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Development of Civil Society, Local Self-governance, Human Rights, Education, and Anti-corruption (via open-door mechanism)

- ❖ Organization: **Green Tavush NGO; Ijevan, Tavush Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-0002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,643,250**
Grant Period: **October 12, 2008- 15 July, 2009**
Title of Project: **Youth Leadership and Environmental Activism Project**

In order to raise the awareness on environmental concerns among young people of Tavush region and involve them in addressing some of the issues, Green Tavush NGO will organize and implement an environmental educational program for the young people in nine communities of Tavush region and across the country.

Through establishing groups of young environmentalists, training them on the topics of environmental protection as well as on trust building and cooperation, decision making, project design, monitoring, and organizing joint conferences, community actions, Green Tavush NGO will form a youth network and promote cooperation across communities on best environmental action practices.

According to the project fifteen training courses will be organized in nine communities of Tavush Marz. As a result of the project more than 130 youth aged 11-15 as well as community members of major villages of Tavush marz will increase their knowledge on environmental protection and increase their sense of responsibility through direct involvement in protecting and cleaning their communities.

- ❖ Organization: **Armenian International Policy Research Group; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0004**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,934,208**
Grant Period: **April 3, 2008 – June 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Global Competitiveness of the Armenian Economy and the Need for Second Generation Reforms**

To inform researchers, policymakers, the American and Armenian business communities, and members of the Armenian Government on key economic and social issues facing Armenia. The grantee will organize a conference entitled “Looking Forward: Global Competitiveness of the Armenian Economy and the Need for Second Generation Reforms” in Washington, DC with parallel videoconferencing in Yerevan, where they will present at least 15 research papers. The conference proceedings will be published in the grantee’s policy research journal, placed on the grantee’s web-site and presented to interested stakeholders and media in Yerevan. The project will contribute to discussion and debate needed to facilitate a second generation of economic and social reforms in Armenia. The conference will be hosted and co-funded by the World Bank.

- ❖ Organization: **Zinvoli Mair Republican Committee of Armenia; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0010**
Grant Amount: **AMD 9,808,000**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – 31 May, 2008**
Title of Project: **Migration and Civil Society**

The goal of the project is to provide information and legal support to potential migrants, migrants and repatriates from CIS and other countries, with a special focus on citizens of call-up age and their families. The project proposes the creation of a public Center on migration and the promotion of networking and cooperation with embassies and consular services in countries with biggest migration rates for better information exchange and provision of more effective support to beneficiaries. Project activities include

arrangement of Round table discussions with participation of representatives of state bodies, NGOs and the media, provision of short-term trainings for potential migrants, as well as publication and dissemination of a guidebook «The Migrant's Compass». A free hotline service will also be available to beneficiaries throughout the project period. As a result of the project the awareness of population and beneficiaries in particular on migration risks for countries of destination will be raised.

- ❖ Organization: **Armenian Young Women's Association; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0014**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,562,250**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **Active Young Citizen in Vayots Dzor Marz**

To promote youth activism in the Vayots Dzor Region, this project seeks to build the capacities of local youth organizations. This will be done by organizing training of the trainers' sessions, and by providing training to youth in the area of entrepreneurship, political literacy, and legal awareness on human rights. More than 225 young women and men will benefit from the services and events organized by the Armenian Young Women's Association (AYWA) for local youth organizations. In addition to capacity building of local youth organizations, a Youth Council will be established during the project, comprised of the local youth from diverse backgrounds. This Council will be the main initiative group for conducting designing and implementing youth activities in the region. As a result of the project the young representatives of youth organizations of Vayots Dzor Region will develop the capacity of their representatives. This capacity will be built in the area of entrepreneurship, elections, and human rights issues and will help local NGOs to educate local youth and make them more capable of participating in the lives of their communities.

- ❖ Organization: **Freedom of Information Center NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0023**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,114,920**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – February 29, 2008**
Title of Project: **Access to Information for the Armenian Media**

The goal of the proposed project is to promote improved access to government information for the Armenian media. In order to achieve this goal the project will conduct a comprehensive research aiming at assessing awareness of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act among Armenian media, the level of access to meetings, parliamentary sessions and election authorities. The research will also identify the challenges in implementing the FOI Law in Armenia. The applicant will hire relevant experts (5 interviewers, 2 national experts and 1 sociologist) to conduct the research and to analyze the results. As a result of the project country-specific recommendations will be developed to address government agencies and media. The project will be further publicized through public hearings with participation of major stakeholders in the field and the publication of the research report in Armenian and English languages.

As a result of the dissemination of the information gathered by the project (1) the number of journalists requesting information from state bodies should increase; (2) the positive responses from state bodies should increase; and (3) the number of refusals for information should decrease.

- ❖ Organization: **“Armauthor” Author Rights Defence NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0028**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,395,200**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – August 15, 2008**
Title of Project: **The Defense of Author Rights for the Honour of National Culture and Economy**

To increase the role and functions of intellectual property rights, copyrights and related rights in Armenia, by conducting an awareness campaign both in Yerevan and in the regions of Armenia and by strengthening the capacities of professionals in the field. The project proposes: the creation of 3 TV programs on “Copyright and related rights, intellectual property and violations”, which will be broadcasted at 3 national

TV stations (H1, Shant and Armenia); the creation of a educational TV commercial on piracy, which will be periodically aired by all national TV stations; the organization of 3 round table discussions in Yerevan on copyright issues and new technologies (the discussions will be supported Microsoft Armenia); and the organization of 7 seminars «Authors' Rights, The Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Different Fields» in the regions of Armenia (Dilijan, Gyumri, Vanadzor, Artashat, Echmiadzin, Goris and Kapan). The project will also support a 9-month certificate program on intellectual property rights for a group of 30 professionals and the publication of a textbook on «Intellectual Property Rights» for use in universities. The project will result in an increased awareness among the population of the mechanisms for the protection of intellectual property rights and of copyrights and related rights, which will promote the development of business, science, literature and the arts in Armenia.

- ❖ **Organization: Meltex Ltd.; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0040**
Grant Amount: **AMD 8,400,000**
Grant Period: **November 18, 2008 - May 18, 2009**
Title of Project: **Building alternative media and citizen's journalism in Armenia**

To provide unbiased information for the society, creating A1+'s video and sound portals, ensuring the right of citizens to have access to alternative media. By strengthening A1+'s website technically, provide visitors with all necessary video materials attached to the corresponding articles, enable them to participate in interactive polls, to use efficiently search engine, to learn the latest news from a “creeping” line and to participate in the blog discussion. By creating a sound portal of A1+ to give opportunity to everyone to learn day to day news and developments of the political, economic, social and cultural life of Armenia simply by making a telephone call. As a result of the project, a unique and impartial source of information will be created targeting large audience both with and without Internet access and will contribute to building up skills in “citizen’s journalism”.

- ❖ **Organization: ADX Ltd.; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0041**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,672,500**
Grant Period: **October 15, 2008 – August 15, 2009**
Title of Project: **Public discussion and policy analysis of migration, corruption and regional development issues of Armenia**

To increase the quality and depth of media coverage of some of the most important political issues facing Armenia: relations with Turkey, the European agenda, the fight against corruption and migration. By publishing a special series of analysis, interviews, and the results of discussion clubs, the grantee will stimulate public discussion around these issues. As a result of the project, the Armenian public will be better informed and their voice better heard on critical issues facing the country.

- ❖ **Organization: Armenian Center for Political and International Studies NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0042**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,576,500**
Grant Period: **September 22, 2008 –October 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **Armenia's Policy in Light of Russian-Georgian War and Its Consequences**

To contribute to the stakeholder understanding of recent geo-political transformations in the South Caucasus and their anticipated impact on Armenia through encouraging reflective expert consultations and discussions on the issue and elaborating a set of strategic recommendations on Armenia’s internal and external policies in this troubled regional context. The main activity of the project is a three day workshop outside of the capital city of Yerevan for a group of 30 Armenian experts and relevant international stakeholders, who will discuss anticipated regional and global developments in terms of their influence on Armenia’s short- and mid-term security. The project implementation will result in a paper comprising a set

of anticipated scenarios and related challenges that might face Armenia in the near future, and recommendations to the Government of Armenia and other stakeholders on effective and efficient ways of addressing each of those challenges.

- ❖ Organization: **Community Finance Officers Association NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0049**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,941,750**
Grant Period: **March 2, 2009- October 22, 2009**
Title of Project: **Development of the Comments to the Law on Local Self-Government of Armenia**

To increase citizens' understanding of the Law on Local Self-Government in Armenia. The grantee will present the responsibilities and functions of local self-government bodies as prescribed by the Law in a straightforward, easy to read, yet comprehensive series of three manuals. The manuals will contain comments to the Law (to be gathered through stakeholder discussions), will clarify the responsibilities of heads of municipalities and city council members, and will include information on municipal budgeting and interrelations between local and national government authorities. As a result of the project, municipalities and other stakeholders will be provided with a useful tool to sort out ambiguities in the Law and to better understand their rights and responsibilities as defined by the Law.

- ❖ Organization: **Investigative Journalists NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0051**
Grant Amount: **AMD 14,234,500**
Grant Period: **January 1, 2009- December 30, 2009**
Title of Project: **Transparent Local Self-Government - 2nd phase**

To improve governance by community councils in rural areas of Armenia. The grantee will conduct research in more than 60 communities (Lori, Kotayk, Shirak, Gegharkunik, Tavush and Syunik regions) organize seminars for regional reporters, then prepare and publish 14 online articles per month, a monthly newspaper insert, two TV programs and continuously updated content on EPF's Anti-Corruption web portal on issues related to local self-governance and the role of the public in community councils' work. The grantee will also draft mechanisms for the local government for clear reporting on their activities to the citizens in cooperation with the Ministry of Territorial Administration. They will also conduct a series of three roundtables on transparent and effective local governance with the participation of the Ministry of Territorial Administration, the National Assembly's Committee of Territorial Administration and Local Self-Government Affairs, journalists and NGOs. As a result of the project, rural residents will be better aware of community councils' activities and responsibilities, and community councils will become more transparent, and accountable to their constituents.

- ❖ Organization: **Yerevan state Linguistic University after V. Brusov; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0060**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,298,300**
Grant Period: **April 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009**
Title of Project: **Improving the “Internship” Mechanism in Armenia**

To improve mechanisms of employment through internship programs. The grantee, Yerevan State Linguistic university, will establish a model internship program. The grantee will create and maintain a database of potential placements and students interested in the program, set up summer internships for selected students, conduct workshops and trainings for employers and future interns, and organize as career trips for interns. As a result of the project a new mechanism of employing students and graduates of one of Yerevan's major universities will be introduced and better information on the job market in Armenia will be available to students.

- ❖ Organization: **“Investigative Journalists” NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-0051**
Grant Amount: **AMD 14,234,500**
Grant Period: **January 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009**
Title of Project: **Transparent Local Self-Government - 2nd phase**

The goal of the proposed project is to increase transparency of Local Government bodies in Ararat, Armavir, Kotayk, Tavush and Lori regions of the Republic. In order to achieve this goal, the Organization will recruit a group of active reporters in the five targeted regions of the Republic to produce investigative journalism materials for a monthly insert. The insert will be disseminated through one of the largest Republican dailies and will include materials on all 5 regions, as well as analysis and reviews of the general situation in the sphere. Specialized training will be provided to the involved journalists. The organization also will work in increasing the transparency of the LG bodies through conducting a series of public awareness activities including publication of annual budget reports, meetings with local population and 2 round table discussions with involvement of civil society organizations and LG representatives. During the last phase of the project a series of talk shows will be broadcasted on 5 local TV stations in the targeted regions to highlight the issues covered during the project and to draw them to the attention of the wider public. 5 Short films will also be produced to be broadcasted along with the talk shows.

As a result of the project a more transparent local government system will be established in the 5 targeted regions of the Republic.

- ❖ Organization: **Political Sciences Academic-Research Foundation**
Grant Number: **Y09-0012**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,112,550**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009**
Title of Project: **Reassessing Security in the South Caucasus: Regional Conflicts, Stability and Transformation**

To contribute to the ongoing discourse on conflict resolution and regional security in the South Caucasus through scholarly research and expert discussion. The grantee, in partnership with the Lyon Centre for International Security and Defence Studies, will bring together an expert task force to study security and conflict transformation prospects in the South Caucasus, organize an international conference in Yerevan where they will submit the research findings for discussion, as well as publish a book featuring the research findings and conference materials in English and Russian. The project will increase awareness locally and internationally of conflict resolution prospects and threats in the South Caucasus.

- ❖ Organization: **Caucasian Center of Peacemaking Enterprise NGO**
Grant Number: **Y09-0025**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,743,200**
Grant Period: **December 1, 2009 – May 25, 2010**
Title of Project: **“3rd South Caucasus Documentary Film Festival of Peace and Human Rights in Armenia”**

To broaden the debate on human rights and the peaceful settlement of conflicts through discourse with societal groups that are largely excluded from these debates, including the populations of conflict-affected areas and border regions. In cooperation with partner organizations from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno-Karabakh, the grantee contributed to the works of the regional documentary film festival showing films from around 10 different countries about conflict and human rights issues, which will be screened in Yerevan and four regions of Armenia. Film screenings were accompanied by cultural and social events facilitated by experts from throughout the South Caucasus. To enrich the impact of the festival, the grantee will organize a workshop of the South Caucasus civil society leaders to discuss the issues hindering the dialogue across conflict divides in the region. The project will contribute to increased

awareness of global trends in human rights protection and peaceful means of conflict resolution among both the civil society activists and the previously excluded communities in the South Caucasus.

- ❖ **Organization: Armenian Center for National and International Studies Foundation**
Grant Number: **Y10-0001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,154,055**
Grant Period: **February 22, 2010 – March 31, 2010**
Title of Project: **Bridges and Obstacles in Modern Region and World**

To contribute to the stakeholder understanding of recent geo-political transformations in the South Caucasus and their anticipated impact on Armenia-Turkish relations through encouraging reflective expert consultations and discussions on the issue and elaborating a set of strategic recommendations on Armenia's internal and external policies in this quickly changing regional context. The main activity of the project is a five-day workshop outside of the capital city of Yerevan for a group of 50 Armenian experts and relevant international stakeholders, who will discuss anticipated regional and global developments in terms of their influence on Armenia-Turkey rapprochement. The project implementation will result in a paper featuring a situational analysis and a set of recommendations to the Government of Armenia and other stakeholders on effective and efficient ways of addressing challenges facing Armenia-Turkey rapprochement.

- ❖ **Organization: Achilles Society for Defense of Drivers Rights NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,351,000**
Grant Period: **April 15, 2011 – October 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **New Technology for the Analysis of Motor Vehicle Collisions and Other Incidents**

To contribute to the reduced corruption in the road traffic accident investigation through introduction of a high-tech independent expertise on traffic accidents. . The grantee will purchase and operate a 3D collision and trajectory simulation tool that enables quick and accurate analysis of a wide variety of motor vehicle collisions and other incidents. Two specialists of the NGO will receive training on screening and analyzing the data produced by the PC-Crash software. Within one year of the tool operation, the grantee will issue an independent expertise on 400 to 500 traffic accident cases. The results of the project will be disseminated among the expert community and general public through media publications and a concluding stakeholder meeting. The project will create an alternative to the official Traffic Police expertise, which will reduce corruption risks related to investigation and litigation of traffic accidents.

- ❖ **Organization: “Hye Dzmer Pap” Charitable Foundation**
Grant Number: **Y11-0004**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,366,470**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **“Hye Dzmer Pap” journalists’ network, social website, online TV, radiobroadcasting, film production**

To contribute to strengthening the culture of social responsibility of the society through increased media exposure of the socially disadvantaged and marginalized households and the introduction of innovative tools for individual and corporate assistance to the poor. The grantee will establish a network of journalists and bloggers who will identify and follow-up during the project with at least eight marginalized households throughout the country. The grantee will enhance its web-site to feature individual stories of each of the identified household while making it possible to collect contributions for any of the beneficiary household via a “Donate Now” button. The grantee will produce and widely disseminate a documentary featuring the process and the results of the project. The project will establish an effective and sustainable mechanism of

support to the most disadvantaged households in Armenia, as well as will increase the visibility of and a public dialogue on the issue of extreme poverty in the country.

