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#25years support for strong and active citizens
and democratic society

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25 YEARS FOUNDATION OPEN SOCIETY – MACEDONIA

In 2018, FOSM celebrated the 25th jubilee from its establishment and operation in Macedonia with a series of regional and international events on topics of societal importance, an exhibition, and promotion of documentary feature and monograph. For 25 years, FOSM advocates for creation of dynamic and tolerant society where



citizens are strong, active and involved, while governments are responsible, accountable and open to cooperation. FOSM has invested more than 145 million dollars to improve lives of citizens through coordinated support for initiatives that ensure better education and healthcare, the rule of law, respect for human rights, media pluralism, and freedom of speech. Our commitment to youth, marginalized groups and local

communities is important legacy for greater cohesion in the society.

Under the motto “25 Years Support for Strong and Active Citizens and Democratic Society”, celebration of FOSM's 25th jubilee started on May 3rd, with the promotion of documentary feature about the Foundation and multimedia exhibition that showcased its work and achievements in the past period. During the month of May, several conferences were organized at which participants from Macedonia and abroad discussed important topics such as: Macedonia's accession in the EU, legal empowerment, Roma health, freedom and the internet, youth and the open society, education reforms, the power of art and culture for social changes, as well as the future and perspectives of the open society in Macedonia. Many events were organized in cooperation with other



civil society organizations that are also long-term partners to FOSM, including Eurothink, Coalition Margins, Metamorphosis Foundation for Internet and Society and Youth Educational Forum. Jubilee celebrations also included exhibition of creative activism, organized in cooperation with the Contemporary Art Center.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED UNDER FOSM'S 2018 STRATEGY DOCUMENT

Under its 2018 strategy, FOSM allocated resources to strengthen civic actors for effective engagement in: **(1)** restoring the trust in divided communities, by addressing polarization within and among ethnic communities, and by promoting social cohesion and the value of cohabitation; **(2)** creating a reflexive environment for and improving the public image, trust and relations among civil society actors; and **(3)** supporting youth activism and youth organizations to contribute in addressing ethnic and other divisions and to work on media literacy among youth to counteract manipulations, hate speech and propaganda, by means of:

- implementing four **concepts**: (1) Civic Engagement for Social Cohesion; (2) Civil Society Shaping Public Policies; (3) Interethnic Integration in Education; and (4) Legal Empowerment Network Strategy;
- supporting civil society organizations to advance state-of-affairs in **fields** identified as the most threatened: (1) Youth Engagement; and (2) Rights-Based Health Policies. These organizations hold adequate expertise, access to relevant target groups, and have well-developed coalitions and alumni networks, allowing them to efficiently articulate their strategies and respond to emerging challenges and circumstances.

FOSM and its partners monitored policies and practices, indicated to mistakes and contributed in shaping evidence-based policies. In that, special focus was put on: **(1)** creating an enabling environment for the civil society to effectively shape public policies related to progress in terms of EU accession; **(2)** enhancing the civil society's impact in advancing policies and practices on interethnic integration in education; **(3)** budget monitoring and holding the government accountable for progressive and nondiscriminatory enforcement of health rights; and **(4)** building partnerships with all stakeholders for integration of community-based legal services for marginalized groups in the National Developmental Plan, to ensure sustainable framework for legal empowerment (Network Strategy).

In 2018, FOSM secured additional funds from the Open Society Foundations' Reserve Fund to implement the Citizens for the Future concept. Recognizing the historical opportunity after Macedonia and Greece signed the Name Agreement, as well as after the EU's conditional recommendation to open accession negotiations in June 2019 and the invitation to join NATO, in cooperation with ten civil society organizations, FOSM implemented an integrated campaign to inform citizens about benefits from Macedonia's integration in the EU and NATO. This initiative aimed to ensure greater turnout and informed decision of citizens on the referendum held in September 2018.

Total funds spent on implementation of FOSM'S actions in 2018 amount to 230,659,401 MKD, of which 207,551,363 MKD were secured from the Open Society Foundations, while remaining 23,108,039 MKD were secured from other donors.

**REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED UNDER FOSM's
2018 CONCEPTS**

CONCEPT: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT FOR SOCIAL COHESION

The *Civic Engagement for Social Cohesion* concept aims to empower civic actors to reaffirm social cohesion, strengthen advocacy capacity and advance their role as promoters of inclusive society. Activities implemented under this concept were strategically focused in seven previously selected regional hubs: Prilep, Tetovo, Struga, Strumica, Skopje, Kumanovo and Shtip.

In 2018, a total of 47 grants awarded to civil society organizations and informal groups in 2017 continued to implement their activities (ten institutional support grants, ten assistance grants to non-governmental organizations from the Reserve Fund, ten ad-hoc grants, six grants for research stories, and one grant for media monitoring).

In order for grassroots civic actors from the seven strategically selected regional hubs to stimulate positive changes in attitudes and behavior of community members and to improve policies and practices, local democracy and societal cohesion, in March 2018 open competition to award three types of grants to civil society organizations, informal groups and local media was announced.



This open competition was intended for innovative and creative projects that promote values of open society, demonstrate commitment to active civic engagement, and have potential for visible impacts, including integrative approach with focus on communities, gender and persons with special needs. A total of 61 applications were received and 25 grants were awarded. Fifteen grants awarded for greater community engagement (in total amount of USD 77,262) contribute to resolution of current issues and challenges within communities that are result of low social cohesion. Six partnership initiatives for greater solidarity in addressing issues of

common interests (in total value of USD 51,981) create opportunities for exchange of knowledge among local civic actors, building mutual trust and improving social cohesion. The support for creation of contents awarded to five local media (in total amount of USD 28,000) enriches their respective programs, promotes public interest, and increases civic participation in decision making and policy development.

As part of celebrations for 25th jubilee of the Foundation Open Society – Macedonia, in May 2018 this concept organized two events at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Potentials and opportunities, but also challenges for the open society, were the main topics covered during panel discussions at the two-day conference “Does Open Society Have a Chance in Macedonia?”. Discussions about the open society were enriched with contributions by representatives from the civil society, state institutions, the media, academia and the international community. In their presentations, key note speakers positioned the open society at crossroad, identified global threats and challenges that endanger its values, and underlined approaches and strategies that could be used as efficient response to challenges for preservation of democratic standards. Findings from the research study “Political Culture, Identities and Civil Society”, conducted in cooperation with the Institute for Social Analyses, inspired discussions about the ways in which our society could successfully address growing nationalism, xenophobia, apathy, exclusion, closure, exemption and insecurity of societal actors. The first conference day was concluded with discussions about the challenges to independent judiciary in Macedonia and advancement of human rights and freedoms, as well as the civil society's role in accelerating judicial reforms. The second conference day was marked by discussions about public institutions' transparency and accountability as imperative for responsible government and responsible civil society for Macedonia to be able to become and sustain itself as open society.

The two-day event “The Untapped Power of Arts and Culture for Social Change” gathered at the same place people who work in the field of culture and those who use cultural activism to initiate changes in the society. As part of panel discussions, participants discussed opportunities for cultural and artistic actions to influence mainstream events and developments, encourage civic actions and criticize authorities, when necessary. Some participants reflected on the forms by means of which artists and activists could counteract commercialization and devaluation of socio-cultural and artistic practices. This event included two workshops, one held by activist group “Haveeit” from Kosovo, and the other by concept artist Steve Lambert from the United States. The exhibition “Creative Activism” was staged at the Mobile Gallery in Skopje, in cooperation with the Contemporary Art Center from Skopje, and showcased creativity of civic activism in Macedonia and its evolution, specificities and expressive forms in the last decade.

The Citizens for European Macedonia Club (CEM Club), which serves as platform for expression of critical public opinion and open space available to all civil society

organizations and informal groups, hosted a total of 167 events (work meetings and workshops, presentations and press conferences, promotions, public debates,



comics exhibition, lectures and book fair) on issues related to human rights, youth, marginalized groups, gender equality, policy reforms. All these events, organized by FOSM and 53 CSOs, publishers and individuals, were attended by total of 3,351 visitors. FOSM organized promotion events for three translated books: "On the Political" by Chantal Mouffe, "On Populist Reason" by Ernesto Laclau, and "Security, Territory, Population" by Michel Foucault.

Civil society representatives and activists from Kenya met with representatives of institutions and civils society organizations from Macedonia to exchange experience and ideas about development of civil society.

In cooperation with the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, FOSM initiated regular monitoring of extreme nationalist narratives in three regions across the country (Bitola, Shtip and Tetovo). Monitoring findings and analyses will be presented at public debates, with a view to indicate negative trends and to stimulate public debate about advantages of inclusive society, as well as to encourage communities to find efficient ways to address and deal with challenges imposed by hate speech.

In October and November, three training courses were organized for representatives from 14 civil society organizations that were awarded financial support for projects to advance community engagement and to increase solidarity in addressing issues of common interest. The first training, "Improving communication between the civil



society organizations and the local community: How to listen to the community and establish creative dialogue?" was attended by 26 representatives from CSOs and informal groups. Participating in theoretical lectures, exercises and case studies, training participants were able to acquire knowledge about the basics,

methodology and elements of active communication, and were introduced to several tools and approaches that could help them in their future work and successful communication with local communities. The second training, "Successful engagement and community mobilization: Participation Is nothing less than designing the social life" allowed 22 participants from 13 CSOs and informal groups to acquire knowledge and skills on planning and implementing campaigns for successful mobilization of local communities. At the training "Creative activism: hip-hop, comics and data visualization for successful campaign" participants acquired practical skills for creation and implementation of creative activism campaigns.

In cooperation with the Center for Artistic Activism from the United States and the Contemporary Art Center from Skopje, FOSM organized the Academy for Artistic Action in Skopje, attended by 15 artists and civic activists from Macedonia. Training



participants were able to learn about the methodology of creative activism and use artistic forms of expression to create own solutions to identified problems in relation to widespread corruption. This training was concluded with organization of creative action called "Agency for Equitable Distribution of Kickback", which was performed by academy participants in Skopje downtown. Eight participants were selected to

attend the Training of Trainers conducted by the Center for Artistic Activism from the United States, organized by FOSM in cooperation with the Contemporary Art Center.

In cooperation with OSF Art Exchange Program from New York, an open call to award grants to socially engaged artists for creative actions and campaigns was announced. A total of 46 applications were submitted to this open call (four within the first deadline and 42 within the second deadline) and 12 grants were awarded in total amount of USD 50,000. Grants were implemented over a period of six months and are expected to use artistic forms of expression not only to indicate to current challenges in the communities, but also to advocate for better policies that affect development of local democracy and social cohesion.

In addition, grants were awarded to support the Festival "PeachPreach - A Gala Night of Women's Storytelling", participation of theater director Nela Vistoshevijk in the developmental program for nurturing stage directors from the United States and around the world "Lincoln Lab" held in the United States, and support for the internet portal *Okno*.

In 2018, under this concept FOSM continued to implement the five-year **USAID Civic Engagement Project** (2016-2021), which aims to strengthen capacity of civil society organizations and youth groups on policy advancement, improving public services, promotion of good governance and better living standards in Macedonia. USAID Civic Engagement Project is implemented by the East West Management Institute, in partnership with FOSM and three local organizations: *Metamorphosis* Foundation for Internet and Society, Association for Democratic Initiatives, and National Youth Council of Macedonia.

The project is comprised of four components, as follows: (1) strengthening CSO alliances/networks; (2) strengthening CSOs; (3) strengthening youth engagement; and (4) strengthening youth activism.

FOSM's role implies coordination of capacity-building activities for project grantees supported under all four components.

In 2018, under its first and second component, USAID Civic Engagement Project supported eight CSOs and one CSO network implementing projects in duration of three years. Pursuant to the Organizational and Advocacy Capacity Assessment (OACA) methodology, FOSM's project office conducted interviews and developed relevant reports on grantees' organizational and advocacy capacity. FOSM's team received training by international expert on application of *Net-Map Analysis* for CSO networks and held workshops for its networked grantees. Individual workshops on strategic planning organized for individual grantees and covering a total of 53 participants resulted in development of five strategic plans and eight capacity building and annual plans of relevant civil society organizations and networks. FOSM's team provides support for implementation of these plans through training and individual mentorship and/or expert assistance for capacity building in specific areas identified.

