



HANDIKOS

January – December 2005



I. Activities in the network of HandiKOS

1. Community based rehabilitation (CBR) – Centers

The statistics are showing that during January – December 2005 there were **686 children** who received the services of HandiKOS on daily bases (including both services).

- Again based on the statistics, from January until December 2005 there was totally **39 495 sessions** with the children in the community centres of HandiKOS.

Main activities of the centers are mentioned bellow:

- **Primary physical rehabilitation**

Primary physical rehabilitation activities which were done during Year 2005 continued to be focused on prevention of orthopedic deformities with passive mobilization and relaxation, training to keep the balance, good seating position, crawling and walking by using parallels and walkers. Two workers provide Primary rehabilitation to the children in 45 minutes sessions, teaching the mothers / caretakers the activities that they will repeat at home. Only in the primary physical rehabilitation there were totally **267 children** who received total of **10 428 sessions**. Most of the children are continuing the sessions from previous year based on the program prepared by the CBR team of HandiKOS, but, there are new children that started to attend the rehabilitation. The work of CBR Centers is based on the plan which is prepared by the CBR team and by respecting the results of the evaluation of each child which is done every 4 months jointly with parents of disabled children.



- **Psycho social activities**

During the year 2005 as one of the major activities in the psycho social sessions with children was Mio-oral stimulation to improve nutrition and speech; activities related to improvement of the communication, attention, creativity of the children; prepare children to join the regular education system; promote socialization and creative activities. Psycho social activities are done individually for each child and in the groups, depending from the nature of the activities. Only in psycho social activities there were **168 children who received 5 936 sessions**.



Based on the evaluation done from the CBR team there are children who need to be present in both activities, the number of children who attended both services was **251** who received total of **23 131 sessions**.

- **Recreational activities**

Recreational activities as usual are focused on the art, cultural and sport activities. These activities are ongoing during the year and mostly the results of the recreational activities are presented during the specific events in front of the parents of the children and other relevant guests. For the events such is 8th of March '05, many of the HandiKOS offices organized different activities to mark this day by showing their abilities and increasing the awareness of the community about disability.



- **Referring**

Evaluation of the condition of the disabled children continued during whole year 2005. Based on the results of evaluation children are referred to the specific health care, total number of children which were evaluated from the CBR team in all **12** centers of HandiKOS was **273**, **the result of the evaluation is 334 referring reports**. To the:

- Psychologist **41** children
- Neurologist **19** children
- Speech therapy **10** children
- Orthopedic **45** children
- Ophthalmologist **4** children
- Ortho Prosthetic center – **26** children
- Neurosurgery – **12** children
- Pediatrician – **12** children
- Urologist – **1** children
- Cardiology – **4** children
- Physic specialist – **1** child

29 other children were referred for the personal autonomy



For the special chairs we referred **48 children**, for Mio oral stimulation **17 children** and preparing for the school **63 children**.

- After the monitoring process we discovered that during this period from the children that were referred to the orthopedist, **15 of them** had surgical operation and **33 children** constructed their chairs.

- **Training with the parents**

Training with the parents is continues process during the daily work with children and it's one of the objectives of the center. Mostly during the activities with children parents are participating with the goal to train them about the activities that they should carry on in their homes.

During April and May'05 we organized two trainings with the parents of disabled children in 12 centers of HandiKOS.



Goal of the first training was raising awareness of the parents of children with “Syndrome Down” by presenting and discussing the brochure which was used as a guide for further rehabilitation of the children to become independent in their daily life. Facilitators of the trainings were HandiKOS CBR team; participants were physic and psycho social workers together with parents of the children. The total number of the parents invited in the training was 165, among them participated 85. During the training to the parents of disabled children we distributed 55 booklets related to the Syndrome down. .

The second training was about teaching parents of the disabled children the methods of the proper nutrition and Mio-Oral stimulation. The training was organized based on the request of the parents since in their daily life they face problems during the feeding of their children. Same as in first training the brochure was presented and discussed by parents and HandiKOS CBR team same time we distributed 52 copies of booklets. The total number of the parents who participated in this training was 71.

Also we organized training with parents related to the Cerebral palsy, this training occurred in the rural areas, the number of parents was 15 and we distributed 8 booklets.

