

Overview of some current and former projects funded by SHL in Southeast Europe

01

Project: "Perspectives for forgotten refugees"

Location: Jesevac and Visca (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Project Partners: Snaga Zene

Project Duration: Since September 2014

Funding: Approx. 50,000 Euro / year

Almost 19 years after the end of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, there are still around 88 refugee camps hosting more than 7200 refugees. The state provides very little support and the situation is especially difficult for children and youth. In two refugee camps, the project provides psychosocial support, creative activities and counselling for parents. In doing so, it aims at supporting children and youth in their personal development and in coping with their situation and environment.

02

Project: Basic Education for Young Roma

Location: Bijeljina - Northern Bosnia and Herzegovina

Project Partners: Otaharin

Duration: Since January 2005

Funding: Approx. 90,000 Euro / year

The number of children from Roma communities with primary education in Bosnia and Herzegovina is increased and school drop-outs are prevented through this project. Within the Roma community, civic values and the knowledge about civil society initiatives are promoted. In addition to the realization of a summer school, another part of the funding is committed to school and food supplies for the children. Furthermore, cultural activities of the Roma community and the strengthening of voluntary commitment of Roma youths are supported.

03

Project: Education through Street Work

Location: Skopje – Macedonia

Cooperation partners: Center for Social Initiative NADEZ (formerly with Caritas Essen)

Duration: Since 2005

Funding: Approx. 50,000 Euro / year

Through street social work this project enables vulnerable children and young people, mainly Roma, from poor neighborhoods of the capital of Skopje, to regularly attend school and to graduate after eight years of elementary school education. Parents of these children are included in regular workshops to raise their

knowledge and conviction about education, health, migration, etc. The project helps to reduce the high illiteracy rate among Roma and seeks to give young people a perspective beyond living in the streets.

04

Project: Social Youth Centre Novi Sad

Location: Novi Sad - Vojvodina / Serbia

Project Partners: New Media Center_kuda.org/ CK13

Duration: Since 2006

Funding: 210.000 Euro / once for the purchase and renovation of the youth center, approx. 20.000 Euro/ year

The project aims to strengthen social initiatives of young people from Novi Sad and Vojvodina against xenophobia, nationalism and right-winged extremism and to offer them a place and organizational support. By participating in the activities of this social youth center, young people are given the opportunity to gain experience and skills in self-organization, self-management and responsible utilization of funds. The project was designed in the face of the ethno-national polarization and the poor economic and social situation in the country, which has heavily promoted the emergence of racial conflicts in the last years.

05

Project: Day Care Centre Maglaj

Location: Maglaj - Central Bosnia and Herzegovina

Project Partners: Udruzenje Humanost - Societas Humanitatis

Duration: September 2006 – November 2009 (since end of 2008 co-financed by the state)

Funding: Approx. 25,000 Euro / year (since 2009 approx. 3,000 Euro / year)

With this project SHL in particular funded the interior of a daily care center for children with disabilities in Central Bosnia and Herzegovina, wages for employed pedagogues, therapists and drivers as well as some of the activities (workshop materials, transportation, etc.). The Canton Zenica / Doboje and three municipalities are also involved in the project. The project is unique in the country regarding its professional standards and its educational approach. It cooperates with similar institutions in Germany.

06

Project: Youth Center Saranda

Location: Saranda - Albania

Project Partners: START

Project Duration: February 2007 – January 2009

Funding: Approx. 50,000 Euro / year

This program enabled young people to train in crafts, learn foreign languages and improve their computer skills. Additionally, courses in theater, painting and literature were offered. Special attention was paid to gender equality – the youth center is a retreat for women confronted with violence, trafficking of human beings or prostitution.

07

Project: Help for Children and Young People in Need

Location: Durres and Tirana - Albania

Cooperation partner: Development, Information and Gender Equality (DIGE)

Duration: 2008 - 2011

Funding: Approx. 35,000 Euro / year

The project aimed to support young people in need and to create public awareness of their problems in the Albanian society. It encompassed an interaction of psychosocial, cultural and education activities. An important aspect of the project is to actively involve young persons in the formation of the public opinion and to overcome their apathy. The project targeted those young people between 14 and 22 years in the Albanian cities of Durres and Tirana who have not received proper education and lived in poverty. Through this program, they received support in their personal and professional development.

08

Project: Fighting Youth Unemployment in the Balkans

Location: Kosovo / Macedonia / Serbia

Cooperation partners: Balkan Children and Youth Foundation (BCYF)

Duration: November 2008 – November 2010

Funding: Approx. 65,000 Euro / year

This project aimed at increasing the employment rate among young people in three countries of the Western Balkans. For this purpose, already existing successful initiatives addressing the problem of youth unemployment were further strengthened and expanded. The measures included qualification activities for young people such as internship opportunities in companies and advancement of their labor market skills. In addition, the contact with representatives from the government and the private sector at the local and national level was sought to improve the labour market opportunities in the involved countries. The project addressed young people between 16 and 30 years who had already completed their education and needed assistance in their job search.

