

**HANDIKOS**  
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## **Introduction**

**During year 2006 the main Objectives of HandiKOS were continuation of service provision for people with disabilities especially children with disabilities and recognition of those services from the Kosovo Government. The services were provided in 12 Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centers and 13 Local offices.**

**The services provided in the CBR Centers are:**

- Primary physical and psycho social rehabilitation
- Prevention of consequences as the result of disability
- Motivation and encouragement of the parents through advices related to the disability in the continues consultancy meetings organized individually or in groups. Organizing meetings of the parents whose children have the same pathology. Information sharing and increasing knowledge about the prevention of deformities, proper use of the supportive equipment for children and raising awareness of the members of the community and families.
- Motivation of the parents to support their children related to the personal autonomy
- Monitoring and supporting the work of the parents in their houses related to the fulfillment of the tasks (references) about building special chairs, orthopedic references, etc.

### **Primary Physical Rehabilitation – Activities**

- Position and relaxing exercises
- Passive mobilization of the extremities
- Stimulation of the muscle for the head position
- Stimulation that activate mobilization in different positions
- Training for improvement of the balance in different positions: seating, seating in knees, standing, etc.
- Trainings for proper seating that will prevent deformities
- Trainings related to the communication, nutrition, etc.
- Demonstrations and trainings on how to build and use the special chair for children with disabilities
- Training on using different orthopedic equipments such are walkers, crotches, parallels, etc.

### **Psycho Social Activities**

- Psycho social stimulation execute activities to improve communication, concentration, creativity of the children
- Activities related to the preparation of the children to attend schools
- Rehabilitation through art activities
- Rehabilitation through sport and recreational activities
- Promotion of the socialization
- Motivation of the parents to include their children in the education

### **HandiKOS Network**

Other activities that Handikos was focused to implement in the field were to cover the identified needs of people with disabilities with the very important and most necessary orthopedic, sanitary and medical equipments.

Advancing the position of people with disabilities by creating close cooperation with the municipal structures was achieved through the establishment of the local disability councils or committees.

**The As planned the objective of HandiKOS for 2006 was to establish the National Council on Disability and to further strengthen the coalition of Disabled people's organization.**

**During 2006 the Kosovo Assembly approved the law "Social and Family services" This law includes licensing of the agencies that provide service for vulnerable group of people, including people with disability. This law as the first step for the implementation approved the establishment of the "General council" which will be responsible for determination of criteria's that the agencies should fulfill in the process of licensing. HandiKOS representative is member of this council and implementation of this law will be the most important challenge for next years.**

**Year 2006 was also important for HandiKOS because of the fact that Ministry for Labor and Social Welfare for the first time financially supported CBR program of HandiKOS. Even that the amount was more symbolic it is important that this Ministry recognizes and supports the CBR Program.**

**Other objectives of HandiKOS during 2006 were to continue promoting the Human Rights of People with disabilities, to raise awareness of the institutions and society about the situation of PWD in Kosovo.**

**Please find bellow more details about implemented activities during 2006.**

## I. Activities in the network of HandiKOS

### 1. Community based rehabilitation (CBR) – Centers

The statistics are showing that during the first six months (January – November 2006) there were **643 children** who received the services of HandiKOS on daily bases (including both services).

- Again based on the statistics, from January until November 2006 there was totally **40 463 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 the **year 2006 (January – November)** 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 **266 children** who received total of **11 087 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 first six months of 2006 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 group, depending from the nature of the activities. Only in psycho social activities there were **141 children** who received **5 823 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 during this period was **236** who received total of **23 553 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. In Prishtina center HandiKOS members (women with disabilities) organized awareness raising workshop were participants were



women's from the civil society. This workshop was organized on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2006, also 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. Also during this period HandiKOS, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2006 organized the event for children with disabilities on the International day of the children, the event was organized in the youth sport center in Prishtina and approximately 100 disabled children from the

centers in Drenas, Kamenica, Prishtina, Besiana, Istog and Malisheva participated in this event.

For the same event, center in the city of Gjilan organized the exhibition of the children art works in the city theatre which also included music presentation and poetry performed from the disabled children themselves.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of June HandiKOS in cooperation with the parents organizations OPFAKOS

organized mini – Olympic Games in the city of Vushtri.

