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Introduction

Even this year, the main objectives of HandiKOS for the year 2009 were the continuity of the services for children and adults with disabilities by offering them assistive equipments, meaning offering children physiotherapeutic and social rehabilitation in 14 (CBR) centers and 13 local offices including North Kosovo.

Meantime, advocating and lobbying towards protecting and advancing the rights for people with disabilities in Kosovar legislation was the key respectively the main target of HandiKOS.

HandiKOS-through representatives of the people within the National Council on disability, National Coalition and Organizations for people with disabilities, have had a strong impact in giving recommendations and requests during the development of the political phase in the national and local level, especially during the process of implementing law "Material support for the families that have children with permanent disabilities".

The law has been started implementing during the year 2009, as well we impacted on changes of the laws on health and education. These laws will be approved by the Parliament of Kosovo in the first months of this year.

The year 2009 is characterized with some difficulties and challenges, especially on financial support, low budget enforced HandiKOS to reduce the number of staff, per each local office and centre one member of the staff, reflecting on the percentage of the children treatment, home visits, assistive equipment distribution and some other activities.

Despite the financial situation, we managed to keep opened offices, where the responsibilities of these offices until December of 2008 were the same officials; meanwhile from January 2009 they are committed and still continue to perform voluntary work to keep open offices. During year 2009 our focus has been in influencing commitment to local governments to financially support our offices in those municipalities, which has been achieved in some municipalities but not entirely, however we continue with the services in CBR centers as well in advocacy and lobbying towards needs and rights of people with disabilities.

According to the recognition of services that we provide for people with disabilities, through lobby in local level we have managed to establish a modest partnership with Local Governments ensuring financial support in different municipalities such as: Skenderaj, Lipjan, Kaçanik, Kamenica, Prishtina, Obiliq, Drenas, Malisheva, Suhareka, Peja, Deçan, Shtime, Vushtrri and Ferizaj. Although we are not satisfied with this financial support, because it depends on projects and on the remaining budget of local governments mainly from subsidies, however, this situation motivates us to continue lobbying especially taking into consideration that it has already started decentralization of services in our local government institutions, where municipalities will have more governing powers, especially in the planning and establishment of local policies.

This year in national level we succeeded to have a modest amount from the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, taking in consideration needs of people with disabilities especially assistive devices we have foreseen that this amount will be used for repairing and maintaining wheelchairs and other orthopedic equipments for people with disabilities.

HandiKOS- during the year 2009, through representatives of our staff has strongly reached to influence the creation of the document known as "National Action Plan for People with Disabilities of the Republic of Kosovo 2009-2011". This plan was drafted by the Government of Kosovo in cooperation with civil society representatives and experts from Italy.

Although it is only a plan, it is important to be mentioned that this was the first document that was approved by the Government of Kosovo, dedicated to the needs and rights for people with disabilities in Kosovo. Our contribution is highly rated by Italian experts. The plan was approved by the Kosovo Government in May 2009, but its implementation remains a challenge since many laws are not being implemented so far.

Based on the commitments that the Government of Kosovo, namely certain ministries have taken more responsibility in the implementation of tasks under the objectives arising from the National Action Plan for People with Disabilities of the Republic of Kosovo 2009-2011 ", we hope that this support will be implemented for real and will be increased for the following year 2010.

This will require our commitment in following years and will try to create appropriate space to the legislative government institutions in order to create legal mechanisms so that this plan becomes implemented.

It is worth mentioning that HandiKOS was the main backbone on creating three Local Plans of Action for People with Disabilities, drafted in Prishtina, Ferizaj and Gjakova municipalities. Those plans will be samples on drafting into other municipalities of Kosovo and no doubt that will help on advancing the development of the Local Government policies in advance of the rights for people with disabilities.

Year 2009, unlike previous years, has been characterized by the donator supporters inside and outside of the country. Our projects have been supported by donors, based on real demands and giving more priority to people with disabilities. Projects have mainly reflected the vital needs, support activities, but also other, who had intended to protect and lobby for the purpose of creating a legal infrastructure of genuine and comprehensive, and implementation of laws that are in function and refers the rights of all citizens with disabilities.

Onlus "R. Bazzoni" Organization with the residence in Italy supports Camp for children, their mothers, and adults with disabilities who organize every season for 9 years in the coast of Monte Negro.

We have to say that this is a very important camp because has to do with activities in order to improve daily independent life of peoples with disabilities. Children and adults as previous years are selected throughout Kosovo (centers and local Offices) but also there were people with disabilities from different DPO`s.

It is worth mentioning that the success of implementation of this camp is the merit of the Finnish Embassy, staff that was engaged to implement camp were from CBR centers and headquarter that are financially supported from the Finnish Embassy in Prishtina.

Mean while, organization " Institute for Sustainable Communities" in Kosovo (ISCK), supported by USAID U.S. from July 2009 until June 2010 is sustaining HandiKOS through a project which is mainly dedicated to advocacy and lobbying, in order to change some laws in potency, developing some legal administrative mechanisms, analyze the possibility of creating law on assistance for People with Disabilities in Kosovo, as well as organizing training workshops in awareness capacity of HandiKOS staff, in assistance of this project HandiKOS have build their own Web site.

Please find bellow more details about CBR rehabilitation activities in centers and local offices during 2009.

