roma community has the biggest concentration (e.g. Allias, Yzberisht, Rrapi i Treshit, Lagjia 10 and Breg-Lumas). Working with local community leaders and NGOs, this project is raising awareness and updating women, girls and children of these communities about trafficking in human beings. The trainings educate the women and girls about the dangers and mechanisms of trafficking, improve their self-esteem, and help them develop personal skills by which they may protect themselves and their children.

Project Title: *Improvement in the Level of Reporting of Human Beings Trafficked, from the Journalists Who Work for the Local and National Media in South Albania*

Location(s): Gjirokastra, Përmeti, Tepelena, Delvina and Saranda

Duration: 1 June 2005 to 28 February 2006

NGO: Regional Association 'Professional Journalists', Gjirokastra

The project is training journalists in Southern Albania about professional media ethics, standards and good practices for reporting stories related to trafficking of human beings. Journalist are participating in training workshops and then are invited to practice what they have learned by contributing to monthly newspaper supplement in which the strategies of preventing and combating human trafficking will be discussed. 2,400 copies per month of this four-page newspaper supplement, titled 'Against', will be distributed nationwide.

Project Title: *Child-Friendly Referral Mechanisms and Legal Psychological Assistance for Children in Need*
Location(s): Tirana, Elbasani, Durrësi, Kruja, Korça, Bilishti, Pogradeci; Shkodra, Malësia e Madhe and Lezha
Duration: 1 June 2005 to 31 July 2006
NGO: Center for Integrated Legal Services and Practices (Legal Clinic for Minors)

Through this project, this experienced juvenile justice agency is providing urgently needed legal and psychological assistance to children at risk of trafficking and who have already become victims. Services include psychological support during questioning by the police, legal representation for court proceedings, assistance to the family to ensure legal birth registration and guardianship, and cooperation with other governmental and civil society service providers to promote comprehensive protection of the child. The LCM project is also providing specialized training to police and CAAHT stakeholders about the legal framework concerning trafficking of children, children's rights, psychological support to children, and child friendly interviewing techniques, etc.

Project Title: *Awareness Campaign Among Young People, Girls and Women About the Risk of Trafficking in Human Beings and Further Reintegration of Trafficked Victims*
Location(s): Vlora, Fieri including the areas of Roskoveci, Patosi, Novosela and Levani
Duration: 1 June 2005 to 31 July 2006
NGO: "Vatra" Psycho-Social Center

This project will extend the prevention and awareness raising programs of this leading anti-trafficking agency to new target areas. The project will sensitize youth, girls, women and the community in general, about the risks of trafficking in human beings and educate them about ways to protect themselves through targeted information dissemination. Activities will include training sessions to youth and women, seminars with community participation, radio talks, leaflet distribution, newsletters, interviewing, counseling, judicial assistance, health assistance, etc. Vatra will also supplement its current shelter and reintegration services for trafficked girls and women, with interviewing and counseling sessions aimed at identifying those who can further reintegrate and providing them with new opportunities for their growth and development. Clients will be offered vocational training (tailoring, hairdressing courses) to prepare them to run small businesses. Social workers will work with the families of the victims to support reintegration and help prevent them being recycled into further trafficking.

Project Title: *Raising Awareness through Producing a Series of Radio Episodes on the First Ever Social Educative Radio Soap Opera "Rruga Me Pisha" on Trafficking Issues*
Location(s): Nationwide
Duration: 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006
NGO: Rruga Me Pisha Foundation

This creative educational radio soap opera will present 204 series, 15-minute episodes over 12 months focused on trafficking stories and anti-trafficking messages. Through this program, the project will raise nationwide public awareness in order to improve human rights for the most disadvantaged people generally affected by trafficking in human beings and the target groups directly affected by trafficking in human beings. The soap opera episodes will be aired three times and rebroadcast four times per week on Radio Tirana.

