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## Doors Open Day at the Rehabilitation Center "OSORȚ"

The Rehabilitation and Counseling Center for children and youth with mental and physical developmental disabilities "OSORȚ" held a Doors Open Day event on 31 May 2011.

As the agency *Новый Регион* reported, the event featured representatives of local administration as well as of civil society organizations from Transnistria and from the right side of the Nistru.

Presently the Center is being regularly attended by at least 50 beneficiaries, ages ranging from 18 months to 25 years, children and youths who haven't attended any other child care institution in the past.

"All our children suffer from different neuropsychological developmental disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, mental retardation, epilepsy, schizophrenia, central nervous system disorders, autism and other conditions", says the Center's director Ludmila Borodina.

The Center provides services which include early intervention, social pedagogy, career education, a correction department and an elementary school.

"For each child who turns to us for help, our experts develop an individual rehabilitation program based on a diagnosis of mental and physical capacities. The program includes a thorough and step-by-step set of sessions, social and educational services", says Ludmila Borodina. The Center works 6 days a week, with sessions lasting 30-35 minutes.

In the second half of the day, the Center offers to its beneficiaries exercises of therapeutic gymnastics, massage sessions, extracurricular classes and many other occupations.

Ludmila Borodina says one of the key goals of the Center is to help not only the children but also the families of these children with special needs. "This includes assistance for family and relatives in three important ways: socially, pedagogically and psychologically", said she.

During the event, discussions focused on the projects successfully implemented by the organizations as well as future plans, including the initiative to help other similar organizations held such events in order to facilitate cooperation.

At the Doors Open Day, the beneficiaries gave a concert for the visitors to the Center. Furthermore, the premiere of a play featuring children with special needs is planned for the International Children's Day on June 1.

The Rehabilitation and Counseling Center for children and youth with mental and physical developmental disabilities "OSORȚ" was founded in September 2001 by the Tiraspol Association of Families with Disabled Children, with financial support from European organizations and with the assistance of the Chisinau-based organization ACASA.

## Situation in Corjova remains to be tense

"Promo-LEX" is concerned about the situation in the Security Zone, where there are continuing violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

On 31 May 2011, a Gymnasium from Corjova, Dubasari district was surrounded by representatives of paramilitary structures of the Transnistrian region of Moldova, the governmental and educational institution was threatened by the paramilitary. The power conducting box was disturbed by disconnecting of the power, also singing the national anthem and flying the flag of Moldova was banned.



Corjova inhabitants continue to be harassed, persecuted and threatened by illegal structures in the region, being obstructed from exercising their constitutional rights.

Thus, to prevent opening of polling stations and voter participation in local elections of village representatives in the city, illegal structures of Dubasari made visits to the inhabitants of Corjova to force them to abandon the electoral process. Voters are threatened with losing their jobs,

with the price increase for utilities or even with death. With the missing of any guarantees for security, life and health of people in this space the inhabitants of Corjova will renounce exercising their constitutional rights.

All these incidents and problems, which have actually continued for about 20 years, highlight the inefficiency of the peacekeeping format, established in 1992 under the Moldovan-Russian Agreement of July 21, 1992.

"Promo-LEX" reminds the authorities that the constitutional rights of the inhabitants of Transnistria, guaranteed by the Constitution and international law, are not disputed or negotiable and can not serve as subjects for negotiation or political interpretation.

In connection with the abuses that continue to be committed by illegal government representatives in the region, "Promo-LEX" requires the authorities to increase efforts to identify constitutional tools to ensure to promote, respect, protection and rehabilitation of the rights of the inhabitants of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova.

## **CReDO announces call for interns in international human rights law**

Interested persons are invited to participate in a competition for internships in international human rights law.

The internships will be offered at the **Human Rights Resource Center (CReDO)** in the period of **June-July 2011** in Chisinau, Moldova .

To participate in the competition, applicants must send an e-mail until **6 June 2011** to the address **credo@credo.md** with **“Internship”** in the subject line, which should contain:

1. a resume,
2. and an answer to the question “Why do I want to participate in this training?”.

The interns will be engaged in research activities to explore international human rights standards in CIS, UN, the Council of Europe, the EU and the OSCE. The results of the research could be later used for an analysis of national and regional laws as well as of proposed legislation.

### **Research will focus on the following areas:**

- freedom of assembly standards for nongovernmental organizations, political parties and religious associations;
- human rights standards in mass media;
- standards in the field of judiciary organization.

### **Interns will be selected against the following criteria:**

- have university-level background in fields related to human rights and/or public international law;
- have a sufficient level of proficiency in English and Russian to be able to conduct research and process information in these languages;
- have access to a computer and Internet and has experience using search engines;
- have at least 3 available days a week to spend on research for the duration of the internship (June-July 2011).