These games were organized in the facilities of the Police academy and participants were children from all the local and regional centers of HandiKOS.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June the center of Peja organized the weekend holidays for children with disabilities in the mountains of Rugova. There were 68 children with disabilities and the donor was CDF (community development foundation).

The same recreation for children with disabilities was organized also from the Prishtina center, the weekend was organized on the lake of Batlava and the participants were 19 children with disabilities.

Related to the integration of the children but also with the goal of raising awareness of the institutions about the people with disabilities, children from the centers of Prishtina, Mitrovica

and Vushtri visited the police academy (police school) and they were introduced with the work of the academy as well as the future police officers were informed about the problems that people with disabilities are facing in every day bases.



- **Referring**

Evaluation of the condition of the disabled children continued during the first six months of 2006. 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 **122**. To the:

- Personal autonomy **13** children
- Mio – oral stimulation **12** children
- Psychology **13** children
- Regular school **6** children
- Chirurgical operation **4** children
- Orthopedic **7** children
- Ophthalmologist **4** children
- Neurology **8** children
- Physiatrist **6** children
- Ortho Prosthetic center – **4** children
- ORL – **5** children
- Neurosurgery – **2** children
- PEDIATRICIAN – **11** children
- Urologist – **3** children
- Attached classrooms **16** children
- Special chair **8** children



- After the monitoring process of the HandiKOs staff we discovered that during this period **34** children successfully finalized their treatments in the referred institutions.

- **Training with the parents**

During the first six months of 2006 the CBR team didn't organize trainings with the parents of disabled children but in each CBR center we organized consultancy meetings. The meetings were organized from the HandiKOS local staff and it is ongoing process as a part of the program for cooperation with parents of disabled children. During those meetings different relevant brochures were distributed related to the treatment of specific disabilities of the children.



## **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. Number of People with disabilities which were visited for first time during this period was: **544**, continues visit's for people with disabilities to whom the support is most needed was **157**.



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

- In the process of developing the services for People with Spinal cord injuries HandiKOS through the peer support program achieved to increase the support especially for people with SCI. During this period there were visited 21 persons with SCI related to the pressure sores. This program also includes covering the needs of people with spinal cord injuries with the necessary materials, during this period we achieved to distribute material for incontinence for 76 persons, Cushion “Roho” for 8 persons, special material for cleaning of the sores for 2 persons, other materials for 10 persons and 10 wheelchairs. During this period HandiKOS HQ achieved to organize a seminar with the experts from Italy related to the spinal cord injuries and their treatment. Participants were doctors from the Prishtina Hospital, HandiKOS staff and other relevant participants. Project coordinator and Nurse visited 87 persons with the Spinal Cord Injuries who suffer from the neuro – urological problems. During those visits we have advices and consulted this persons related to the use of the materials for incontinence. Persons that suffered from the urinary infections or other problems were referred to the doctor.

From the peer support we had 102 voluntary home visits (no payments) to the persons with the Spinal injuries. Do to a lack of financial sources we couldn't pay transport for the home visits during the first four months



The peer support program organized two sport events for 25 people with spinal injuries that participated in this event and mostly they achieved to organize different activities by themselves. In the region of Gjakova and Prizren we organized wheelchair basketball were participants were people with spinal injuries. These activities are part of the peer support program and volunteers that are supporting this program.

The sport activities are used also for the discussions between people with spinal injuries, experience exchange and also for the information's related to their rights which are protected by the law.

The decision in the seminar was also that the learning's earned during the seminar should be forwarded to the people with spinal injuries around Kosovo. Until today there were 5 workshops organized in different cities of Kosovo with the main topic on how to prevent wounds that are consequence of the spinal injuries. The evaluations of these specific activities of the peer support project are showing a great positive results especially when it comes to the health condition of people with spinal injuries and also doctors from Kosovo especially the doctors from the spinal unit are successfully using

new methods learned during the seminar organized by HandiKOS with the relevant doctors from Italy.