Project Title: *Together Step by Step*
Location(s): Fieri
Duration: 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006
NGO: Murialdo Social Center

Through street and family outreach, this project is identifying minors especially vulnerable to trafficking because they live in situations of economic hardship and social marginalization, particularly minors of the Roma community. Through individual counseling support and participation in school or vocational training (depending on the age and previous education of the minor) the project gives these children new perspectives on their situation that helps them strengthen their bonds with their families and the society at large. Activities in groups will help them to integrate themselves at school, acquire vocational skills, work more efficiently and develop personal skills that help them protect themselves from being trafficked.

Project Title: *Trafficking in the Northeast Albania – A Rapid Qualitative Assessment*
Location(s): Tropoja, Kukësi, Has and Dibra
Duration: 20 June to 14 August 2005
NGO: Christian Children's Fund Albania

Christian Children's Fund Albania is conducting a rapid qualitative assessment to capture, document, analyze, and report on the phenomenon of trafficking of children and young women in the northeast Albanian districts of Tropoja, Kukësi, Has and Dibra. The assessment will provide a better understanding of the presence of the phenomenon of trafficking *vis a vis* smuggling or voluntary migration. Data from the survey will assist anti-trafficking actors to know what trafficking entails for child and community development and enable them to design programs to help create communities that do not tolerate trafficking and establish mechanisms to integrate marginalized children and youth to protect them from becoming victims of trafficking.

CAAHT Grantees Phase 3

Project Title: *To increase the institutional capacity of CAAHT grantees in order to ensure that the purpose of CAAHT funding is achieved responsively and successfully*
Location(s): Dibra, Kukësi, Shkodra, Berati, Gjirokastra and Korça
Duration: 1 September 2005 to 30 June 2006
NGO: Albanian National Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center (ANTTARC)

The implementation of this project is contributing to realizing the greater potential of Albania's energetic NGOs. This 10-month program will enhance the organizational capacity of 20 CAAHT grantees to successfully meet CAAHT funding requirements. The capacity building program will result in stronger institutional capacity and, therefore, enhanced sustainability of participant NGOs. ANTTARC will work to: strengthen participant organizations' capacity relating to organizational management including establishment and implementation of internal operating systems that increase organizational effectiveness and efficiency as well as transparency and ethical institutional behaviour; increase participant organizations' leadership and management capacity; develop and implement systems for financial oversight, reporting and documentation for both internal purposes and to meet donor requirements; increase the capacity of NGO staff to plan, design, implement, and monitor projects; establish systems for program oversight, impact and results measurement and the reporting and documentation for both internal purposes and to meet donor requirements; and increase NGO advocacy and lobbying skills to influence public policy at both local and national level.

Project Title: *Building the Capacities of Anti-trafficking Local Networks (on Reconciliation and Mediation)*
Location(s): Dibra, Shkodra, Berati, Kukësi, Gjirokastra, Korça
Duration: 1 October 2005 to 31 July 2006
NGO: Albanian Foundation for Conflict Resolution, AFCR (Tirana Office)

AFCR is conducting a project to increase capacities on conflict resolution, reconciliation and mediation for: civil society organizations and local government institutions involved in anti-trafficking networks in different (northern, eastern, and southern) geographical axis (Dibber, Shkodra, Berati, Kukësi, Gjirokastra, Korça); like civil society organizations; anti-trafficking police; educational directories; municipality representatives; and governmental social services. Moreover, AFCR local offices will deal concretely with mediation of existing conflict cases, especially with a focus on mediation between victim and family. This project will serve three major aims. Firstly, it will increase the capacity of these structures to deal better with conflict cases between family and victims of trafficking. Secondly, it will increase the training capacities of the involved actors by creating a sustainable structure. And thirdly, it will offer reconciliation and mediation for concrete cases between victim and family or other parties. The most important step towards reintegration in the society is the reconciliation with the family and being accepted and not stigmatized. This process will in the long run decrease the stigma towards the victims and will make the society more open to acceptance of such human suffering.