- ❖ Organization: **Academic Foundation of Political Sciences**
Grant Number: **Y11-0007**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,983,750**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Supporting the democracy building process in Armenia through raising transparency and accountability of state institutions in security sector**

To contribute to the transparency and accountability of the Armenian state institutions in the security area through bringing the American and Russian security and defence traditions in Armenia. The grantee will organize a large-scale conference with involvement of local stakeholders (including decision-makers and leading specialists from the field of security and political studies) and international experts from USA, EU, and Russia. Following the conference, the grantee will start developing a trilingual (Armenian-Russian-English) terminological dictionary on Strategic and Security terms and concepts as reflected in the American and Russian defence and security traditions. The grantee will ensure a broad media coverage for the conference and a wide public outreach for the upcoming dictionary. The project will result in the extrapolation of the American and Russian security traditions into the Armenian realities, as well as will further promote the democratization and transparency of the Armenian defence and security structures.

- ❖ Organization: **Journalists for Human Rights NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0008**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,859,810**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Towards public control over human rights abuses in the Armenian army**

To contribute to the protection of human rights in Armenia through increasing public awareness and public control over human rights violations in the Armenian military. The grantee will select ten regional journalists, train them in professional coverage of human rights issues, support their investigative reporting on cases of human rights violations in the military, as well as ensure media coverage of the investigated cases. In addition, the grantee will closely cooperate with the Ministry of Defense and the General Prosecutor's Office to ensure easy access of the journalists to military units and to court hearings. Through the establishment of a professional network of human rights journalists located in different regions of Armenia, the number and quality of investigative reporting on human rights violations in the military will grow significantly, which, in turn, will increase public awareness of the situation in the military, and, eventually, will strengthen the public leverage over the situation.

- ❖ Organization: **Khachmeruk Debate Club NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0009**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,362,500**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – July 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Fighting Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions**

To contribute to the improvement of higher education in Armenia through researching the phenomenon of plagiarism and devising a strategy to fight it. The grantee will conduct a qualitative research to identify the main reasons why graduate students resort to plagiarism, and will present the results of the research to major stakeholders including the Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia and the faculty and students of the major universities in Armenia. Discussions with stakeholders will help the grantee to elaborate a pilot strategy to fight against the phenomenon of plagiarism in Armenian universities. The project will result in an increased understanding by major stakeholders of the phenomenon of plagiarism, and the application of the newly elaborated anti-plagiarism strategy at one or two pilot universities.

- ❖ Organization: **Yerevan State Linguistic University**
Grant Number: **Y11-0016**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,357,000**
Grant Period: **November 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Translation Lab as a Catalyst for Modernization and Reform at YSLU**

To contribute to the modernization of the system of higher education in Armenia through a model structural reform at the Yerevan State Linguistic University. The grantee will a) establish an IT-translation center; b) propose a new curriculum for the graduate-level translation course, c) revise the methodology of eight courses to provide a stronger link between research and learning, and d) launch an internship program for the YSLU graduates. The proposed innovative educational cycle will provide a symbiotic linkage between the newly established IT-translation center and the chairs of the YSLU, which will result in a more sophisticated educational process at YSLU, a higher standards of teaching and learning at YSLU, and better employment opportunities for YSLU graduates.

- ❖ Organization: **Academic Foundation of Political Sciences**
Grant Number: **Y11-0015**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,599,400**
Grant Period: **November 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Development of appropriate mechanisms for capacity building in the field of management of innovation for the targeted institutions in the government/business sectors**

To contribute to the development of a knowledge-oriented economy in Armenia through increasing the awareness of innovation management among relevant government and private stakeholders. The grantee, Political Science Association of Armenia, will establish a research group to a) study the current state of affairs with innovation management in Armenia, b) explore the best international experience in the area; c) identify promising Armenian institutions capable of absorbing the best international practices in the management of innovation; and d) develop viable recommendations for local and international stakeholders. The project will result in an improved capacity of a number of Armenian institutions to devise innovation-based development strategies, which will increase their efficiency and sustainability.

- ❖ Organization: **Rights Information Center NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0005**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,014,055**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Improving human rights practices in Syunik region through monitoring and advocacy**

To contribute to the protection and advocacy of human rights in the Syunik region of Armenia through the mobilization of young people and boosting grassroots human rights activism in the region. The grantee will select 20-25 human rights activists in the Syunik region, and train them in monitoring and reporting on cases of human rights violations, and in spreading out information by means of social media. The most qualified trainees will have an opportunity to practice their new skills in a monitoring mission in their own communities, while the grantee will ensure media coverage of their investigative reports. The project will result in an increased number and quality of reports on human rights violations in the Syunik region, which will increase public awareness of the situation with human rights in the targeted region.

- ❖ Organization: **Armenian Book Center Cultural Union NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,383,000**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011**
Title of Project: **www.amsagir.am Cultural-critical website**

To contribute to the development of critical thinking and critical writing in Armenia through encouraging constructive public discussion on issues of cultural and social importance. The grantee will establish a web-site that will feature significant cultural events and developments in Armenia, and will invite critical comments from the readers. The web-site will be promoted through Facebook, Twitter, and other social networks. The readership of the web-site will comprise people interested in the cultural life of Armenia, as well as those who are interested in the issue of interconnection of cultural and social lives. The project will establish an interactive cultural platform, and will encourage information exchange and critical dialogue among culturally and socially active communities in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **ADX LTD**
Grant Number: **Y11-0003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,656,000**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Analysis of modernization trends in Arrmenia**

To increase public awareness of global and local trends in modernization and innovation through production and dissemination of alternative information on culturally, politically, and socially significant developments in Armenia and in the world. The grantee will establish a web-site featuring analytical material on modernization and use of innovative approaches in media and social networks, as well as on significant cultural and social events. The analytical material will be produced through researching sub-cultural youth groups and elements of traditional culture, through conducting six seminar-discussions with different groups of stakeholders, as well as through translation and publication of relevant articles on the website. The web-site will be promoted through Facebook, and other social networks. The project will result in the establishment of a unique virtual space for public discussions on social, political, and cultural issues in light of modernization and innovation, which will further encourage freedom of expression in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **Armenian Center for Contemporary Experimental Art (NPAK) Foundation**
Grant Number: **Y11-0014**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,796,060**
Grant Period: **November 15, 2011 – January 31, 2012**
Title of Project: **“MEK” project**

To contribute to the development of arts and culture in Armenia through structural decentralization and the establishment of independent art groups in the regions of Armenia. The grantee will arrange for 18 performance and art discussion workshops in six regions of Armenia to introduce the basics of modern cinema and theater art to local youth. The workshops will also elaborate on the easy-to-replicate concepts of “One Shot” International Short Film Festival and “One Square Meter” Theater Festival and their promotion into remote communities via social networks and print materials. The project will introduce performance and short film-making art to the youth from six regions of Armenia, as well as will teach the youth to exercise creativity, independence, and proactive approach in their personal and social life.

- ❖ Organization: **Internews Media Support NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-0002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 29,718,830**
Grant Period: **April 1, 2012 – February 28, 2013**
Title of Project: **Increasing the visibility of the EU in Armenia**

To foster the level of trust of the Armenian public towards the EU through increasing the visibility of the EU funded development projects in Armenia and the EU-Armenia cooperation, as well as through enhancing the visibility of EU as a partner, a donor, and a global player. The grantee will produce and broadcast a series of twelve TV talk shows covering EU-supported development projects in Armenia, as well as five PSAs featuring specific aspects of cooperation between Armenia and EU such as reform in judiciary

system, good governance, economic integration, etc. The grantee will ensure that the TV talk shows and PSAs present objective and unbiased information and reflect the values and principles of EU Delegation in Armenia. The project will increase the level of public discussions on EU-Armenia relations, and will improve public understanding of major EU developments.

Development of Organizational Capacity (DOC)

- ❖ **Organization: “Maternity Fund of Armenia” Charitable Public Organization; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-1001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,549,300**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – May 22, 2008**
Title of Project: **Developing organizational capacities of "Maternity Center of Armenia" NGO**

The goal of this project is to strengthen the organizational capacities of “Maternity Fund of Armenia” Charitable Public Organization (hereafter MFAA) for improving its organizational performance. For this purpose different structural and strategic changes are initiated to implement. Five new members will be involved in the governing bodies of the organization. MFAA will start to attract volunteers and engage them into its work. Five trainings and consultations will be held for improving professional and managerial skills of NGO staff, which will better the quality of services provided by NGO. Two researches and one environmental analysis will be conducted to identify prospects for further developments, expand services and make strategic decisions on financial self sustainability of the organization. As an outcome of this project it is expected to build a strong image for the organization all over Armenia. At the end of this project NGO also should be able to provide qualitative services not only in Yerevan but also in marzes. It is also expected to have a system in places which will continuously engage volunteers who will support to organize regular fundraising events.

- ❖ **Organization: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Gegharkunik Region of RA; Gavar, Gegharkunik Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-1002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,993,000**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – May 22, 2008**
Title of Project: **Organizational Development of Gegharkunik CCI**

The goal of this project is to strengthen the organizational capacities of Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Gegharkunik Region of RA /hereafter GCCI/for improving its organizational performance. For this purpose different activities are initiated to implement. Surveys will be organized, which aim at identifying the incentives of business companies for becoming members of GCCI. Suggestions for improving services of the Chamber will also be identified. It is initiated to intensify the members of the general assembly to engage them more closely to the Chamber’s activities and also to enlarge the number of members. Chamber will also start attracting volunteers and engaging them into its work. Trainings and consultations will be organized for improving marketing system of the organization and developing a PR strategy. It is also initiated to improve the short term planning, internal communication and team work within the organization. As an outcome of this project it is expected to build a strong image of the organization all over Armenia. At the end of this project Chamber will be able to provide new consulting and advisory services and have more members and volunteers. It is also expected to foster the development of B2B web site which will provide member organizations with an opportunity to do organize E-comers with foreign organizations and other businesses out of Gegarkunik marz.

- ❖ **Organization: Unison NGO for Support of People with Special Needs; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-1003**

Grant Amount: **AMD 2,275,552**

Grant Period: **February 1, 2008- July 18, 2008**

Title of Project: **Development of Organizational Capacities of Unison NGO**

The goal of this project is to strengthen the organizational performance of Unison NGO by improving the organization's responsiveness to the needs of its constituency; improving the operating efficiency of the organization's internal structures; and improving Unison's service delivery capacities in Yerevan and in the regions. In order to achieve these objectives, representatives of the NGO's constituency and membership will be recruited to serve on the organization's governing bodies, and the roles and responsibilities of governing bodies, management and staff will be clarified. NGO staff, management and members will participate in an assessment to clarify the needs of the organization's constituency, as well as in the development of a new strategic plan for the organization and a timeline for strategy implementation. Unison's staff will also receive training in website design and layout, which will help the organization develop a website in Armenian. The grant will also support the purchase of a computer and computer program that will give blind individuals Internet access. As a result of this project, the organizational performance of Unison NGO will be improved.

- ❖ Organization: **Dilnet service educational NGO; Dilijan, Tavush Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-1004**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,910,025**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – August 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **Organizational Development of Dilnet Service NGO**

The goal of this project is to strengthen the organizational performance of Business Promotion Center "Dilnet" by improving the organization's responsiveness to the needs of its constituency; by strengthening its internal structure, the planning and M&E systems of the organization, by improving the NGO's service delivery capacities, and by developing a marketing strategy for the organization. In order to achieve these objectives, the client NGO will conduct a need assessment of its target beneficiary population. Following the assessment, a strategic plan of the organization will be developed. The NGO will hold a general meeting to analyze the existing organizational charter and make recommendations for its improvement. New members will be selected to join the governing bodies of the organization. In order to improve the quality of the services, which "Dilnet Service" NGO delivers, the NGO will develop a mechanism for evaluating its services. As a result of this project, the organizational performance of Dilnet Service will be improved.

- ❖ Organization: **Information Systems Development and Training Center /ISDTC/; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-1005**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,381,017**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – August 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **Development of Organizational Capacities of Information Systems Development and Training Center NGO**

The goal of this project is to strengthen the organizational performance of the Information Systems Development and Training Center (hereafter ISDTC). For this purpose, a number of activities will be implemented. A need assessment will be conducted by an external consultant, and NGO staff and management will develop a strategic plan for the organization. After the strategic plan has been developed, NGO management will work to clarify the roles and responsibilities of NGO staff and management. Written policies and procedures for the organization's administrative systems, information management systems and human resource systems will be developed and staff will receive trainings in these areas. The quality of the services currently provided by ISDTC will be evaluated and new services will be launched. An external audit will be conducted in order to improve the financial management systems of the organization. The NGO will develop a marketing system and website, which will be used to promote new services.

Development of Regional Print Media

- ❖ Organization: **Sevan Newspaper Chief CJSC; Sevan, Gagharkunik Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-2003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,634,000**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 18, 2008**
Title of Project: **Improvement of financial sustainability of Sevan newspaper and development of a longterm strategy**

The goal of the proposed project is to improve the sustainability of «Sevan» Newspaper by building the professional skills of newspaper staff and the application of innovative marketing strategies. In order to achieve this goal the project will conduct pre and post-project surveys to assess the interests of local readers and the advertising needs of businesses. The grantee will also recruit relevant staff and conduct targeted trainings to enhance the professional capacities of this staff. During the course of the project the circulation of the newspaper will increase from 1,000 to 1,500 copies per issue and the frequency of the publication will increase from once a month to twice a month. Eurasia Foundation will also provide funding for the purchase and installation of equipment that will improve the quality and printing capacity of the outlet. As a result of the project, the newspaper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenues.

- ❖ Organization: **Syunats Ashkhar LLC; Kapan, Syunik Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-2008**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,007,500**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 18, 2008**
Title of Project: **Development of Syuants Erkir Newspaper**

The goal of the proposed project is improve the financial sustainability of “Syunyats Yerkir” newspaper by increasing the readership of the outlet; strengthening partnerships with peer organizations in Armenia and abroad; and increasing newspaper revenues from advertising. In order to achieve this goal the project will launch a web resource which will contain an electronic version of the newspaper, as well as materials from peer newspapers from other regions. The project will also establish partnerships with major Republican newspapers for information/material exchange. An additional issue per month will also be printed with support from the project which will increase the frequency of publication to thrice a month. As a result the newspaper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenues from advertising.

- ❖ Organization: **Kumayri-Banvor Ltd.; Gyumri, Shirak Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-2009**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,566,300**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 18, 2008**
Title of Project: **Kumayri-Banvor Newspaper Development**

The goal of the proposed project is to increase the local readership of the Kumayri-Banvor Newspaper. In order to achieve this goal the project will organize 50 public hearings on socio-economic issues with the participation of invited sociologists, lawyers, representatives of local government and non-government organizations who will respond to questions raised by community members. Following these public hearings, regular inserts will be printed in the newspaper, which cover the issues discussed, as well as recommendations for addressing these problems by the invited specialists. The hearings will be widely publicized through local TV channels. As a result of the project, the local readership of the newspaper will increase.

- ❖ Organization: **Apujanian ev Vordiner LLC; Spitak, Lori Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-2010**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,729,500**

Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – May 18, 2008**
Title of Project: **Strengthening of Lusardzak Weekly**

The goal of the proposed project is to improve the financial sustainability of “Lusardzak” Independent Weekly in the Lori Region. In order to achieve this goal the applicant will develop its retail and individual subscription system through recruitment of couriers and volunteers, design a marketing strategy, and improve the layout and content of the newspaper. In order to expand readership the applicant will create a web version of the newspaper and organize public round table discussions on different local issues. As a result of the project the newspaper will increase its circulation and advertising revenues.