- **Donors**

As reported in the annual document HandiKOS achieved to secure funds to cover the costs of the network for the first 6 months of 2006, the donor is Non Governmental organization “Wamba - Athena” from Italy. When it comes to 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. HandiKOS local staff is also continuously implementing specific projects in order to cover expenses mentioned above from other Donors. Also we have to mention the donor “Caritas” from Austria who are continuing the support to the peer support program.

During this year HandiKOS in specific project financially supported from UNICEF achieved to cover the costs of the fuel but also include project staff and their costs in this project. Except covering the cost, what is more important the project achieved great results on integration of disabled children in the education system and create a strong links and cooperation with the ministry of education.

Other important donor is the INGO “Save the children”, the organization that covers the costs of the office in the north part of Mitrovica.

- **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 this period HandiKOS staff achieved to distribute 181 Wheelchairs, toilet Wheelchairs 25, crouches 73, walkers 32, anti decubit cushion 14 pieces and 7 small wheelchairs for children.

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.

In cooperation with the Irish KFOR, we distributed 10 new wheelchairs for the persons with the spinal injuries to whom we didn't achieve to repair the wheelchairs.



The above presentations about the distribution are only what HandiKOS achieved to organize, but it is also important to mention that in Cooperation with other Donors HandiKOS achieved to distribute wheelchairs in few municipalities. For example US KFOR distributed (donated) 10 wheelchairs in Shtime, in Suhareka the German KFOR distributed 15 wheelchairs, in Rahovec 15 wheelchairs were distributed from the Austrian KFOR and in Istog 10 wheelchairs were distributed from the Spanish KFOR.

## **WHEELCHAIR WORKSHOP**

During first four months of the year 2006 in the wheelchair workshop were brought from the field for reparation 26 wheelchairs with different defects. Wheelchair technician achieved to repair 19 of them and the wheelchairs were send back to their users, other seven wheelchairs were impossible to repair but instead they were laid up and the useful parts are used as spare parts for other wheelchairs.



As we have mentioned earlier the Wheelchair workshop – started with its work since July 2005 and until now more then 100 wheelchairs were maintained, 15 mobility equipments as well as other orthopedic equipment. Wheelchair technician was focused also in the field work by providing advices and training toward people with spinal injuries related to the maintenance and reparation of the orthopedic materials.

### **Other achievements**

#### **1. Strategic Objective: 1. HandiKOS operations sustained**

##### **1.1. National Level**

- Based on the plan of action HandiKOS was focused on Cooperation with the government and relevant ministries about the recognition, acceptance and implementation of CBR model as a governmental program. Related to this goal HandiKOS achieved to



initiate the establishment of the working group on CBR and organize meetings of this group. Activities related to this objective will be continuously organized.

- Based on the conclusions from the workshop on CBR to organize meetings for establishing the CBR working group composed by representatives of the Ministry of labor, health and education for future development of the strategy for CBR.
- HandiKOS in cooperation and with the support of the Handicap International achieved to organize the seminar where the main topic was the service provision for people with disabilities. Participants were representatives from the ministry of the social welfare and labor, ministry of health, ministry of education and other relevant representatives from the governmental and non governmental institutions.

#### **HandiKOS office in Mitrovica (North)**

The office is functioning properly and we are focused on training the staff from Mitrovica (North) about the management, administration, etc. The HandiKOS staff from Mitrovica (North) organized meetings with the relevant institutions with the goal to eliminate physical barriers for people with disabilities by creating more access.

During this period with the support of the international NGO "Save the Children" who is also the main donor of the Mitrovica north office we achieved to organize a workshop with the staff from Mitrovica north, the main goal of this workshop was to exchange experiences and learn from each-other.

#### **Comment related to the service provision:**

- During year 2005 there were 686 children with disabilities that used CBR services and during 2006 the number of the children was 643, or 43 children less. This is a result of children growing or the evaluations done from doctor and CBR team showed that the specific child doesn't need any more physical or psycho social rehabilitation. This doesn't mean that this children are not coming in the HandiKOS centres, they do, and in few cases in daily bases or mostly based on the specific project for capacity building, recreation, sport, cultural activities, etc. So, the number of the children is changed in annual bases, it is also important to mention that during 2006 there were 95 children who started for the first time to use the services provided in the HandiKOS CBR centres.