Project Title: *The Traffic Kills the Future* (project closed 28 February 2006)
Location(s): Shkodra
Duration: 1 October 2005 to 31 July 2006
NGO: All the Children Have the Same Human Value

This project deals with the prevention of trafficking in human beings, mainly children and women. The main mechanism of this project will rely on the existing community centers which will offer specialized services. These two centers exist in the Iliria quarter of Shkodra, which is the poorest neighborhood in town, and most of its population is Roma. Poverty, school drop out rates, low levels of education, accompanied by a low level of awareness of the respective communities are more evident in this neighborhood than in other neighborhoods and in other areas of Northern Albania... The centers will be open all week long and will have two subdivisions: part of the facilities will be equipped and used for children that have dropped out of school, and the rest for women in need which form the group of women at risk of being trafficked. Basic services for children who have dropped out of school will consist of activities aimed at helping them fill in education gaps and ultimately returning them to their respective schools. Services for women at risk will link their ability to gain a skill (in the specific case their theoretical/practical knowledge on tailoring and culinary arts) with awareness-raising and improvement of their educational and hygiene and sanitary levels. The project intends to include 100 children and 30 women in each center.

Project Title: *Stop Child Trafficking in Pogradeci Area*
Location(s): Pogradeci Municipality, Communes of Buçimasi, Hudenishti, Çërrava, Trebinja and Proptishti
Duration: 1 October 2005 – 31 July 2006
NGO: Intellectual Women of Pogradeci (IWP)

This project is a joint effort of three active non-profit organizations in the district of Pogradeci [Intellectual Women of Pogradeci (IWP) [lead agency]; Association of Orphan Children (AOC); Parents in Support of Children's Education (PSCE)], in cooperation with the local government, for the prevention of the phenomenon of the trafficking of children and for the reintegration of children that have gone through this experience due to economic or social reasons. Some of the activities that will be implemented include: rapid assessment of the situation on the ground and accurate and complete identification of all cases of trafficked children or children at risk

with the purpose of involving this group in the project; development of individual files for each case with regular data, including: the civil status, economic status, and specific problem of each individual, physical situation, psycho-social situation, negative/positive trends, special characteristics; in cooperation with the local government, awareness campaigns will be organized at community level; activities focusing on raising the level of public awareness will be organized in all the areas covered by the project, with specific objectives for each area; treatment with learning and didactical tools will be provided to children with economic difficulties, thus enabling their regular school attendance; Services for children that have dropped out of school or who attempt to drop out of school; etc.

Project Title: *Step by Step*

Location(s): Puka Municipality and 5 communes

Duration: 1 October 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: In Help of Northern Woman of Puka

This project will increase the information level of groups most vulnerable to being trafficked while creating opportunities to improve their social status, and incite them to integrate their lives in the social life. Some of the activities include: awareness raising activities, tailoring course, computer course, continuous contacts between the girls who have abandoned school and their friends who continue the school: visiting them in their houses; inviting them to special sessions at schools to keep them conscious of the importance of attending school.

Project Title: *"Say No to Trafficking"*

Location(s): Shkodra, Puka, Malësi e Madhe

Duration: 1 October 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: Women in Development Shkodra

This project aims to stimulate local institutions, society, and politics, through thought-provoking and stimulating debate to increase awareness, educate and systemize the prevention and denouncement of human trafficking in Shkodra, Puka and Malësi e Madhe. The NGO will assure the extension of the current interventions in the rural areas where there is a lack of interventions and a potential risk to the trafficking phenomenon. This project will help in local capacity building towards efforts against human being trafficking. Staff will help build awareness in rural areas for a responsible and committed society in respecting and protecting the rights of the individual as a way to help in the prevention of violence and trafficking contributing in this way in a total mobilization against these phenomena that incriminate the entire society. Some of activities will include: Public awareness through electronic and written media, leaflets and posters; preparation of the module for the trainers training on anti-trafficking; conducting the TOT, community based discussions and public awareness campaigns performed by the trained persons in the seminar; organization of round tables; etc.