2. Lobbying and Advocacy – Supporting PWD – Local Offices

- **Persons with disabilities**

Staff of the local offices, as we planned, continued to support people with disabilities through direct visits – home visits. Main reason of the home visits is to advice people with disabilities for preventing deformities, contractures and other causes. Other objective of the visits is to advice people with disabilities about the human rights, new laws and legislations that are related to disability. During year 2005 total number of the home visits was **977** and the number of People with disabilities which were visited for first time during this period was: **880**, continues visit's for people with disabilities to whom the support is most needed was **97**.

- Peer Support program for people with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) in the community.

- In the process of developing the services for People with disabilities HandiKOS through the peer support program achieved to increase the support especially for people with SCI. This support starts with the home visits (experience exchange), meetings and workshops with the beneficiaries as well as covering their necessary and specific needs which are not provided by the institutions. During year 2005 there were



screened 80 persons with SCI and 22 among them were selected to receive continues support from this program. People with SCI visited and evaluated for the first time was 42. Among this number 12 persons with SCI received specific medical materials which is secured from Hartman company (company that provides medical materials) and financially supported by Caritas Austria. As part of this program is also visits of the nurse in the families of people with SCI, total number of the visits during 2005 done from nurse was 178 and the result is that 7 persons with SCI that suffered from bedsores were cured. One other achievement of this program is strong cooperation with the Family Medicine about covering the necessary needs of people with SCI about patronized medical home treatment.



WHEELCHAIR WORKSHOP

The needs of people with disabilities related to the equipment and its maintenance were the reason that HandiKOS with the support of the Caritas Austria established the first workshop for wheelchair and other equipment maintenance. The establishment of the Wheelchair workshop started during August and the official opening was done on the 3rd of December 2005. In the opening ceremony were invited and participated Vice Minister of the Health, representatives from the Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor, directors of the clinics from the University Clinical Center of Prishtina, representatives from the International and Local NGO's, etc.

The workshop is placed in the building of the National orthopedic center (University Clinical Center in Prishtina), and for the future the Ministry of health committed funds to support sustainability of the workshop.



- Institutions

This period, same as previous year was focused on establishing contacts with the municipal government and other institutions about supporting disability sector. The contacts with the municipal authorities were focused on promotion of the CBR model and services that are provided by HandiKOS. Results of the cooperation with the local institutions during this period were financial support to cover operational costs for 6 local offices or centers which are Kamenica, Lipjan, Drenas, Gjilan, Kastriot, and Klina. Other local offices are still in the process of negotiations and there are good indicators that few of them will achieve to sign contracts for support with the local authorities.

* **Civil Society**

In Ferizaj for example the local NGO's including HandiKOS established the network of NGO's "AVONET" which will closely cooperate with the local institutions, one of the main tasks of this network is to monitor the work of the municipal assembly and to support them with the suggestions or comments. In the end of the year the network of NGO's published the brochure where they presented the statistics and other information's about the work of institutions in this municipality.

- **Donors**

During 2005 HandiKOS achieved to gather funds from other Donors, one of the main success was signing the agreement of cooperation with the Italian NGO (ONLUS) Wamba Athena. The support is mainly focused on supporting the CBR services of HandiKOS centers. When it comes to local donations, HandiKOS local offices are focused also on including local donors to support the activities of HandiKOS. The support is mainly about covering the operational costs with fuel, maintenance of the vehicles, or specific activities, etc. Offices that achieved to gather support from the local donors during this period were: Besiana, Prishtina, Kacanik, Gjakova, Kamenica and Ferizaj.

- **Other NGO's**

HandiKOS is cooperating with International and Local NGO's depending on the nature of activities.

Cooperation with International NGO's "Save the Children" and UNICEF is focused on raising awareness about the rights of children with disabilities and increasing knowledge of the parents of children with disabilities about their children rights. This is done through printing and publication of the materials, brochures, leaflets, posters, video-clips, etc.



As a result of this cooperation HandiKOS achieved this year to sign the contract with "Save the Children" on supporting the services in community center in Theranda, Malisheva, Drenas and opening the sub-office in Mitrovica (north).