## **II. Specific Activities – 2005**

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#### **1.2.1.1. National Level Cooperation with the government and relevant ministries of the recognition, acceptance and implementation of CBR model as a governmental program.**

One of the main achievements during 2006 was the campaign organized from HandiKOS and representative of the donor organization Wamba – Athena from Italy related to the promotion of the CBR services to all relevant ministries and decision making bodies. The campaign started with the meeting with the Minister of the Ministry for Labor and Social welfare and director of the department for social welfare. The meeting was very important and successful since the minister in front of the representative of the donor's organization and also the Ambassador of the Italian office in Prishtina recognized the CBR model and services implemented from HandiKOS. The conclusion of the meeting was that the Donor "Wamba – Athena" will sign the agreement with the Ministry of Labor and social welfare related to the financial support of the CBR services in Kosovo and the implementing party will be HandiKOS. The implementation of this agreement will start in January 2007.

The campaign continued also with the representatives of the ministry of health. In the meeting participated representatives of HandiKOS, Wamba – Athena and Dr. Kadri Hyseni, senior advisor of the Minister. This meeting was also very successful due to a recognition done from the Ministry of health related to the CBR model and services. The representative of the Ministry of health agreed that during the year 2007 there will be support and especially 2008 and following years the CBR activities should

### **MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPLICATIONS THAT ARE RESULT OF THE SPINAL INJURIES**

Based on the Project plan for peer support, in cooperation with the spinal unit from Milan and with the financial support from the Italian NGO Wamba Athena, we achieved to organize on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of April the training in Prishtina with the name:

## **“TREATMENT OF THE NEURALGIC BLADDER”**

### **Topics of the training:**

- Physiopathology and management of the neuralgic bladder
- Diagnostic
- Medicaments therapy and invasive treatment of the neuralgic bladder
- Casual study in the spinal injuries
- Sexual problems and fertility in the cases of spinal injuries
- Recommendations (advices)

### **Lecturers:**

- Dr. Michele Spinelli, Neuralgic – urologist, Unipolar Spinal Unit, Niguarda Ca Granda, hospital in Milan (Italy)
- Neuralgic specialist, pediatric surgeon and expert on treatment of the children with Spinal Bifida, Niguarda Ca Granda, Hospital in Milan (Italy)

### **Participants:**

Participants in seminar were 9 doctors (urology), 1 neuralgic, 9 medical technician, 3 regional managers, 7 persons with spinal injuries, 4 persons from the handiKOS HQ and two physiotherapy assistants.

- Training was covered from Electronic Medias, public TV “RTK” and private TV “RTV 21”

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1.1.1.2.Lobbying and advocating for the establishment of the national council of DPO’s Preparations for establishing the national council were finalized and with the support from the government the inauguration meeting of the National Council was organized. As agreed the participants in the meeting were vice ministers of the relevant ministries and representatives of the Disabled people organizations. The meeting as agreed will be co-chaired from the Vice Prime-Minister and Mr. Halit Ferizi, president of HandiKOS. It is important to mention that during the first meeting participants approved the structure and program of the national council on Disability.

1.1.1.3.Promoting the inclusion of DPOs in the decision making process in cooperation with Prime-Ministers office and office for good governance, equal opportunity and human rights.

Based on the cooperation with the Prime Ministers office we have agreed to prepare and sign MoU for official partnership with Prime - Ministers office. The meetings with the Prime ministers office and their representatives are ongoing as well as the meetings with the DPO in the coalition body. The name of the coalition of DPO's is "Equal opportunities".

The meetings with the DPO's in national level are still ongoing process with the very positive results which may lead to the establishment of the umbrella of DPO's in Kosova. All activities related to the establishment of umbrella organization of DPO's are supported from the European Disability Forum. This agency also achieved to send few experts on this field to further support with their experience the new established body. Related to this goal on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June we achieved to organize the conference with the topic "The role of the umbrella organization in the process of advocating for the human rights, equal opportunities for people with disabilities in Kosova. Participants of this conference were representatives from all DPO's from Kosova and Ministries. The lecturer in this conference was also president of EDF, Mr. Yannis Vardakastanis from Greece.