In 2018, FOSM's project office organized four advance training courses on topics such as: advocacy, implementation of volunteer policies, and practices of good governance at CSOs and CSO networks. Moreover, three youth training events on project management and networking and community mobilization with project grantees supported under components on strengthening youth engagement and strengthening youth activism were organized. Advance youth training events were attended by a total of 121 participants. Additional activities implemented include networking, peer learning and establishing dialogue with institutions (policy forums). More precisely, FOSM organized ten Learning Circles on four topics: Cyber Security, Volunteering, Financial Management and Data Work. These meetings were attended by 180 representatives from project grantees. Moreover, two policy forums were organized, with more than 170 representatives from the civil society, local and central authorities, business sector, academia, informal groups, experts and other interested parties. One policy forum was organized in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and focused on the fight against

disinformation, while the second forum covered the topic “Perspectives of NATO Integration: What Will the Accession Process Bring for Macedonia and Its Citizens”.

From 22nd to 27th April 2018, in cooperation with the Barka Foundation from Poland, FOSM's team organized a study visit abroad for exchange of knowledge and experience on social entrepreneurship. Eight representatives from project grantees, including FOSM staff members, visited several municipalities and a dozen public and private organizations and institutions in Poland that work on this topic.

In June 2018, FOSM organized the second CSO Week which included 21 events implemented by 19 CSOs, networks or individuals in total of 11 settlements, with more than 1,600 participants. These events were covered by 220 media reports. The second CSO *Bus Tour* included 20 representatives from project grantees, who met with local population in villages Karbinci and Podaresh to discuss utility problems, youth emigration and low youth employment, possibilities for regional development by advancing agriculture policies, and the need for participatory definition of priorities and challenges faced by local population.

In cooperation with a number of project grantees, in 2018 FOSM organized three *Exchange Visits* across the country. More specifically, visits were made to three CSOs to discuss specific topics that are of interest for grantees, as follows: volunteering was discussed at the Youth Cultural Center in Bitola; social entrepreneurship was discussed at the Association for Counselling, Treatment, Reintegration and Resocialization of Persons Addicted to Psychoactive Substances *Izbor* in Strumica; and possibilities for resolution of local challenges identified as part of CSO *Bus Tours* in 2017 and 2018 were discussed at the Coalition of Youth Organizations in Prilep. Forty one representatives from civil society organizations and networks supported under this project actively participated in these meetings. Moreover, two *Best Practice and Innovation Events* were organized, one focusing on social entrepreneurship and the other on cyber security for CSOs and networks. Events were attended by more than 80 civil society representatives from Macedonia.



FOSM provided logistic support for organization of two training events titled “Strengthening Sustainability of CSOs and Increasing Constituency Support” and “Building Communication and Social Marketing Skills for Effective Fundraising”, delivered by *HORUS* from Skopje and *Catalyst* from Serbia. These training events are part of more comprehensive activity aimed to enhance sustainability of project grantees.

FOSM's team was supported by the East West Management Institute from New York to initiate the process for obtaining the so-called NICRA (*Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement*), by aligning its organizational policies and practices with USAID requirements and standards.

Throughout the entire period, international experts mentored and supported FOSM's team in this endeavor.

CONCEPT: CIVIL SOCIETY SHAPING PUBLIC POLICIES

The *Civil Society Shaping Public Policies* concept aims to create an environment conducive for civil society to effectively shape public policies pertaining to the progress under the EU accession process.

Objectives defined under this concept are: **(1)** to support CSO alliances to conduct independent oversight in the areas of judiciary, antidiscrimination and anticorruption, and contribute to policy shaping; and **(2)** to support CSOs to conduct monitoring of public administration reform and advocate for greater transparency, accountability and inclusion.

According to the approved 2018 annual plan of activities and budget, groups of interrelated and complementary activities were implemented for attainment of these objectives, notably by means of:

(1) Grant scheme for three CSO networks/alliances to conduct independent oversight of public policies in the areas of judiciary, antidiscrimination and anticorruption, which included:

- support to the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, Institute for Human Rights, European Policy Institute, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, Coalition "All for Fair Trails" and Center for Legal Research and Analyses, which conducted oversight on implementation of the Strategy on Justice Reforms (2017-2022) and its Action Plan. This support resulted in development and presentation of monitoring brief¹



¹ Available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11634&catID=7&pageIndex=1&month=0&year=0&additionalID=125>

on judiciary reforms;

- support to the Platform for Fight against Corruption, which developed and presented three policy documents: "How to Ensure Integrity of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption?", "Civil Society Cooperation with Stakeholders in Initiatives for Prevention and Fight against Corruption", and "Degree of Openness by Competent Institutions Through the Prism of CSOs at Central Level". CSO Platform for Fight against Corruption presented the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia with an initiative for appointment of members to the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption;²
- support to the Coalition *Margins* to advocate for adoption of the Law on Prevention and Protection against Corruption and to monitor its implementation.

(2) Support to the innovative approach "Truthmeter" to assess the government's performance against declared priorities from the Government's Annual Work Program, and to assess electoral promises made by political parties in three areas, which included:

- grant awarded to the *Metamorphosis* Foundation for Internet and Society, to support its monitoring tool "Truthmeter" (<http://vistinomer.mk/>) which assesses fulfilment of statements and promises made by the government and other relevant political actors in relation to the Urgent Reform Priorities, i.e. in the areas of judiciary, public administration and fight against corruption, by providing graphic and systematized data visualization in reader friendly format;
- participation in the Conference e-Society.mk, which included promotion of the final report "Media Reform Observatory" and the policy document "Reforms in Judiciary, Public Administration and Fight against Corruption";

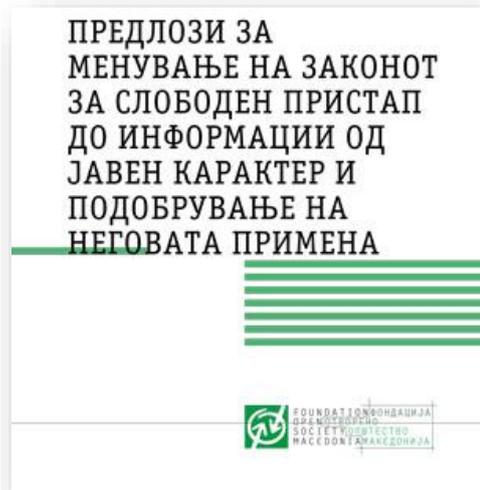
(3) Advocacy for greater transparency and accountability of institutions by improving the legal framework on access to public information and fight against corruption and conflict of interests, which included:



² Available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11592&catID=7&pageIndex=1&month=0&year=0&additionalID=125>

- participation of FOSM representative in the working group tasked with drafting the new Law on Free Access to Public Information, with a view to define public interest and mandatory use of “harm test”, increase scope of information holders (political parties), increase authorizations for the second-instance body with misdemeanor competences, improve efficiency and effectiveness of the second-instance body by changing its structure into individual body;
- development of the policy document “Proposals to Amend the Law on Free Access to Public Information and Improve its Enforcement”³;
- participation of FOSM representative in the working group tasked with developing the Open Data Strategy, and participation in the stakeholder working group tasked with monitoring progress in implementation of the Open Data Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2020;
- participation of FOSM representatives in development of the Open Government Partnership’s National Action Plan 2018-2020, and participation in the stakeholder working group tasked with implementation of the Open Government Partnership’s National Action Plan 2018-2020;
- participation of FOSM representative in the working group tasked with drafting the new Law on Prevention of Corruption and Conflict of Interests, with a view to improve the model for appointment of the State Commission for Prevention of Corruption and increase its competences;
- organization of four work meetings with representatives from the Directorate for Security and Protection of Classified Information and the OSCE Mission in Skopje, with a view to ensure practical use of “harm tests” that would contribute to addressing abuses/malpractices in rejecting access to public information and classification of information.



(4) Grant awarded to Eurothink – Center for European Strategies to monitor the EU accession process and utilization of EU funds, which included:

³ Available at: <http://www.fosm.mk/CMS/Files/Documents/Policy%20Brief%2012-01-2018.pdf>

- development and promotion of the “Comparative Analysis of the European Commission’s Progress Reports for the Republic of Macedonia 2014 – 2018”⁴, which illustrates progress made in EU integration per chapters;
- development and presentation of five policy documents on Macedonia’s EU accession process branded as “Accession Log”,⁵ which monitor work performed by the government, development of EU policies, implementation of the Urgent Reform Priorities, and the regular political dialogue between Macedonia and the European Union;
- organization of the School of European Policy, comprised of workshops and discussions with national and regional experts from Serbia and Montenegro, government representatives and civil society representatives, focused on reconsidering models and opportunities for participation of civil society organizations in accession negotiations between Macedonia and the European Union;



- organization of the regional conference “Why Europe, Why Now?!”⁶, which resulted in definition of positions of the civil society from Macedonia and the region in the wake of the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Sofia. This conference produced the policy document “Why Europe, Why Now”,⁶ which was presented at the Sofia Summit and the meeting with civil

society organizations in Brussels;

⁴ Available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11506&catID=7&pageIndex=2&month=0&year=0&additionalID=125>

⁵ Entry# 1 – What Will the Year 2018 Bring?, available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11497&catID=7&pageIndex=3&month=0&year=0&additionalID=125>, Entry# 2 – Credible Strategy on Enlargement with the Western Balkans, available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11508&catID=7&pageIndex=2&month=0&year=0&additionalID=125>, Entry# 3 – Half Step Forward, available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11538&catID=7&pageIndex=2&month=0&year=0&additionalID=125>, Entry# 4 – A Millimeter Shy of Negotiations, available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11595&catID=7&pageIndex=2&month=0&year=0&additionalID=125>, Entry# 5 – Potentials and Traps of IPA III, available at:

<http://www.fosm.mk/mk/Home/Publication?newsID=12678&catID=9&pageIndex=1>

⁶ Available at: <http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/Publication?newsID=11573&catID=9&pageIndex=1>

(5) Monitoring public administration reform, which FOSM implements as part of the project **Civic Alliance for Transparency: CSO Watchdog over Public Administration Reform**, supported by the European Union under the IPA Civil Society Facility and Media Programme 2015, which included:

- grant scheme to support six CSOs to conduct monitoring of public institutions and quality of public services at local level, in the amount of EUR 50,000;



- development and presentation of the “First Report on Implementation Track Record of the Strategy on Public Administration Reform 2018-2022”,⁷ covering the period February-June 2018;

- development of the policy document “Tailor-Made Public Sector: Discussion on the Size of the Public Administration in Macedonia”;⁸

• development of the policy document “Contribution to the Semi-Annual Report for the Strategy on Public Administration Reform”;⁹

- organization of the annual conference “Policy Making Through the Perspective of EU Integration”, attended by more than 70 governmental officials, administration employees and civil society representatives;
- publication of six analyses¹⁰ based on relevant findings from monitoring public administration reform, with a focus on: enforcement of the 2008 Law on Languages; stakeholder participation in adopting and amending the Construction Law; stakeholder participation in adopting the Strategy on Public Administration Reform 2018-2022; performance track record of the Agency for Youth and Sports; functionality of stakeholder consultation mechanisms at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy; and efficiency of protection

⁷ Public presentation of the First Report, available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11617&catID=7&pageIndex=1&month=0&year=0&additionalID=118>

⁸ Policy document, available at:

<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11556&catID=7&pageIndex=2&month=0&year=0&additionalID=118>

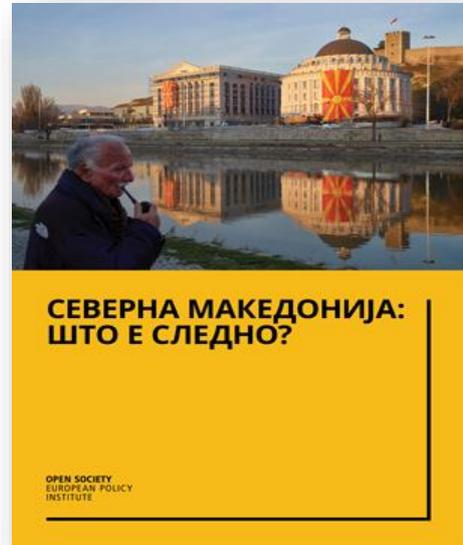
⁹ Contribution to the Semi-Annual Report for the Strategy on Public Administration Reform, available at:

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¹⁰<http://fosm.mk/mk/Home/NewsAndActivity?newsID=11577&catID=7&pageIndex=1&month=0&year=0&additionalID=118>

provided by the Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information.