HandiKOS is also in the process of negotiations with Mental Disability Rights International (MDRI) about the implementation of the project in few municipalities of Kosova with the goal to support people with mental and intellectual disabilities.

Cooperation with local NGO's is mainly on the field of strengthening the capacities of the local NGO's that work on the disability sector and on establishing joint body which will represent all disability groups. During this period HandiKOS supported local disability NGO's by organizing trainings on writing the Project proposals and also facilitating them to organize their activities and other events.

- **Distributions**

One of the results of the Home visits is also identifying needs of people with disabilities about the necessary orthopedic and sanitarian material.

During Jan-December 2005 HandiKOS achieved to distribute 373 wheelchairs, 251 crouches, 122 sanitarian kits, and other necessary equipments.

We also distributed equipment directly to the institutions, to University Medical Center in Prishtina 60 wheelchairs, to the rehabilitation (Spa) center in Klllokot 40 wheelchairs and to the Airport in Prishtina 12 wheelchairs.



. This distribution showed the importance of covering the needs of people with disabilities with the necessary equipment and also that HandiKOS is the only agency in Kosova that provides the necessary materials for people with disabilities, even to the institutions such are main hospitals and clinics who are responsible to cover this needs.

II. Specific Activities – 2005

1. Strategic Objective: 1. HandiKOS operations sustained

1.1. National Level

- The major priority of HandiKOS this year is to reach sustainability of the services through the national and local authorities. The management committee of HandiKOS was mobilized and organized meetings with the goal to support network of HandiKOS on achieving results toward sustainability. These actions were done through the regional coordinators who were responsible to direct and instruct the staff of HandiKOS in local level for establishing contacts with the local government, as a tool for this process was the distribution of the “HandiKOS support letter’s” to all municipalities in Kosova.

For this purpose member of the management committee from the Ferizaj region organized presentation of the HandiKOS structures, mission, objectives and activities in front of the Vice Pre-Minister and other relevant representatives of the national and local governmental bodies. The event can be described as successful since they all showed admiration for HandiKOS services and interest to participate on the support for continuation of the same. There were totally 130 participants in this event.

Related to this goal HandiKos, during December 2005

organized regional workshops with the relevant structures of the municipalities and in the end the round table discussion with the representatives of the relevant ministries. It is important to mention participation of the minister for health, Mr. Sadik Idriz, who clearly presented the support of this ministry for the disability sector and in particular for HandiKOS services. In the round table discussion were also Vice Minister of education, Directors of the departments from the Social welfare and labour ministry, special education and also representatives of the main donor organizations such are World Bank, UNICEF, Save the Children, WHO and representative of the Finnish liaison Office in Kosova. All above mentioned representatives that participated in the round table discussion agreed that the services provided from HandiKOS are necessary and the conclusion was that all the relevant factors should create strategy to financially support CBR services.



HandiKOS office in Mitrovica (North)

The main achievement of HandiKOS during this period is opening the sub-office in the North part of Mitrovica. This is a long time goal of HandiKOS to cover the needs of all disabled people in Kosova no matter the ethnic background or religion, which is clearly described in the Vision of HandiKOS. A special attention for this event was given from all Medias in Kosova; they described this event as very important in creating a democratic society for all. This office is part of HandiKOS network in Kosova which means the same structures, role and obligations as other offices.

The support to the minority groups is objective of HandiKOS not only in Mitrovica but also in other parts of Kosovo, good indicators for participation of the Serbian minority in the HandiKOS activities is in



the region of Peja, precisely in Gorazdec, enclave with majority of Serbian ethnic group near Deçan. From the establishment of the office, our staff in Mitrovica (north) achieved to visit and identify the needs of 54 persons with disabilities. Based on the needs of PWD in North Mitrovica we have distributed; wheelchairs, crouches and other sanitarian materials.

Other achievements related to this specific activity were: With the ministry of health we achieved to convince them for the importance of recognition of the needs of PWD for health part which reflected with the inclusion of PWD in the working group for the law for health care.

With ministry of education we established good partnership for recognition and inclusion of children with disabilities for access to education supported by the Finnish special education team.

With the ministry of social welfare and labor we have a close cooperation with the department for social care and labor on recognition of needs of PWD as a result we have pension for PWD and new strategy for professional training and employment.