#### **1.1.1.4. Supporting Promotion of the Mental Disability**

HandiKOS in Cooperation with the MDRI (Mental Disability Rights International)

successfully finalized the Project in 31<sup>st</sup> of January. The goal of the project was achieved since the focus groups for people with intellectual disabilities are established and in function. Meetings and supports of these groups are continuing by gathering support from other donors for specific projects. In cooperation with MDRI we are continuing to monitor the work of these groups and to support their meetings. The HandiKOS support is also



focused on providing information's to the MDRI and new focus groups about the number of the people with mental disabilities and their locations. It is very important to mention that the established new groups of people with mental disabilities achieved, as a result of the trainings, to gather funds from different donors to support their activities in Kamenica and Kaqanik.

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1.3.1.2. The main achievement during 2006 was the agreement signed with the ministry for social welfare related to the financial support of the CBR center activities in Peja. The agreement itself is supported with 1.500.00 € but the importance of this agreement is that the ministry is accepting and recognizing the CBR activities implemented from HandiKOS.

It is very important to mention that the law for social and family services proposes the establishment of the agency related to the service provision and licensing the agencies that will provide those services. HandiKOS is also member of the general council for determination of the criteria's for licensing the agencies.

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## **Other Implemented projects during 2006**

HandiKOS except the implementation of the main program also cooperates with other International NGO's and donors related to the implementation of different specific short term projects. Bellow we are briefly presenting projects implemented based on the regions:

### **Head Quarter:**

1.

**Title of the Project:** Persons with Spinal cord Injuries in the community

**Purpose:** Providing self experience, information's related to the spinal cord injuries and finding adequate solutions for their management.

**Activities:** 10 meetings in the different cities related to the spinal cord injuries, Seminar in national level with the Italian professors related to the management of the urinary consequences, home visits related to cleaning of the wounds, trainings on how to use intermittent catheters, etc.

**Participants:** People with Spinal Cord Injuries, urologists from the regional hospitals,

**Donors:** Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Caritas Austria and Wamba Athena

**Beneficiaries:** 180 persons with spinal cord injuries, 6 urologists and 10 medical technicians.

2.

**Title of the Project:** Advancing Rights of people with disabilities

**Purpose:** Sensibility of People with disability, building capacities of the local committees, promotion of the rights of people with disabilities, study visit and experience with other disability NGO's in the region,

**Activities:** This project included: one documentary film about the life of persons with disabilities in Kosovo, organizing one round table discussion related to the rights of People with disabilities, printing one guideline related to the human rights of people with disabilities which included also organizing 7 regional seminars for presentation of the guideline, visit for experience exchange in Albania, Building capacities of the Local committees of disability,

**Participants:** 222 people, personas with disabilities, directors of the different local departments, members of the local municipal assembly, members of the community.

**Donor:** Finnish Project for Human Rights

3.

**Title of the project:** Summer Camp 2006

**Purpose:** Active rehabilitation of children and adults with different disabilities

**Activities:** Three groups during 10 days in Montenegro were part of the different sport and recreational activities, workshops for increasing knowledge related to the disability issues, exercises on how to use wheelchair and other orthopedic equipment, physical and psycho social activities.

**Participants:** were 150 persons with spinal cord injuries, different disabilities, children with disabilities and family members of persons with disabilities.

**Donor:** NGO Bazzoni – Italy

3.

**Title of the project:** Joint implementation of the Law for education between HandiKOS and Ministry for Education

**Purpose:** Identification of children with disabilities of the age 7 until 14 that are not attending the education in the regions of Peja, Prizren and Gjakova.

**Activities:** Meetings with the parents of children with disabilities, meetings with local departments for education, trainings of the evaluation teams, printing and distributing the guideline “Instructions for citizens and institutions related to the law for health, education and social welfare”, identification of the children with disabilities that are not attending the school system

**Participants:** Parents of children with disabilities, representatives for special education, directors of the schools, teachers of the attached classrooms, international and local experts,

**Donor:** UNICEF

**Beneficiaries:** Children with disabilities

### **Prishtina Region:**

1.