In addition, activities implemented under this concept included the project **Support to Macedonia for EU and NATO Integration**, with funds secured from the Reserve Fund¹¹ of the Open Society Initiative for Europe, in cooperation with the Open Society European Policy Institute. This support concerned: **(1)** development of feasibility study and advocacy plan for international monitoring of court trials in high-profile corruption and organized crime; **(2)** engagement of professionals to help the government in accession negotiations; and **(3)** policy documents: “The Macedonian Name Agreement and Its Aftermath: A Geopolitical Perspective”, “The Referendum in Focus: End of the Road for Macedonia’s Accession to EU and NATO or Just the End of the Road?”, and “Macedonia’s Path Towards the EU and NATO and the Regional Implications”.¹²



As part of operational activities, FOSM representatives participated in: (1) the founding group, comprised of six CSOs, for development of the document “Blueprint for Development of Civil Society Organizations 2018-2022”; (2) the working group tasked with drafting amendments to the decision on establishing the Government’s Council for Civil Society Cooperation and Development and advocacy activities before the government; (3) development of comments to the Strategy on Civil Society Cooperation and Development 2018-2020; and (4) the working group tasked with developing the model for involvement of CSOs in the state’s structure for accession negotiations with the EU.

CONCEPT: INTERETHNIC INTEGRATION IN EDUCATION

The *Interethnic Integration in Education* concept aimed to strengthen the impact of civil society for improved education policies and practices focused on interethnic integration in education. In 2018, FOSIM’s activities under this concept were geared towards: **(1)** support to initiatives that could serve as exemplary practices of learning and living together; and **(2)** support to civil society for participation in the ongoing dialogue on education reforms.

¹¹ Allocation for the Foundation Open Society – Macedonia under the Civil Society Shaping Public Policies Concept from the Reserve Funds/General Reserves/Europe Reserve

¹² Available at: <http://www.fosm.mk/mk/Home/Publications?catID=9>

Hence, activities implemented in relation to the objective on **support to initiatives that encourage interethnic cooperation in education and serve as exemplary practices of learning and living together** included:

- Support to projects at 10 primary schools that deliver instruction in some languages spoken by small ethnic communities and at rural schools. The purpose was to support interethnic integration in education by promoting ethnic, cultural and language differences as advantage, encouraging active participation and mutual cooperation in school life among pupils, teachers, parents and the local community, promoting exemplary practices in teaching, learning and pupil organization, etc.;



- Open call to hear the opinions of high-school students from state schools in the Republic of Macedonia about the quality of education and their ideas for improvement. A total of 39 high school students presented their submission to the open call, of which 11 were awarded. In particular, by means of essays, letters and comics, high-school students shared their opinions about the ideal school and the ideal teacher. As part of their papers, some high-school students directly addressed the Minister of Education and Science;



- Open call to award successful teachers and good teaching practices, which received 113 nominations for teachers in primary (class and subject instruction) and secondary education. Nine of them (three in each subcategory) who, in the opinion of FOSM, had the best/most creative classes received monetary rewards

and their schools were awarded donations in didactic aids. The purpose of this open call was to promote the teaching profession, but also dedicated individuals who contribute to advancing education and teaching, with special focus on encouraging critical thinking, creativity, application of knowledge and development of social competences with pupils;

- Cooperation Agreement was signed with the Faculty of Philology “Blaze Koneski” at the University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje for implementation of the project “Learning Languages of the Others: Active Students for Social Cohesion”. The project aims to encourage and promote language competences of students and stimulate multilingualism by parallel studies in Albanian, Turkish and Macedonian languages, through intensive, specially designed, semester courses that should ensure entry in the domain of students' cultural competences.

Support to civil society's participation and contribution in the ongoing dialogue on education reforms was provided by:

- Projects implemented by four CSOs in partnerships with schools from their local communities to promote the concept of inclusive education and inclusive schools as stimulating environments where differences are understood and valued, where each and every student feels welcomed and could achieve his/her maximum potential for participation, learning and advancement. These projects promoted practices of quality cooperation between schools and non-governmental organizations in regard to extracurricular activities and informal education for pupils;
- Organization of the workshop “Contemporary Tendencies in Higher Education of Educators and Connectedness with Practices”, in cooperation with the Faculty of Pedagogy “St. Clement of Ohrid” from Skopje. The purpose of this workshop was to analyze and define possibilities to promote connections between initial education of educators and their practical work in terms of integrative approaches to learning and transfer of knowledge, curriculum setup, professional training and staff development. Participation of representatives from higher education institutions for teacher training, preschool institutions, and representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Bureau for Development of Education and international organizations allowed discussions on key aspects of relevant legislation that should be adopted in the forthcoming period and should regulate operation of preschool institutions and their staff. Conclusions from group work and proposals for improvements were disseminated to all workshop participants and relevant institutions responsible for regulation of preschool teaching and education and higher education institutions for initial training of educators;



- Initiation of research study on university autonomy, in cooperation with the Independent Academic Trade Unions, to determine perception/understanding of university autonomy and actual university autonomy of higher education in the Republic of Macedonia through the prism of indicators defined by the European University Association. The research report includes an analysis of higher education policy and legislation, survey/questionnaire that inquired about views and opinions of university representatives about actual achievements in all domains pertaining to university autonomy in higher education in the Republic of Macedonia and comparison against the level of university autonomy achieved in the European Higher Education Area. Research findings and recommendations will be shared in early 2019 with all stakeholders, including the future Nacional Council of Higher Education and Scientific Research Activity;
- Visits to several schools delivering instruction in languages spoken by small ethnic communities (Turkish, Bosniak and Serbian) to detect state-of-affairs and obtain data about their needs to advance instruction. Findings from these visits will be integrated in the baseline study for design of interventions under the *Education of Small Ethnic Communities* concept, which will be implemented in under FOSM's 2019-2022 strategy;
- A series of conferences was organized to discuss findings and recommendations from the two research studies. Namely, in late 2017 FOSM initiated the research study "Education of Teachers in Primary Education of the Republic of Macedonia", which was conducted in cooperation with a team of professors from state higher education institutions for teacher training in the Republic of Macedonia. It provides comprehensive analysis of legislative, institutional, organizational and program setup for teacher training, identifies problems (similarities and differences between teacher training faculties) in terms of enrolment, manner in which initial education is delivered (accreditation, study programs, exit competences and profiles/diplomas, alignment with the European Qualifications Framework, etc.), profession entry and forms of professional development. At the same time, the research paper outlined recommendations for improvements. Research findings and recommendations were presented at the conference organized as part of events to celebrate FOSM's 25th jubilee and included introductory remarks by then current minister of education and science, as well as views and opinions on actual state-of-affairs in teacher professions delivered by professors and experts from Slovenia, Bosnia and Hercegovina and Kosovo, and the Director of OSF Education Support Program. The research study "How Much and On What Do Macedonian Students Spend" was initiated by FOSM by the end of



last year and was conducted by a joint team of researchers from the Association of Young Analysts and Researchers (AYAR) and Youth Educational Forum. This research mapped the types and amounts of expenses incurred by students at five state universities in the Republic of Macedonia, funding sources, living and cultural habits of students and factors that affect their quality of living, and provided recommendations for improvements to various actors.

Additional funds secured from OSF thematic programs have greatly promoted program and thematic portfolios of FOSM and its strategic partners. By supporting the Youth Educational Forum's initiative "Corruption-Free Student Dormitories", OSF Higher Education Program supported anticorruption efforts as one of our strategic priorities, this time in the area of higher education. OSF Education Support and Early Childhood Programs in London contributed to sustainability and institutionalization of an important program segment (learning communities) of the Foundation for Educational and Cultural Initiatives *Step by Step*, which were recognized by the schools and the Ministry of Education and Science as efficient alternative model for professional development of teachers and important school resource for collaborative learning and exchange of good practices.

FOSM signed an agreement with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy for refurbishment/adaptation of kindergartens in the municipalities Kriva Palanka and Rosoman. Municipalities are responsible for implementation of procedures on adaptation of premises at existing preschool institutions, aimed to increase coverage of children in these two locations, while equipment and didactic aids for the new premises will be procured by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.

With funds secured from the Roma Education Fund in Budapest, in 2018 FOSM continued to administer **RMUSP** and **RHSP** scholarships, thereby supporting a growing number of young Roma who complete undergraduate and postgraduate studies in medicine and other fields.

LEGAL EMPOWERMENT NETWORK STRATEGY

FOSM's overall goal under the *Legal Empowerment Network Strategy* is to design and implement developmental policies on legal empowerment at national and local level, thus ensuring access to justice for poor and marginalized groups (Roma, sex workers, people who use drugs, textile industry workers). Through joint work with representatives from relevant national and local institutions, the academia, civil society organizations and members of affected groups, FOSM is committed to advance possibilities for institutionalization and sustainability of different community-based access to justice modalities.

According to the approved 2018 annual plan of activities and budget, activities were implemented towards attainment of three interrelated and mutually conditioned objectives, as follows: **(1)** developing national and local policies on

legal empowerment in cooperation with all stakeholders, i.e. representatives from relevant national and local institutions, the academia, CSOs and members of affected groups; **(2)** ensuring financial sustainability of different access to justice modalities; and **(3)** ensuring continuous provision of quality legal services and legal empowerment for poor and marginalized groups (Roma, sex workers, people who use drugs and textile industry workers).

Activities implemented under the first objective on **institutionalization of legal empowerment** include:

- In consultation with representatives from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (MLSP), two commitments were adopted at national level under the priority area “access to justice”, whereby legal empowerment is integrated in the fourth Open Government Partnership’s National Action Plan 2018-2020 (NAP). Both commitments concern SDG no. 16.3, which will contribute to attainment of the first objective, will promote the rule of law at national and international level, and will ensure access to justice. By means of decision taken by the Ministry of Information Society and Administration (MISA), FOSM representatives are appointed members of the working group tasked with implementation of this priority area under the fourth NAP. As regards translation of SDG no. 16.3 in the national legislation, activities were taken to compile the list of indicators that would serve as basis for collection of available data. At the level of sector-based institutionalization of legal empowerment, MLSP integrated paralegals and their work in Roma Information Centers (RIC). Underway is the procedure for new systematization at Social Work Centers (SWC) whereby employees at RIC will be transformed into full-time staff at SWC. In the following period, employees at RIC will benefit from paralegal training to acquire knowledge in relevant areas in which citizens frequently face legal problems. At the same time, cooperation between CSOs and local authorities should result in establishment of Access to Justice Centers for Roma and Other Socially Vulnerable Groups in two municipalities: Shuto Orizari and Prilep. Integration of the Access to Justice Center in the Municipality of Shuto Orizari’s 2018 Action Plan and Budget allowed legal empowerment to become part of local policies. Moreover, in compliance with the National Roma Integration Strategy, activities are underway in 12 municipalities for development of operational plans on legal empowerment and they are expected to be integrated in relevant Local Action Plans on Roma Integration. For the purpose of adequate implementation of local policies and better knowledge about this concept, in the course of 2019 seminars on legal empowerment will be organized for local institutions.
- To ensure sustainability of free legal aid and authorized associations that provide free legal aid for eight years now, FOSM monitors implementation of the Law on Free Legal Aid, whereby identified shortcomings in terms of the law and the system of free legal aid served as basis for development of four policy documents distributed to competent institutions. In cooperation with the six

associations authorized for provision of free legal aid, two documents were drafted and include comments about the proposed law developed by Latvian experts, indicating shortcomings in terms of: (1) insufficient valuation of work performed by authorized associations; (2) narrow coverage of preliminary legal aid; and (3) restricted legal issues for which free legal aid could be requested and approved. FOSM played a key role in advocacy for organization of public debate that included presentation of amendments drafted by FOSM and authorized associations. This resulted in withdrawal of the proposed law and MoJ ordered development of new law text in coordination with the civil society. Since then, two meetings were held with MoJ and included presentation of the law's clean version, proposed models for financing associations, and clarification of the financial model with organization of open call.

- In addition to advocacy for adoption of new LFLA, FOSM actively participated in development of other laws and policies relevant to legal empowerment, such as the Law on Prevention and Protection against Discrimination, advocated for successful translation of SDG 16.3 in the national legislation, analyzed state-of-affairs related to pro bono attorney representation and alternative methods for



out-of-court dispute resolution. In order to promote pro bono services of attorneys-at-law, based on the previously developed methodology, two publications were developed and promoted: “Report on Possibilities and Perspectives of Pro Bono Legal Aid in the Republic of Macedonia” and “Analysis of Use of Mechanisms for Alternative Dispute Resolution

in Ensuring Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups of Citizens in the Republic of Macedonia”.

- In addition to activities related to development of relevant policies, with a view to support institutionalization of legal empowerment FOSM organized two international conferences, one in Macedonia and the other in Moldavia, in cooperation with colleagues from their national foundation. Moreover, FOSM assisted representatives from MoJ and MLSP to acquire relevant knowledge by facilitating their participation in the specialized course on legal empowerment which takes place every year at the Central European University in Budapest.