Project Title: *Addressing migration of unaccompanied minors through local stakeholders' initiatives*

Location(s): Kukësi, Has Dibra, Tropoja

Duration: 1 November 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: Christian Children's Fund Albania

CCF Albania will address child trafficking through an initiative that actively engages local communities, local government, border police and schools in building an environment that does not tolerate trafficking in children. This will be achieved through undertaking four major tasks. The first task will consist in a community mapping initiative that will determine the level of understanding of risks involved with migration of unaccompanied minors and tap into possible solutions to tackle this problem. The results of this community mapping will shape important messages regarding vulnerabilities that migration without parents creates for children. The

second task will focus on community education. Workshops will be conducted with local stakeholders. Messages coming out of these workshops will be featured in the national printed and electronic media. The third task will concentrate on institutional collaboration and outreach. Schools, social administrators, border police and civil society will work on devising a local system that tracks children who drop out of school, leave the community unaccompanied or are exposed to other abuses such as abandonment or blood feuds. This system will also develop a strategy for community response when such cases are reported. The fourth task will focus on sharing the experience gained throughout the project with central and local government, partners, and other local key stakeholders. The final goal of this step is to compile best practices that can be used in other communities elsewhere in the north and northeast areas or in other areas in Albania.

Project Title: *Empowerment of Community Responses to Trafficking in the Remotest Areas of Kukësi, Has and Tropoja in Northeast Albania*

Location(s): Kukësi, Has, Tropoja

Duration: 1 November 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: Viktimat e Minave dhe Armeve (VMA-Kukësi)

This project will build on follow up activities to train and empower local structures (i.e. front line workers: police, teachers, health workers, social administrators, etc) to improve and fully take over themselves the provision of social services regarding trafficking issues. VMA Kukësi will work closely with government officials on how to: get them to provide social services; teach them how to provide social services to their communities; and to help local social Administrators to take up their responsibilities. They will be assisted to learn the techniques and methodology of detection/tracking in doing their job. To achieve this, a series of trainings will be conducted with local authorities within the frame work of National Strategy for Social Services. Local structures will be closely assisted and trained to design job description and terms of reference of social administrators of targeted communes in cooperation with the Department of National Social Services of Kukësi. Expertise of CAAHT and other partners and projects will be used. Other trainers will be identified. Different specialists according to subjects will be involved. A coordination Steering Committee and networking between targeted communes will be established based on the example of Municipality. A Referral mechanism for all communes will be established to help communal social administrators address the issues of trafficking in an effective manner. Based on National Action Plan, a Local Action plan will be developed for each targeted commune.

Project Title: *Prevention of the phenomena of human trafficking, assistance and reintegration of the victims through the Multifunctional Receiving Center in the Prefecture of Gjirokastra*

Location(s): Gjirokastra

Duration: 1 October 2005 to 31 July 2006

NGO: Community Center of Gjirokastra

The project will be implementing vocational training courses for tailoring and embroidery, prevention activities and the transit shelter. This project will create accommodation conditions for the girls and women deported from the border points. Structures of the anti-trafficking police in the Prefecture of Gjirokastra have evidenced and expressed the great need for support to the victims deported from the border points from the moment they were deported up to they transfer to their shelters of Vlorë or Tirana. The center temporarily accommodates girls and women referred by the "VATRA" and "D&E" shelters and the National Receiving Center in Tirana, and inhabitants of the Prefecture of Gjirokastra who do not need to prolong their stay in a high security shelter, up to the completion of the negotiations and accommodation in their families.