With the ministry of environment we have cooperation for improving the access for PWD through the approval of the laws for free environment.

- Marking 3rd of December – International day on disability

- Related to the marking of the 3rd of December, in the national level, HandiKOS, with the support of the Office for good governance in the Prime-Ministers office and the Finnish programme for Human Rights organized a round table discussion with the representatives from the national level institutions and the disability organizations and other NGO with the main topic **“participation of Persons with Disability in decision making” – *Nothing for us without us.***



- In Ferizaj HandiKOS centre organized a marking of 3rd December by inviting relevant representatives of the municipality in the round table discussion about the rights of people with disabilities, also the members of HandiKOS organized a parade in the centre of the city with the placard and posters with the messages related to the rights and opportunities for people with disabilities. Marking the 3rd of December ended with the organization of the cultural event (performance - drama and concert) and cocktail.



- In Prishtina, the HandiKos staff organized quiz of knowledge in different fields, participants were teams of people with disabilities from all Kosova and the same day for children was organized concert.

- In Peja, Gjakova, Prizren and other centers were also organized activities such are art exhibition, performances of drama in the city theatres, sport activities, etc.

1.1.1. Supporting Promotion of the Mental Disability

HandiKOS in Cooperation with the MDRI (Mental Disability Rights International) achieved to create project which was jointly implemented in the field of mental Health. This project included the establishment of the peer support groups for people with intellectual disabilities in 3 municipalities. Project also included organization of the campaigns on awareness raising related to the issues about the intellectual disabilities.



The project started on 1st of May 2005 and it will end on 31st January 2006.

1.1.2. Lobbying and advocating for the establishment of the national council of DPO's

Related to this task we achieved to prepare Terms of References for the national Council of DPO's which includes the role and mandate all this based on the Disability policy framework which was published by HandiKOS during 2001. Since then we were lobbying and advocating for the establishment of the national council. The plan for establishment of the National Council of DPO's was done jointly with the Director of the Advisory office for good Governance within the pre-Ministers office. As we planned in the process of establishing the National Council during April the letter of recommendation together with the Terms of references were send to the Prime Ministers office. Pre-Ministers office through the Political Adviser confirmed that they will take active role during this process. The first step on achieving this goal was to organize the round table discussion with the Disabled People's Organizations (DPO). Supported by World Bank (as donors and facilitators) and MDRI, HandiKOS during June'05 achieved to organize round table discussion with the representatives of all DPO's from Kosova. The results of the round table discussion are impressive, all DPO's are aware of the importance to have a peak body which will represent the disability issues and forward the solutions to the government. The process of establishing national Council is still ongoing.

1.1.3. Lobbying and advocating for the establishment of the office on Disability.

Based on the Disability policy framework there was a proposal for establishment of the disability office within Pre-ministers office. As a result of lobbying and advocating as well as continues contacts with the director of the Advisory Office for good governance within the Pre-Ministers office it was achieved and approved from the Prime Ministers office establishment of the Division for Disability issues. This division will have clear role and structure and also budget for proper functioning. This division will replace the office on disability which was earlier planned. We believe that this body with

permanently employed staff will fulfil the gap which was earlier in the Governmental structures and initiate the process for creation of the opportunities for disabled people to be part of the society as equal citizens.

As a result of continues lobbying and cooperation with the Prime Ministers office there was organized a two day's workshop "Creation of the Strategy on the human Rights", the facilitators of this workshop were employed staff in the Prime Ministers office and the main supporters were from the Finnish Support Program on Human Rights. The targeted groups were women, children, minorities, evaporated people during the war and People with Disabilities.

1.2. Local Level

- As we mentioned above, all the network offices were focused through lobbying and advocacy on establishing contacts with the local governmental structures related to the financial support of the services which are provided by HandiKOS. The success is partial until today, since only 6 offices achieved to sing agreements for donation with the local structures. Like we mentioned earlier there are good indicators that Centers in Prishtina and Ferizaj will be supported from their municipalities, other offices and Centers are still in the process of negotiations.