- ❖ Organization: **Private Entrepreneur Epraksya Mekhakyan; Gyumri, Shirak Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-2013**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,754,870**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 18, 2008**
Title of Project: **Shrjapat newspaper strengthening program**

The goal of the proposed project is to strengthen the financial sustainability of «Shrjapat» Newspaper. In order to achieve this goal the project will launch a web resource which will contain an electronic version of the “Shrjapat” Newspaper and additional materials not included in the printed edition. The project will also support market research in order to identify the interests of the readership of the newspaper and adjust its content accordingly. A marketing strategy will be developed based on the results of the research. The applicant will also work to increase its circulation by up to 4,900 copies per issue and to expand its distribution area to smaller communities of the Shirak Region. As a result the newspaper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenues.

- ❖ Organization: **Syunik Agriculture Support Regional Center CJSC; Goris, Syunik Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-2017**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,865,250**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 18, 2008**
Title of Project: **New Technologies as a Means of Development**

The goal of the proposed project is to improve the financial sustainability of “Banugorts” Newspaper through the introduction of new technologies and the implementation of innovative marketing strategies. In order to achieve this goal the project will launch a web site which will contain an electronic version of the “Ban u Gorts” newspaper, commercials and classifieds, as well as materials from peer newspapers from other regions. The project will also support market research to identify the interests of the readership of the newspaper, and the printing of regular advertisement inserts to attract local advertisers. In addition, four regularly updated “Reader Stands” will be put in target communities in the Region and TV announcements will be broadcast to publicize the content of each upcoming issue of the newspaper. As a result the newspaper will enlarge its readership and will increase its sales and revenues.

Establishment of Migration Resource Centers

- ❖ Organization: **Resource Center of Charentsavan Charitable NGO; Charentsavan, Kotayk Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-3008**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,442,600**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **Labor Migration Program**

To improve the protection of human rights of labor migrants and returnees in Kotayk Region of Armenia, EF Armenia will provide support to “Resource Center of Charentsavan” Charitable NGO to

establish a Migration Resource Center. This center will provide public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration and assistance to returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Through the established resource center, legal consultations will be provided to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Returnees will also be provided with information on employment opportunities in Kotayk Region. In addition, the center will build the capacities of returnees in business development, and will link them with current businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship. After the completion of the project, the awareness of potential labor migrants from Kotayk Region on the risks of illegal labor migration will be increased and returnees will be more aware of the employment opportunities in Kotayk Region.

- ❖ Organization: **“Armavir Development Center” NGO; Armavir, Armavir Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-3008**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,442,600**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **Labor Migration Program**

To improve the protection of human rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Armavir Region of Armenia, EF Armenia will provide support to “Armavir Development Center” NGO to establish a Migration and Return Resource Center. This center will provide public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration and assistance to returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Through the established resource center, legal consultations will be provided to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Returnees will also be provided with information on employment opportunities in the Armavir Region. In addition, the center will build the capacities of returnees in business development, and will link them with local businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship. After the completion of the project, the awareness of potential labor migrants from the Armavir Region on the risks of illegal labor migration will be increased and returnees will be more aware of local employment opportunities.

- ❖ Organization: **Yerevak NGO; Noyemberyan, Tavush Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-3011**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,464,450**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Our labor in our hands**

To improve the protection of human rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Tavush Region of Armenia, EF Armenia will provide support to “Yerevak” NGO to establish a Migration and Return Resource Center. This center will provide public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration and assistance to returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Through the established resource center, legal consultations will be provided to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Returnees will also be provided with information on employment opportunities in the Tavush Region. In addition, the center will build the capacities of returnees in business development, and will link them with current businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship. The project will also support the establishment of a partnership with the Lipetsk Regional Union of Armenians for the purpose of improved information sharing. Most labor migrants from the Tavush Region go to Lipetsk. After the completion of the project, the awareness of potential labor migrants from the Tavush Region on the risks of illegal labor migration will be increased and returnees will be more aware of the employment opportunities in the Tavush Region. In addition, partnership between the resource center and the Lipetsk Regional Union of Armenians will be improved, which will result in a decrease of the frequency with which the human rights of labor migrants from the Tavush Region are violated.

- ❖ Organization: **Hope and Help NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-3013**

Grant Amount: **AMD 3,314,525**

Grant Period: **October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008**

Title of Project: **Promoting the Regulation of Legal Migration**

To improve the protection of human rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Lori Region of Armenia, EF Armenia will provide support to “Hope and Help” NGO to establish a Migration and Return Resource Center. This center will provide public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration and assistance to returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Through the established resource center, legal consultations will be provided to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Returnees will also be provided with information on employment opportunities in the Lori Region. In addition, the center will build the capacities of returnees in business development, and will link them with local businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship. After the completion of the project, the awareness of potential labor migrants from the Lori Region on the risks of illegal labor migration will be increased and returnees will be more aware of local employment opportunities.

❖ Organization: **Sisian Communities Union NGO; Sisian, Syunik Marz**

Grant Number: **Y08-3017**

Grant Amount: **AMD 1,291,170**

Grant Period: **February 1, 2008- June 30, 2008**

Title of Project: **The Development of Regional Center for Receiving Citizens on Migration and Repatriation Problems**

To improve the protection of human rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Syunik Region of Armenia, EF Armenia will provide support to “Sisian Communities Union” NGO to establish a Migration and Return Resource Center. This center will provide public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration and assistance to returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Through the established resource center, legal consultations will be provided to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Returnees will also be provided with information on employment opportunities in the Syunik Region. In addition, the center will build the capacities of returnees in business development, and will link them with local businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship. After the completion of the project, the awareness of potential labor migrants from the Syunik Region on the risks of illegal labor migration will be increased and returnees will be more aware of local employment opportunities.

❖ Organization: **Gorisi Yeritasardakan Miutiun Public Organization; Goris, Syunik Marz**

Grant Number: **Y08-3019**

Grant Amount: **AMD 2,655,280**

Grant Period: **February 1, 2008- August 31, 2008**

Title of Project: **Labor Migration Program**

To improve the protection of human rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Syunik Region of Armenia, EF Armenia will provide support to “Gorisi Yeritasardakan Miutiun” NGO to establish a Migration and Return Resource Center. This center will provide public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration and assistance to returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Through the established resource center, legal consultations will be provided to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Returnees will also be provided with information on employment opportunities in the Syunik Region. In addition, the center will build the capacities of returnees in business development, and will link them with local businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship. After the completion of the project, the awareness of potential labor migrants from the Syunik Region on the risks of illegal labor migration will be increased and returnees will have improved understanding of entrepreneurship in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **Martuni women's community council NGO; Martuni, Gegharkunik Marz**
 Grant Number: **Y08-3021**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 3,720,500**
 Grant Period: **February 1, 2008- September 30, 2008**
 Title of Project: **Labor Migration Program**

To improve the protection of human rights of labor migrants and returnees in the Gegharkunik Region of Armenia, EF Armenia will provide support to the Martuni Women’s Community Council to establish a Migration and Return Resource Center. This center will conduct public awareness campaigns for potential labor migrants on the risks of illegal labor migration and assistance to returnees to help them reintegrate into society. Through the established resource center, legal consultations will be provided to potential labor migrants and returnees on migration legislation and registration procedures in Armenia and Russia. Returnees will also be provided with information on employment opportunities in the Gegharkunik Region. In addition, the center will build the capacities of returnees in business development, and will link them with local businesses to learn about their experiences in entrepreneurship. After the completion of the project, the awareness of potential labor migrants from the Gegharkunik Region on the risks of illegal labor migration will be increased and returnees will have improved understanding of entrepreneurship in Armenia. Meanwhile, partnership between Gegharkunik MRRC and state migration agencies and NGOs of Omsk and Novosibirsk cities of Russia will be established for better protection of rights of labor migrants from Gegharkunik Region in those cities.

Support to Armenia-Turkey Dialogue

- ❖ Organization: **Analytical Center in Globalization and Regional Cooperation NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
 Grant Number: **Y08-0026**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 5,600,520**
 Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – June 10, 2008**
 Title of Project: **Building Linkages between Analytical Communities of Armenia and Turkey**

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies, Eurasia Foundation Armenia will support a dialogue between the analytical communities of the two countries on issues of mutual concern including European integration and global/regional challenges and threats. In particular, the grantee and its partners in Turkey will arrange for a survey among the political and civil society elites of both countries on the above issues. The results of the survey will be discussed at two consecutive conferences in Yerevan. A series of articles in Armenian newspapers, as well as two issues of the Turkish Policy Quarterly will feature articles on the research findings and the two conferences. The project will examine the validity of the assumption that at some point the European aspirations of Turkey and Armenia, as well as the global/regional challenges and threats facing these two countries are able to diminish the historical and political differences between the two nations.

- ❖ Organization: **Youth Academy NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
 Grant Number: **Y08-4001**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 4,305,400**
 Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – September 12, 2008**
 Title of Project: **Armenian-Turkish Youth Club**

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish youth, Eurasia Foundation Armenia will support the establishment of a virtual Armenian-Turkish Youth Club. The project partners will establish a number of jointly managed web-resources including a web-site hosting on-line forums and featuring latest regional news, as well as a quarterly on-line magazine “Club Zone.” In addition, the partners will organize a series of exchange visits to hold seminars and round table discussions,

as well as will initiate the establishment of a bi-lateral team of off-shore software developers and chip designers. The project will contribute to the increased awareness of the Armenian and Turkish youth of each other, as well as will examine the willingness and capacity of the youth to play a role in mitigating the historical and political differences between the two countries

- ❖ Organization: **Patker LTD; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-4004**
Grant Amount: **AMD 9,063,165**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – June 11, 2008**
Title of Project: **Photo Bridge Across the Border**

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies, Eurasia Foundation Armenia will support the establishment of a visual art bridge of tolerance and collaboration between photographers and border communities of the two countries. In particular, the grantee and its partner in Turkey will arrange for a cycle of exchange trips by Turkish and Armenian photographers to Turkey and Armenia, will publish and distribute the photographic material in print and electronic modes, and will ensure proper media coverage and publicity of the whole project. The project will reinforce the process of exchanges between the photographic communities of the two countries that first started in 2006, which will hopefully accelerate the process of normalization of bi-lateral relations at both the grass-roots and formal levels.

- ❖ Organization: **Azg Oratert LLC; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-4016**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,407,400**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008- March 12, 2008**
Title of Project: **My Beloved Brother**

To promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies by breaking the popular stereotype of enduring mutual hostility and mistrust. The grantee will translate into Armenian, publish, and widely distribute in Armenia the recently issued album of century-old Ottoman post-cards depicting different aspects of peaceful and in many cases prosperous life of the Armenian community throughout the former Ottoman Empire. The grantee will ensure proper media coverage and publicity throughout the whole project, which will reinforce the projected objectives. The project will accelerate the process of the normalization of bi-lateral relations at both the grass-roots and institutional levels.

- ❖ Organization: **“Yerevan Press Club” Public organization; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-4021**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,016,800**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – August 15, 2008**
Title of Project: **Armenian-Turkish Team Reporting**

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies, Eurasia Foundation Armenia will support an effort to improve the coverage by the media of both countries of issues pertinent to the whole range of Armenian-Turkish relationships. In particular, the project will produce a series of analytical material to be used by media professionals in both countries while covering bi-lateral relations. The partners will also provide a preparatory training for a bi-country group of 8 selected journalists in Istanbul for the latter to produce a sample series of impartial bi-lateral investigative reports. The analytical material, investigative reports, and feedback from major stakeholders will be discussed at a 2-day conference in Yerevan. The project will contribute to the establishment of long-term cooperative links between the involved journalists and their host media outlets as such promoting confidence building between the two nations.

- ❖ Organization: **Komitas State Quartet NCSO; Yerevan, Armenia**
 Grant Number: **Y08-4002**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 9,011,150**
 Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – January 14, 2009**
 Title of Project: **Musical Bridge Across the Armenia-Turkey Border**

In order to promote improved dialogue and cooperation between the Armenian and Turkish societies, Eurasia Foundation Armenia will support establishment of a bridge of tolerance and collaboration between the artistic and music-lover communities of the two countries. In particular, the grantee and its partners in Turkey will arrange for a cycle of exchange concerts by the Komitas State Quartet and Bosphorus Quartet in Turkey and Armenia respectively, as well as for an exchange visit by one Armenian and one Turkish artist to and their performance in Turkey and Armenia respectively. The project partners will ensure an effective publicity campaign in both Armenia and Turkey. The project will rehabilitate the process of cultural exchanges between the two countries that first started back in 2002, which will hopefully accelerate the process of normalization of bi-lateral relations at both the grass-roots and formal levels.

- ❖ Organization: **International Center for Human Development (ICHD) NGO**
 Grant Number: **Y09-0010**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 3,929,000**
 Grant Period: **December 14, 2009 – March 31, 2010**
 Title of Project: **Turkish-Armenian Literature Bridge**

To enhance Armenia-Turkey Track Two Diplomacy efforts by exposing the Armenian public opinion leaders and general public to alternative Turkish and international intellectual thought regarding Armenian-Turkish relations. The grantee will translate from English into Armenian, then publish and disseminate a select piece by David Phillips that addresses the Armenian-Turkish relationship. By diminishing misperceptions about its neighbour among the people of Armenia, the project will further promote mutual confidence and trust between Armenian and Turkish societies.

- ❖ Organization: **The Civilitas Foundation**
 Grant Number: **Y09-0023**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 5,207,000**
 Grant Period: **September 1, 2009- November 30, 2009**
 Title of Project: **Neighbours About Each Other**
 Grantee institution: **The Civilitas Foundation**

To build confidence and promote stability between Armenia and Turkey through changing mutual perceptions, stereotypes, and misunderstandings. The grantee will create a bilingual web resource that will translate and republish articles that appear in the Armenian and Turkish print media. During the project, more than 100 articles will be translated from Turkish into Armenian, and 50 articles from Armenian into Turkish. In addition, the grantee and its Turkish partner Hrant Dink Foundation will establish a network of Armenian and Turkish print media outlets that will commit to collaborate with the grantee and the Hrant Dink Foundation throughout the six-month project and beyond. By increasing reciprocal media coverage in Armenia and Turkey, the project will contribute to better mutual understanding of the issues Armenians and Turks face.

- ❖ Organization: **“Golden Apricot” Cinema Development NGO**
 Grant Number: **Y09-0026**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 6,177,700**
 Grant Period: **1 July, 2009 – 31 August, 2009**
 Title of Project: **Armenia-Turkey Cinema Platform: Projects Development Workshop**

To promote cultural dialogue and exchange between Armenian and Turkish filmmakers. During this year's Golden Apricot International Film Festival in Yerevan, the grantee, in cooperation with a Turkish partner, will organize a workshop on the techniques and culture of independent film production for a group of young 16 Armenian and Turkish filmmakers. Participants of the workshop were selected based on film project proposals they submitted for co-production. As a result of the project, a series of high-quality Armenian-Turkish films will be jointly produced, with a select few expected to be competitive in international film markets.

- ❖ Organization: **Journalists' Team for Sustainable Future NGO**
Grant Number: **Y09-0035**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,364,300**
Grant Period: **July 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009**
Title of Project: **Research to Assess Mutual Bias and Objectivity in the Media of Armenia**

To increase awareness of bias in media coverage of Armenia-Turkey relations. The grantee, in partnership with a Turkish team of researchers, will conduct a joint assessment of existing bias in the print and electronic media of both countries. The assessment will include a brief literature review, primary analysis of selected newspapers and Internet news sites, and a series of focus group discussions with stakeholders in both countries regarding the level of accuracy and bias in media coverage. The study, which will be published in both countries, will also include policy recommendations. The results of the study will be discussed during a series of bi-lateral meetings of a select group of the most prominent media figures from Armenia and Turkey. In addition, as a result of the project, politicians, civil society leaders, and the general public in both countries will have a chance to increase their awareness of the bias in mutual media coverage.