**Title of the Project:** Rehabilitation of people with Spinal Cord Injuries

**Purpose:** Advancing the health condition of people with disabilities, advancing human rights and free access for people with disabilities, Socialization and inclusion of people with disabilities, Sensibility of the community about people with disabilities, Education of children with disabilities,

**Activities:** Physical, psycho social and educational activities with children, home visits, distribution of the orthopedic and sanitary materials for people with disabilities, identification of the needs of PWD from the rural areas, meetings related to the human rights of people with disabilities,

**Participants:** people with disabilities, family members, governmental structures and society

**Donor:** Municipal Assembly Prishtina (Department for health and social welfare)

2.

**Title of the Project:** Strengthening the Focus groups of People with disabilities

**Purpose:** Building capacities of the youth and women’s with disabilities,

**Activities:** Organization of 6 seminars in the local level and one seminar in regional level with the topics: Legislation in Kosovo, function of the governmental structures and municipal mechanisms, Lobbying and advocacy work.

**Participants:** 200 members of the youth and women’s focus groups

**Donor:** Department for Culture and GTZ

3.

**Title of the project:** Sport – Tournament in the Wheelchair basketball

**Purpose:** Advancing sports for people with disabilities

**Activities:** Trainings in wheelchair basketball and tournament in Kosovo level of 5 teams from Regions of Prishtina, Gjilan, Ferizaj, Gjakove, Prizren.

**Participants:** 30 sportsmen with disabilities  
**Donor:** Department for sport and culture in Prishtina

4.

**Title of the project:** Rehabilitation of people with disabilities in the city of Drenas  
**Purpose:** Service provision for people with disabilities  
**Activities:** Physical and psycho social activities  
**Participants:** 46 children with disabilities  
**Donor:** NGO “Save the Children” and Municipal Assembly Drenas

5.

**Title of the project:** Rehabilitation of the children with disabilities in the municipality of Malisheva  
**Purpose:** Service provision for children with disabilities  
**Activities:** Physical and psycho social activities  
**Participants:** children with disabilities from Malisheva town  
**Donor:** “Save the Children” and Municipal Assembly of Malisheva

6.

**Title of the project:** Multi ethnic sport camp  
**Purpose:** Socialization of people with disabilities from the different communities  
**Activities:** Organizing chess games, dart and table tennis and other games for children  
**Participants:** 20 persons with disabilities (10 women’s and 10 mans with disabilities, among them 16 were Kosovo Albanians, 2 Kosovo Ashkali and one Kosovo Roma).  
**Donor:** NGO “ Mercy Corps” and departments for sport in Obiliq

**Peja region:**

1.

**Title of the project:** “Embroidery and Needlework”  
**Purpose:** Training women’s with disabilities related to the handcraft work so they can be able to generate incomes  
**Activities:** trainings and work on Embroidery and Needlework  
**Participants:** 25 women’s with disabilities  
**Donor:** NGO Malteser

2.

**Title of the project:** Summer program and activities for children with disabilities who are not able to go in summer Holidays.  
**Purpose:** Socialization of children with disabilities through recreational activities and raise awareness of the society and institutions for presence of the people with disabilities in their communities  
**Activities:** project staff achieved to organize 35 picnics in the attractive places in Kosovo, sport activities, recreational activities,  
**Participants:** 1 086 children with disabilities and non disabled children, mostly from the vulnerable families

**Donor:** CDF (Community Development Foundation)

## **Gjilan Region**

**1.**

**Title of the project:** Inclusion in the pre-school education

**Purpose:** Including children with disabilities in the pre school system

**Donor:** "Save the Children"

**Beneficiaries:** Children from Gjilan region

**2.**

**Title of the Project:** People with Intellectual disabilities and art

**Purpose:** Decreasing poverty of the children with disabilities through income generation project and art

**Activities:** 30 art sessions, organizing one picnic for 55 children with disabilities, and meeting with dinner for 30 participants

**Participants:** persons with intellectual disabilities from Gjilan, Viti and Kamenica.

**Donor:** USA KFOR

**3.**

**Title of the Project:** Supporting children and adults with disabilities

**Purpose:** Establishing local focus groups, supporting establishment of the local council on disability together with the local institutions, advocating for the improvement of the life conditions for children with disabilities.

**Activities:** meetings with the result of establishing the local and regional focus group, trainings, and meetings for establishment of the local and council on disability.