Additional Information:

Re-Organization of the HandiKOS Network

Based on the strategy of HandiKOS and current situation in the disability sector in Kosova we achieved to re-organize the network of HandiKOS in the local level. This process requested the necessary preparations such are the evaluation forms with the goal to select the best structures and improve the quality of the work which will reflect directly in achieving objectives in local level. The process also requested work on the new job descriptions with the additional responsibilities. Those additional responsibilities are related to the new strategy for establishing local councils on disability. The members of those councils will be representatives of all categories of people with disabilities from one municipality and HandiKOS staff is planned to act as facilitator, meaning to provide necessary support and coordinate activities organized by the local council.

By organizing the process of re-organization and the financial support from few Municipalities HandiKOS achieved to fulfil the agreement with the donor to reduce the costs of the Network for 40%.

1.2.1. Capacity building of HandiKOS staff

HandiKOS created the plan for the training in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and Education. The plan includes also the topics that will be presented during the training which will start as soon as the trainers are provided by the Ministries. Topics that will be presented during the training are related to the legislation, rights and other issues related to the current situation in Kosova which have direct impact in the daily life of People with Disabilities.

Also other activities of HandiKOS during this period were focused on promotion of the produced guideline for existing legislation in Kosova focusing on legislation that effects people with disability with recommendations of the procedures how to realize their rights. In all 5 regions of Kosova was organized workshops and participants received

organigram scheme with the description of the role and duties of each structures of municipality.

In cooperation with ministry of labour and social welfare we have organized two workshops with participation of all workers of HandiKOS on learning about policy, legislation and structures of the social welfare network.

1.2.2. Creating mechanisms and forms for communication of HandiKOS local offices and Centers to share best practices.

Related to this topic we achieved to establish the Coordination Body in Central Level and regional level. In the beginning the meetings in Central level were organized in weekly bases and the regional meetings were organized twice a month. Results are positive; the exchange of the information's is improved as well as communication between all levels. In each regional meeting there is one representative from the central level. Also, during this phase the form of reporting is developed which provides higher quality of information's from the field. As a factor which will improve the quality in the work is also reorganization of the Job description for each worker which clearly determines role and responsibilities of each worker within regional and central level.

1.2.3. Individually each local office of HandiKOS created a local action plan to advocate municipalities and other donors.

1.2.4. Few local offices achieved to gather the financial support from their municipalities. There are also donors from the private sector that are supporting different recreational activities of HandiKOS.

1.2.5. Promoting the establishment of local municipal councils on Disability.

HandiKOS as leading agency on disability is working very closely with other DPO's and groups of disabled people on organizing joint body in municipal level. Related to this initiative HandiKOS is planning to re-organize the structures of staff in local offices which means that the office and infrastructure of HandiKOS will be used by this body. Also the HandiKOS staff will work as facilitator in organizing the activities of the municipal council. Until now HandiKOS achieved to develop Terms of References of the municipal council meaning their role and mandate.

2. Strategic objective: Enhancing quality in service provision

Immediate objective:

2.1.1. Committing ministries in welfare mix (CBR) policy development

HandiKOS is in continues contacts with the Ministries of Health and Education related to the CBR, we have support from World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF in this regard. Related to this topic we are in process of finalizing the Brochure about CBR that will be presented to the relevant ministries. Next step in this process is organizing seminars in 7 (seven) regions of Kosova for promotion of CBR, and, in final phase we will organize the National seminar with the representatives of the relevant Ministries. Based on agreement with the Ministries the result of this Seminar will be establishment of the national Council on CBR.

2.1.2. All local workers including local office and CBR centers have received training on specific needs, consequences and services based on diagnoses as: Down syndrome, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, spinabyfida with active participation of the parents of those children. Related to this capacity development program we organized 29 workshops and we achieved to include health workers and teachers for special education in local level

2.1.3. Regional Conference – to be confirmed with the participants and also with the possible donor.

2.1.4. Including other Focus Groups in HandiKOS network

- There are focus groups that are included in the activities of HandiKOS and we have contacted their representatives to create a plan for workshops based on their needs and interest. This plan will be implemented during summer 2005.

Ongoing process for capacity building of 3 established focus groups for people with intellectual disabilities.