- ❖ Organization: **International Center for Human Development (ICHD) NGO**
Grant Number: **Y09-0042**
Grant Amount: **AMD 30,288,450**
Grant Period: **September 28, 2009 – December 15, 2009**
Title of Project: **Town Hall Meetings on Armenia-Turkey Relations**

To contribute to informed political dialogue between Armenia and Turkey. The International Center for Human Development (ICHD) will conduct 14 Town Hall Meetings (THM) throughout Armenia, 10 in regions and four in Yerevan. The more than 1,400 citizens in attendance will have a chance to express their opinion on five scenarios of potential developments between Armenia and Turkey. The grantee will summarize and analyze feedback gathered at the THMs and distribute it among key Armenian political figures engaged in the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement process. In this way, the project will inform decision-makers about the attitudes and perceptions of Armenian citizens regarding the Armenia-Turkey rapprochement process, as well as increase public understanding of the dialogue currently going on between the two countries.

- ❖ Organization: **International Center for Human Development**
Grant Number: **Y10-6001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 195,249,344**
Grant Period: **October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2012**
Title of Project: **Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement: State-to-State Strand**

To support Armenia-Turkey rapprochement by building a favorable environment for dialogue and facilitating interaction among state actors. ICHD will accomplish a) series of four off-the-record discussions and videoconferences; b) five Town Hall Meetings (THMs) each in Turkey and Armenia to identify people's attitudes toward Armenia-Turkey cooperation; c) an advocacy summit in Yerevan to finalize a list of advocacy messages to the respective governments and to develop action plans to deliver them; d) three bilateral consultations and informal exchange visits for parliamentarians (two persons per country); e) local training for state officials to be involved in the Momentum Training in the US; f) two small-scale targeted

assessments in Armenia and Turkey to build a basis for constructive interaction among counterparts across the border. The project is part of the Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement program that EPF in Armenia implements with funding from USAID/Armenia. The project will strengthen the capacity of state employees in Armenia and Turkey to constructively interact with their counterparts across the border.

- ❖ Organization: **Yerevan Press Club (YPC)**
Grant Number: **Y10-6002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 124,610,646**
Grant Period: **October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2012**
Title of Project: **Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement: State-to- Media Strand**

To support Armenia-Turkey rapprochement by engaging Armenian and Turkish media in alliance-building to further contribute to Armenia-Turkey normalization. The project will also support the non-governmental efforts toward rapprochement through research. In partnership with Izmir University (Turkey), the YPC will undertake research on media coverage of government, NGO, and business initiatives between Armenia and Turkey, and conduct media monitoring in both countries. YPC will also a) conduct two roundtables with analysts, representatives of civil society, and the media from Armenia and Turkey in Yerevan and Istanbul to discuss the status and future of Armenian-Turkish relations; b) create and maintain a Facebook page to include all program events; c) produce biweekly columns for publication; d) organize an exchange visit for Armenian journalists before parliamentary elections in Turkey in 2011 to participate in the pre-election monitoring of Turkish elections; e) and establish a system of continuous journalism award for the highest quality and most engaging media publications on Armenian –Turkish issues. The project is part of the Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement program that EPF in Armenia implements under funding from USAID/Armenia. The successful accomplishment of the project will increase understanding of general trends in media coverage of Armenian-Turkish relations and increase independent and balanced media coverage of Armenia-Turkey relations in Armenian and Turkish media.

- ❖ Organization: **Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen (Employers) of Armenia (UMBA)**
Grant Number: **Y10-6003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 190,355,837**
Grant Period: **October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2012**
Title of Project: **Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement: State-to- Business Strand**

To support Armenia-Turkey rapprochement by developing new business partnerships and regional professional networks and supporting the government and non-governmental efforts toward rapprochement with research. UMBA will a) produce a comprehensive survey to identify the full picture on existing conditions in terms of Armenia-Turkey business cooperation; b) conduct a business expo and a conference in Yerevan to present survey results and discuss opportunities and obstacles in Armenia-Turkey business cooperation; and c) hold one roundtable in Yerevan and one in Istanbul to negotiate business partnerships within specific fields. In addition, UMBA will provide grants to support business partnerships for the three most successful and sustainable bi-lateral businesses. UMBA will also establish partnership between Armenian and Turkish businesswomen to start business-to-business cooperation. The project is part of the Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement program that EPF/Armenia implements with funding from USAID/Armenia. The resulting business partnerships will be viable and mutually beneficial whether the border is open or closed. They will also be powerful advocates for the border opening.

- ❖ Organization: **Go Group Media**
Grant Number: **Y11-0011**
Grant Amount: **\$ 20,620.00**
Grant Period: **April 15, 2011 – June 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **Building Interactive Dialogue between Peoples throughout the South Caucasus**

To contribute to the peaceful resolution of regional conflicts by increasing awareness of the Armenia-Turkey reconciliation process among expert communities, media, and general public throughout the South Caucasus. The grantee will identify a team of Georgian, Abkhaz, and South Ossetian journalists to jointly investigate the Armenian-Turkish reconciliation process. The team will meet with officials, experts, and community representatives in both countries. Following the visit, each journalist will produce materials highlighting their experiences in both countries, in particular, with regard to the perceptions, challenges, and the progress of the Armenia-Turkey reconciliation process. The materials will be translated into local languages, as well as English and Russian, and widely disseminated among wider public in the Caucasus. The project will familiarize the Abkhazian, Georgian and South Ossetian societies with the complicated process of the Armenian-Turkish reconciliation, and will help the expert community to apply the lessons learnt from the Armenia-Turkey process to their local conflicts.

- ❖ Organization: **Golden Apricot Cinema Development NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0012**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,581,250**
Grant Period: **June 1, 2011 – August 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **Armenia-Turkey Cinema Platform: Projects Development Workshop**

To enhance cultural dialogue between societies of Armenia and Turkey through supporting professional exchange and bilateral projects between Armenian and Turkish filmmakers. Within the framework of the 8th Golden Apricot International Film Festival in Yerevan in July 2011, the grantee, Golden Apricot NGO, in cooperation with a Turkish partner, Anadolu Kultur, will organize a workshop on the techniques and culture of independent film production and co-production for a select group of 10 young Armenian and Turkish filmmakers. As part of the workshop, an independent international jury will select a project to be awarded USD 6,000 for the co-production of a film. A project book featuring all ten pitched film projects will be published for distribution among donors with potential interest in supporting these projects. The winning film will be premiered in the frames of international film festivals in Turkey and Armenia over 2012. To ensure broader public awareness the film will be broadcast via TV channels in Armenia and Turkey. The project will result in young filmmakers from Armenia and Turkey establishing mutual contact and improving their skills in the production of independent film, in gaining visibility in the international film industry, as well as in strengthening the humanistic image of the other side among ordinary people in Armenia and Turkey.

- ❖ Organization: **Independent Journalists' Network NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-2001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,630,000**
Grant Period: **August 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **BUS | A mobility reporting project**

To contribute to the increased awareness of the societies of Armenia and Turkey about one another through the illustration of social ramifications of a closed border. As part of the project, the grantee, Independent Journalists' Network NGO, will document the problems facing the Armenian migrants during their 36-hour bus trip between Yerevan and Istanbul. The grantee will also establish a blog featuring the views and the experiences of the observed Armenian migrants. The materials posted on the blog will also be published in AGOS newspaper based in Istanbul. To ensure broader public awareness a documentary film will be produced based on the collected material. The film will be broadcast via the IMC TV in Turkey and Yerkir Media TV in Armenia. The grantee will also arrange group screenings in small-scale cinema theatres in Armenia and Turkey for stakeholders from civil society, government, media, and expert community. The project will result in increased awareness among ordinary public and stakeholder groups in Armenia and Turkey of the experiences and challenges that the Armenian migrants face when traveling to Turkey, as well as will further feed the public discussion on the ramifications of the closed border.

- ❖ Organization: **Armenian Foundation for Promotion of Cinema and TV for Children and Youth “Rolan Bykov Foundation”**
Grant Number: **Y11-2002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,347,500**
Grant Period: **August 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011**
Title of Project: **Seventh International Film Festival for Children and Young People as a new platform for the cultural rapprochement between Armenia and Turkey**

To contribute to enhanced cultural dialogue between societies of Armenia and Turkey through supporting professional exchange and bilateral projects between Armenian and Turkish children and youth, as well as between filmmakers. Within the framework of the 7th International Film Festival for Children and Young People in Yerevan in October 2011, the grantee, the Armenian Foundation for Promotion of Cinema and TV for Children and Youth Rolan Bykov Foundation (?), in cooperation with a Turkish partner, Anadolu Kultur, will organize a workshop on the techniques and culture of animation production for a select group of about 10 Armenian and Turkish youth. As part of the workshop, the participants will co-produce a short animation film, which will be premiered at the closing ceremony of the festival in Armenia. Also, a round-table discussion focusing on experience-sharing among the participants of the festival, and a presentation on recent initiatives in the area of arts and culture in Turkey will be organized on the sidelines of the festival. The festival will also feature 4-5 Turkish films addressing a theme relevant for children and youth. The project will result in children and youth, and filmmakers from Armenia and Turkey establishing mutual contact and improving their skills in the production of independent film. The project and the follow-up activity in Turkey will also contribute to strengthening the humanistic image of the other side among engaged communities in Armenia and Turkey.

- ❖ Organization: **Narekavank Tour LLC**
Grant Number: **Y11-2003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,532,000**
Grant Period: **September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012**
Title of Project: **Information and Assistance Center for Armenian and Turkish Entrepreneurs**

To support trade and business development between Armenia and Eastern Turkey through increasing awareness of Armenian and Turkish businessmen about potential business opportunities in pre-selected industries in Armenia and Eastern Turkey and promoting feasible models of business cooperation among Armenian and Turkish businessmen. As part of the project, the grantee, Narekavank Tour LLC, will establish an Information and Consulting Center in Yerevan, which will serve as “one-stop shop” for information for Armenian and Turkish entrepreneurs interested in cooperation with one another. The Center will provide customized assistance to individual entrepreneurs and companies through exploring opportunities of potential business cooperation with counterparts from both countries, and carry out ongoing assessment of potential economic opportunities between Armenia and targeted regions in Eastern Turkey, such as Kars, Van, Mush, Adana, Antakya, Erzurum, Diyarbakir, as well as in Istanbul. The Center will also run a website featuring company profiles and information about legal aspects of business cooperation between Armenian and Turkish businesses. The project will result in increased awareness of business opportunities among Armenian and Turkish businessmen, which will reduce the existing levels of distrust and promote greater willingness to engage in business partnership with counterparts from the neighboring country.

- ❖ Organization: **Gyumri Development Foundation NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-2004**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,486,540**
Grant Period: **August 1, 2011 – November 30, 2011**
Title of Project: **Gyumri-Kars Economic Forum**

To support trade and business development between Armenia and Eastern Turkey through the establishment of a regional business forum enabling discussion of issues of common interest and providing an

opportunity for contact-making and business partnership development. As part of the project, the grantee, Gyumri Development Foundation, will build upon the previous experience and organize the second Gyumri-Kars Economic Forum in Kars, Turkey during October-November 2011. About 40 Armenian and Turkish businessmen, regional and international experts will participate in the Forum and discuss the prospects of development and implementation of joint business projects, particularly in the context of Armenia-Turkey economic relations. The Forum will last 3 days and address a broad range of issues, such as the opening of Armenia-Turkey border and its economic benefits for the region, common economic market in the South Caucasus, Caucasus brands as a peace-building tool, as well as a set of specific topics, such as prospects of joint dairy production, beekeeping, production of honey and medicinal herbs, Caucasus tea blends and others. The project will result in increased cooperation and development of joint business projects between Armenian and Turkish entrepreneurs and companies in food production and processing.

- ❖ Organization: **Competitiveness Center Foundation**
Grant Number: **Y11-2006**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,308,040**
Grant Period: **November 15, 2011 – February 29, 2012**
Title of Project: **Shirak EXPO 2011: Women Leading the Economic Development**

To contribute to the development of economic ties between Armenia and Turkey through supporting cross-border cooperation among women-led businesses of the two countries. The grantee, Shirak Competitiveness Center Foundation, will hold its annual Shirak EXPO that will host a group of businesswomen from Turkey, and will focus on the role of women in economic development. About 50 Armenian and 10 Turkish businesswomen will participate in the EXPO in Gyumri on November 24-25, 2011. The first day of the event will include a trade fair of food products, construction materials, textile, and services. The second day of the event will provide a forum for the participants to discuss a broad range of topics including the overviews of the economies of Armenia and Turkey, women's role and involvement in business, as well as investment risks and opportunities in production and service sectors in Armenia and Turkey. The project will result in the establishment of an informal regional network of businesswomen, as well as will set grounds for the development of joint business projects between women-led businesses from Armenia and Turkey.

- ❖ Organization: **“Civic Forum” NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-2007**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,791,415**
Grant Period: **November 25, 2011 – February 29, 2012**
Title of Project: **Environmentally Sustainable Workshop for Turkish and Armenian Architecture & Planning Students/Young Professionals**

To contribute to increased communication, networking and exchange of experience between academic and professional circles of Armenia and Turkey through establishing a cross-border network of students, young professionals and faculty members interested in environmentally sustainable building and city design. The grantee, “Civic Forum” NGO together with Yildiz Technical University from Turkey will organize *a workshop on environmental sustainability challenges of the built environment*. The five-day workshop in Istanbul will bring together 20 young professionals in the field of energy efficiency, as well as expert speakers from Armenia and Turkey around the issue of energy-efficient architecture. The workshop will be designed to facilitate networking and exchange of knowledge and expertise between the young specialists and trigger off cooperation among them through development of joint projects. Participants will have an opportunity to visit companies and research centres focusing on energy issues to identify relevant issues and ideas for joint projects. As part of the workshop, the project also anticipates publication of joint articles and an e-bulletin, as well as public presentations at universities and unions of architects in Armenia and Turkey. The established ties and communication between the participants will outflow into an online forum, which will be developed to sustain and expand the discussion initiated at the workshop. The project

will result in the establishment of an informal network of specialists interested in environmental sustainability and built environment in Armenia and Turkey, as well as lay the foundation for possible cooperation amongst them.

- ❖ Organization: **Inknagir Literary Club NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-2006**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,710,575**
Grant Period: **October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012**

To contribute to mitigated cultural estrangement between Armenian and Turkish societies through introducing the general public in both countries to the identity issues and culture of the Muslim Humshen Armenians residing in Turkey, as an example of a unique ethnic unit practicing Armenian traditions and language alongside with Muslim religion. The grantee, Inknagir Literary Club in cooperation with a Turkish partner, “Biryaşam Kültür ve Ekoloji Derneği” (“One Life” Cultural and Ecological Union), will set out on an expedition to 2-3 villages in Hopa residence – the primary settlement of Humshen Armenians in Turkey - to conduct a series of interviews with the Hamshens and to collect photo and video materials on their traditions, daily life, language, degree of integration in the Turkish society, social and economic problems and other issues. As part of the project, a set of articles will be written in Armenian and Turkish languages based on the collected information and published in tert.am online daily and 168 zham weekly in Armenia. The grantee and the Turkish partner will elaborate a strategy to ensure dissemination of the project material via Turkish media. Also, the findings of the expedition will be presented at a PechaKucha Night in Yerevan, Armenia. Finally, the materials will be published on a dedicated website and distributed to wider public on CDs. The project will result in increased public awareness among Armenian and Turkish populations of the lifestyle and concerns of the Humshen Armenian community in Turkey.

- ❖ Organization: **Golden Apricot Cinema Development Foundation**
Grant Number: **Y12-0003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,162,350**
Grant Period: **April 2, 2012 – August 31, 2012**
Title of Project: **Armenia-Turkey Cinema Platform: Projects Development Workshop**

To enhance cultural dialogue between societies of Armenia and Turkey through supporting professional exchange and bilateral projects between Armenian and Turkish filmmakers. Within the framework of the 9th Golden Apricot International Film Festival in Yerevan in July 2012, the grantee, Golden Apricot Fund, in cooperation with a Turkish partner, Anadolu Kultur, will organize a workshop on the techniques and culture of independent film production and co-production for a select group of 12 young Armenian and Turkish filmmakers, six per country. As part of the workshop, an independent international jury will select a project to be awarded USD 10,000 for the co-production of a film. A project book featuring all 12 pitched film projects will be published for distribution among donors with potential interest in supporting these projects. The winning film will be premiered in the frames of international film festivals in Turkey and Armenia over 2013. The winning film will be broadcast via TV channels in Armenia and Turkey. To ensure broader public awareness about the Armenia-Turkey Cinema Platform, a group of Armenian and Turkish journalists, three per country, will be invited to attend the workshops held along the sidelines of the Istanbul International Film Festival and Golden Apricot International Film Festival in Istanbul and Yerevan in April and July 2012 respectively. The project will result in young filmmakers from Armenia and Turkey establishing mutual contact and improving their skills in the production of independent film, in gaining visibility in the international film industry, journalists and film critics from Armenia and Turkey addressing the cultural aspect of mutual relations as well as in strengthening the humanistic image of the other side among ordinary people in Armenia and Turkey.