**Participants:** Directors of the local departments for education, health and social welfare, and parents of children with disabilities.

**Donors:** European Commission for reconstruction

## **Ferizaj region:**

**1.**

**Title of the project:** Create possibilities so we can show our abilities

**Purpose:** Including persons with disabilities in society through sport and recreational activities such are: darts, chess, table tennis, wheelchair basketball, fishing, swimming. There were also organized trainings on lobbying and advocacy work, meetings with the institutions and other NGO's and also solemn event for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December the international disability day.

**Participants:** 100 people with disabilities, representatives from the local institutions,

**Donor:** CDF (Community Development Foundation)

**Beneficiaries:** Persons with disabilities, their families and institutions

**2.**

**Title of the project:** Cultivation of the vegetables in the glass houses (Shtime town)

**Purpose:** reduction of the poverty in the families of people with disabilities

**Activities:** Organizing trainings related to the cultivation of vegetables in the glass houses and building glass houses

**Beneficiaries:** 20 persons and their family members  
**Donor:** CDF (Community Development Foundation)

3.

**Name of the Project:** We have right to participate (Kaqanik town)

**Purpose:** Supporting people with disabilities on service provision

**Activities:** Physical and psycho social activities – services, event for the 1<sup>st</sup> of June – the international children’s day, art activities, picnic in the lake side, event for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December,

**Participants:** 500 people with disabilities, their family members, representatives from the local government, members of other NGO’s, teachers of the attached classrooms,

**Donor:** CDF (Community Development Foundation)

### **Prizren region:**

1.

**Title of the project:** “I love life as I am”

**Purpose:** Increasing awareness of the community and institutions about the rights of people with disabilities

**Activities:** Sport and recreational activities, publication of the brochure in three languages about accessibility, distribution of the necessary medical materials for 30 people with disabilities and trainings on how to use it, organizing two trainings on human rights of people with disabilities, organized a debate about the rights of people with disabilities with the directors of the departments in Prizren,

**Participants:** People with disabilities and their family members, representatives from the institutions, representatives from other NGO’s.

**Donor:** CDF (Community Development Foundation)

2.

**Title of the Project:** Make children happy

**Purpose:** Integration and socialization of children with disabilities

**Activities:** recreational activities in nature

**Participants:** Children with disabilities and their family members

**Donor:** Local department for social welfare and “Pro Credit bank”

3.

**Title of the project:** We are the same as you (Suhareka Town)

**Purpose:** Integration of People with disabilities in society

**Activities:** Identification of people with disabilities and their needs, distribution with the sanitary and medical materials for people with disabilities, rehabilitation services,

**Participants:** Children with disabilities and their family members

**Donor:** CDF (Community Development Foundation), HandiKOS, Save the children and Municipal Assembly

4.

**Title of the Project:** Physical rehabilitation for people with disabilities (Dragash town)

**Purpose:** Improving the physical condition for people with disabilities

**Activities:** Provision of the physical rehabilitation services

**Participants/beneficiaries:** People with disabilities especially children with disabilities

**Donor:** Municipal Department for Health, IOM (International Organization for Migration) and HandiKOS

**Gjakova Region:**

1.

**Title of the Project:** Create Possibilities so we can show our abilities.(Gjakova city)

**Purpose:** Integration of Persons with disabilities in society through capacity building for professional trainings in Information technology.

**Activities:** Computer courses, meetings, workshops

**Participants/Beneficiaries:** 15 Persons with disabilities

**Donor:** NGO Malteser

2.

**Title of the Project:** Computer Programs (Rahovec town)

**Purpose:** Building capacities of people with disabilities related to the skills for using computer

**Activities:** Computer courses, meetings, workshops

**Participants/Beneficiaries:** Persons with disabilities

**Donor:** NGO Malteser

3.

**Title of the Project:** Rehabilitation of the children with disabilities

**Purpose:** Improving the health and social condition of children with disabilities

**Activities:** Providing the physical and psycho social services for children with disabilities

**Participants/Beneficiaries:** Children with disabilities

**Donor:** Co-financing of the NGO JNIV for Japan and CDF (Community Development Foundation)