- In the course of 2018, FOSM organized the campaign on legal empowerment aimed to promote and bring this concept closer to institutions and the broad public. The campaign was successful, with registered outreach of 55% among targeted populations. In parallel, efforts were made to design the thematic website www.pravnozajakni.mk that features legal advice, information and contact information for CSOs that provide legal and paralegal assistance.



Activities under the second objective related to **ensuring financial sustainability of different access to justice modalities** were closely related to activities implemented under the first objective. Advocacy for adoption of new and quality LFLA were also geared towards ensuring adequate budget for free legal aid provided by authorized associations which, in turn, would directly improve sustainability of legal assistance provided by these associations. Moreover, under the new systematization and integration of legal empowerment at RIC, MLSP allocates budget funds for this type of access to justice services at national level. Activities for integration of access to justice in local policies, i.e. Local Action Plans on integration of Roma and other socially vulnerable groups provide basis for use of opportunities offered by the new Law on Social Protection, which will enter in effect in 2019. This law anticipates provision of social services by municipalities with funds secured from the central budget that will be awarded under open call for implementation of municipalities' local plans. To ensure financial sustainability of different access to justice modalities, nine grants were awarded for innovative fundraising. In 2019, CSOs will work on finding innovative ways to fund their services. These grants were result of training on innovative fundraising intended for 19 CSOs from the informal network on legal empowerment. In 2018, continuous efforts were made for collection of data on costs for three modalities for access to justice. Based on insights in these data, it could be concluded that most frequently reported costs by vulnerable groups of citizens in relation to access to justice include: transportation costs, costs for initiation of court proceedings, administrative costs. The overall intention was not to show whether one modality of legal assistance is more or less costly, but to assess current costs for provision of services, to emphasize who covers these costs and to assess which costs should be covered by the state, in order to ensure effective access to justice.

Ensuring continuous provision of quality legal services and legal empowerment for poor and marginalized groups (Roma, sex workers, people who use drugs and textile industry workers) is the third objective pursued by means of four modalities on community-based access to justice: paralegal assistance, community-based legal assistance, free legal aid pursuant to LFLA and legal clinic for vulnerable groups.

FOSM supports 14 CSOs which, in the course of 2018, worked on:

- Provision of legal and paralegal assistance to more than 2,000 Roma in eight Roma communities and related to: patients' rights, discrimination, illegal charges for healthcare services, health and social insurance, personal documents, social allowance, third party assistance and care, reproductive health, etc. Moreover, three strategic litigation cases were initiated for identified medical errors. In six municipalities, trained paralegals provide systematic information on rights and possibilities for provision of paralegal assistance, identify legal problems and continuously monitor individual human rights violations as part of their door-to-door visits. Around thirty educational workshops were organized on topics such as: immunization, patients' rights, health and social insurance, healthcare and free medical examinations, preventive healthcare programs, women health, outreach services, family planning, juvenile marriages, etc. As special forms of Roma community mobilization to participate in legal empowerment, so-called Roma Citizen Parliament and Initiative of Roma Women from Shuto Orizari continued their activities in 2018. Other notable activities included successful advocacy by the Initiative of Roma Women before the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, by submitting shadow report focused on illegal charges imposed by registered gynecologists, deficit of registered gynecologists in municipalities, failure of outreach nurses to visit pregnant women, and the need for employment of Roma Health Mediators. After its 71st session, the Committee issued its recommendations to the state: ensure access to affordable and quality healthcare and family planning, and sexual and reproductive health services; take measures to prevent stigmatization and prejudices against Roma women among medical practitioners; integrate Roma Health Mediators into the public healthcare system; prevent and eliminate practices of charging illegal fees for public health services, in particular for Roma women living in rural areas, women with disabilities, and migrant and refugee women.
- Provision of free legal aid (FLA) by five authorized associations to around 1,100 citizens, mainly in the areas of social protection, family relations, property tenure issues, children protection, and protection of domestic violence victims. Fifty five citizens were assisted in submitting FLA applications to MoJ for free attorney representation in court proceedings and motions were lodged before the Administrative Court for ten cases in which FLA applications were denied. A total of 21 legal empowerment sessions were held and allowed citizens to learn about their rights and responsibilities in the areas of social protection, labor relations, notary payment writs, payment executive orders, as well as rights and responsibilities of debtors in these procedures, gender-based and domestic violence, inheritance relations and children protection.
- Provision of continuous training for paralegals who provide paralegal assistance and support to different vulnerable groups (Roma, sex workers and textile industry

workers), based on the Manual for Education of Paralegals. Two training events were organized for paralegals to equip them with basic information on topics such as: power sharing, sources of law and organizational setup of courts in our country; basics of civil litigation; police, public prosecution and criminal court proceedings; family and inheritance law; domestic violence and harassment at work. These training events were attended by 30 paralegals that provide this type of assistance and support to marginalized communities.

- Design and organization of three-day training for CSOs that work on promotion of health and access to healthcare for Roma people from Macedonia and from Central and Southeast Europe, based on the integrated approach on social accountability and legal empowerment in Roma communities. This training covered topics such as: social accountability methodologies



(community monitoring, social audit, budget monitoring and analysis), legal empowerment and provision of paralegal assistance, merging the concepts of social accountability and legal empowerment. At the same time, the training was used to exchange experience related to work performed by CSOs from all countries. It aimed to strengthen capacity of CSOs that work in the field of advancing Roma health by using abovenamed methodologies.

- Provision of continuous paralegal services to sex workers in Macedonia by eight paralegals from Skopje, Ohrid, Struga, Strumica and Gostivar. In 2018, these paralegals made 613 visits/contacts with 176 different sex workers, as follows: 242 contacts in Skopje, 59 in Gostivar, 110 in Strumica, 78 in Struga and 124 contacts in Ohrid. Most of these services concerned information and advice in the areas of domestic violence; psychological, physical and sexual violence by clients, family members and the police; protection against discrimination; and exercise of rights in the field of health and social protection. In 154 cases, paralegals referred sex workers to further counselling and support, most often to associations that provide such services (i.e. social workers, psychologists/psychiatrists, lawyers or health professionals). Moreover, they accompanied 97 sex workers to the police, health institutions/ methadone centers/ gynecologists, the Health Insurance Fund and social protection institutions. Court representation was secured in cases related to: discrimination against people who use drugs; children of sex workers; victims of violence and racial discrimination; and hatred towards transgender persons who are also sex workers. Also, six court cases were motioned for legal recognition of gender (one of these cases included

application submitted to the European Court of Human Rights, which is expected to have positive outcome). A total of 97 people who use drugs were provided more than 746 legal services, including persons released from prison, persons without personal identification documents, health insurance and adequate treatment after prison release, while 11 legal services were provided to families of people who use drugs.

- Provision of 350 paralegal services and 392 legal services to workers from 82 textile manufacturers. One strategic litigation case was motioned on the grounds of unjustified work dismissal on behalf of textile worker who is also engaged as paralegal. Ten monitoring visits were made to Kochani, Makedonska Kamenica, Probishtip, village Podlog, Obleshevo, Cheshinovo and Delchevo, attended by 52 textile workers. Four infographics on reported violations of labor rights were designed and published and they served the purpose of information dissemination among textile workers and the broader public about legal and paralegal advice provided. Five positive opinions were obtained in relevant procedures initiated before the State Labor Inspectorate and concern violation of labor rights, including recommendations for elimination of identified violations to relevant employers, which duly complied with them. In particular, labor violations concerned issuance of salary rolls, overtime work, and payment of annual vacation benefits (K-15). All five textile manufacturers targeted with these procedures and positive opinions employ around 1,100 textile workers, meaning that all of them feel benefits and positive changes from these inspection supervisions. These cases were detected by paralegals that also drafted and lodged requests for inspection supervision.
- Establishment of a team comprised of 40 law students that will be engaged in the Legal Clinic at the Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" during the academic year 2018/19. Professors who will mentor these students have already developed four syllabuses, as follows: rights of vulnerable categories of consumers, rights in the field of social and health protection, rights of families to incarcerated and detained persons, and administrative law, all of which include defined goals and curricula for individual training modules. Two training events were organized on social and health protection and one training event was organized on administrative procedure and procedure led before the Ombudsman.

CONCEPT: CITIZENS FOR THE FUTURE

In 2018, FOSM secured additional funds from the Open Society Foundations' Reserve Fund to implement the *Citizens for the Future* concept. Recognizing the historical opportunity after Macedonia and Greece signed the Name Agreement, as well as after the EU's conditional recommendation to open accession negotiations in June 2019 and the invitation to join NATO, in cooperation with ten civil society organizations, FOSM implemented an integrated campaign to inform citizens about

benefits from Macedonia's integration in the EU and NATO. This initiative aimed to ensure greater turnout and informed decision of citizens on the referendum held in September 2018. More specifically, this initiative was intended to compensate potential gaps, allowing progressive civil society and citizens to express their views about the country's future as part of structured campaign on information dissemination to citizens, with emphasis on the need for and benefits from Macedonia's integration in the EU and NATO. Activities were implemented by FOSM and ten partner organizations (CIVIL – Center for Freedom, Rural Coalition from Kumanovo, Eurothink – Center for European Strategies, Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women – ESE, Contemporary Art Center, NGO Info-Center, HERA – Health Education and Research Association, and Youth Educational Forum), TV 24Vesti and engaged individuals.

In August and September, comparative analyses were developed on advantages and disadvantages from EU and NATO accession in the areas of economy, agriculture and health, featuring data from neighboring countries that have recently joined the EU. Fact and datasheets were developed for areas such as education, environment, the rule of law, human rights and anticorruption, including relevant information on benefits and shortfalls from EU and NATO membership, as well as production of contents on most frequently asked questions about the EU and facts about NATO. The agreement between Macedonia and Greece was analyzed in order to explain and demystify, in historical terms, provisions contained therein and to identify issues of importance to the general public, thus addressing citizens' fears.

Analyses served as baseline for development of brief, key factsheets in all areas selected, which provided simplified and streamlines explanation of benefits from EU and NATO membership. These facts were translated into creative solutions, both in Macedonian and Albanian language, covering questions and answers about Euro-Atlantic integrations. All creative solutions were featured in the integrated campaign called "Start Moving Forward! The Choice is Yours!"

The media campaign was implemented in the period leading to the referendum, i.e. from 10th to 27th September, and was comprised of public and media activities at national level, including various audiovisual materials distributed through several communication channels, debates, book promotions and a series of meetings with citizens. Activities included design of thematic website zacekorinapred.mk which served as place where citizens could obtain information and answers to numerous questions about the country's Euro-Atlantic integrations and the Macedonian-Greek Agreement.





Five videos were produced (agriculture, education, health, environment and the name agreement) in Macedonian language and four videos in Albanian language, followed by 19 animations in Macedonian language and eight in Albanian language, covering key benefits in areas such as agriculture, education, health, environment, EU and NATO integration, the rule of law, human rights, anticorruption and the name agreement. These materials were distributed to five national and 14 local TV outlets with total of 903 airings during the campaign. Moreover, the same areas were covered with eleven radio messages in Macedonian language and nine in Albanian language,

distributed to two national and five local radio stations, with total of 504 airings during the campaign.

In order to boost campaign visibility on the ground, six creative billboard designs were developed and featured key messages on issues related to the identity, i.e. demystification of the name agreement, benefits from NATO partnership, and several benefits from EU integration.

Selected team of journalists produced two editions of the civic newspaper "Eureka" intended for audiences not present on social media, but were also made available online. This newspaper used materials produced in selected areas that were shaped into journalist articles. The first edition featured the integral version of the Name Agreement signed between Macedonia and Greece. Both editions were printed in circulation of 55,000 copies each (45,000 copies in Macedonian and 10,000 copies in Albanian language) and were broadly distributed to citizens at highly frequented locations in Skopje, Veles, Shtip, Bitola, Prilep, Kumanovo, Strumica, Delchevo, Tetovo, Gostivar, Ohrid, Gevgelija, Negotino, Berovo, Struga, Kochani, Kavadarci, Debar and Kichevo. The social media campaign (*Facebook, Instagram, Twitter* and *YouTube*) collected 3.1 million impressions and 81,000 interactions.

Key part of the campaign were public events organized in cooperation with TV 24Vesti, media outlet with national concession, and civil society representatives, experts from various thematic areas and opinion makers. Furthermore, activities included six town hall debates "Open", staged in different towns across Macedonia (Shtip, Strumica, Bitola, Tetovo, Kavadarci and Skopje), around issues related to EU and NATO integration, the name agreement, economy, agriculture, etc. Brand debates "My Time" also covered issues related to health, youth and education, the

rule of law, and allowed citizens to directly communicate with guests (civil society experts) and show host, who answered their questions.