- ❖ Organization: **“Forum for 21st Century Leaders” NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-0004**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,595,000**

Grant Period: **May 1, 2012 – July 31, 2012**

Title of Project: **Sustainable Solutions: Armenian-Turkish Young Environmentalists Workshop**

To contribute to increased dialogue between Armenia and Turkey on addressing common environmental issues by enhancing cooperation between young environmentalists and environmental NGOs from the two countries via setting up a framework. Acknowledging the shared risks posed by the growing number of environmental threats in the region, “Forum for 21st Century Leaders” NGO from Armenia along with its partner “The Earth Association” in Turkey will organize a three-day workshop in Yerevan in May 2012 that will bring together 14 young environmentalists from seven different civic initiatives and organizations in Turkey and Armenia. The participants will discuss the perspectives of sustainable communication and cooperation directed towards addressing common environmental challenges and develop a joint policy-brief to be presented and advocated at national and international levels with the primary focus on Rio+20, i.e. the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on June 20-22, 2012. The workshop will enhance the capacities of young environmentalists from Turkey and Armenia to address common environmental issues and threats, as well as will contribute to the rapprochement process between Armenia and Turkey through establishing long-term partnerships in environmental activism.

- ❖ Organization: **Radio Van LLC**
Grant Number: **Y11-0013**
Grant Amount: **AMD 11,473,900**
Grant Period: **October 5, 2011 – February 29, 2012**
Title of Project: **“One Day of Life” Documentary Series**

To contribute to increased understanding and tolerance between societies of Armenia and Turkey through breaking the stereotypes existing between Armenians and Turks. The grantee, Radio Van, in cooperation with a Turkish partner, Yon Radio, will produce a series of at least six 20-minute documentaries entitled “One Day of Life”. Each film will tell about a day of a person of the same profession/occupation in Armenia and Turkey. To ensure broader public awareness, the films will be broadcast via TV channels in Armenia and Turkey, as well as screened in universities and via NGO networks. The project will show the comparative realities in various aspects of life in Armenia and Turkey, and will increase awareness of the similarities and differences between the Armenian and Turkish people. The project will also strengthen the humanistic image of the other side among ordinary people in Armenia and Turkey.

- ❖ Organization: **Women’s Forum NGO Grant**
Grant Number: **Y12-0005**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,626,384**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2012 – August 31, 2012**
Title of Project: **Businesswomen for Armenia – Turkey economic cooperation**

To contribute to the development of economic ties between Armenia and Turkey through supporting cross-border cooperation among women-led businesses of the two countries. The grantee, Women’s Forum NGO, together with its partner in Turkey “DOGUNKAD” Association, will establish a platform of female entrepreneurs and women-led businesses in Armenia and Turkey interested in cooperation with the neighboring country. Twelve Armenian and Turkish businesswomen will participate in a three-day business-to-business meeting to be held in Turkey in July 2012 to explore realistic opportunities for cooperation. It is anticipated that at least two business agreements will be achieved as a result of the business-to-business event. The information collected by the project teams in Armenia and Turkey will be entered into the database of business contacts maintained by the Information and Consulting Center for Armenian and Turkish Entrepreneurs. The project will result in the establishment of an informal regional network of businesswomen, as well as will set grounds for the development of joint business projects between women-led businesses from Armenia and Turkey.

Support to Anti-corruption Efforts

- ❖ Organization: **Lori TV LLC; Vanadzor, Lori Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-5002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,705,680**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – June 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **No More Corruption**

The goal of the proposed project is to increase public awareness in the Lori Region on the problem of corruption. In order to achieve this goal, the grantee will organize an 8 hour daily hot-line service to receive questions and comments from the local population. A lawyer will be contracted to provide legal consultation related to the questions raised. Fourteen debates in the format of talk shows will be organized during the project covering corruption-related issues in the spheres of education, health care, justice, local government, culture management, social security and elections. Representatives of targeted government offices and civil society will be invited to participate in the debates. A direct phone line will be acting during the live broadcast of the talk show to receive on-line questions from audience.

As a result of the project, coverage of corruption-related issues in the region will grow and public awareness and participation in the fight against corruption will increase.

- ❖ Organization: **Asparez Journalists' Club NGO; Gyumri, Shirak Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-5008**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,206,600**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Freedom of Information (FOI) as an Anticorruption Tool**

The goal of the proposed project is to reduce corruption risks in three northern regions of the Republic. In order to achieve this goal the project staff will conduct series of training on the use of the Freedom of Information Law (FOI Law) as a tool against corruption among more than 300 participants including practicing and student journalists, officials managing information of public interest, civil society representatives, lawyers and politicians. Over 11 TV debates will be broadcasted covering issues related to FOI Law and corruption risks in the region through 8 TV companies in the targeted northern cities of the Republic. Additionally 3 round table discussions will be held in regional centers of Gyumri, Vanadzor and Ijevan to bring together stakeholders and officials for the discussion of issues related to the implementation of the FOI Law and for the development of expert recommendations on the ways to reduce corruption in the Region. During the course of the project at least 300 requests for information will be addressed to responsible parties. The responses will be analyzed on quantitative and qualitative basis. Major achievements and final results of the project will be highlighted through 1) a special web-portal created in the web-site of the organization; 2) initial and final press conferences and 3) a final Conference which will bring together major parties involved in the project and will draw final recommendations of the project.

As a result, coverage of corruption issues in the Shirak, Lori and Tavush regions of the Republic will enlarge and public awareness on the knowledge of FOI Law as a tool in the fight against corruption increased.

- ❖ Organization: **Tsayg Ltd; Gyumri, Shirak Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-5011**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,161,340**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Media against Corruption in Proces of Democratic Changes**

The goal of the proposed project is to increase public awareness in the Shirak Region on the problem of corruption. In order to achieve this goal the grantee will produce a series of social programs. A series of

TV debates with the participation of experts and politicians will be broadcasted during the project. Following the debates, talk shows will be organized to engage the citizenry in the discussion of the topics with government officials and experts. Additionally the grantee plans to produce and broadcast public service announcements to provoke citizen activity on the problem of corruption in specific spheres (education, healthcare, army, elections, labor market). The commercials will be broadcast through TV and radio. As a result of the project, public awareness and participation in the fight against corruption will be increased.

- ❖ Organization: **Achilles Society for Defence of Drivers Right NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-6012**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,874,500**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – July 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **The Decrease of Corruption Risks in Traffic**

The goal of the project is to reduce corruption risks in the road traffic. In order to achieve this goal the grantee will provide ongoing free legal support to road traffic participants through a hot-line service and in-person consultations provided by a lawyer, road traffic consultants and an expert on traffic security. Along with the consultations the grantee will carry out a thorough analysis of the existing legislation and prepare a report and recommendations to respective bodies. The grantee will also carry out a public awareness campaign by 1) developing and publishing a comprehensive manual on driving license examinations; 2) designing and placing information stands in Yerevan and 3 urban regional communities; and 3) organizing a final public hearing on project results and recommendations.

The project will lead to an increased awareness among traffic participants and thus will contribute to reducing corruption risks in traffic police activities.

- ❖ Organization: **“Association for Education and Research “Millenium” NGO; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-6013**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,533,675**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 –September 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Fight against Corruption on the Local Level**

The goal of the proposed project is to increase the transparency of Local Government bodies in the Syunik and Gegharkunik regions of the Republic. In order to accomplish this goal the grantee will develop a curriculum based on international best practices that can be used to train municipal staff on preventing, identifying and fighting corruption. For this purpose, the experience of Bolivia in promoting municipal transparency and of the World Bank in this field will be used. The grantee will conduct a series of trainings for 10 municipalities in the two regions and will engage the staff in the development of long-term anticorruption strategic plans for their communities. A national workshop will also be organized to create a forum for different community leaders to discuss and revise the developed strategies. The results of the project will be disseminated to a wider public through the publication of a guideline for combating corruption in local government and the dissemination of project results at a press conference that will be organized at the completion of the project. The guidelines and training modules developed by the project can be used to replicate the project in other regions of the Republic as well.

As a result of the project strategic anticorruption plans will be adopted and implemented in local government level in two marzes of the Republic.

- ❖ Organization: **Union of Armenian Government Employees Public Organization; Yerevan, Armenia**
Grant Number: **Y08-6018**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,513,200**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Extension of Monitoring of Civil Service Recruitment and Attestation Processes**

The goal of the project is to reduce corruption risks in the civil service through increased civil society participation in the work of the Civil Service Council and three targeted ministries. In order to achieve this goal the project will build on the findings and experience of a completed project implemented by the grantee in partnership with the Civil Service Council. The grantee will work with a team of four local NGOs to monitor 170 recruitment and attestation events for senior and chief civil servants at the Civil Service Council and three targeted ministries. The team will use a modified questionnaire and a monitoring manual developed during their recent project for this program as well. As a result of the monitoring process, the grantee will produce three interim and one final report that describe the results and findings of the monitoring process. The results of these reports will be discussed in three interim workshops. An action plan for improving the recruitment and attestation process as well as any resulting legislative recommendations will be discussed at the workshop. The results of the project will also be disseminated to a wider stakeholder community and the general public through two TV discussions and published reports. As a result of the project, stronger cooperation will be established between NGOs and state agencies and the recruitment and attestation processes at the CSC and the target ministries will be improved.

Development of Resource Centers

- ❖ Organization: **NGO center Civil Society Development NGO; Vanadzor, Lori Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-7009**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,528,915.70**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – June 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Resource Center for Community Development of Lori**

Many community-based organizations (CBO) of the Lori Region are now transitioning from relief organizations to development organizations. These organizations are increasingly focusing on building a stronger civil society through increased citizen participation in local decision-making processes. These CBOs, however, lack the knowledge and skills to effectively manage their organizations' activities as well as access to information, which is relevant to their work. The NGO Center/North will address these problems by establishing a resource center for community development in Vanadzor city. The resource center will provide a number of services to 60 local CBOs, including the organization of training, the provision of consulting and technical assistance as well as access to communication and information resources to local CBOs. As result of this project the capacities of the community based organizations of Lori region and their ability to implement effective community development initiatives will be improved and cooperation between donor organizations, local government structures and CBOs will be strengthened. Together, these groups will be able to more effectively solve problems of local importance by mobilizing local community members and resources.

- ❖ Organization: **Nvatshum Youth NGO; Ijevan, Tavush Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-7015**
Grant Amount: **AMD 793,259**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008**
Title of Project: **Resource Center for CBOs**

В поддержку усиления возможностей общинных организаций Иджеванского региона и повышения эффективности их деятельности, проект направлен на создание общинного ресурсного центра, который будет оказывать многостороннюю поддержку общинным организациям региона, включая оценку потребностей, проведение тренингов, предоставление доступа к информационным ресурсам и базам данных, а также консультационную и техническую поддержку. В результате проекта ожидается рост активности общинных организаций посредством приобретения новых навыков и умений, доступа к средствам коммуникации, техническим компьютерным услугам, а также рост сотрудничества с другими организациями региона с целью решения общих проблем.

- ❖ Organization: **Civil initiatives center Vahagni XXI NGO; Alaverdi, Lori**
 Grant Number: **Y08-7031**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 477,182.90**
 Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008**
 Title of Project: **Resource Center for Community Development of Alaverdi**

In order to develop the capacities of community based organizations of Alaverdi subregion of Lori region and increase their effectiveness in community development activities, a resource center for community development will be established in Alaverdi in partnership with the Civil Initiatives Center Vahagni XXI. The resource center will provide a number of services to CBOs, including the organization of training, the provision of consulting and technical assistance as well as access to communication and information resources to 9 target CBOs. As result of this project, a well equipped community resource center will be established in Alaverdi - as a sustainable mechanism of support in the development of capacities of local CBOs. The capacities of the community based organizations of Alaverdi subregion and their ability to implement effective community development initiatives will be improved and cooperation between local government authorities, donor organizations and CBOs will be strengthened. Together, these groups will be able to more effectively solve problems of local importance by mobilizing local community members and resources.

- ❖ Organization: **Kaghni Social Ecological NGO; Berd, Tavush Marz**
 Grant Number: **Y08-7032**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 432,073**
 Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 – March 31, 2008**
 Title of Project: **Creation of Resource Center**

Много общинных организаций и гражданских активных групп были сформированы в Шамшадинском суб-регионе в рамках различных проектов и инициатив. Эти организации, хотя и участвуют в общественно-политической жизни местных общин, но, действуя в отдаленном и изолированном регионе страны, испытывают нехватку информации, доступа к современным средствам коммуникации, а также навыков для эффективного управления организациями для дальнейшей институционализации этих групп.

С целью устойчивого развития местных гражданских активных групп и общественных организаций, "Кагни" НПО планирует создать ресурсный центр для развития общины, повысить уровень информированности местных организаций, оказать содействие и предоставить услуги, направленные на развитие возможностей и навыков общинных организаций и групп. В результате проекта, информированность общинных организаций будет повышена, эти группы будут пользоваться услугами специалистов ресурсного центра для продолжительного развития своих возможностей, что обеспечит их эффективное и информированное участие в процессе принятия решений в местных общинах.

- ❖ Organization: **The A. D. Sakharov Armenian Human Rights Protection Center NGO; Gyumri, Shirak Marz**
 Grant Number: **Y08-7045**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 1,299,594.50**
 Grant Period: **February 1, 2008- March 31, 2008**
 Title of Project: **Creation of the resource center for the capacity building of non governmental organizations**

In order to strengthen the capacities of community based organizations of the Shirak Region and increase the effectiveness of their activities, a resource center for community development will be established in Gyumri in partnership with the A.D Sakharov Armenian Human Rights Protection Center. The resource center will provide a number of services to 18 CBOs, including the organization of seminars and training sessions, the provision of technical assistance and consulting as well as access to communication and

information resources. As result of this project, the capacities of the community based-organizations of the Shirak Region and their ability to implement effective community development initiatives will be improved and cooperation between local government authorities, donor organizations and CBOs will be strengthened. Together, these groups will be able to more effectively solve problems of local importance by mobilizing local community members and resources.

- ❖ Organization: **Sisian Development Center NGO; Sisian, Syunik Marz**
Grant Number: **Y08-7046**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,148,665**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2008 –September 30, 2008**
Title of Project: **Sisian Resource Center for Community Development**

In order to develop the capacities of community based organizations of Sisian region and increase their effectiveness in community development activities, a resource center for community development will be established in Sisian in partnership with the "Sisian Development Center" NGO. The resource center will provide a number of services to CBOs, including the organization of training, the provision of consulting and technical assistance as well as access to communication and information resources to 22 target CBOs.

As result of this project, a well equipped community resource center will be established in Sisian - as a sustainable mechanism of support in the development of capacities of local CBOs. The capacities of the community based organizations of Sisian subregion and their ability to implement effective community development initiatives will be improved and cooperation between local government authorities, donor organizaions and CBOs will be strengthened. Together, these groups will be able to more effectively solve problems of local importance by mobilizing local community members and resources.

Development of Social Entrepreneurship

- ❖ Organization: **Gorisi Yeritasardakan Miutium Public Organization**
Grant Number: **Y10-5001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,368,000**
Grant Period: **April 15, 2010 – September 30, 2010**
Title of Project: **Social Enterprise in Goris**

To promote the concept of social entrepreneurship in Armenia through the establishment of the first social enterprise in the Syunik region of Armenia. The newly established entity will be managed by disabled and socially vulnerable women of the Goris community. The beneficiaries will be trained in operating sewing machines purchased through the project, and will produce knitted items featuring symbols of Syunik. The grantee will carry out an extensive marketing campaign to promote and sell its products through direct sales, fairs, and export to partner organization in California, USA. The project will result in increased labor and social opportunities for beneficiary women in the Goris community, as well as will become an additional funding source to support the works of Goris Youth Union NGO.

