

CDF TB CONTINUES THE SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING THE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL IN KOSOVO



January for CDF was characterized with many new contracts signed for the continuation of programs implemented by the organization. One of these new contracts was the grant for support to the implementation of the Global Fund Tuberculosis Program for the period 2019 – 2021 with the National Coordination Mechanism for TB and HIV within the Ministry of Health.

The program enables the provision of quality health services in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of patients with TB and consequently, the reduction of the infectious disease and mortality rate.

The grants value is EUR 1.527.522.00. The Ministry of Health, CDF and other parties pledged on maintaining and advancing the results of the program in the future.

CDF SUPPORTS ART ACTIVITIES IN KAÇANIK

In January 2019, CDF through its Building Resilience in Individuals and Communities in Kosovo – BRICK, signed an agreement with Lebibe Topalli- Shabani, executive director on MURAL FEST (Ferizaj), which has been organizing mural festivals for 4 years now. With this agreement, BRICK is supporting art activities for students aged 15-19 in Kaçanik, to express their views on Tolerance by using artistic creativity. Youth have submitted their proposals, whereas the selected art work will be shown at the Exhibition of the Art Gallery in Ferizaj. Moreover, youth of Kaçanik are preparing their proposals for a Mural, which will be created by professional artists.

The workshop regarding photography, graphics and 3D are also being held, offering the participants the opportunity to learn new techniques, share their art work and socialize with each other.



WORLD TB DAY



In March 2019, CDF through its TB Program marked the International Tuberculosis day, with the motto of It's time to end Tuberculosis!. The meeting gathered representatives from the National Program on Tuberculosis Control (PKKT) of the Ministry of Health, in cooperation with the implementing partners of the Program – World Health Organization office in Prishtina, NGO 'KeA', representatives of health institutions, professionals and media. The Executive Director of the CDF, Ms. Nermin Mahmuti talked about the new grant for the TB Program the organization, which is the main recipient of the TB grants in Kosovo has received from the Global Fund, for the period 2019 – 2021. 'Receiving a new grant is an appreciation for everyone and especially for CDF, and justifies the trust given to CDF from the National Coordination Mechanism and the Global Fund, as a qualitative

and stable partner with integrity. We have achieved positive results that are highly evaluated by both independent evaluators and donors themselves.' said Ms. Mahmuti. The meeting ended with the emphasis of the new work that needs to be done to strengthen the partnership among all actors of the program, including civil society, which has a very important role for the quality implementation of the program

THE HIV/AIDS CARE

Throughout the month of February and March, CDF HIV program held trainings for medical officers at the University Clinical Center of Kosovo and other regional hospitals as well as with the Kosovo Association for People living with HIV/AIDS in the Municipality of Gjilan. Doctors and nurses at the regional centers and hospitals were notified about the persons living with HIV/AIDS and were trained on all free and available therapies in our country.

Furthermore, the second part of the training was designed to address issues related to stigma, discrimination, the legislation that protects and regulates the human rights, personal data protection and criminal legislation. Trainings on the same topic were also held with Kosovo Police officers at the local level, with a focus on human rights and stigma in health care. The training was organized by Integra and funded by CDF through the Global Fund Program in Kosovo.



TOGETHER FOR A BETTER INTERNET



CDF BRICK together with the Center for Advanced Studies FIT – market the Safer Internet Day 2019, with the motto ‘Together for Safer Internet’, which served as a call to action for all students, professors and parents to join together and each play their part in creating a better internet for everyone and especially for younger users. The program also launched an awareness campaign in ‘Jeta e Re’ school in Ferizaj, for the promotion of the safe internet by distributing various educational materials followed by a concert by the artist Adorel Haxhiaj. The awareness campaign lasted throughout the month of February.

12 STUDENTS TRAINED BY BRICK - READY FOR THE JOB MARKET

Wood processing in the Municipality of Ferizaj is one of the biggest businesses and the biggest part is focused in Greme. Given this fact, the interest of international partners in investing in this area has also been intensified, in order to increase professionalism, productive capacity, increase product quality and increase the overall capacity of all individuals involved in this business. Wood processing has been mostly focused



in Greme, where pretty soon the need to build a business meeting center for all businesses arose. The center was supported by the European Union Office and CDF as a co-implementing partner made sure that they're equipped with the latest modern technology such as CNC. In addition to equipping the center, CDF held trainings on the use of the machinery and AutoCAD – as the main program used to control the machinery, general managerial skills, resources, marketing, sales and standardization.