Project Title: Together for the Human Dignity
Location(s): Korça municipality
Duration: 1 October 2005 to 31 July 2006
NGO: "Dorcas Aid International" Albania

The project will be implemented by four NGO's. Dorcas Aid International Albania (the lead agency working since 1999 amongst the gypsy community), "Tabita", Humanitarian Foundation "Ndihmë Për Fëmijët" (NPF means Help the Children) and the foundation "Emanuel". The activities of this project include: identification of families or members of families at risk of being trafficked. Referrals will be taken from the "Legal Clinic of Minors", Anti-traffic police department and City Council. Support for vocational education for 125 families from this community will be offered, and vocational training for 25 persons and education for 100 children. Also offered is direct economic and social counselling support to 100 families as well as support in supplying food and clothes.

Project Title: Awareness Raising for the Prevention of Human Trafficking and Trafficking of Women and Girls in the region of Berati
Location(s): Berati
Duration: 1 February 2006 to 31 July 2006
NGO: Protection of Urban and Rural Women-Berati

During the implementation of this project, girls and boys of secondary and high schools of the Berati prefecture will be informed on socio-economic causes and consequences of trafficking. An awareness raising campaign related to trafficking problems will be conducted for teachers, psychologists, girls, boys, association members, and families in difficult conditions, to increase their knowledge about this issue.

Project Title: *Accommodation, rehabilitation and reintegration shelter for trafficked and at risk girls and women.*
Location(s): Vlora
Duration: 1 April 2006 to 31 July 2006
NGO: "Vatra" Psycho-Social Center

CAAHT co-funding the "Vatra" Psycho-social Center with the Swedish NGO *Kvinna til Kvinna* to ensure the continuity of the assistance and reintegration services provided by the "Vatra" shelter. The purpose of Vatra's shelter and reintegration assistance is to reduce the number of girls and women involved in human trafficking in general and increase the number of victims of trafficking being reintegrated to their places of origin.

CAAHT Grantees Phase 4

Project Title: *Providing and sustaining reintegration assistance to former Albanian victims of trafficking*
Location(s): Nationwide
Duration: 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008; cost extension granted to 30 April 2009
NGO: **Different and Equal (D&E)**

After providing the first support that enabled Different and Equal to become an independent, locally managed NGO in early 2005, the CAAHT program is continuing to support D&E to provide standardized and sustained shelter and reintegration services to Albanian victims of trafficking, and contribute to the full implementation of the National Strategy on Trafficking in Albania. Serving a wide range of female Albanian victims of trafficking, including single mothers and their children, D&E enables these women and girls to recover from the severe abuses they

have suffered and secure happier, healthier futures. In addition to shelter accommodation, services include: medical, legal and psychological support; basic or continuing education; vocational training; and employment placement. This project is co-funded by CAAHT and Unicef.

Project Title: *Accommodating, rehabilitating and reintegrating shelter for trafficked girls and women, violated and clandestine, and those at risk of human being trafficking*

Location(s): Nationwide

Duration: 1 May 2007 to 31 March 2008; cost extension granted to 28 February 2009

NGO: **Vatra Psycho-social Center**

VATRA provides accommodation and support to at-risk, vulnerable clandestine, and trafficked women and girls for average periods of six months to one and a half years. The shelter offers a safe and friendly surrounding where the women and girls are able to recover from their traumas and restore themselves to normal life. The shelter staff works with each beneficiary to develop an individualized program of services and activities to maximize the success of their long-term reintegration to home, family and community. Available services include: accommodation; individual, group and family psycho-emotional counseling; legal aid; medical assistance; professional preparation and employment; and family mediation. The reintegration process is sometimes furthered through transition housing in rental apartments, where beneficiaries live with the support of VATRA staff. This project is co-funded by CAAHT and Kvinna til Kvinna, Norwegian Church Aid, and the Sigrid Rausing Trust from Britain.