- ❖ Organization: **Armenian Young Women's Association (AYWA)**
Grant Number: **Y10-5002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,200,000**
Grant Period: **April 15, 2010 – September 30, 2010**
Title of Project: **Strengthen the Marketing and Branding of the Quilting Project**

To promote the concept of social entrepreneurship in Armenia through the establishment of quilting studios at the AWAY's existing women support centers. The newly established social enterprise will be managed by vulnerable young women in Yerevan, Aghtala and Yeghegnadzor communities. The beneficiaries will be trained in quilting techniques and in operating the equipment purchased through the project. The grantee will carry out an extensive marketing campaign to promote and sell its products through

direct sales, fairs, and the web-store. The project will result in increased labor and social opportunities for beneficiary young women in the three target communities, as well as will become an additional funding source for the operation of the host women support centers.

- ❖ Organization: **Astghatsolk NGO**
Grant Number: **Y10-5003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,263,750**
Grant Period: **April 15, 2010 – September 30, 2010**
Title of Project: **Social Entrepreneurship Development in Armenia**

To promote the concept of social entrepreneurship in Armenia through establishing a woodcraft production in the Chambarak community. The newly established social enterprise will be managed by disabled young clients of the grantee. The beneficiaries will be trained in woodcraft techniques and in operating the equipment purchased through the project.

The grantee will carry out an extensive marketing campaign to promote and sell its products through direct sales, fairs, and the web-store. The project will result in increased labor and social opportunities for the beneficiary disabled children in the Chambarak community, as well as will become an additional funding source to support the works of Astghatsolk NGO.

- ❖ Organization: **Armenian camp Language and Sailing School Charitable NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0006**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,658,475**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – October 31, 2011**
Title of Project: **“Haykav” (Armenian ceramic) Social enterprise**

To contribute to the social integration of the disabled through the elaboration and promotion of an occupational therapy model in Armenia. The grantee will set up a model social enterprise to produce ceramics. Twenty people with limited abilities will be trained in the production of ceramics, while the grantee will ensure employment at the newly established ceramics studio for at least the ten most skilful trainees. The grantee will carry out an active marketing campaign to promote and sell its products through direct sales, fairs, and web-stores. As part of the project the grantee will conduct particular types of sport training and sport events to promote sports among disabled people. As a result of the project, occupational therapy model in Armenia will be promoted, ensuring social inclusion and rehabilitation for the disabled throughout the country.

- ❖ Organization: **Martuni Women Community Council NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0010**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,603,000**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011**
Title of Project: **Martuni as an attractive touristic direction**

To contribute to the development of tourism in the town of Martuni and the neighboring communities through the promotion of culturally significant artifacts, traditions, and crafts from that region among Armenian tour operators. The grantee will identify the most significant artifacts and sightseeing areas in the region, collect local fairytales, folk songs, and traditional gastronomic recipes. In addition, a number of suitable houses in the region will be selected to provide B&B services to visiting tourists. The grantee will closely coordinate the work with a number of interested tour operators in Yerevan. As a result of the project, three tour packages covering the Martuni region will be elaborated and offered to representatives of incoming tour industry in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **Intellectual Center “KhoranArd” of Gyumri NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-4001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,589,880**

Grant Period: **January 1, 2013 – May 31, 2013**

Title of Project: **Furniture-making studio**

To contribute to social integration of the vulnerable and disabled people through the promotion of the concept of social entrepreneurship and introduction of the culture of donation in Shirak region. The grantee, “KhoranArd” Intellectual Center NGO, will establish a well equipped self-sustainable furniture studio in Gyumri, and train six socially vulnerable people, including three people with hearing impairments. The enterprise will start its operation by the trainees rehabilitating the old furniture from five social institutions in Gyumri and Artik. Along with the regular business, the grantee will also proactively collect donations of old furniture from well off Gyumri residents, renovate the old furniture and donate it back to indentified impoverished households in Gyumri and Artik. The grantee will carry out process monitoring and consultations with furniture specialists to assure high quality of the production. The project will result in an increased labor and social opportunities for the beneficiary residents of Gyiumri and Artik, will provide examples of socially oriented donation, as well as will become a sustainable funding source for the grantee NGO.

- ❖ Organization: **“Liarzhkek kyank”/Full Life/ charitable NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-4002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,880,600**
Grant Period: **January 1, 2013 – May 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Rabbit revolving fund**

To promote the concept of social entrepreneurship and sense of social responsibility in Armenia through establishing a Rabbit Revolving Fund (RRF) in Gegharquniq region. Initially 20 vulnerable young people in the age of 15-24 will be trained in rabbit breeding by an experienced vet and will be provided by hutches and rabbits with the obligation to run their small-scale farming and provide a couple of rabbits to other peers within the whole project life time. The new beneficiaries will be also trained in rabbit keeping techniques and will operate in accordance with the RRF principles.

The grantee will carry out an intensive monitoring for assuring equality among the project participants and mentorship of the process. The project will result in increased labor and social opportunities for the beneficiary vulnerable young people in Gavar and Sevan communities, as well as will become sustainable funding mechanism for a number of families.

- ❖ Organization: **“Pyunik” Armenian Association for Disabled people Charitable NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-4003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 1,782,000**
Grant Period: **January 1, 2013 - May 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Sewing Workshop**

To contribute to social integration of the disabled through promoting the concept of social entrepreneurship in Armenia. The grantee, Pyunik” NGO, will establish a new social enterprise in Gyumri. The enterprise will be managed by eight disabled women from Gyumri or the neighboring communities. The beneficiaries will be trained in operating sewing machines to be purchased by the project funds, and will produce knitted items. The grantee will carry out a marketing research to assess the demand for knitted items in the local market so the enterprise could efficiently promote and sell its products through direct sales, orders from local wholesale clients, and an export to a partner organization in the USA. The project will result in an increased labor and social opportunities for the targeted disabled women and their households, as well as will become an additional funding source to support the works of the “Pyunik” NGO that intends to broaden the scope of social programming in its portfolio.

Support to Alternative Resources in Media

- ❖ Organization: **Investigative journalists NGO**
Grant Number: **Y10-3010**
Grant Amount: **AMD 3,808,800**
Grant Period: **March 15, 2010 – June 15, 2010**
Title of Project: **Training of the journalists for the new media environment**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination through support to investigative journalism in Armenia. The grantee will add an on-line multimedia platform to its existing web-site (<http://hetq.am/>), and will train 12 professional journalists from Yerevan and the regions of Armenia in operation of multimedia tools and production of multimedia content. The project will establish a network of well-trained investigative journalists throughout Armenia, improve the quality and diversity of investigative reporting on Hetq's web-site, enlarge Hetq's readership, and increase the number of references to Hetq's multimedia investigative materials by Armenian web-based news agencies.

- ❖ Organization: **“Berd IT” Information Technologies Development Center**
Grant Number: **Y10-3001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,628,500**
Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – September 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **Center for E-Education**

To contribute to the development of new media and social networking through IT advancement and information diversification among school-age youth in Berd region of Armenia. The grantee will conduct a series of training for secondary school teachers and students on social networks and new media tools. Following the trainings, a facilitated blog platform will be created to host materials on educational policy regulations, training opportunities, and best practices related to secondary education. The grantee will bring together partners and experts from both Berd region and wider Armenia to the first ever Bar Camp event in the region. Through the course of the project 250 more teachers and school students will receive training on new media and social networking. The project will instigate an open dialogue among youth and teachers over development challenges in Berd region.

- ❖ Organization: **A.M. Media Production**
Grant Number: **Y10-3002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,702,370**
Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – November 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **Portable Culture**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and alternative content through the establishment of an on-line platform featuring high-end cultural information. The grantee will select 14 classical Armenian films and produce an analytical program around each of them. Grantee's WebTV will broadcast two analytical programs each month, which will be followed by a facilitated on-line discussion on the project's video-blog, as well as via other web-based social networks. The materials and discussions will be disseminated wider in the regions through public watching in EPF's tele-center hubs. The project will increase viewership for the high-end cultural information and initiate a sustainable interactive dialogue on the phenomenon among active youth groups throughout Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **Meltex Ltd.**
Grant Number: **Y10-3003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,570,000**
Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – October 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **Alternative choice**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination through promotion of citizen journalism and Internet broadcasting. The grantee, independent media outlet A1+, will facilitate public access to the A1+ web-site, create and disseminate instructions and educational films targeting non-professional journalists, as well as will encourage “I-report” media content creation and dissemination by newly engaged citizen journalists. The grantee will also enable live transmissions by A1+ journalists, making the A1+ Internet broadcasting more efficient and interactive. The project will promote citizen journalism, boost independent news broadcasting via internet, and will improve competitiveness of the independent media outlet A1+ against government-controlled TV channels.

- ❖ Organization: **Versus Studio Ltd**
Grant Number: **Y10-3005**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,341,000**
Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – November 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **Return to one's own circles**

To contribute to the development of alternative media through the establishment of a new source of information on the phenomenon of Armenian migration in the 20th century. The grantee will produce a documentary featuring stories of Armenian migrants of different generations throughout the world, and will create a web-site featuring relevant official documents, personal stories, photos, and video and audio material on the issue. A section on the web-site will make it possible to initiate and facilitate a public discussion over the issue. The project will improve understanding of historical, economic, sociological, psychological reasons that forced Armenians to migrate to and from their homeland throughout the 20th century, as well as enhance chances of informed public participation in policy-making on the issue.

- ❖ Organization: **Lori TV Ltd.**
Grant Number: **Y10-3006**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,846,120**
Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – June 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **Distance Broadcast Project**

To contribute to the diversification of news flow in Lori Region through creation of a mobile live broadcast capacity at Lori TV. The grantee will purchase and install a portable live broadcast equipment (Niagara Gostream SURF) enabling an instant broadcast of events from hot spots. The project will be piloted during the three month lifecycle of the grant. The project will create a rapid reporting capacity in Lori region.

- ❖ Organization: **ATHK Hamakarg LLC (Lragir.am)**
Grant Number: **Y10-3007**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,339,635**
Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – October 15, 2011**
Title of Project: **‘Social reporter’: promoting regional citizen journalism**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination through promotion of citizen journalism in the regions of Armenia. The grantee will create a mobile version of <http://www.lragir.am/>, add a new column “Social Reporter” to the regular and mobile versions of www.lragir.am, and invite interested readers to submit content for the “Social Reporter” via internet and mobile phones. Future citizen journalists will be able to learn mobile report and video production and submission techniques on the grantee’s web-site. The project will establish a sustainable network of collaborating citizen journalists, and will increase the volume and diversity of grassroots regional information on social, political, ecological, and cultural issues that will reach decision-makers and general public throughout Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **Persona Grata Ltd.**
 Grant Number: **Y10-3008**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 3,940,750**
 Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – July 15, 2011**
 Title of Project: **“Theory of improbability”: corruption overcoming and reforms in Georgia**

To contribute to the development of new sources of information and demand for alternative media content through encouraging a public dialogue on issues of fight against corruption in Armenia. The grantee will engage a group of three Armenian journalists in an investigation of Georgia’s successes in the fight against corruption and their correlation with the Armenian realities. Resulting print and video reports will be made publicly available via web-sites of the involved media outlets and a newly established blog. Closer to the end of the project, the grantee will conduct a public presentation and discussion of the project results. The project will increase stakeholder and general public awareness of the Georgian good practices in the fight against corruption, and will enhance public advocacy on effective ways of fight against corruption in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **EcoLur Informational NGO**
 Grant Number: **Y10-3009**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 5,799,600**
 Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – December 15, 2011**
 Title of Project: **Raise Your Voice**

To contribute to the development of new ways of information dissemination and social networking through the establishment of a network of I-reporters in disadvantaged ecological areas of Armenia. The grantee, EcoLur Informational NGO, will conduct a series of training in citizen journalism for civic activists in 25 communities throughout Armenia, identify activists to become liaisons in the network of I-reporters, and engage OSCE-created Aarhus Centers. The grantee will also create a “Video Ecolur” page for S.O.S video submissions and an EcoLur blog to host and disseminate materials generated in the hot spots. The project will raise awareness of the Government and wider public about pressing ecological issues in targeted communities and increase public participation in decision making on these issues.

- ❖ Organization: **Armavir Development Center NGO**
 Grant Number: **Y10-3004**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 6,035,000**
 Grant Period: **March 15, 2011 – January 15, 2012**
 Title of Project: **Active Young Journalists Network in Armavir**

To contribute to the development of alternative media in Armavir region of Armenia through engaging young people in civic activism and blogging. The grantee will establish a youth-led Social Blog, and will train 100 young people in blogging and new media tools. The trained youth will post citizen journalism materials in a newly created Social Blog. Through the course of the project regular competitions will motivate the activism of young bloggers. At the end of the project the grantee will organize a Bar Camp to highlight the results of blogging initiatives and to engage more young people in civic activism. The Bar Camp video-report will be broadcasted through local TV channels and posted on the web. The project will create a network of active civic journalists in Armavir region and initiate an interactive dialogue on social and political issues.

- ❖ Organization: **Transparency International Anti-corruption Center public organization**
 Grant Number: **Y11-0017**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 6,391,000**
 Grant Period: **February 15, 2012 – July 31, 2012**
 Title of Project: **Crowdsourcing Elections Observation: Parliamentary Elections-2012**

To enhance public oversight of electoral processes in Armenia through increased effectiveness of election observation. The project will elaborate and put in practice observer reporting on election violations and fraud via new communication technologies and social media. To observe the upcoming parliamentary elections in Armenia the grantee will build a network of more than 240 trained election observers located in all regions of Armenia. Each observer will pass a training workshop covering Armenian electoral legislation, rights and responsibilities of citizens and observers, types of and reporting on violations. The training will include a session by Media Diversity Institute (MDI) on violation reporting via mobile and web-based tools, such as SMS, Twitter, and Facebook. MDI and the grantee will build a publically available interactive database (web-based map) to aggregate and publicize geographically-specified data on violations reported by trained observers (aka ‘ushahidi’ technology). The team of trained observers and the web-based map will also be used to observe and report on the upcoming presidential elections (in 2013) and municipal elections (in 2014). The project will establish a practice of efficient and effective election observation via new technologies, which will make it possible to legitimately claim cases of election violation and fraud. In a long run, this system will contribute to the establishment of fair and transparent electoral systems in Armenia. The project will also result in a considerable number of socially active youth practicing new media and citizen journalism.

- ❖ Organization: **ATHK Hamakarg LLC (Lragir.am)**
Grant Number: **Y12-0001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 2,752,000**
Grant Period: **March 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012**
Title of Project: **‘Social reporter’: promoting regional citizen journalism, stage 2**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination through promotion of citizen journalism in the regions of Armenia. The grantee will update the ‘Social reporter’ column in the regular and mobile versions of <http://www.lragir.am/>, and invite interested readers to submit content for the ‘Social reporter’ via internet and mobile phones.

The project will strengthen the established network of collaborating citizen journalists, and will increase the volume and diversity of grassroots regional information on social, political, ecological, and cultural issues that will reach decision-makers and general public throughout Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **PanARMENIAN Media LLC**
Grant Number: **Y12-2005**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,827,400**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012**
Title of Project: **“PanMan: Online Cartoon Magazine on Burning Issues”**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination via promoting the genre of caricature in the Armenian online media. The grantee, PanArmenian Media LLC, will establish a PanMan cartoons magazine to become part of the existing www.panarmenian.net online newspaper. Over the life of the project, weekly issues and monthly compilations of PanMan will feature more than 70 comic strips or individual caricatures on social, political, economic, and cultural issues in Armenia. The grantee will promote the PanMan via social networks, and will conduct a weekly contest among the readers of the magazine for the best caption for a comic strip or a caricature. The magazine will attract contributions from freelance caricaturists, which will contribute to the sustainability of the project. A 30-page hard copy brochure compiling project’s best comic strips and cartoons will be distributed among media and artistic community during an exhibition at the end of the project. The project will result in an expanded use of the genre of caricature by alternative media outlets and bloggers, which will increase the effectiveness of their reach to media consumers.