Through our BRICK program, for the past 4 months CDF has trained 12 students of the last year of Secondary School of Agribusiness and Technology ‘Zenel Hajdini’ in Ferizaj. The students from the department of wood processing learned how to design in AutoCAD and how to work with the CNC machinery, which has prepared them for the job market. All 12 students were delivered the certificates for the training and by the end of the training, they have all been contacted by Ferizaj business owners for jobs. 4 of the students have already started working and the others are in the process of negotiating.

CDF AND THE COMPETENCIES PASSPORT

The Competencies Passport (CP) is a biographical system of counselling through which an auto-reflexive evaluation of one's own achievements are shown and their skills, knowledge's and competencies, gained through informal and non-formal learning, are identified. Starting September 2018, CDF experts have been undergoing trainings and were certified the usage and development of the Passport of Competencies. In March 2019, the working group compiled of other civil society members also, gathered on a two-day workshop in order to analyze the political, social, relevant technological factors for the implementation of the Passport of Competencies as well as determine the system of objectives and activities of the Strategy. CDF is the appointed lead organization in the process of the strategy elaboration and development of the Competencies Passport in Kosovo. The instrument Competencies Passport in Kosovo is being implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and its specific project ORF MMS (Open Regional Fund-Modernisation of Municipal Services) on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). This project has started in November 2017 by selecting the appropriate NGO's that deal with marginalized groups and returnees in Kosovo and offering training for counselling with CP to their selected experts.



VIA DINARICA TAKES NETHERLANDS AND BERLIN

During the month of February and March, our ViA Dinarica project participated in two Western Balkans adventure and tourism fairs organized by the Regional Cooperation Council – RCC in Utrecht, Netherlands and Berlin, Germany. The fairs served as a center for a diverse group of partners from all Western Balkan countries; Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo *, Montenegro Serbia and the Republic of Northern Macedonia to meet, discuss as well as promote their countries as a destination for travel. The events also aimed at promoting the region overall and specifically the regional routes and other new and innovative regional travel programs.



FIGHTING HIV STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION

Throughout the month of February and March, the CDF Sub-recipient KAPHA financed by the Global Fund HIV program, held trainings for health worker at the University Clinical Center of Kosovo and other regional hospitals as well as with the Kosovo Association for People living with HIV/AIDS in the Municipality of Gjilan. Doctors and nurses at the regional centers and hospitals were sensitized about people living with HIV (PLHIV) and were trained on all free and available treatment and care in our country. Furthermore, the second part of the training was designed to address issues related to stigma, discrimination, the legislation that protects and regulates the human rights with emphasis on right to access health services, personal data protection and criminal legislation. Trainings on the same topic were also held with Kosovo Police officers at the local level, with focus on human rights and decrease of stigma and discrimination towards key population and PLHIV in health care. The training was organized by Integra and funded by CDF through the Global Fund Program in Kosovo.

In addition, CDF supported the Ministry of Health to organize the MMT Workshop with the health professionals working in the MMT centers in Kosovo with the topic to increase knowledge on WHO treatment guidelines and Protocols for OST. The workshop was a good avenue for suggestions to improve. Program Advocacy Group (PAG) met in March to discuss new challenges and barriers to implementation of HIV Program.

VIA DINARICA TRAININGS FOR MOUNTAINEERS

The original ViA Dinarica project began in 2010 and it now serves as a platform to promote and develop tourism efforts across the Western Balkan Peninsula. The overall objective of the project is to enhance cross-border (CB) economic activities through unique sustainable tourism models based on natural, traditional and cultural values, while bringing forth shared characteristics of the region. It includes hiking, cycling, skiing, kayaking, rafting, and other sports for land and water.

In January 2019, CDF through its project 'Development and Promotion of New ViA Dinarica Routes in Kosovo*-Connecting Naturally, organized a two-day training in the Municipality of Gjakova which was attended by 10 mountaineers. The topics of the trainings were the standards and legislative framework in Kosovo and standards, documentation of mountain trail, topography basics and reading of cards, recording of parameters for setting the trail, and includes practical work on the trails. The 10 participants were from the Municipalities of Gjakovë, Pejë, Junik and Deçan.



The project is funded by the Regional Cooperation Council, under the European Union's program Promotion and Development pile, which aims to contribute to the increased competitiveness in 6 Western Balkan countries by supporting and promoting culture and adventure in the countries via a tourism package.