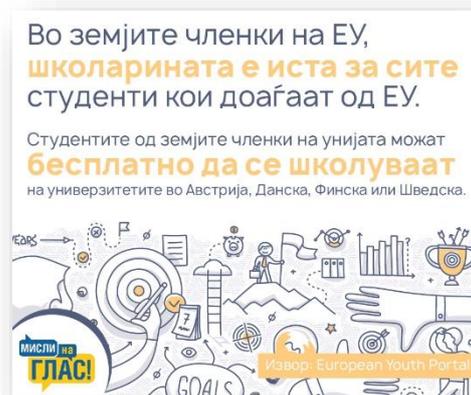
The partner organization CIVIL – Center for Freedom, in cooperation with renowned experts in several areas, produced newspaper op-eds that opened numerous discussions in the public about topics and issues related to the referendum and Macedonia's Euro-Atlantic integrations.

The Youth Educational Forum produced two informative videos, as follows: quiz video titled "How Much Do You Know about the EU" and informative video "Be Informed! Decide! Vote!", which allowed streamlined and straightforward explanation about everything young people can do to obtain comprehensive information about the referendum and its significance, while emphasizing the importance of developing their own position and voting on the referendum. In

addition, campaign activities included the debate "Think Aloud", organized around the most important issues for youth: education, youth unemployment and possibilities for financial independence, as well as youth perspectives from Macedonia's integration in the EU.

HERA – Health Education and Research Association produced four videos on parental leave, presenting EU practices on this matter, as well as childcare services.

Activities under the grant awarded to the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia included initiation of discussions between Macedonian and Greek intellectuals about the Name Agreement, in cooperation with the International Federation for Human Rights from Athens, and translation into Macedonian language of the book "10+1 Questions and Answers about the Macedonian Issue" by Kostis Karpozilos and Dimitris Christopoulos. At the book promotion and debate organized in Skopje, Macedonian and Greek intellectuals discussed views and fears of citizens in both countries arising from the agreement. The Rural Coalition from Kumanovo held ten public debates with farmers from Kumanovo, Valandovo, Prilep, Sveti Nikole, Strumica, Shtip, Gostivar, Struga, Resen and Bitola, to discuss benefits and challenges in the agriculture sector from the country's EU accession. Three artistic interventions staged by the Contemporary Art Center at highly frequented locations targeted the issues of national pride, identity and the country's future, thereby attracting citizens' attention. The Youth Educational Forum organized public events at which youth were able to express their opinions and views about the country's future in the EU and NATO.



In 2018, preparations started on the publication with working title “From Bucharest to Prespa”, which will provide an overview of state-of-affairs in Macedonia over the period 2008-2019.

**KEY MILESTONES AND/OR ACTIVITIES THAT MARKED
WORK OF CSOs SUPPORTED UNDER FOSM's
STRATEGIC FIELDS IN 2018**

FIELD: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth Educational Forum

In 2018, support provided to the Youth Educational Forum (YEF) as part of *Youth Engagement* field, was geared towards achievement of two specific objectives: **(1)** to promote education that builds active citizens, by integrating debate and street law activities in secondary school curricula and by monitoring education and youth reforms; and **(2)** support to youth actions for local activism, freedom of information and freedom of speech.

Under the first objective, YEF continued to deliver its informal education program by leading 57 youth clubs on *Debate*, *Street Law* and *Media/Art* in seven towns, with more than 400 young people as members and participants in weekly lectures. Some youth clubs implemented their activities in cooperation with education institutions, i.e. secondary schools, including SSCER "Partenije Zografski", SSCS "Shaip Jusuf", SSCS "Zef Ljush Marku", SSCS "Saraj", SSCS "Orde Chopela" and others. Other activities included organization of the national debate tournament for high school students and the tournament for mixed teams of experienced and amateur debaters, while YEF debaters competed in the European Universities Debating Championship. Moreover, YEF organized four trial simulations and work processes at institutions, as well as youth visits to municipalities, courts and the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia.

Participation of YEF representatives in working groups tasked with drafting the Law on Youth, high-school student organization, university student organization, Strategy on Cooperation with the Diaspora, and Strategy on Civil Society Cooperation and Development, contributed to development of new youth policies that guarantee involvement of young people. YEF initiated and led advocacy efforts, supported by 90 CSOs, which prevented adoption of amendments to the Law on Personal Income Tax that would have been harmful to youth and civil society organizations.

Under the second objective, young people from different towns organized nine events and public space interventions to improve and raise awareness in their communities, including exhibitions, park renovations, painting murals of Kocho Racin and Goran Stefanovski, and other actions. YEF's team produced the Handbooks for Creative and Civic Engagement, Freedom of Expression, Public Space Actions and Media Literacy, which are used as relevant resources for education of its members. A total of 50 high school and university students volunteered and acquired experience in youth work, notably by leading YEF's youth clubs.

This year, *Radio YEF's* journalists received two awards, as follows: second place in the competition "Vision for European Skopje" (awarded by the Directorate for Culture and Art) and first place for professional coverage of refugees (awarded by UNHCR, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, Association of Journalists of Macedonia).

All 4,300 news reports produced by *Radio YEF* were viewed more than one million times, while other activities included production of 82 radio shows on sex education, volunteering, disabilities, culture, and other topics. The only radio show aired in Macedonia and dedicated to education, “In Class”, was viewed more than 49,000 times. Assisted by the newsroom team, 25 volunteers were involved in production of radio shows and contents. Top ten events that marked 2018 were published near the year’s end to underline the importance of topics covered by this youth radio.

Branded as “Youth and the Open Society” and part of events to celebrate FOSM’s 25th jubilee, YEF organized ENGAGE - Social Activism Conference and Argument - Organized Expression on the thesis “This House believes that, with youth like this, the state should (not) worry about its future”.



GRANTS TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

In May 2018, FOSM announced an open call for support to civil society organizations aimed to enable youth to actively respond to all divisions in the society and to counteract models that marginalize their role. The call for proposals was organized into two parts, where the first part targeting projects that encourage communication and interaction among youth from different regions across Macedonia who are members of different ethnic communities, by organization of youth camps and intercultural activities, was presented with 31 applications and support was approved to four CSOs. Under the second part, which targeted projects that use innovative tools to identify hate speech, recognition and dissemination of fake news and spins, and possibilities to deal with them, was presented with ten applications, two of which were awarded grants.

FIELD: RIGHTS-BASED HEALTH POLICIES

The field *Rights-Based Health Policies* is one of FOSM’s strategic priorities and its overall goal is to advance health policies and practices for marginalized communities (LGBTI, Roma, people who use drugs, sex workers and people living with HIV). Objectives defined in this field are: **(1)** health budget monitoring and analysis and holding the government accountable for allocation of maximum available funds for progressive and non-discriminatory enforcement of health rights; **(2)** advocacy for health policy reforms to accommodate community needs; and **(3)**

ensuring involvement and participation of affected community in planning, monitoring and evaluation of health policy implementation.

For that purpose, in 2018 FOSM awarded institutional grants to the Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women – ESE, HOPS – Healthy Options Project Skopje, Coalition *Margins*, and *STAR-STAR*, as well as project grants on monitoring budgets of harm reduction programs to associations that work on changing negative narratives about Roma in healthcare settings and to associations that work on deinstitutionalization of persons with intellectual disability.

Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women – ESE

The Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women - ESE works on advancing enforcement of social and economic rights for vulnerable groups of citizens, by means of their empowerment, mobilization and involvement in planning, implementation and evaluation of relevant policies and services.

In 2018, activities related to program and budget planning and implementation included development of analyses targeting four programs at the Ministry of Health related to promotion of health for mothers and children and women's reproductive health in 2017 and 2018. More specifically, these analyses identify key problems and shortcomings and include recommendations to improve relevant programs in the next year, with special focus on increasing coverage of population groups targeted with these programs. Analyses and recommendations were presented to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Finance. Moreover, these documents outlined current state-of-affairs and problems related to coverage of Roma population with preventive healthcare for mothers and children and women's reproductive health, as well as coverage of activities anticipated under relevant preventive healthcare programs. Data for this segment were obtained in cooperation with partner Roma CSOs, by relying on the social accountability approach and the entry questionnaire for Roma households in four municipalities. Activities were taken to implement the National Advocacy Strategy for Promotion of Roma Health and Access to Health Services, with special focus on mothers and children and women's reproductive health among this community, which required implementation of specific measures and activities aimed to promote health of Roma women, mothers and children, by increasing coverage of preventive healthcare and adoption of measures and activities under preventive healthcare programs targeting the Roma population. Findings and recommendations were presented at the meeting with representatives from the Minister of Health's Cabinet. Furthermore, press releases were drafted and featured key findings and recommendations, followed by organization of briefing event for journalists about problems and shortcomings identified under programs intended for promotion of health among mothers and children, with special focus on the Roma population. Findings and recommendations from ESE's work on promotion

of Roma health were presented at separate workshop held within the 12th Meeting of the European Platform for Roma Inclusion and organized by the European Commission in Brussels.

Aimed to promote health and healthcare services for women, mothers and children, ESE monitored the overall budget intended for advancement and protection of women's reproductive health and assessed the impact of existing microeconomic policies on access to healthcare services for women, mothers and children. This analysis aimed to establish negative impact on the healthcare sector from certain government decisions related to macroeconomic policies and to identify budget items for reallocation of funds to health services that promote health of women, mothers and children. Results of this analysis were presented as short advocacy paper with recommendations to address identified obstacles, distributed to the Government, Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Health. At the same time, ESE initiated formation of expert group tasked to determine reasons behind increased perinatal and neonatal mortality in the Republic of Macedonia. This expert group worked on collecting additional data about state-of-affairs concerning perinatal and neonatal mortality and expert opinions based on their experience, which were translated into five analyses. In January 2019, based on data collected and expert analyses, this group will develop a comprehensive analysis of current state-of-affairs and possible reasons behind increased perinatal and neonatal mortality in the Republic of Macedonia over the last several years.

In 2018, ESE representatives participated in the working group established at the Ministry of Health and tasked with designing the Program for Active Health Protection of Mothers and Children, whereby it proposed a set of measures with special focus on vulnerable groups (Roma and rural communities). ESE's participation in work meetings of the task force established by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization to conduct an assessment of possible ways to reduce neonatal mortality, promote health of pregnant women and promote health of children, allowed its representatives to present findings from their work and recommendations for improvements. Also, ESE's participation in the task force on primary healthcare reforms (organized by the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization) allowed presentation of findings and recommendations related to outreach services, registered gynecologists and children preventive health teams at healthcare centers. As part of this task force, ESE used the possibility to present its efforts for community participation in planning, implementation and evaluation of primary healthcare services, with special focus on vulnerable groups. In March 2019, this task force, whose work is still ongoing, is expected to develop a document with recommendations on primary healthcare reforms.

In order to find systemic solutions to unpaid care for seriously ill persons, in 2018 ESE developed a statistical analysis based on data collected by means of field survey on care for seriously ill persons at households. Underway is development of the final report that will show how provision of care affects all aspect of life for affected

individuals and families that provide care at their homes and the problems they are facing.

In continuity, ESE works on capacity building for CSOs from Macedonia and the region of Southeast Europe and Asia to use social accountability methodologies (budget monitoring and analysis, community monitoring, and social audit). Activities implemented in that regard included: one two-day training on social accountability methodologies (nine representatives from two CSOs); four one-day training and mentorship on budget monitoring and analysis (40 participants from CSOs that work on harm reduction from Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia); and one three-day training on social accountability and legal empowerment to strengthen CSOs that work in the field of health and access to healthcare for Roma people from Macedonia and the region of Central and Southeast Europe (37 participants from 18 CSOs from Macedonia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia). Budget analysis of the 2017 Program for Treatment of Rare Diseases was published to support efforts of patients' organizations for better access to timely and adequate therapy for persons with rare diseases. In addition, ESE provided technical assistance to HOPS – Healthy Options Project Skopje on securing and analyzing data on management of funds collected from excises levied on tobacco, ethyl alcohol and beer, which are channeled to the Ministry of Health's budget for promotion of access to healthcare services.

Except for CSOs, ESE also works on capacity building for public institutions to involve citizens and civil society organizations in developing, implementing and monitoring relevant legislation, budgets and services. As part of the Open Government Partnership's National Action Plan 2018-2020, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia tasked the Ministry of Health and the Employment Agency of the Republic of Macedonia to pilot social accountability methodologies to monitor and evaluate the Program for HIV/AIDS Protection and the Operational Plan for Active Employment Measures and Services. Hence, ESE's activities in 2018 included three meetings with representatives from the Ministry of Health for presentation of social accountability methodologies (budget monitoring, community monitoring, and social audit) and agreement of implementation stages in this pilot project. At these meetings, it was agreed for ESE to organize introductory training on abovenamed methodologies in October 2018, intended for employees at the Ministry of Health tasked with coordination of health programs and for CSOs that work on HIV/AIDS prevention, as well as to moderate the workshop on designing a plan of activities for implementation of social accountability methodologies. At the ministry's request, the training and the workshop were postponed for 2019. In addition to the Ministry of Health, the same process was organized with the Employment Agency of the Republic of Macedonia. Hence, one meeting was held with this agency for presentation of social accountability methodologies applied by ESE and for agreement on implementation stages in this pilot project, which will start in March 2019.