2.1.5. Piloting empowering peer support groups for PWD

- As a continuation of the cooperation with the Finnish Program for Human Rights we have started the implementation of the Project which supports the establishment of the Regional councils of Women with Disabilities. This project will enable women with disability to develop their skills on writing project proposals and increase their capacities to manage with the projects.

Also, Peer Support (SCI) program is established within HandiKOS and the activities such are workshops, trainings, peer support program are ongoing.



2.1.6. The evaluation of the services provided by the centers of HandiKOS is ongoing process through the meetings with parents of disabled children on monthly bases. The system of reporting and keeping statistics is improved for children that are attending the activities in the HandiKOS centers. Final results of the evaluation and possible proposal for new activities will be developed during second part of year 2005.

2.1.7. Piloting internal competition/creating a project fund for local level activities. Based on the plan the internal competitions should start from year 2006 and the proposal will be presented to the Steering Committee for approval. Until end of 2005 the clear plan with the criteria's will be developed.

3. Strategic Objective: Creation of Economical Independence.

3.1.1. Mainly in this phase we were focused on preparing the project proposals which are related to vocational trainings for People with disabilities.

4. Supporting objective: Creating a Disability Sector middle term Strategy

HandiKos as a member of working group in CBR concept within Ministry of health have prepared draft plan for implementation of CBR as a part of law for family medicine.

Other activities organized in the centres of HandiKOS:

- Except daily services that are provided based on the programme, HandiKOS activities are also focused on the development of the educational, cultural, sport, recreational activities with children with disabilities.

- Educational:

The CBR centre in Ferizaj with the support from other NGO's achieved to organize the English course (lessons) for children with disabilities. There were 10 children that attended this course.

- Cultural:

- **The CBR centre in Ferizaj** organized art classes for children with disabilities which were attended from 10 children. After finalization of the course the art works of the children were presented in the art exhibition.

In the CBR centre of Gjilan during October 2005 (for the second time this year) HandiKOS and MDRI have organized a week long art program called ARTIKOS for members (beneficiaries) of HandiKOS from Gjilan and Kamenica. A group of 6 to 10 artists (participants were all people with disabilities) participated in the painting and drawing sessions. These sessions were led by Ms. Patty Mitchell, director of Art Exchange International, who came from USA to work with HandiKOS for the week. At Passion works, people with and without disabilities worked in the collaborative studio creating fine art that is used as design for products such is jewellery, greeting cards and decorative items. These items were sold in the gift shops and art galleries throughout USA. The studio has created employment for over 50 people, 42 artists with disabilities and other ten people in administrative and support roles.

- Sport and recreational:

- For children of all centres of HandiKOS it was organized in the cooperation with the parent's organization the summer camp "Blinaja". The camp took place in the mountains of Kosova and there was prepared different kind of programs and activities for children.

Related to the sport activities we can conclude that the main achievement of HandiKOS is that we are receiving the invitations related to the participation in the sport events organized from the ministry or from the local authorities, mostly this are related to the basketball in wheelchair, wheelchair marathon, etc.

Similar with previous years HandiKOS in cooperation with the Ministry of Sport organized the mini-Olympic games for people with disabilities as well as Marathon – street ball – etc.



Implemented Projects during 2005

Projects implemented in National Level

1. Name of the Project: “Improving condition of the Children with disabilities despites their ethnic background and gender”

Goal: Raising awareness of the parents of disabled children about different diagnosis and their rights, including the representatives of the institutions with the goal to integrate the rights of disabled children in the policies of the institutions.

Activities:

- a) Organizing 7 seminars (2 days), with the topic: “learning disability and rights of the children”.
- b) Organizing 7 regional workshops (1 day), with the topic “Rehabilitation services based in the community”
- c) Organizing round table discussion in National level, Topic: “Community based Rehabilitation”.

Results:

- a) Raising awareness of the participants about the rights of disabled children and distribution of relevant materials.
- b) Information of the representatives of the local institutions about the CBR Model, methods of implementation of the CBR Model of HandiKOS, and presentation of the importance of the institutional support for such a model.
- c) Information of the representatives from the relevant Ministries, International and Local NGO’s related to the CBR Model, the methods of implementation and initiating the establishment of the working group that will create the national strategy about the implementation of the CBR in Kosovo with the support of the relevant Ministries.