Project Title: *Rehabilitation and social integration of minors, who have experienced trafficking and prevention of this phenomena through offering social services in Elbasan Prefecture*

Location(s): Nationwide

Duration: 1 May 2007 to 30 April 2008; cost extension granted to 30 April 2009

NGO: **Another Vision**

Through this project, Another Vision will continue and expand recovery services and social integration of minors who have been trafficked or are at-risk. Increased prevention assistance to at-risk children and their families will be provided in cooperation with the office of social services in Elbasan Prefecture. Project activities will include: staff supervision and professional development for social service providers who work with at-risk and trafficked minors; a residential community shelter for at-risk and trafficked minors; and reinforcement of coordination for joint anti-trafficking actions at the local and national levels to increase social support for trafficking victims. This project is co-funded by CAAHT and CEFA.

Project Title: *Hosting and facilitation of the trafficking victims in the hosting center "Life and Hope" in Gjirokastra*

Location(s): Nationwide

Duration: 1 July 2007 to 29 February 2008

NGO: **Gjirokastra Community Center**

This project builds on the initial CAAHT program investment that enabled the Gjirokastra Community Center to establish the "Life and Hope" transit shelter in October 2005. The shelter provides initial support services to suspected victims of trafficking, primarily returned from Greece through the Kakavije and Tre Urat border points. This program is implemented in close cooperation with local police and other government offices as well as other shelter and social service agencies, governmental and non-governmental, throughout Albania. The project is co-funded by CAAHT, Swiss Development Cooperation and contributions from the Gjirokastra business community.

Project Title: *Empowerment of Roma & Balkan-Egyptian women & children by educating them against trafficking as well as equipping them with work skills in Tirana Suburbs*
Location(s): Tirana
Duration: 1 July 2007 to 31 March 2008
NGO: **Young Women Christian Association of Albania**

Building on the experiences of their initial CAAHT-supported program, this project continues the anti-trafficking education work of YWCA Albania with women, children, and men from Roma and Balkan-Egyptian communities in Tirana. Anti-trafficking awareness-raising activities for women and their children will be held at the YWCA center. In addition, prevention services will be offered through professional training courses that equip adolescent and adult women to reduce their vulnerability by improving their economic status. The program is co-funded by CAAHT and YWCA Albania.

Project Title: *Trafficking prevention program in rural areas of Milot and Fushe-Kruje*
Location(s): Milot and Fushe-Kruje
Duration: 20 June 2007 to 20 February 2008
NGO: **Institute of Gender Applied Policies**

In 2005, CAAHT supported IGAP to implement a new and innovative rural house-to-house anti-trafficking awareness-raising work program in several vulnerable areas of Albania. With new funding from CAAHT, IGAP will use these successful techniques to educate at-risk girls and young women in the rural areas of Milot and Fushe-Kruje to protect themselves from trafficking and sexual exploitation. Project activities will include house-to-house information campaigns, school-based awareness campaigns, and development of local anti-trafficking networks to help sustain and expand community capacities to combat trafficking of women and children. The program is co-funded by CAAHT and IGAP.

Project Title: *Strengthening the communication networks for the prevention of trafficking and employment of women and girls in the prefecture of Berat.*
Location(s): Berat
Duration: 1 July 2007 to 31 March 2008
NGO: **Protection of Urban and Rural Women of Berat**

In 2005 and 2006, CAAHT supported this women's NGO to conduct community and school-based awareness-raising activities in Berat, Kuçove and nearby communes. This project will continue and expand these successful activities, especially linking awareness raising for girls and women with vocational training and job placements. Additionally, staff from the NGO will cooperate with the Regional Anti-trafficking Committee to strengthen the communication among governmental structures, community, civil society and business to promote sustainable, community-based awareness and prevention programming to reduce the vulnerability of women and girls with high risk of trafficking in the prefecture of Berat. The program is co-funded by CAAHT and Protection of Urban and Rural Women of Berat.