- ❖ Organization: **“168 Zham” Ltd**
Grant Number: **Y12-2004**
Grant Amount: **6,080,000 AMD**

Grant Period: **May 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012**

Title of Project: **They live next to us**

To contribute to poverty reduction and social protection of vulnerable families through increasing public awareness of the issue and strengthening business competitiveness of vulnerable people. To inform the general public the grantee will create a series of at least 20 articles and feature stories highlighting social issues and success stories of the most vulnerable families. Four sets of video and print materials, as well as a dedicated legal consultant will inform the direct beneficiaries of the project about their right to free social services, such as healthcare and education, as well as other rights and protection mechanisms ensured by the Armenian Constitution and laws. The grantee will help at least five vulnerable households to design business project ideas and attract investments from local and Diaspora donor organizations to support their start-up small businesses. The project will result in the establishment of a public platform to voice the immediate issues of vulnerable families and propose viable economic mechanisms to help solve those issues.

- ❖ Organization: **Kanachastan NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-2003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,011,000**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012**
Title of Project: **Social Advertising Virtual Festival**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination through increased application of social advertisement as an effective tool to promote civic activism and address issues of common concern. The grantee, Khachastan NGO, will establish a Social Ad Virtual Festival website as a virtual platform hosting discussions on socio-economic and political issues in Armenia and featuring newly created PSAs; elaborate a user-friendly and publically available methodology on the development of web-based PSAs; train more than 40 young people in the production and effective dissemination of visually powerful PSAs; and support the production of 10 PSAs and their dissemination via social networks. In addition, the grantee will announce a virtual competition of PSAs, and will ensure that the winning PSA is broadcasted over a national TV channel for at least two weeks. The project will result in the expanded use of PSA as a powerful visual media tool to formulate and communicate issues of common concern to stakeholders and broader public in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **“Umbrella” international journalists network NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-2002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,720,500**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012**
Title of Project: **Human life zone**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination through promotion of qualitative media content. To broaden Armenian audience views on regional, social, ecological and political issues the grantee will provide them with the high quality media products through related 25 feature stories, investigative articles, 25 photostories and 25 cartoons. As a result of the project, the concept of high quality journalism, which, among others, assumes unbiased and consistent presentation of the issue raised in the articles/photo and feature stories and cartoons will be introduced to the wider on-line and active constituency, which in its turn will contribute to further strengthening of the civil society in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **Public Journalism Club**
Grant Number: **Y12-2006**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,999,420**
Grant Period: **July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012**
Title of Project: **Citizen reporting from Facebook and Mobile Phones to My News**

To improve access to pluralistic information through the use of alternative means of information collection and dissemination. The grantee, Public Journalism Club NGO, will achieve the goal through creation of three mobile applications for Windows, iOS and Android systems, as well as a Facebook application for the MyNews citizen reporting platform. The applications will enable the users to a) communicate their complaints and applications to candidates, Ombudsman office, leading NGOs; b) to post citizen reports on MyNews website; and c) to access legal and human rights information through public awareness resources uploaded on MyNews. As a result of the project, smart phone users and social network activists will have an opportunity both to access and to create election-related reports.

- ❖ **Organization: ALT TV Company**
Grant Number: **Y12-2007**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,615,500**
Grant Period: **May 1, 2012 – October 31, 2012**
Title of Project: **Multimedia TV in Armavir**

To contribute to decentralization of media and equal development of the regions through expanded internet broadcast and dissemination of socio-political news on Armavir region. The grantee will create an internet version of the TV and produce 1) 90 2-minute briefs on the socio-political situation in the region and 2) 20 feature stories with analysis and closer look on the developments in Armavir. A live broadcast enabled on the web version of the TV will highlight the developments around the parliamentary elections and the post-election period.

As a result of the project the grantee will create an expanded access to information on socio-political developments in Armavir region and will increase the references on Armavir region in national media resources.

- ❖ **Organization: Yerevan Press Club NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-0006**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,256,000**
Grant Period: **July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012**
Title of Project: **Qualitative research on perceptions and stereotypes on religious issues reflected in Armenian Media**

Eurasia Partnership Foundation with support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands implements Promoting Religious Tolerance in Armenia project. The goal of the project is to promote religious tolerance in Armenia by improving public attitudes toward different religions through research and pluralistic public discussion of religion via media.

Among other objectives the project also aims at identification of media and public perceptions and stereotypes on different religious groups existing in Armenia and increase awareness and tolerance in Armenian society on freedom of conscience and right to religious freedom.

In its proposal EPF mentioned Yerevan Press Club (YPC) as a main implementer of the qualitative research on perceptions and stereotypes on religious issues reflected in Armenian Media.

- ❖ **Organization: Martuni Womens' Community Council NGO**
Grant Number: **Y11-0010**
Grant Amount: **AMD 8,147,000**
Grant Period: **June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Martuni Infotun**

To contribute to the expansion of alternative sources of news and information in Armenia through supporting the institutional development of the Martuni InfoTun and building its capacity in civic engagement and dissemination of alternative information. The grantee, Martuni Womens' Community Center, will purchase necessary equipment and furniture for the Martuni InfoTun. The grantee will conduct a

capacity building TOT training for the coordinators of the InfoTun and the twelve foci points in satellite community Infotuns. The grantee will train more than 200 people in citizen journalism, blogging and online activism; conduct weekly analysis of the internet news from social networks and blogging platforms to be placed on the weekly bulletin board in Martuni InfoTun. The grantee will mobilize local youth around socio-economic issues of local concern via flash mobs, film screenings, information expos, as well as via maintaining an active online presence through the InfoTun's blog, Twitter and Facebook accounts. As a result of the project a core capacity of at least 50 citizen reporters and active new media users will be created in Gegharkunik region, and at least 20 active blogs will be established and sustained. The project will also enforce and sustain Martuni InfoTun's leading role as a regional telecommunication hub.

- ❖ Organization: **“NGO Center” PO for Civil Society Development**
Grant Number: **Y12-1001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 9,303,000**
Grant Period: **May 15, 2012– May 15, 2013**
Title of Project: **Vanadzor Infotun**

In order to support circulation of unbiased and pluralistic information, the grantee will run a telecommunication center (InfoTun) serving Lori and Tavush regions. As part of the project the grantee will create a core capacity of media literate people in 7 communities of Lori and Tavush regions through citizen journalism trainings, mentored blogging and online activism. The grantee will also use both online and offline tools to mobilize local youth around socio-economic issues by organization of flashmobs, film screenings, information expos and by maintaining an active online presence of the InfoTun through the InfoTun blog, Twitter and Facebook accounts. As a result of the project a core capacity of citizen reporters and active users will be created in Lori and Tavush regions. The project will also enforce and sustain NGOC's leading role of a regional telecommunication hub.

- ❖ Organization: **Hetq “Investigative Journalists” NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-2008**
Grant Amount: **AMD 10,265,000**
Grant Period: **September 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **New Hetq Through Innovative Media Tools**

To develop a more efficient and technologically advanced independent media outlet with a modern convergent newsroom that can produce marketable, visually appealing and more influential multimedia product. The grantee, Hetq Investigative journalists NGO www.hetq.am, will carry out both technical and content changes for the web as well as will strengthen its team involving new multimedia journalist, columnists and multimedia team responsible. Over the life of the project two new created columns will feature 40 investigative articles on social, political, economic, and cultural issues in Armenia; the refurbished multimedia section will provide readers with 100 multimedia stories; 5 on-line video debates on important developments in the country will be organized and via newly created sport section 60 attracting materials will be offered. Interactivity of the renewed outlet will be ensured through contact links, commentary sections, Facebook and Twitter. The project will provide Hetq's audience with a simplified way of receiving multicontent materials via newly created columns and investigative stories increasing its interest in burning issues of Armenian society. Providing impartial and diverse multimedia materials regarding all aspects of social life in Armenia, Hetq will force the authorities to respond to media stories and to make corresponding reforms in those sectors where inadequacies have been noted, proving to the citizens that independent mass media outlets defend their interests and are willing to fight for justice and to change the situation in the country.

- ❖ Organization: **“Aravot Daily” LLC**
Grant Number: **Y12-2009**
Grant Amount: **10, 372, 330 AMD**

Grant Period: **September 1, 2012 – August 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **“Convergent Newsroom at Aravot”**

To contribute to the production and dissemination of alternative content through promoting the concept of convergent news production. The grantee, Aravot Daily LLC will establish a modern convergent newsroom by redesigning its website <http://www.aravot.am/> and elaborating a set of new user-friendly multimedia services, which will make it possible to produce marketable, visually appealing and more influential multimedia product. Interactivity of the renewed website will be ensured through livestreams, mobile version of the website, as well as iPad, iPhone, and Android applications of the website. Over the life of the project, the grantee will establish and operate five new sections at its website, three of which will be thematic blogs, one will be devoted to science, and the other would provide analysis of current affairs in Armenia. Switching to the convergent news production will simplify and make more interactive the information flow between the media outlet and its audience. In particular, the project is expected to increase the number of the grantee’s page-viewers and unique visitors by at least 20% to the current monthly figure of more than 1,242,000 page-viewers and 105,000 unique visitors. The project will eventually boost the number of committed readers, capture an increased attention of the authorities, which will gradually transform the alternative media content into the mainstream one, and will result in more effective civic discussion and informed decision-making.

- ❖ Organization: **A.D. Sakharov Human Rights Protection Center NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-1003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,249,950**
Grant Period: **September 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Gyumri InfoTun**

To contribute to the expansion of alternative sources of news and information in Armenia through supporting the institutional development of the Gyumri InfoTun and building its capacity in civic engagement and dissemination of alternative information. The grantee, A.D. Sakharov Human Rights Protection Center NGO, will purchase necessary equipment for the Gyumri InfoTun. The grantee will conduct a TOT course in new media and internet literacy for the six foci points in surrounding rural communities in Shirak region. The grantee will train more than 100 people in citizen journalism, blogging and online activism; conduct weekly analysis of the internet news from social networks and blogging platforms to be published in an insert to the local “Shrjapat” newspaper and placed on the weekly bulletin board in Gyumri InfoTun. The grantee will mobilize local youth around socio-economic issues of local concern via flash mobs, film screenings, as well as via maintaining an active online presence through the InfoTun’s blog, Twitter and Facebook accounts. As a result of the project a core capacity of at least 18 citizen reporters and active new media users in 6 communities of the Shirak region will be created, and at least 18 active blogs will be established and sustained. The project will also enforce and sustain Gyumri InfoTun’s leading role as a regional telecommunication hub.

- ❖ Organization: **Armavir Development Center**
Grant Number: **Y12-1004**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,013,750**
Grant Period: **August 15, 2012 – March 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Armavir InfoTun**

To contribute to the expansion of alternative sources of news and information in Armenia through supporting the institutional development of the Armavir InfoTun and building its capacity in civic engagement and dissemination of alternative information. The grantee, Armavir Development Center NGO, will purchase necessary equipment for the Armavir InfoTun. The grantee will train as much as 140 people in citizen journalism, blogging and online activism and publish information notepads on Armavir InfoTun services with basic internet literacy guidelines. The grantee will mobilize local youth around socio-economic issues of local concern via flash mobs, film screenings, as well as via maintaining an active online presence

through the InfoTun's blog, Twitter and Facebook accounts. As a result of the project a core capacity of at least 20 citizen reporters and active new media users in Armavir region will be created, and at least 20 active blogs will be established and sustained. The project will also enforce and sustain Armavir InfoTun's leading role as a regional telecommunication hub.

- ❖ Organization: **Goris Youth Union NGO**
Grant Number: **Y12-1005**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,647,250**
Grant Period: **August 15, 2012 – March 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Goris InfoTun**

To contribute to the expansion of alternative sources of news and information in Armenia through supporting the institutional development of Goris InfoTun and building its capacity in civic engagement and dissemination of alternative information. The grantee, Goris Youth Union NGO, will purchase necessary equipment for Goris InfoTun. The grantee will train as much as **180** people in citizen journalism, blogging. The grantee will mobilize local youth around socio-economic issues of local concern via flash mobs, film screenings, as well as via maintaining an active online presence through the InfoTun's blog, Twitter and Facebook accounts. As a result of the project a core capacity of at least 24 citizen reporters and active new media users in Syunik region will be created, and at least 20 active blogs will be created and sustained. The project will also enforce and sustain Goris InfoTun's leading role as a regional telecommunication hub.

- ❖ Organization: **“Hoosaber” CJSC**
Grant Number: **Y13-0001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 8,127,650**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2013 – July 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **“My Country” TV Program**

To contribute to the production and dissemination of alternative media content through promoting the concept of convergent news production. The grantee, Yerkir Media TV <http://www.yerkirmedia.am/>, will establish a more efficient and technologically advanced independent media outlet with a modern convergent newsroom that can produce marketable, visually appealing and more influential multimedia product. The grantee will establish a multimedia crew involving five journalists, three cameraman, two editors, one web site administrator and one web site editor. Interactivity of the renewed web site will be ensured through the audience's input via contact links, commentary sections and Facebook. Over the life of the project, the grantee will produce about 60 multimedia materials on issues of social, political, economic, and cultural importance to the Armenian society. These materials will be featured on the refurbished multimedia section (Imyerkir@yerkirmedia.am) of the grantee's web-site, while, at least, 18 materials will be broadcast through Yerkir Media TV channel throughout Armenia. In addition to that, the grantee will encourage citizens' involvement in the news section through at least 60 corresponding advertisements via Yerkir Media TV channel, and will publish citizens' contributions on the “Imyerkir” web site. Switching to the convergent news production will increase simplicity and interactivity of the information flow between the media outlet and its audience, which will eventually boost the number of committed readers. A refurbished media outlet that effectively disseminates alternative media content will inevitably capture an increased attention of the authorities, which might result in a more transparent and informed decision-making over the issues of public concern.

- ❖ Organization: **Media Diversity Institute**
Grant Number: **Y13-0002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,010,000**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2013 – April 5, 2013**
Title of Project: **Crowdsourcing Elections Observation: Presidential Elections-2013**

To contribute to fair and transparent presidential elections in Armenia through increased effectiveness of election observation. The project will further improve the methodology of observer reporting on election violations and fraud via new communication technologies and social media. The grantee, Media Diversity Institute, will build on the existing I-Ditord platform (web-based interactive map) that aggregates and publicizes geographically-specified data on violations reported by citizens ('ushahidi' technology). The grantee will reinforce the platform and the established network of more than 500 trained election observers located in all regions of Armenia with a newly created fact-checking team. The team will comprise four journalists and one editor who will be responsible for the prompt follow-up investigation of the reported violations during the February 2013 presidential elections in Armenia. The grantee will establish cooperation with leading media agencies to ensure widest possible coverage of the reported and investigated violations. The reports will also be posted on the secure <http://iditord.wordpress.com> platform. The project will establish a practice of efficient and effective election observation via new technologies, which will make it possible to legitimately claim cases of election violation and fraud. In a long run, this system will contribute to the establishment of fair and transparent electoral systems in Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **Public TV Company of Armenia CJSC**
Grant Number: **Y13-0003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 8,040,000**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2013 – November 30, 2013**
Title of Project: **Public TV archive restoration**

To promote creation and dissemination of alternative media content through opening a public access to archive video material featuring important developments in Armenia over the last 50 years. The project will utilize the latest technologies to publicize a valuable part of national video archives preserved at the Public TV since 1956. The grantee, Public TV Company of Armenia CJSC, will digitalize, categorize, and upload up to 3,000 minutes of valuable video material to a special section of the Public TV's website <http://www.1tv.am>. The project will result in increased awareness of the broader Armenian public of the so far unknown cultural and social heritage, including TV programs on social, political and cultural developments in Armenia, as well as documentaries and feature movies produced by Armenian filmmakers and journalists. In addition, these materials will be used for educational and cultural purposes at high schools and universities.