In 2018, ESE continued its activities on raising public awareness about the importance of fiscal transparency and the need to increase current level of transparency demonstrated by public institutions, by providing information and education materials and videos as part of its social media campaign "Fiscal Transparency Macedonia" and specially designed thematic website www.fiskalnatransparentnost.org.mk. A total of 310 individual information and videos were posted on the social media and were visited 289,703 times, while contents published on the thematic website has reached 4,500 persons.

Based on activities related to assessment of proactive transparency demonstrated by public institutions, ESE developed the Report on Proactive Transparency of Public Institutions for 2017 which shows availability of 16 key documents on official websites of 25 public institutions. Public institutions, civil society organizations and national media outlets use this report as relevant source of information to present state-of-affairs and progress in terms of proactive publication of program and budget documents, to initiate and to implement public sector reforms in this domain, and to take steps to increase number of documents and information to be proactively published by public institutions. In addition to proactive, ESE also assessed reactive transparency and developed the Report on Reactive Transparency of Public Institutions for 2017, which shows compliance with obligations arising from the Law on Free Access to Public Information on the part of 66 public institutions. A total of 1,338 procedures on free access to information were led before these institutions. This report as well is used by public institutions, civil society organizations and national media outlets as relevant source of information to present state-of-affairs and progress in actions taken by public institutions pursuant to the Law on Free Access to Public Information, to initiate and to implement public sector reforms in this domain, and to take steps to promote actions of public institutions in procedures for free access to information. To ensure continuity in progress of public institutions related to enforcement of the Law on Free Access to Public Information, in 2018 ESE initiated 1,230 procedures for free access to information before 86 public institutions and motioned 233 appeal procedures. In addition, ESE continued to monitor implementation of 2,753 public procurement procedures organized by 62 healthcare institutions in the period 2016-2017 and developed the draft report on progress/backslide in terms of their performance in public procurements.

Aimed to promote fiscal transparency, advocacy activities were taken and included submission of proposed solutions to advance relevant state-of-affairs. In addition to proposed solutions, ESE monitored implementation of adopted measures related to fiscal transparency and access to information. Based on monitoring findings concerning reactive and proactive transparency of public institutions, recommendations were drafted and presented to 91 public institutions. In 2018, as a result of ESE's active participation in developing the Open Government Partnership's National Action Plan 2018-2020, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia adopted five recommended measures to promote fiscal transparency and access to information. Moreover, as a result of continuous participation in the working

groups on fiscal transparency and access to information under the Open Government Partnership 2016-2018, with technical support and assistance from ESE the Ministry of Health developed and published program and budget reports for 19 preventive healthcare programs and selected the Program for HIV/AIDS Prevention to pilot the social accountability methodology. In cooperation with the Commission for Protection of the Right to Free Access to Public Information, ESE produced a video for promotion of the right to free access to information in Macedonian, Albanian and sign language. It was aired by nine national and local TV outlets. As a result of overall efforts to promote fiscal system's performance and to increase fiscal transparency, ESE participated in the meeting with relevant institutions and presented them with its proposals for development of electronic system for publication of ongoing treasury changes.

HOPS – Healthy Options Project Skopje

In 2018, HOPS – Healthy Options Project Skopje worked on promotion of health rights for marginalized communities, in particular for people who use drugs, underage persons who use psychoactive substances (PAS) and sex workers, by providing necessary services and advocacy for development of relevant systemic solutions.

For the purpose of providing various types of services according to the needs of marginalized communities, as part of their field visits to street children (twice a week) HOPS's expert team provided 2,064 social services to people who use drugs and members of their families. Most often, these services concern exercise of the right to health insurance and healthcare, social assistance and social protection, submission of applications to obtain personal documents, exercise of the right to addiction treatment, as well as material assistance in food, clothes and hygiene products. In addition, social workers worked on motivating and accompanying children who use drugs when visiting health and social institutions and referred them to the legal team for the purpose of ensuring health treatment. In that, due to overdose and related psychic problems, HOPS ensured hospitalization of two girls, but given the fact that there is no specialized program for treatment of children and youth, medical treatment was not provided, while affected families and children are not motivated to undergo treatment with symptomatic therapy. Furthermore, HOPS recorded one case of physical attack on child by coffee bar employees in downtown Skopje, and motioned relevant legal proceedings.

A total of 722 contacts were established with 30 underage persons who use drugs (16 male and 14 female), resulting in documentation of seven new cases. In cooperation with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, HOPS delivered 12 education workshops at the Public Institution for Care of Children with Educational and Social Problems and Disorderly Conduct – Skopje, Orphanage Center "11 October" and SOS Children's Village, aimed to strengthen children's confidence and prevent drug use. Through interactive and creative activities, the expert team

comprised of psychologist and pedagogue assisted a total of 25 children to improve their skills for establishing positive relations with their peers and with adults, for non-violent resolution of conflicts and disagreements, as well as their skills for learning and accepting personal characteristics of others. Partnership was established with the Ministry of Health for formation of working group tasked to design the Program for Comprehensive Care and Treatment of Underage Children Using PAS. In that, consensus was reached on basic principles and goals of this program in relation to treatment and care methods for children. Based on the adopted program, activities in 2019 will focus on development of action plan and definition of competences among all stakeholder institutions, including allocation of funds from the central budget for implementation of this program. In September 2018, challenges related to underage children using drugs were discussed at the meeting with representatives from the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, whereby it was agreed this issue to be covered under the annual report submitted to this agency. Due to sensitivity and specificity of work with children using PAS, in continuity, HOPS implements activities to advance capacity of its field team members. In addition to regular meetings with the program manager, they also attended international training courses. In cooperation with the Youth Organization for Drug Action (YODA) and as part of the joint project financed under the Erasmus+ Programme, in 2018 three team members at HOPS attended two training events and conducted study visits to Warsaw (development of programs for youth using multiple PAS) and to Kiev (development of field programs for youth).

This year was marked by more frequent police raids and apprehensions of people on the grounds of drug possession. Lawyers and other members of HOPS' team monitored the situation and made efforts to motivate clients to report cases in which they are charged with drug-related criminal offences, in order to provide them defense services and contribute to improved treatment of persons addicted to drugs and change of practices on their criminalization, instead of provision of treatment, rehabilitation and resocialization. It was noted that presence of attorneys in police proceedings for clients who have been apprehended due to possession of PAS for personal use have resulted in decreased number of cases in which charges are filed, i.e. attorneys' presence has contributed to change of practices, or more precisely, to adherent compliance with the law. The legal team provided a total of 746 free legal and paralegal services to 97 drug users (12 female and 85 male), 11 legal services to families of drug users and 49 Roma drug users. In addition, strategic litigation was initiated before competent domestic and foreign institutions, including before the European Court of Human Rights, on behalf of eight persons, i.e. five cases in which procedures are led for possession of PAS for personal use; protection from violence against child of a woman who uses drugs; false representation and discrimination against a person addicted to drugs. Relevant procedures were initiated in three newly documented cases, as follows: violation of the right to privacy of sex workers due to repeated broadcast of footage from the 2008 police raid; protection for victim of domestic violence, and protection for client who was victim of human trafficking.

In continuity, eight paralegals provide paralegal services to sex workers. In 2018, a total of 613 visits/contacts were made with 176 different sex workers, of which 242 contacts in Skopje, 59 in Gostivar, 110 in Strumica, 78 in Struga and 124 in Ohrid. Most services provided concern information and advice in the fields of domestic violence; psychological, physical and sexual violence by clients, family members and the police; protection against discrimination; and exercise of rights for health and social protection. In 154 cases, paralegals have referred sex workers to further counselling and support, most often to organization that provide different types of services (i.e. social workers, psychologists/therapists, lawyers or health professionals). In 97 cases, clients were accompanied to the police, health institutions/ methadone centers/ gynecologists, the Health Insurance Fund and social protection institutions. In addition to counselling, as part of their field visits paralegals distributed condoms, lubricants and informative materials. In order to strengthen their capacity for self-advocacy and legal empowerment, 16 education workshops were organized for 67 sex workers, in three cycles, and covered topics related to domestic violence, mediation in sex work and legal responsibilities, as well as possible models for regulation of sex work in the Republic of Macedonia. By attending the two-day workshop, 12 sex workers advanced their skills for provision of legal and paralegal assistance in their community, especially in regard to recognizing domestic and other types of violence, violation of family-related rights, patients' rights, and exercise of health and social rights. In addition, two training events were organized to strengthen the community of sex workers to engage in different forms of civic activism, self-advocacy and community mobilization, community representation and holding the public institutions accountable.

After the organization adopted its official position on decriminalization of sex work in Macedonia, efforts were made to establish internal working group that would define further advocacy priorities based on the analysis of problems, environment and relevant factors. In 2018, several work meetings were organized with the Coalition *Margins*, Sex Workers' Advocacy Network (SWAN), STAR-STAR and representatives of sex workers, followed by formation of the coalition of partners with shared commitment for decriminalization in April 2018. A joint plan of actions was developed and implied assignment of responsibilities among partner organizations, as well as securing funds for planned activities. A round table was organized to discuss the need to advance national policies and practices on advancement of human rights, protection against violence and better security, health and economic independence of sex workers. Representatives from the community of sex workers, state institutions, civil society and the expert public debated possible models for regulation and



legalization of sex work in the Republic of Macedonia. In January 2018, together with ESE as initiative holder and other civil society organizations, communication letter on the status of sex workers in the Republic of Macedonia was drafted and presented to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW, UN Geneva). After submission of shadow report and meetings held with CEDAW members, the Committee for the first time issued specific recommendation about sex workers aimed to reduce violence against them. In that, the Government of the Republic of Macedonia is required to take measures to prevent, investigate and prosecute violence against sex workers and to impose adequate sanctions to perpetrators thereof.

In 2018, HOPS continued its work on policies for adequate budgeting of harm reduction programs. An analysis was developed on the basis of monitoring budget revenue from tobacco and alcohol excises intended for HIV prevention programs and includes recommendations that directly target the need of people who use drugs, as well as guidelines on budgeting harm reduction activities. This analysis will be published in 2019, followed by public debate to discuss relevant findings.

Moreover, HOPS organized the fifth school on addiction called "Drugs, Policies and Practices", with participation of 17 students from faculties of psychology, social work, medicine, law and security. HOPS participated in the work of the Interdisciplinary Commission on Drugs, whereby it led the process for development of the Action Plan on Drugs 2018-2020. With a view to ensure sustainability of harm reduction programs, representatives from seven local governments attended the three-day capacity building training for development of local plans and securing funds for harm reduction activities. As regards work on development of relevant drug policies, HOPS regularly designs and publishes the magazine "Drugs, Policies and Practices".

Coalition Margins

The *Coalition Margins*, representing a group of associations, works on promotion, advocacy, protection and care for human rights of marginalized communities, aimed to ensure equal access to health, social and legal services and their involvement in all processes and spheres of social life, by creating a supporting environment with respect for equality, freedom and differences.

In 2018, the *Coalition Margins* continued its work on several legislative initiatives that are relevant for marginalized communities. In order to provide basis for advocacy efforts on adoption of the Law on Legal Recognition of Gender, two analyses were developed, as follows: "Comparative Analysis of Best Practices for Models on Legal Recognition of Gender" and "Analysis and Recommendations on Different Models and Solutions for the Macedonian Legislation on Legal Recognition of Gender". In particular, advocacy efforts targeted domestic and international institutions, while analysis findings were used for development of written contributions to the new progress report published by the European Commission. Representative from the

Coalition *Margins* is member of the working group at the Ministry of Justice tasked with drafting changes to the Law on General Records and finding the adequate model for legal recognition of gender. It is important to note that members of the transgender community were actively involved in these advocacy efforts. Representative from the Coalition *Margins* conducted in-depth interviews with 21 transgender persons, which resulted in the book "Transgender Experience: Identities, Bodies, Violence and Socialization".