Project Title: *Continuing on Together.*
Location(s): Fieri
Duration: 1 August 2007 to 31 May 2008
NGO: **Murialdo Social Center**

This second CAAHT grant to Murialdo will help expand its services to vulnerable women and children in the Fieri area. The goal is to distance them from the dangers of trafficking, exploitation, and their mistreatment by combining professional formative programs with cultural and sport activities. This combination of interventions has been developed through the more than 10 years of experience of the Center serving vulnerable communities through formal

education, sports activities and counseling outreach to children and their families. CAAHT funding will strengthen the Murialdo's professional vocational center, where adolescents and young adults acquire skills that enable them to find employment in the nearby community. During the project, Murialdo will also emphasize coordination of work education with schools and other institutions in Fier to increase the capacity of education institutions in Fier to conduct anti-trafficking awareness raising as well as identify and assist vulnerable children. This project is co-funded by CAAHT and Murialdo Social Center.

Project Title: *Be protected by learning about trafficking*
Location(s): Dibra
Duration: 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2008
NGO: **Agritra Vision**

For several years now, Agritra Vision has been conducting successful outreach to rural women in Dibra to enable them to develop income generation capacities and strengthen their knowledge and self-confidence in areas of family relations and women's rights. Thanks to this first-time grant from CAAHT, Agritra Vision will incorporate the new element of anti-trafficking awareness raising and trafficking prevention to its rural-focused outreach to impoverished and vulnerable girls and women. Community coordinators in selected communes will gather women from their communities for discussion and mutual support. Their contact through Agritra Vision will enable them to create a network of women leaders who can cooperate with local actors to work for the reduction of trafficking in their local communities. The project is co-funded by CAAHT and Agritra Vision.

Project Title: *Integrated services for children prevent and protect them from trafficking*
Location(s): Pogradeci
Duration: 1 July 2007 to 31 May 2008
NGO: **Intellectual Women of Pogradeci**

Building on the knowledge and experience gained through their CAAHT-funded project in 2005-06, IWP will expand its assistance to vulnerable children in the municipality and surrounding communes of Pogradec. With special emphasis on assisting street children, the project will offer education and play activities that help improve their behavior and their attitude towards themselves, their classmates, their family members, and school. The project will be implemented in close cooperation with the Child Protection Unit of the municipality of Pogradec. The project is co-funded by CAAHT and Intellectual Women of Pogradeci.

Project Title: *Action against human trafficking in Kuçove*
Location(s): Kuçove
Duration: 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2008
NGO: **Women with a Development Focus**

As a new partner with the CAAHT program, WDF will expand build on its program experience in gender awareness and skills building for women and girls in Kuçove and nearby communes. Through school-based awareness-raising, and women's groups, boys, girls and women in the Kuçove area will gain a greater knowledge of the phenomenon of trafficking persons and discover ways they can better protect themselves, their families, and their friends. Vocational training and professional skills development will be provided to vulnerable girls and women. The project is co-funded by CAAHT and Women with a Development Focus.

Project Title: *Say NO to trafficking*
Location(s): Shkoder, Puke, Malesi e Madhe
Duration: 1 August 2007 to 30 April 2008
NGO: **Women in Development**

This second grant from CAAHT will enable WID to extend its successful awareness raising and training of trainers to new communes surrounding the municipalities of Puke, Shkoder and Malesi e Madhe. The project will increase the ability of the leaders and citizens of these impoverished and isolated communes to stop trafficking of children and women in their communities. The project is co-funded by CAAHT and Women in Development.