**Preference** is given given to those who:

- are members of a human rights organization or have a volunteering background in a human rights organization;
- are currently students or have recently completed graduate degree or master's degree studies.

**3 candidates** will be selected to become interns.

For more information on CReDO please visit [www.credo.md](http://www.credo.md).

## Grants Program for NGOs against Discrimination

This Grants Program aims to contribute to the prevention and reduction of discrimination and to the promotion of diversity through Moldovan non-governmental organizations.

To be **eligible** to participate in this open call for proposals, applicants should be legally established non-governmental organizations in Moldova, apolitical and not-for-profit, which are actively working to advance human rights and/or have experience working with vulnerable groups. Forging of partnerships between the applicant organization and other NGOs or civil society actors interested in promoting equality and diversity is encouraged. In case of partnerships, activities and responsibilities assumed by the partner organization(s) under the project should be clearly indicated.

**Ineligible** applicants include labor union and employers' organizations, academic and scientific organizations, cultural, environmental, and sports organizations. Funding will not be provided to proposals who fall outside the objectives of this Program, those of religious nature, projects in the field of environment protection, sport events, incomplete proposals or proposals submitted by ineligible organizations. The Foundation does not support requests for humanitarian aid and projects involving scientific or technical research, does not offer grants in general support to institutions and organizations, but provides support to concrete projects. Equipment purchases are funded only when the applicant demonstrates that the requested equipment is indispensable to the project.

### **The grant proposal shall include:**

- A documented critical analysis of the situation in the intervention area;
- Goals and objectives correlated with the objectives of the Grants Project;
- Realistic and clear implementation strategy and methods that would yield benefits for a concrete group of persons;
- A coherent and clearly defined action plan that should ensure a smooth implementation of the project and its sustainability;
- Realistic results;
- An analysis of risks and risk mitigation solutions;

**The project duration** must not exceed 12 months.

**The maximum amount of the requested grant** is US\$30,000.00. There is no lower limit for the funding proposal.

The grant proposals will be evaluated against the following **main criteria**:

- The relevance of the project objectives and activities to the priorities of the Grants Program;
- The experience of the applicant organization in managing projects, including in the fields of promoting human rights or working with vulnerable groups;

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- The content of the grant proposal: a rigorous analysis of the problem, causes and effects; identification of the target group and determining of clear communication strategies for this group; the level of involvement of the the target group and of the actors interested in the project's activities; the degree of coherence, clarity and feasibility of the implementation strategy and of the action plan; the relevance and originality of the activities proposed; clear and realistic expected results; the impact of the project on the target group and project sustainability.
- Adequate human resources for the project;
- The project budget and the cost-efficiency analysis (the budget is reasonable and correlated with the project activities, includes contribution of the applicant organization or other actors).

**The application** shall include the following documents:

- The application form (available for downloading on the Soros Foundation Moldova's website [www.soros.md](http://www.soros.md));
- The budget (applicants are invited to use the budget template available at <http://www.soros.md/documents>);
- The completed Questionnaire on Grants Management Abilities (applicants should request the Questionnaire from the representatives of the Equality and Civic Engagement Program);
- The CVs/resumes of the project manager, project accountant and project implementation teams;
- The latest annual activity report indicating sources of financing and confirmed by the organization's board;
- The list of founders and the names of the organization's board members;
- The copy of the organization's registration certificate and its statute (in one copy);
- The latest audit report on the organization's activity;
- Other supporting documents that the applicant deems relevant.

**The completed application**, in Romanian, shall be submitted to the following postal address, no later than **10 June 2011, 16:00**: 32 Bulgara Street, Chisinau, MD-2001 Soros Foundation Moldova

Equality and Civic Engagement Program.

The applicant should also submit an online version of the grant proposal and of the budget to email address [elesan@soros.md](mailto:elesan@soros.md). Incomplete applications or those submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Submitted materials will not be returned, except for photographs and copies of artworks and video or audio materials.

Further details may be requested from Program Manager Elena Lesan, via email ([elesan@soros.md](mailto:elesan@soros.md)) or by phone: 270031, 274480. Upon request, appointments may be arranged with potential applicants.

## ASSISTING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (ACT) PROJECT SEVENTH PHASE (2011-2012)

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), established the *Assisting Communities Together Project* to financially support – through grants – local human rights activities carried out by non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local associations and other similar institutions.

The seventh phase of the *Assisting Communities Together Project* is focusing on supporting **human rights education projects specifically aimed at countering discrimination on any ground and with regards to any group**, in line with one of OHCHR's six thematic priorities for the 2010-2011 biennium.