The Coalition *Margins* is also part of the working group tasked to draft the new Law on Prevention and Protection against Discrimination, where it holds significant role as coordinator of the Network for Protection against Discrimination. Furthermore, the Coalition drafted the policy document with arguments for adoption of new Law on Prevention and Protection against Discrimination, distributed to all MPs. The Coalition *Margins* was among initiators for establishment of the LGBTI Interparty Parliamentary Group, comprised of 14 MPs and tasked with promotion and advancement of LGBTI rights.

With its experience and knowledge, the Coalition *Margins* actively contributes in the Network against Hate Speech initiated by the OSCE Mission in Skopje. Moreover, it joined the initiative launched by the Agency for Audio and Audiovisual Media Services, Council of Ethics in Media and Association of Journalists of Macedonia for adoption of the Declaration on Ethical and Professional Coverage of LGBTI-Related Topics. In particular, this declaration outlines principles of non-stereotyped coverage of LGBTI, refrainment and contempt for hate speech based on sexual orientation, gender identity, empathy and sympathy-tainted coverage of victims of violence and discrimination, impartial reporting on activities of LGBTI community and human rights activists in all societal, political and cultural spheres, by respecting their personal integrity, opinion and activities, as well as other professional principles which journalists and the media must comply with in their reports and coverage.

Furthermore, in the context of direct promotion and advancement of rights of marginalized communities, the Coalition *Margins* continued its cooperation with several relevant institutions, aimed to strengthen capacity of civil servants to work with members of marginalized communities. In partnership with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, the cooperation with the Bureau of Social Work was promoted, resulting in joint efforts to complement and expand implementation of Module 19 on work with marginalized communities. It is expected for Module 19 to become part of mandatory modules under the new procedure on licensing expert workers within the system of social protection, pursuant to the new Law on Social Protection, which should be adopted in 2019. Additionally, in May 2018 training to 50 expert workers in the system of social protection on work with marginalized communities was delivered.

In order to develop skills and knowledge to recognize, document and deal with cases of gender-based and peer violence at secondary schools, in cooperation

with the Ministry of Education and Science, the Coalition *Margins* organized training for representatives from professional services at schools, who later delivered training for teachers at three secondary schools in Skopje. In addition, winter school on dealing with peer violence was organized for students from these schools. Moreover, video campaign against gender-based and peer violence was organized at the schools.

To promote practices of medical doctors related to work with members of marginalized communities, cooperation was established with the Association of Private Practitioners of Macedonia, while the Chamber of Medical Doctors was presented with an application for accreditation of two courses as part of continuous education for medical doctors (HIV prevention and health of transgender persons), which is expected to be approved in January 2019.

In 2018, the Coalition *Margins* documented 180 cases of violated rights of members of marginalized communities and initiated strategic litigation before domestic and international institutions in 11 cases. In 2018, ongoing cases were related to: litigation procedure for libel and defamation on the basis of sexual orientation motioned on behalf of LGBTI activist against owner of internet portal/submission of appeal before the Appeal Court in Skopje to challenge the first-instance court decision; litigation procedure for libel and defamation on the basis of sexual orientation motioned on behalf of LGBTI activist against radio station/submission of appeal before the Appeal Court in Skopje to challenge the first-instance court decision; first-instance litigation procedure for violation of the right to privacy motioned on behalf of two transsexual workers against TV outlet with national concession; representation in proceedings led by the Public Prosecution Office and related to abuse while performing official duty where a transgender woman appears as the damaged part; representation in proceedings led by the Public Prosecution Office and related to abuse while performing official duty where a person using drugs appears as the damaged party; representation in criminal proceedings raised against person apprehended for possession of cannabis; representation in criminal proceedings led for violence against two activists; representation for eleven transgender persons before domestic institutions and courts in proceedings for legal recognition of gender; representation for transgender person before the European Court of Human Rights concerning violation of the right to privacy due to denied application for legal recognition of gender; representation for two persons who use drugs before the European Court of Human Rights concerning violation of the right to privacy as part of illegal DNA sampling; and representation for two persons who use drugs before the European Court of Human Rights concerning violation of the right to privacy by disclosing their medical information.

In June 2018, the Coalition *Margins* organized the sixth Skopje Pride Weekend under the motto “Queer. Political.”, which took place on several locations in Skopje. By means of staging individual and group art works and performances, eminent trans-artists (writers, choreographers, visual artist, singer-songwriters, DJs, etc.) used music,

dance, theatre, drama, drawings, photographs, sound, projections, installations, costume design, graphic design and drag arts to express their opinion about being queer as dominant difference in dominant cultural and political spaces.

Association for Support of Marginalized Workers STAR-STAR

With support from OSF Public Health Program, FOSM awarded an institutional grant to the Association for Support of Marginalized Workers STAR-STAR. In partnership with other organizations, STAR-STAR is actively involved in advocacy for decriminalization of sex work in Macedonia and for protection and promotion of human rights of sex workers. This association works on capacity building of sex workers for self-advocacy, issues monthly editions of its magazine “S-Work” as means to promote the need to improve socio-economic and health status of sex workers, and every year organizes the traditional March of Red Umbrellas on December 17th. This year, the march was organized under the motto “Decriminalization, Now!”. In 2018, the association expanded its project activities by establishing local offices in Gostivar and Strumica.

Changing Negative Narratives about Roma in Healthcare Settings

Except for institutional grants, in cooperation with OSF Public Health Program, in 2018 FOSM secured support to four CSOs for implementation of projects on changing negative narratives about Roma in healthcare settings. Notable activities implemented as part of these projects include: two public debates on negative narratives about Roma and (in)equality and (non)discrimination in medical practices; publication of comic posters; promotion of three animated videos; and 12 videos in vignette format [“Vidi Vaka”](#).

Eight education workshops were organized in three municipalities from the Bregalnica Region, and research was conducted on hidden discrimination against Roma patients at healthcare institutions, which provided basis for organization of panel discussion.

In order to facilitate better communication between health professionals and Roma patients, five accredited workshops were organized for hundred health professionals, while for the purpose of encouraging production of inclusive and nondiscriminatory articles, sixteen journalists and journalism students attended the workshop that included contents related to Roma culture, tradition and health status. Three forum theaters allowed presentation of actual situations related to experience of Roma patients when interacting with health professionals. Sixteen short stories, six photo stories and two short videos were published on the social media, and two education bulletins were designed for health professionals.

To address prejudices against certain medical issues and to address communication gaps between Roma patients and health professionals, three education workshops

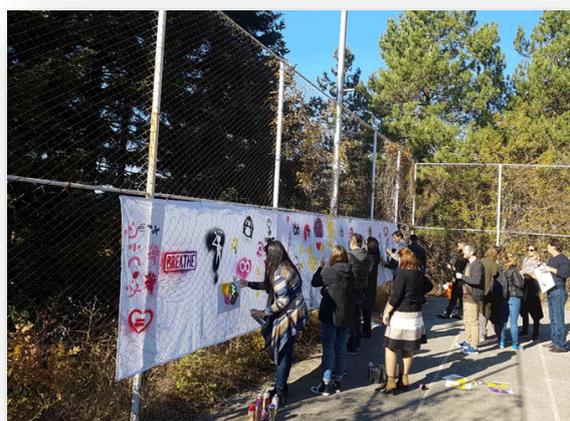
were organized with Roma communities in Prilep and Bitola on topics related to sexual and reproductive health, communicable diseases, and rights in the field of social and health protection. Additionally, education material, i.e. 2018 Calendar, was designed with active involvement of Roma community members and underlined six most important health issues for Roma people, aimed to deconstruct widespread taboos in Roma settlements.

The Institute of Public Health organized a series of training events and lectures for development of cultural and structural competences for health professionals when working with Roma patients and members of other marginalized groups. Other activities included organization of summer school for 30 students and accredited training courses (as part of continuous education for medical doctors) attended by

internal medicine specialist. Events organized to celebrate FOSM's 25th jubilee included promotion of book and practicum "Cultural and Structural Competences for Health Professionals", intended for medical students, health professional and other profiles that participate in provision of healthcare services. *Cultural and Structural Competences for Health Professionals* was accredited as elective subject in relevant curricula for general medical studies and other three-year medical studies, as well as postgraduate and doctoral studies in medicine.



In November 2018, in partnership with the Foundation IDEA Southeast Europe and OSF Public Health Program, FOSM organized a training event for CSOs that work with marginalized communities, focused on use of creative activism in their work with target groups. This training was attended by 25 civic activists, representatives from 13 CSOs, who had the opportunity to learn about the function of art and use thereof as tool for sending messages to encourage change of awareness about differences in the society and their acceptance by individuals and groups.



Sustainability of HIV Prevention Programs

In the context of continuing Macedonia's successful story on transition from Global Fund's financial support towards sustainable funding for HIV Prevention Programs from the central budget of the Republic of Macedonia, in 2018 FOSM extended its support to advocacy efforts led by the Association for Support to People Living with HIV *Stronger Together* and HERA – Health Education and Research Association. At the annual meeting of Global Fund's Management Board, logistical support was secured for organization of high level meeting among health ministers from Southeast European countries, emphasizing the need for leadership and accountability in terms of increasing national budget funding for establishment of sustainable programs on prevention of HIV and TBC in these countries. Featuring exchange of experience, lessons learned and good practices, discussions at this meeting underlined the importance of maintaining further cooperation with governments from this region, as well as CSOs, donors and multilateral partners.

Support for the Deinstitutionalization Process

In 2018, FOSM signed an agreement with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and the Association of Learning Therapists of the Republic of Macedonia to support the quality of deinstitutionalization of persons accommodated at the Special Institution "Demir Kapija". Hence, support was secured for development of individual programs for 67 adults with intellectual disabilities so they could successfully continue life outside this institution. The Association for Support to Persons with Special Needs SOLEM was involved in this process and worked on developing skills for self-identification and self-advocacy among these persons. Deinstitutionalization of the first group of beneficiaries at the Special Institution "Demir Kapija" is expected to happen in early 2019, followed by their accommodation in autonomous housing units with support. In 2018, through OSF Public Health Program, FOSM secured support for the Association for Support to Persons with Special Needs SOLEM to ensure sustainability of social enterprise HANDCRAFTS4U, which works on actual involvement of persons with intellectual disabilities in work processes.

By the year's end, grant was awarded to the Association of Citizens *Resource Center for Parents of Children with Special Needs* aimed to strengthen family ties, psycho-social and emotional capacity of family members and siblings of children with disabilities.

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Civic Engagement for Social Cohesion		
RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
Rumena Buzharovska	PeachPreach: Night for Women Storytelling	86,393.66
Templum DOOEL Skopje, Skopje	Support for internet portal "Okno" in 2018	512,722.00
Kanal 77 Radio, Shtip	Macedonia is not only Skopje	312,760.42
Koha TV Station, Tetovo	Education for Persons with Special Needs in the Municipality of Tetovo	256,361.00
Roma Culture and Media Center "Barikanipe", Skopje	Meet Your Neighbor Roma Woman	256,361.00
TRD Television Plus DOO, Kumanovo	Developing Social Responsibility	307,633.20
TRD TV Studio "Tera" DOOEL, Bitola	Virtual World	302,505.98
Association for Local Democracy - Community Center in Municipality of Struga, Struga	Strengthening Citizens' Role for Active Participation in the Society	393,770.50
Association for Improvement and Protection of Labor Rights Dostoinstven работник, Prilep	Project 189 - Improving Working Conditions for Home Workers in Local Communities in Prilep and Shtip	507,594.78
Association of People with Kidney Diseases NEFRON, Skopje	Public Awareness Campaign on Organ Donation	440,787.10

Rural Coalition, Kumanovo	Gender Perspective and Grassroots CSOs in Agriculture and Rural Development Policy on Local Level	432,429.73
National Youth Council of Macedonia, Skopje	Why Law on Youth in the Republic of Macedonia?	508,620.22
Association of Citizens "Buden Teatar", Skopje	Close Your Eyes! Imagine Change	287,124.32
AL-MA Association for Equal Possibilities and Interethnic Cooperation, Skopje	Children Cannot Distinguish	237,903.01
Association for Rural Development Local Action Group "Agro Leader", Krivogashtani	Together We Achieve!	208,882.94
Center for Economic Analysis - CEA, Skopje	Increasing People's Power to Influence Local Policies in the Municipality of Sopsishte	266,615.44
Association "Initiative for Independent Cultural Activism" (INKA), Struga	Joint Culture Platform "Culture by All for All"	307,530.66
Dyslexia Association "Einstein", Skopje	Transparent Information on Dyslexia	278,664.41
Association for Protection and Education of Children and Young Roma People "Progress", Skopje	United Youth for Positive Changes	256,873.72
Multiculture, Tetovo	Through Vocational Education To Employment	252,259.22
Adelaid Karishikj	Young Bosnians and the Local Self-government	276,869.88
Aleksandra Milevska Taneska	Together We Care for Our Environment	307,633.20
Hazize Jonuzi	I Have the Right to Dignified Life	307,633.20
Sijka Pishtolova	Green Energy: Solution for the Future	235,852.12