Project Title: *The Office for Girl's and Women's Protection, Municipality of Puka.*
Location(s): Puka
Duration: 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2008
NGO: **In Help of Northern Women of Puka**

Thanks to CAAHT funding in 2005-06, "Puka Women" established successful anti-trafficking outreach and prevention assistance for children and women in Puka and nearby communes. This second CAAHT grant will enable this NGO to begin cooperating with the social services office of the municipality of Puka to establish a Municipality of Puka Office for the Protection of Women and Girls. The office will serve vulnerable women and girls through direct outreach and service coordination as well as a hotline for advice and emergency interventions. School-based awareness-raising activities will also be expanded, with particular emphasis placed on training teachers at the four 9-years schools of Puka city how to incorporate anti-trafficking knowledge in their curricula. The project is co-funded by CAAHT and the Municipality of Puka.

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Project Title: *Hosting and facilitation of the trafficking victims in the hosting center "Life and Hope" in Gjirokastra*
Location(s): Nationwide
Duration: 1 June 2008 to 31 May 2009
NGO: **Gjirokastra Community Center**

This project builds on the initial CAAHT program investment that enabled the Gjirokastra Community Center to establish the "Life and Hope" transit shelter in October 2005. The shelter provides initial, short-term support to presumed victims of trafficking, primarily returned from Greece through the Kakavije and Tre Urat border points. This program is implemented in close cooperation with local police and other government offices as well as other shelter and social service agencies, governmental and non-governmental, throughout Albania. The project is co-funded by CAAHT and Vodafone Albania Foundation.

Project Title: *Say NO to trafficking*
Location(s): Shkodra, Puke, Malësi e Madhe
Duration: 1 July 2008 to 31 January 2009
NGO: **Women in Development (WID)**

This third grant from CAAHT will enable WID to extend its successful awareness raising and training of trainers to new communes surrounding the municipalities of Puke, Shkodra, and Malësi e Madhe. The project will provide anti-trafficking awareness raising and vocational training for vulnerable women and girls in Shkodra, Malësi e Madhe and Puka. In addition, summer camp education and recreation activities will be provided for vulnerable children from communes near Shkodra. Additional awareness raising activities will be conducted for both women and adolescent boys and girls in rural areas of the three districts of the *qarku*.

Project Title: *Increase of the coordination of the actions for the creation of the state's politics for the prevention of the trafficking and integration of the women and girls in Berati Prefecture*

Location(s): Berati

Duration: 1 September 2008 to 28 February 2009

NGO: **Protection of Urban and Rural Women of Berati**

Since 2005, the CAAHT grant program has supported this women's NGO to conduct community and school-based awareness-raising activities in Berati, Kuçove and nearby communes. The aim of the project is to increase the coordination of the actions among the state's structures, community, civil society and the business for the creation of the state's politics in the prevention of the trafficking in Berati Prefecture, in the framework of the anti-trafficking national strategy. It is a cost-shared project between CAAHT and the organization with support in-kind contribution from the municipality.

Project Title: *Be protected by learning about trafficking*

Location(s): Dibra

Duration: 1 September 2008 to 30 June 2009

NGO: **Agritra Vision**

This second CAAHT to Agritra-Vision will help expand its services to vulnerable communities. This project continues the initiatives already undertaken by this organization to strengthen the social and economic position of rural women in Dibra district. The focus of this project is anti-trafficking awareness raising with women and girls in isolated, rural communities of Dibra *qark*. The goal of the project is prevention of trafficking of the human beings through increasing the level of information of women and girls on the ways of human trafficking and what are its consequences.

Project Title: *One Challenge for Integration*

Location(s): Fieri

Duration: 1 October 2008 to 31 May 2009

NGO: **Murialdo Social Center**

This third CAAHT grant to Murialdo will help expand its services to vulnerable women and children in the Fieri area. This project is concentrated on children and adolescents from the Roma community in the Fier District who live in difficult social and economic conditions. The beneficiaries are the children who have quit school and who can't frequent lessons, children in villages who have limited opportunity for education, and Roma children who are not integrated in school. The program activities help reduce racial discrimination, and encourage social inclusion of beneficiaries through improvement of their social and economic situation. This project is co-funded by CAAHT, Murialdo Social Center and "Leonardo Murialdo Foundation".