- ❖ Organization: **Achilles Society for Defence of Drivers Rights NGO**
Grant Number: **Y13-1001**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,080,000**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2013 – July 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **"Traffic Accident" Series of TV Programs**

To enhance understanding of causes and consequences of motor vehicle incidents among road traffic participants through production of series of TV programs. The grantee will operate a 3D collision and trajectory simulation tool that enables quick and accurate analysis of a wide variety of motor vehicle collisions and other incidents and will create series of educational TV programs on ATV Channel. As part of the project 4 pilot TV programs will be produced. The project will create and popularize an alternative to the official Traffic Police expertise, which will reduce corruption risks related to investigation and litigation of traffic accidents.

- ❖ Organization: **ATHK Hamakarg LLC**
Grant Number: **Y13-1002**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,576,400**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2013 – October 5, 2013**
Title of Project: **"Lragir.am - Infographics"**

To contribute to the development of alternative media and new ways of information dissemination through the use of the latest ICT technologies and visualization of complex statistical data. The grantee, Lragir.am, will add an “infographics” section to its www.lragir.am that will feature statistical data via a graphical data visualization tool - “information graphic”. The web site will provide the readers with a quick and clear snapshot of complex social and political developments in Armenia through constantly updated easily comprehensible statistical data in dynamics. Every two weeks the grantee will gather relevant statistical and research data to elaborate 16 infographics in total. The grantee will arrange a review of each infographic by at least three relevant experts and three regional reporters, which will be followed by a production of an accompanying analytical article. As a result of the project, ordinary citizens and policy experts will gain access to reliable information regarding social and political developments and trends in Armenia, which will improve their awareness, and might result in a more effective and informed decision-making.

- ❖ Organization: **Journalists For Human Rights NGO**
Grant Number: **Y131003**
Grant Amount: **AMD 7,330,800**
Grant Period: **February 15, 2013 – November 30, 2013**
Title of Project: **Regional Media for Human Rights**

To contribute to the protection of human rights in Armenia through increasing knowledge and skills of regional media representatives on raising human rights related issues and covering cases of violations of human rights. The grantee in cooperation with Infotuns will develop a training module and organize three trainings in Gegharkunik, Shirak and Kotayk regions of Armenia with participation of local media representatives, civic activists and civic journalists on covering human rights related issues in media. The trainings will be followed by identification and analysis of most vibrant cases of human rights violations in their home regions which will be serve as the basis for development of publication of respective media materials. In parallel with that the grantee will develop the first internet media outlet specialized on human rights. After the trainings a network of human rights reporters will work closely with each other and cooperate in covering and disseminating material developed during the project. The grantee will create an SMS group involving all project participants to provide prompt operations and communication. In addition the grantee will promote cooperation between the regional media representatives with local self-governance bodies via teaching them how to request information from respective institutions and other procedures necessary for effective communication.

These activities will allow raising the awareness on human rights among regional media representatives and promoting development of Human Rights oriented media in regions.

- ❖ Organization: **“168 Zham” Ltd**
Grant Number: **Y13-1004**
Grant Amount: **6,541,090 AMD**
Grant Period: **March 1, 2013 – August 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Region**

To contribute to the decentralization of media through expanded internet broadcast and production of socio-political news on the regions of Armenia. The project will aim at establishing a sustainable network of regional journalists, which will increase the volume and diversity of grassroots regional information on social, political, ecological, and cultural issues throughout Armenia. The grantee will conduct a training in multimedia journalism for a group of journalists located in the regions of Armenia. The best 10 trainees will be hired by the grantee to contribute to the regional news feed. The grantee will integrate an i-marz page in its regular online news stream at <http://168.am> to widely disseminate the information provided by the trained journalists from the regions of Armenia. Through the course of the project at least 40 materials on social, political and economic life of the regions will be posted on the i-marz page each week. The grantee will cooperate with at least 15 leading national media agencies to disseminate the regional information across different platforms. The project will result in prompt and more objective coverage of the regional news in

nation-wide media outlets, which will increase the awareness of the regional issues among decision-makers and general public throughout Armenia.

- ❖ Organization: **“Goris Press Club” NGO**
Grant Number: **Y13-1005**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,129,200**
Grant Period: **February 1, 2013 – July 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **If you say a news that...**

To contribute to media literacy and new ways of information dissemination through promotion of citizen journalism in Syunik region of Armenia. The project will aim at establishing a network of collaborating citizen journalists, and increasing the volume and diversity of grassroots information on Syunik region. The grantee will conduct a series of media literacy trainings in the 12 high schools of Syunik region to train the school-age youth in basic citizen journalism skills based on the curriculum developed at the Internews Media Support NGO. The grantee will establish a dedicated web platform to host materials produced by the trained youth. As many as 200 students are expected to post citizen journalism materials by the end of the project. The grantee will also organize two study trips to leading national media outlets for the 12 selected citizen journalists. The project will increase the number of dedicated citizen journalists in Syunik region, which will enhance the volume and the quality of grassroots information from Syunik region available to the national media outlets. In addition, some of the trained citizen journalists might soon become civil society activists in their own communities and nation-wide.

- ❖ Organization: **ALT TV Company**
Grant Number: **Y13-1006**
Grant Amount: **AMD 5,194,660**
Grant Period: **February 15, 2013 – August 15, 2013**
Title of Project: **Communities on TV**

To contribute to the development of regional media in Armenia through building their capacity to become a multimedia news room and address challenges of multimedia journalism. The grantee, ALT TV Company, will upgrade its web-site www.alttv.am to enable effective web-TV broadcast and include new pages on rural communities and photo/video materials. Over the life of the project, the web-TV will offer 20 multimedia materials covering socio-economic situation in rural communities of the region, while the web-site will feature about 50 photo/video materials under its new “No Comment” rubric. In addition, web-TV’s live broadcast will highlight the developments around the Presidential elections in Armenia in February 2013. The project will expand the access to alternative information on socio-political developments in Armavir region, as well as will increase references to Armavir region in the national media.

- ❖ Organization: **Meltex LTD (A1+)**
Grant Number: **Y13-1007**
Grant Amount: **AMD 4,479,000**
Grant Period: **February 15, 2013 – July 15, 2013**
Title of Project: **“Breath of Armenia”**

To promote the creation and dissemination of alternative content through the use of the latest technologies and new means of distribution, the grantee, Meltex LTD (A1+ on line news agency) will effectuate live broadcast through www.a1plus.am.

As a result of the project, the A1+ viewers will have on-line access to all important news of Armenia accompanied with video and corresponding reportages as well as will receive information on outstanding personalities of culture through short documentaries. This broadcast from different locations of capital and the regions of Armenia will provide public with alternative source of information competing traditional TV channels.

- ❖ Organization: **EcoLur Informational NGO**
 Grant Number: **Y13-1008**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 5,567,000**
 Grant Period: **February 15, 2013 – September 15, 2013**
 Title of Project: **Armenia :Assesment of Ecological Risks**

To contribute to public awareness of ecological risks in Armenia through the adoption and application of international assessment standards. The grantee will elaborate on an assessment grade including quantitative and qualitative indicators for the evaluation of situation in the target ecological hot spots. Based on this, the grantee will create a virtual map of ecological risks that will host crowdsourced information posted by citizen journalists and Ecolur activists. Grantee will also organize public discussions and expert meetings to analyze the results and to publicize them through Ecolur’s web resources. The project will create a dynamic interactive web resource enabling civil society organizations and the general public to observe the ecological situation throughout Armenia while being guided by internationally accepted and compatible assessment indicators.

- ❖ Organization: **EIVA Arts Foundation**
 Grant Number: **Y13-1009**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 4,413,000**
 Grant Period: **February 15, 2013 – October 30, 2013**
 Title of Project: **Art in Media**

To contribute to increased public awareness of basic human rights and freedoms through the medium of street art and social art. The project will aim at popularizing visual media among the youth in Yerevan and Vanadzor while encouraging production of illustrated social stories and participation in social art events and contests. The grantee, EIVA Arts Foundation, will support the participating youth to create a series of 64 social media stories highlighting human rights issues via illustrated features, which will be posted on the project’s website. Over the life of the project, the grantee will also implement a street art project and a social poster contest, which will be summarized in a public award ceremony. In addition, the grantee will produce a pocket book and a promotional film on social stories that will be disseminated among civil society and youth organizations throughout Armenia. The project will increase public understanding of human rights issues by visualizing and publicizing human stories, as well as will contribute to the use of alternative means of information dissemination among youth in Yerevan and Vanadzor cities.

- ❖ Organization: **Versus Studio**
 Grant Number: **Y13-1010**
 Grant Amount: **AMD 6,020,900**
 Grant Period: **March 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013**
 Title of Project: **Courage to Alternate, an Alternative to Courage**

To understand the role of alternative media in advancing social and cultural progress and protecting human rights through conducting a comparative analysis between the latest social media technologies/trends and their Soviet-era prototypes. The grantee, Versus Studio NGO, will make an effort to compare the Soviet-era “Samizdat” and the modern social networks by conducting interviews with at least 16 identified Samizdat authors, as well as researching the archives of the Radio Liberty and identified Soviet-era dissidents. The results of the research will be included in the 60-minute “Samizdat” documentary. In addition, the grantee will establish a “Samizdat” Facebook page and organize at least five public discussions to share the project results with a wider audience inside and outside of Armenia. The project will increase the awareness of the social media practitioners of the need to adhere to certain ethical norms, of their role in promoting human rights issues vis-à-vis the mainstream media, and in advancing the overall socio-cultural progress of the society.

- ❖ Organization: **Art Labororory Cultural NGO**

Grant Number: **Y13-1011**
Grant Amount: **5,273,550AMD**
Grant Period: **March 1, 2013 – October 31, 2013**
Title of Project: **Art activism as alternative media and technology**

To contribute to creation and dissemination of alternative content through urban street art, modern art criticism and political art activism. Art Laboratory will produce two online programs called “Artists and art critics about current political processes” and “Nmanakum” (Simulation), number of street art actions, video materials and critical articles. The grantee will publish created content in newly developed web site which is supported by Counterpart International/USAID. By use of well-known artistic instruments Art Laboratory is will address essential problems of Armenian society and inspire new generation of artists and political activists.

- ❖ Organization: **Ayb Educational Foundation**
Grant Number: **Y13-1012**
Grant Amount: **AMD 6,453,000**
Grant Period: **March 1, 2013 – November 30, 2013**
Title of Project: **Alternative Resources in Media**

To contribute to increase of media literacy among youth the grantee will create a media education center and develop educational content to be used during trainings organized for hi-school students from all regions of Armenia. The trainings organized for 5 groups of 12 students each will be followed by development of pilot media content by trainees themselves which will be placed on Foundation’s website and evaluated by experienced professionals. Authors of the selected materials will have the opportunity to develop their materials using the professional equipment of the Foundation. In parallel with that four Moments of Sincerity TV programs will be developed with involvement of project participants.

The content developed during the project including training handouts, video materials, etc. will become the methodological basis of the Ayb media centre’s media literacy program and will allow educating more youth after completion of the grant.

Support to Youth-led Community Initiatives

Youth Bank Grants (2009)

- ❖ **Taguhi Minasyan**

In support of promoting a better understanding between the youth of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan there should be prepared an illustrative slide show revealing the similarities, common needs and interests of the common neighbouring people based on the answers of the same questionnaire spread throughout the three countries in the region. The questionnaire is going to be spread out by different emailing groups with the help of the counterparts in the relevant countries. Furtherer, with the help of the IT specialist there is going to be established a blog that will kindly welcome people to make their comments about their changed or unchanged attitude, impressions and expectations. The project aims at promoting communication, exchange and friendship, as well as the existing wrong perception on the national image between youth of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaidjan; to educate them to inherit and carry forward long history of close cultural relations between the two countries.

Through illustrative slide show aimed to reveal the similarities of the three neighbouring nations, including little interesting human life stories, answers to questionnaires, and all this supported by relevant photos or comments in the background, and a blog established for welcoming comments on the slide show, their impressioins and expectations.

- ❖ **“Art of Dialogue” initiative group**

To promote exchange and friendship between youth of Georgia and Armenia to educate them to inherit and carry forward long history of close cultural relations between the two countries. Through educational and cultural exchange activities the project team will enable the youth participants experience culture and promote understanding and friendship between two nations and develop spirit of peace, cooperative development and common prosperity. A major component of the project is to learn through experience of Georgian and Armenian history and culture by means of sightseeing activities and exchange visits that will be arranged by collaborative action of the two partner project “Getting Involved” project teams in Georgia and Armenia.

❖ **Project “No Smoking”**

The project is designed to increase youth awareness about the negative influence of the smoking starting at an early age. By means of collecting necessary information on the negative cases tracked as a result of smoking at an early age to organize 2 educational seminars for the youth aged 11-14. As a result of the organized seminars the projects aims at the increasing of the awareness among youth as well as to motivate them to share the information gathered with their peer.

In order to raise health awareness, two anti-smoking seminars will be conducted in Kapan Armenia for students aged 11-14. Smoking related health issues will be discussed at the seminars. United States Peace Corps Volunteers, school directors and NGOs will be partners of the project.

❖ **“Study Tour for Young Specialists”**

In support of increasing Gavar State University’s Economic Faculty students’ knowledge about Armenian dairy market as well as to increase their understanding of the business and the marketing strategies of big businesses in Gegharkunik region, the projects is designed to organize orginase study tour to Tamara LLC and Ashtarak Kat LLC.

As a result of organized study trip students will have an opportunity to analyze Armenian dairy market, compare the enhanced theoretical information with the strategy of the big business production organizations. As a result of study trips analytical reports will be developed by the students, including main suggestions reasonable for the marketing strutegies of Tamara LLC and Ashtarak Kat LLC.

❖ **“Each Vote does Matter” initiative group**

The project is designed to increase youth awareness about the value of participation in democracy through the electoral process. By means of organizing of the seminar “Each vote does matter” , with participation of youth from Armenia and Georgia, and production to the outreach material the project will encourage exchange of the of experience and knowledge about electoral processes in Georgia and Armenia and increase awareness of the motivation among youth to vote and encourage others to vote.

Youth Bank Grants (2009-2010)

In order to provide youth from rural communities with opportunities to develop practical skills and to lead local development processes, Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) has been implementing the Youth Bank Program in Armenia since 2007. Youth Bank project uses an innovative approach to developing youth leaders, building their decision-making and critical thinking skills by putting them in charge of making small grants to other young people to develop their communities.

With direct support from Jinishian Memorial Foundation the youth-led community projects coordinated by the 6 youth bank members will make tangible improvements in remote, often neglected areas through direct action, combining volunteerism and grant-making.

As a result of taken activities and organized workshops and seminars the youth bank committee members will develop an understanding of transparency and good governance and acquire practical skills that they can apply in the workplace or in the community.

Youth Bank Grants (2011)

To empower Armenian youth to bring about positive change in their communities through building up their capacity to lead community development activities and engage in volunteer work. The grantee, Yerevan Youth Bank Committee, will support a number of small youth-led initiatives in Yerevan and surroundings while involving more than 220 young people with particularly few opportunities for civic engagement. The list of projected activities includes forming a German Club and German Day, Cleaning and painting the Public Trash bins, improving handcrafting skills, developing Chess making the days of the students more interesting, making local souvenirs and other activities. By the end of the project, the seven members of Dilijan Youth Bank Committee will have learned project design and management, grants financial and programmatic administration, program outreach and communication, as well as the principles of transparent decision making and philanthropy. Most importantly, the project will help to awaken the civic-mindedness of the 220 newly involved young people.

Youth Bank Grants (2012)

To empower Armenian youth to bring about positive change in their communities through building up their capacity to lead community development activities and engage in volunteer work. The grantee, Gyumri Youth Bank Committee, will support a number of small youth-led initiatives in Gyumri and surroundings while involving local rural young people with particularly few opportunities for civic engagement.

By the end of the project, the members of Gyumri Youth Bank Committee will have learned project design and management, grants financial and programmatic administration, program outreach and communication, as well as the principles of transparent decision making and philanthropy. Most importantly, the project will help to awaken the civic-mindedness of the newly involved young people.