Association of Citizens Romaversitas, Skopje	Be Part of the Community: Debate!	256,104.64
Institute for Alzheimer's Disease and Neuroscience, Skopje	Public Awareness Building on Alzheimer Disease and Social Integration of People Affected and Their Families	230,212.18
Association of Citizens LEGIS Skopje, Skopje	Youth Action for Solidarity	366,596.23
Lawyers Association Legal Think, Shtip	#StudentActivism	251,233.78
Nela Vitoshevijkj	Scholarship for the School "Directors Lab" at the Lincoln Center Theater	221,752.27
Contemporary Art Center Skopje, Skopje	Creative/Artistic Activism	1,025,444.00
Angel Dimitrievski	Recognition and Action against Peer Bullying and Harassment Through Theatre	256,155.91
Jugoslav Spasikj	Eco Graffiti Fest for Greater Urban Awareness	205,088.80
Shpendi Salija	Music Therapy, Psycho-Social Workshops for Children with Disabilities and Their Parents	213,651.26
Gjorgje Jovanovikj	Unit for Fast Deployment of Artistic Interventions	230,724.90
Tosho Filipovski	Fed Up With It 2!!!	205,088.80
Andrej Mitevski	Collect Waste, Make Art	207,652.41
Adem Sulejmanoski	Lend Art and Creative Actions for Damaged Infrastructure	210,216.02
Goce Stojanovski	Let's Maintain the Authenticity of Old City Macedonian Architecture	171,761.87

Tihomir Topuzovski	Spaces of Political Identification, Mobilization and Divisions (Case of the City of Skopje)	220,470.46
Goran Kostovski	Celebrate Life: Emotions for a City	220,470.46
Iskra Dimitrova	Bibliography of a Work	227,494.75
Filip Jovanovski	Liberation of Skopje: Exhibition and Public Space Action	194,834.36
TOTAL:		12,456,734.81

Civil Society Shaping Public Policy		
RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
EUROTHINK - Center for European Strategies, Skopje	Year of the Chance: Camel Through the Eye of a Needle	3,076,332.00
Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje	For Justice: Joint Action to Monitor Judicial Reforms and Advocate for Their Implementation	1,281,805.00
Transparency Macedonia, Skopje	Anticorruption Platform's Involvement in Monitoring and Debating the Fight Against Corruption in the Republic of Macedonia	1,281,702.46
Coalition for Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities MARGINI, Skopje	Law Analysis: Monitoring Implementation of the New Law on Prevention and Protection Against Discrimination	1,244,889.02
Metamorphosis, Skopje	Thruthmeter.mk	1,025,444.00
TOTAL:		7,910,172.48

Support for EU and NATO Integration

RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
Coalition "All for Fair Trials", Skopje	Monitoring Court Cases on Organized Crime and Corruption	152,278.43
TOTAL:		152,278.43

Civil Society Shaping Public Policy

RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
Association of Young Analytics and Researchers, Skopje	Activities to Improve Infrastructure and Technical and Technology Capacity at Primary Schools in Cheshinovo-Obleshevo and Bogdanci	552,002.01
Centre for Active Citizens AKTIVO, Veles	Educated and Informed Citizens as Precondition for Transparent Institutions	485,776.53
Association for Local Development "AKCIJA PLUS", Resen	Efficient Local Institutions	442,979.00
Center for Sustainable Community Development - Debar	Improving Quality of Public Services at Local Level by Implementing e-Services in the Municipalities of Debar, Mavrovo, Rostushe and Centar Zupa	538,658.53
Proficio - Association for Labor Market Research in Service of Coexistence and Multiethnic Tolerance, Skopje	Transparent and Efficient Local Government: Condition for Development	511,295.17
Association for Promotion and Development of Inclusive Society - INKLUZIVA, Kumanovo	Accessible and Affordable: Public Information and Services	542,655.43
TOTAL:		3,073,366.67

Interethnic Integration in Education		
RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
"J.H. Pestaloci" Primary School, Skopje	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the first-ranked class teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices"	50,000.00
"Grigor Prlicev" Primary School, Ohrid	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the second-ranked class teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices"	40,000.00
"Rajko Zhinzifov" Primary School, Gorno Orizari, Veles	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the third-ranked subject teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices"	30,000.00
"Kuzman Josifovski – Pitu" Primary School, Kichevo	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the first-ranked subject teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices"	50,000.00
"Jan Amos Komenski" Primary School, Skopje	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the second-ranked subject teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices"	40,000.00
"7mi Marsi" Primary School, Lipkovo	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the third-ranked subject teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices"	30,000.00
"Josip Broz - Tito" Secondary School, Bitola	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the first-ranked high-school teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practice"	50,000.00
"Nikola Karev" Secondary School, Strumica	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the third-ranked high-school teacher on the open call "Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices"	30,000.00

“Orce Nikolov” Secondary School, Skopje	Awarding didactic and other materials for the school that employs the second-ranked high-school teacher on the open call “Successful Teachers for Good Teaching Practices”	40,000.00
Association for Supporting Children and Youth with Differences SINATA PTICA, Skopje	With Cooperation To Inclusion	256,361.00
Association for Education and Development of Persons with Disabilities “Equality”, Strumica	Inclusion is Not Illusion	254,822.83
Dendo Vas, Centre for Educational Support, Skopje	Education for All	256,361.00
Centre for Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities “PORAKA”, Veles	We Make Friends, Inquire, Learn and Progress	256,053.37
“Brakja Ramiz i Hamid” Primary School, Skopje	Ode to Joy	205,088.80
“Dituria” Primary School, Skopje	Green Saraj is the Best of the Best!	205,088.80
“Rajko Zhinzifov” Primary School, Gorno Orizari, Veles	We Are Growing Together	199,038.68
“Svetozar Markovikj” Primary School, v. Staro Nagorichane	Not One by Another, But One with Another	200,628.12
“Vanco Prke” Primary School, Delchevo	Learning and Getting to Know Each Other in Contemporary Conditions	138,434.94
“Petar Zdravkovski – Penko” Primary School, Skopje	Peer Bullying	204,576.08
“Vasil Glavinov” Primary School, Veles	Social Cohesion: Key for Success	204,986.26
“Murat Labunishti” Primary School, v. Labunishta	Together We Can Do More	205,088.80

“Strasho Pindzur” Primary School, v. Josifovo	Building the School Where United We Achieve Greater Goals	164,840.12
“Mite Bogoevski” Primary School, Resen	Happy Children, Satisfied Parents, Functional School	203,704.45
Foundation for Education and Culture Initiatives "Step by Step", Skopje	Administrative and Program Support	1,281,805.00
Foundation for Education and Culture Initiatives "Step by Step", Skopje	Learning Communities	1,025,444.00
Youth Educational Forum, Skopje	Corruption-Free Student Dormitories	2,589,246.10
TOTAL:		8,211,568.35

Citizens for the Future		
RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
Contemporary Art Center, Skopje	Urban Actions for STEP FORWARD	430,686.48
Rural Coalition, Kumanovo	Macedonian Agriculture on the Road to the EU Common Agriculture Policy: Challenges and Opportunities	264,051.83
NGO Infocenter, Skopje	EUreka	650,644.22
HERA - Health Education and Research Association, Skopje	Citizens for the Future	161,507.43
Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje	Benefits from Accession in the European Union	501,288.30
Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women - ESE, Skopje	Benefits from Macedonia's EU Membership in Terms of Health, Health Care and Roma Inclusion	179,452.70
Civil - Center for Freedom, Skopje	YES for the European Future	512,722.00

Youth Educational Forum, Skopje	Youth Campaign "THINK OUT LOUD"	501,954.84
TOTAL:		3,202,307.80

Legal Empowerment		
RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
NGO "Kham", Delchevo	Social Accountability and Legal Empowerment of Roma Community	5,524,066.83
IDIC - Initiative for Development and Inclusion of the Communities, Skopje	Social Accountability and Legal Empowerment of Roma Community	3,691,598.40
National Roma Centrum, Kumanovo	Improving Health Protection for Roma Women	2,819,971.00
Romano Chachipe, Skopje	Social Accountability and Legal Empowerment of the Roma Community	1,583,131.72
NGO "Kham", Delchevo	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	256,361.00
Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women - ESE, Skopje	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	99,621.88
Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	153,816.60
Association "Izbor", Strumica	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	76,908.30
HOPS - Healthy Option Project Skopje, Skopje	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	97,929.90
IDIC - Initiative for Development and Inclusion of the Communities, Skopje	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	127,872.87

Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, Skopje	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	122,540.56
HERA - Health Education and Research Association, Skopje	Application of Innovative Ways to Finance Legal Empowerment Activities	153,816.60
Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus", Skopje	Legal Clinic for Vulnerable Groups	1,006,473.29
Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, Skopje	Improving Pro Bono Legal Aid and Alternative Ways to Dispute Settlement in the Republic of Macedonia	1,132,295.26
Association for Roma Democratic Development "Sonce", Tetovo	Improving Local Policies on Ensuring Access to Justice	2,077,754.63
Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women - ESE, Skopje	Standardization and Sustainability of Provision of Various Free Legal Aid Modules	2,002,948.49
National Roma Centrum, Kumanovo	Access to Justice in Macedonia	637,723.62
Youth Cultural Centre - Bitola, Bitola	Access to Justice in Macedonia	516,311.05
Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje	Access to Justice in Macedonia	700,019.35
Association "Izbor", Strumica	Access to Justice in Macedonia	369,159.84
Educational - Humanitarian Organization EHO, Shtip	Access to Justice in Macedonia	371,467.09
Helsinki Committee for Human Rights of the Republic of Macedonia, Skopje	Legal Empowerment on Advocacy for Textile Workers	2,050,888.00
Coalition for Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities MARGINI, Skopje	Translating Goal 16.3 of the United Nations Global Goals for Sustainable Development at National Level	1,347,946.14
TOTAL:		26,920,622.42

Youth Engagement		
RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
Youth Educational Forum, Skopje	Youth Engagement	5,127,220.00
Youth Association IMKA Bitola, Bitola	GLOW and UMPL Youth Development Program	475,447.11
NGO Civic Development - CD, Lipkovo, Kumanovo	Let Us Take off the Masks. Our Faces are Beautiful	512,209.28
Association for Volunteering "Volunteer Centre", Kisela Voda	No Quarrelling	502,467.56
Paktis Association Centre for Strategy and Development, Prilep	Take Action Against Hatred and Fake News	507,082.06
Dyslexia Association "Einstein", Skopje	Right to Speech is NOT Right to Hate Speech	512,670.73
Macedonian Scout Association, Skopje	Building Cultural Bridges Among Youth From Eastern and Western Macedonia	510,671.11
First Scout Squad, Skopje	Intercultural Dialogue in Movement	405,050.38
TOTAL:		8,552,818.23

Right-based Health Policies		
RECIPIENT	PURPOSE	AWARD in DEN
Foundation IDEA Southeast Europe, Skopje	Changing Roma Narratives in Healthcare Settings	1,507,402.68
HERA - Health Education and Research Association, Skopje	Changing Roma Narratives in Healthcare Settings	1,538,166.00

Association for Roma Democratic Development "Sonce", Tetovo	Changing Roma Narratives in Healthcare Settings	1,522,784.34
Association for Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children - LIL, Skopje	Changing Roma Narratives in Healthcare Settings	1,281,805.00
NGO "Kham", Delchevo	Changing Roma Narratives in Healthcare Settings	1,504,839.07
National Roma Centrum, Kumanovo	Changing Roma Narratives in Healthcare Settings	1,248,478.07
Resource Center for Parents of Disabled Children, Skopje	Psychological Support for Families with Disabled Children and Siblings	461,449.80
Coalition for Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities MARGINI, Skopje	Promoting Sexual and Health Rights of Marginalized Communities	4,984,580.74
Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women - ESE, Skopje	Institutional Support for ESE	17,176,187.00
HOPS - Healthy Option Project Skopje, Skopje	Institutional support for HOPS	7,562,649.50
HOPS - Healthy Option Project Skopje, Skopje	Monitoring Implementation of Prevention Programs for Health Status Promotion of People Using Drugs	5,639,942.00
Citizens' Association for Support of People with Disability SOLEM, Skopje	Handcrafts for You	3,076,332.00
Association for Support of Marginalized Workers STAR-STAR, Skopje	Organizational Capacity Building for STAR-STAR	1,794,527.00
TOTAL:		49,299,143.20

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