The deadline for submitting the applications is 20 June 2011. The applications should be **completed in** English. The duration of the projects **shall** not exceed six months (projects may be shorter) and **end no later than 31 January 2012**. The maximum amount for each grant is US\$ 7,000.

The budget of the project shall be provided in US \$. The funds will be disbursed in two instalments (80% upon signature of the Grant Agreement and the second instalment upon approval of the final report accounting for how the grant was spent), there for the applicants are advised to plan the project activities accordingly.

The completed application form together with the Annex 2 with “**Assisting Communities Together Grants Program**” in the subject line should be submitted to the following postal address: 131, 31 August 1989 str., Chisinau, MD – 2012 or via e-mail: [tenders-moldova@undp.org](mailto:tenders-moldova@undp.org)

For any queries related to the submission of application please contact the ACT Focal Point, Nadejda Macari, via tel.: (022) 269118 or via e-mail: [nadejda.macari@undp.org](mailto:nadejda.macari@undp.org)

## Democracy Grants Program announces new competition

The Embassy of the United States of America is pleased to announce a new competition for assistance awards through the Democracy Grants Program. The U.S. Embassy invites Moldovan NGOs and independent media outlets to submit projects whose purpose is to further the development of democracy and civil society in Moldova.

The Democracy Grants Program was initiated in 1994 as a flexible mechanism to enable American Embassies to support the development of democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and the CIS. The Democracy Commission in Moldova started its activity in 1996. The Democracy Commission acts as the implementing body and includes members of most of the U.S. Government agencies active in Moldova. The Program is administered by the Public Affairs Section.

Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Decisions are based on the eligibility and quality of the grant application. Once approved by the Democracy Commission in Chisinau, the application undergoes a technical review and receives final approval by the Department of State in Washington D.C. The final review ensures compliance with program requirements and allowable expenses and accuracy of budgets.

For this competition, the U.S. Embassy welcomes projects related to the following priorities:

- Civic education
- Strengthening and promotion of civil society and democratic institutions;
- Independent media, free flow of information, freedom of speech, transparency in government and good governance;
- Public participation in decision making;
- Institutionalization of open, pluralistic, and democratic political processes at the local level.

Proposed projects should yield concrete results and should consider the following questions:

1. What is the problem and why is it important?
2. What is the solution to the problem you have identified?
3. What tools will be used to accurately measure the resolution of the problem

The program **DOES NOT** support:

Humanitarian assistance or charitable activities; political or partisan activities; scientific research; conferences and/or individual trips abroad; trade activities; projects aimed at primary institutional development of the organization;

Eligibility is limited to Moldovan not-for-profit organizations and independent mass media. Direct funding for U.S. and third-party organizations is not available under this program.



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Applicants are not required to include funding from other donors. However, applications that include additional in-kind and/or financial contributions from non-U.S. Government sources will be more competitive, since cost-sharing demonstrates a strong commitment to the planned activities and will be considered to show great cost effectiveness.

Award Period: Up to 12 months

Award Amount: Up to \$24,000 (Please check the information on the website for more information on Funding Levels)

Application Submission Process: Applicants must submit their applications electronically. Thorough instructions on the application process are available at <http://moldova.usembassy.gov/democracy-grants.html>

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted on or before Friday, November 18, 2011, 16:59 (Moldova time). Applications submitted after 16:59 will be ineligible for consideration. Begin the application process early, as this will allow time to address any technical difficulties that may arise in advance of the deadline. There will be no exceptions to this application deadline.

Additional information, requirements, standard application forms and step-by-step instructions can be found at: <http://moldova.usembassy.gov/democracy-grants.html>

Contact Information: American Resource Center, 75, Al. Mateevici str., Chisinau, Moldova, tel.: (+373 22) 85-17-06 or (+373 22) 85-17-07; fax: 85-17-20 E-mail: [moldovagrants@state.gov](mailto:moldovagrants@state.gov)

## RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR TRANSNISTRIA

**Resource and Development Center for Transnistria (RDCT)**, whose purpose is to contribute to the development and strengthening of the nongovernmental sector in the Transnistrian region of Moldova, ***supports NGOs and Initiative Groups by providing following services:***

- *Training for NGOs* on diverse topics: Organizational Development, Strategic Planning, NGO Management, Project Management, Financial Management for NGOs, Writing project proposals, Fundraising, Advocacy and Lobbying, other;
- *Individualized assistance* to NGOs and initiative groups;
- *Financial support* within Small Grants program for Transnistrian region NGOs and initiative groups;
- *Advertising information* about activity of the third sector within electronic newsletter.

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