Participants:

- a) Parents of disabled children, teachers of the attached classes, HandiKOS CBR workers, Nurses of the Family medicine, there were 222 participants in seven seminars.
- b) Participants of the workshops were: Presidents of the Municipal assembly, Municipal executive chief, regional officer for special education, directors of the departments for: education, social welfare and health, social work, vocational trainings, employment and local representatives of HandiKOS. Total number of participants was 160.
- c) Participants of the round table discussion were: Vice **Minister of Education**, head of the special education, representative from the **Ministry of Social Welfare**, director of the department of social welfare, director of the center for Health development, director of division for mental health, representative of the Finnish Liaison Office, representative of the World bank, representatives from the International NGO’s (UNICEF, Save the Children, World Health Organization, STAKES, Handicap International, MDRI), Representatives from the sport federation for People with disabilities, organization of parents of disabled children, association of the blind, association of the deaf, etc. Total number of participants was 40.

Publications: Brochure about: “Learning disability” and “Rehabilitation services based on the services”.

Donor: UNICEF

Beneficiaries: Parents of children with disabilities and Governmental representatives.

Time frame: January - December 2005 (Project is still ongoing).

2. Name of the Project: Promotion of the rights of children with disabilities in rural areas.

Goal: Increasing capacities of parents of children with disabilities, civil society about the human rights, inclusive education and access to the services for children with disabilities.

Activities/Results: There were organized 10 workshops with children and their parents, 10 workshops with parents of the children and representatives of the municipal institutions, 4 meetings with parents that are members of the advocacy network.

Participants: There were 300 parents of children with disabilities, 30 children with disabilities, 100 officials from the local assemblies (from all relevant departments, teachers of the attached classes, etc).

Publications: Producing the documentary film and public presentation in the city cinema.

Publishing 3 brochures: “Rights and opportunities in the life”, “Evaluation report about the living condition of the disabled children in the rural areas” and “Guideline for disability and legislation about the children with disabilities and their families”.

Donor: SAVE THE CHILDREN - ALIANCE

Beneficiaries: Parents and their children in rural areas and the community.

Time frame: 1st January until 30th November 2006 (Project is still ongoing).

3. Name of the Project: Summer Camp – Ulqini 2005



This project started to be implemented since year 2001 with the support of the Onlus (NGO – foundation) Bazzoni – Italy

Goal: Rehabilitation, socialization and capacity building for daily life activities.

Activities/Results: Capacity building on wheelchair using, daily life activities such are; gymnastics, dressing, personal hygiene, transfer from Wheelchair to bathroom and bedroom, sport activities. Workshops with the parents of the children with disabilities; physic and psycho social activities. Improvement of self confidence, abilities for independent living, ending isolation and acceptance of the integration in the society.

Participants: People with disability, children with disability, parents of children with disability, assistants of PWD, training team, medical care staff.

Donor: ONLUS – BAZZONI – Milan, Italy

Beneficiaries: 100 Persons with disabilities, their assistants and staff.

23 children with 23 parents, plus 4 members of the staff.

Time frame: 24th August until 12th of September 2004

Projects implemented in network of HandiKOS

CBR Centre in Prishtina

1. Name of the Project: “Rehabilitation of people with Disabilities” and “Demonstration of the sports for people with disabilities”.

Goal: To positively advance the health condition of people with disabilities and to promote the sport activities for PWD.

Activities: Service provision for children with disabilities (physiotherapy and social activities). Organizing sport activities in wheelchair basketball, table tennis, etc.

Participants: 150 persons with disabilities included in the sport activities.

Donor: Municipal assembly of Prishtina (department for health and social welfare).

Beneficiaries: Children with disabilities related to the service provision and adults with disabilities related to the sport activities.

Time frame: August until December 2005

CBR Center in Drenas

2. Name of the Project: “Rehabilitation of children and adults with Disabilities”

Goal: Supporting CBR service provision in the center of Drenas..

Activities: Primary physical rehabilitation and psycho social activities for children with disabilities.

Donor: Municipal assembly of Drenas and Save the Children.

Beneficiaries: Children with disabilities.

Time frame: January until December 2005