

LEGAL PROGRAM

"EFFECTIVE DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS" COMPETITION

Project Objectives

The project aims to uphold the principle of equality and human rights in Bulgaria through strengthening the position of Bulgarian organizations which defend human rights and provide legal assistance and representation to people in an unequal status in case of discrimination or violation of their rights.

Project Implementation Tools

Since 2003 the law programme of Open Society Institute – Sofia has provided assistance to the organizations which defend human rights. This is achieved through funding projects which aim at legal proceedings people can benefit from, providing legal assistance, training people who play active role and finding alternative ways to monitor the violation of human rights.

Project Status

In progress

Project Development

During the project development, the money were distributed by means of a competition for funding one-year projects of non-governmental organizations in the fields indicated. The legal assistance offered by organizations which defend human rights was assessed in 2006. The assessment was based on the presented project plans, the final organizational reports, visits on the place indicated and completed questionnaires. As a result, ten out of the assessed organizations received further funding.

Results

The data provided by several organizations about their activities in 2006 show the following results:

- The total number of the people benefited from legal assistance is 5417;
- The total number of consultations (all types of consultations, not only legally oriented but also psychological and health ones, etc.) is 11 414;
- The total number of procedural representations in the law court is 343;
- The total number of representations before other institutions is 486;
- The total number of finished legal cases which have arrived at some conclusions is 94;
- The total number of training sessions and discussions is 129.

Partners

- [Bulgarian Helsinki Committee](#)
- [Romani Bah Foundation](#)
- [Refugee and Immigrants Association](#)
- [Children and Youth Alliance](#)
- [Honorable Life Association – Vidin](#)
- [Centre of Independent Life – Sofia](#)
- [Horizons Foundation](#)
- [Regional Development Roma-Plovdiv Fondation](#)
- [Center of Psychological Research – Targovishte branch](#)
- [PULS Foundation – Pernik](#)

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