09

Project: Bring about Change

Location: Tirana - Albania

Project Partners: Social Organization for the Support of Youth (ARSIS)

Project Duration: Since 2010

Funding: Approx. 80,000 Euro / year

Children living in the streets are excluded by the society. Many of them live in constant fear of being abused. The social workers of the project team visit those districts of Tirana where one can find high numbers of street children. They offer them juridical, psychological and medical assistance. In addition, they inform about legal working possibilities, offer vocational trainings and help them to organize their everyday life. At the same time, the project team gives advanced trainings to staff members of state institutions.

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Project: Strengthening of School Students Activism

Location: Belgrade - Serbia

Project Partners: Union of Secondary School Students of Serbia (UNSS)

Project Duration: Since 2010

Funding: Approx. 14,000 Euro / year

The goal of this project is to strengthen activism and participation of school students especially through student councils in Serbia in order to improve their learning and teaching situation. The UNSS informs students about their rights, lobbies authorities as well as the general public and draws attention to schools involving their students and respect human rights in an exemplary manner. The Union also successfully organized the very first Social Day in Serbia at the end of 2010 to raise additional money for its work and will continue to do so.

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Project: "Safer environment for children in divided and segregated schools in Middle Bosnia canton – sustaining the change!"

Location: Banja Luka/ Middle Bosnia canton, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Project Partners: Genesis Project

Project Duration: From December 2011

Funding: Approx. 30,000 Euro / year

The main aim of the project is to influence the building of trust and change in attitudes between different ethnic groups as a presumption for the creation of a safer environment in the ethnically segregated schools. Bosniak and Croat children as the direct beneficiaries who attend separated schools should be educated about peaceful conflict resolution and communication in order to improve the cooperation with the other ethnic group. The creating of safe school environments in 16 segregated schools in the seven cities/municipalities will be achieved by means of educational and pedagogical work in class communities with school children and teachers. All activities will be jointly attended by both ethnic groups.

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Project: "Leave a different fingerprint – from crime back to society"

Location: Belgrade/ Serbia

Project Partners: International Aid Network (IAN)

Project Duration: September 2012 – December 2015

Funding: Approx. 90,000 Euro / year

The project will develop efficient programme for youth with behaviour disorders (offenders and antisocial behaviour) and ensure supportive environment, structure, social and psychological treatments focused on rehabilitation to help young delinquents turn to positive behaviours. It will include 1) Skills trainings for professional empowerment and raising employability, 2) Psychological support 3) Re-socialisation activities to prevent further delinquency, motivating youth to embrace new life styles 4) Raising awareness on importance of youth delinquency prevention.

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Project: "Model International Criminal Court – Western Balkans (MICC – WeB)"

Location: Serbia (Belgrade, Novi Sad), Bosnia-Herzegovina (Sarajevo, Mostar), Croatia (Zagreb, Osijek)

Project Partners: Open Communication

Project Duration: October 2013 – September 2015

Funding: Approx. 80,000 Euro / year

The wars in Yugoslavia ended more than ten years ago. However, in the societies within the region, those wars have never been subject to open public debate. The project aims to create a safe and open space for school students from Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia to begin dealing with the wars of the 90s. In six seminars, school students simulate international human rights trials (dealing with both Yugoslavia and other regions). This approach provides a basis for reflecting on the recent history of the region and for taking on and understanding the perspectives of others. Those simulations are complemented with workshops on human rights, on history and identity, and on the role of justice in dealing with the past. Teachers take part in the seminars as well and receive special training on how to incorporate these issues into their work. Lastly, to enhance the sustainability of the program the MICC WeB team will kick-start a series of similar seminars at universities in the region.

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Project: „ Social Inclusion of Children and Youth – (Potential) Victims of Human Trafficking”

Location: Serbia (Belgrade)

Project Partners: NVO Atina

Project Duration: September 2015 – present

Funding: Approx. 75,000 Euro / year

Trafficking in human beings remains a serious problem in the Republic of Serbia. Children and youth, specifically, the most marginalized groups of children and youth (Roma children and youth, those without parental care, unaccompanied minors, etc.) are mostly affected by this phenomenon. Majority of those referred to Atina's protection program have never been integrated and are deprived of basic rights and are in need for long-term support in order to become independent. Atina is specifically dedicated to tackling the root causes of the phenomenon, such as: extreme poverty and breaking the cycle of poverty, oppression and discrimination, including gender-based discrimination, etc.

This project ensures full access to formal education system and informal empowerment processes for at least 500 youth and children, victims of trafficking and/or at risk to be trafficked. Besides standard support activities, such safe accommodation, medical, psychological and legal assistance for the victims, emphasis is put on the peer support activities and prevention of gender-based violence among the population in risk of exploitation - children on the move, marginalized groups, etc.