- Activities in the network of HandiKOS

The major objective of CBR activities of HandiKOS is to insure that people with disabilities are empowered to maximize their physical and mental abilities, have access to regular services and opportunities to become equal, contributing member of their communities and their societies. The CBR activities of HandiKOS are implemented through the network of HandiKOS which includes 14 Community Centers and 13 Local Offices in 25 municipalities of Kosovo, including North Mitrovica.

- Community based rehabilitation (CBR) – Centers

The statistics are showing that during the period (January – December 2009) there were 510 children who received the services of HandiKOS on daily bases (including both services). Based on the statistics, from January until December 2009 there were totally 28 285 session attended to children in the community centers of HandiKOS.

Main activities of the centers are mentioned as bellow:

- Primary physical rehabilitation

Primary physical rehabilitation activities which were done during the period (January – December 2009) 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. Starting from this year, one worker are provides 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 140 children who received total of 5 774 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 number of the new children that are attending the services of HandiKOS starting from 2009 is 80. 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 period January - December 2009 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 5 146 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 year was 229 that received total of 17 365 sessions.

Please find below detailed tables:

Number of children who attended rehabilitation during 2009, in each CBR center

Nr.	Centers	Number of children	Number of children in Physiotherapy	Number of children in Psychotherapy	Number of children in both rehabilitation
1	Prishtina	44	13	21	10
2	Gjakova	43	16	14	13
3	Peja	40	10	11	19
4	Gjilan	32	12	7	13
5	Ferizaj	51	22	14	15
6	Mitrovica	35	9	7	19
7	Prizren	35	4	8	23
8	Vushtri	32	3	7	22
9	Malisheva	39	9	10	20
10	Theranda	32	5	10	17
11	Besiana	29	7	8	14
12	Drenas	34	20	6	8
13	Istog	37	10	11	16
14	North Mitrovica	27	0	7	20
	Total	510	140	141	229

Number of sessions in each CBR center during 2009

Nr.	Centers	Physio and Psychotherapy	Physiotherapy	Psychotherapy	Total
1	Prishtina	683	420	392	1495
2	Gjakova	1339	784	746	2869
3	Peja	1844	281	389	2514
4	Gjilan	716	428	336	1480
5	Ferizaj	706	696	340	1742
6	Mitrovica	1430	327	259	2016
7	Prizren	1902	188	402	2492
8	Vushtri	1940	91	311	2342
9	Malisheva	1580	333	352	2265
10	Theranda	1418	305	442	2165
11	Besiana	954	310	190	1454
12	Drenas	832	1279	409	2520
13	Istog	1044	332	279	1655
14	North Mitrovica	977	0	299	1276
	Total	17365	5774	5146	28285

Number of new registered children included in CBR center during 2009.

Nr	Centers	Number of the new registered children
1	Prishtina	14 children
2	Gjakova	5 children
3	Peja	4 children
4	Gjilan	4 children
5	Ferizaj	6 children
6	Mitrovica	5 children
7	Prizren	9 children
8	Vushtri	2 children
9	Malisheva	8 children
10	Theranda	4 children
11	Besiana	7 children
12	Drenas	5 children
13	Istog	6 children
14	North Mitrovica	1 children
	Total	80 new registered children

- Referring

Other important services for children with disability and their health condition is HandiKOS referral system, which evaluates their Health condition and further suggests to the professional and institutional care. Evaluation of the condition of the children with disabilities continued during the period January - December 2009 and 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 14 centers of HandiKOS was 186.

Please find below the table of the children who were referred from CBR centers during the year 2009

Nr	Referring	Number of referring
1	Orthoprotetic Center	16
2	Orthopedic	35
3	Pediatrician	11
4	Physiatrist	3
5	Ophthalmology	24
6	Neuropsychiatry	19
7	Urology	1
8	Chirurgical intervention	5
9	Speech Therapist	6
10	Education/School	14
11	Physiologist	16
12	Preschool	3
13	Dentist	14
14	ORL	1
15	Cardiologic	1
16	Special Chair	12
17	EEG	1
18	Dermatology	2
19	Psychiatry	1
20	Walkers	1
	Total	186

Other activities with children and parents during 2009

Recreational activities with Children

In all centers of HandiKOS has been organized different activities such as birthday parties of children who are attending activities within centers, meanwhile we organize picnics in different places that contribute in having better access in social life, recreation as well as the intellectual development of children with disabilities which in turn contributes to motivation and encouragement of parents.

Children birthday parties

Among the birthday parties celebrated in the centers of HandiKOS it is important to emphasize Erisa Berisha birthday, during the party children enjoyed their time on dancing, singing, blowing candles, etc. In the other side mothers participated in different activities by join them on singing and performing mimics.



Picnic in Batllava Lake

Considering the weather in June we decided to arrange a picnic in Batllava Lake for children with disabilities that attend activities in HandiKOS center in Prishtina.

Despite other times that children were used to travel by HandiKOS mini vans, this time we decided to take the trip by bus which was kind of awkward to them but also kind of fun, so we found a nice spot to accommodate and they spent a really good time together so as mothers by introducing each other.

We believe children enjoyed the picnic, you could see their smile on their faces while they were playing



different games, we must say it was refreshment and a very pleasant journey.

It is worth mentioning that Batllava Lake is a very good place, air is fresh, it is a peaceful place with a beautiful nature and very suitable to apply many activities that we usually attend on children and which we did that day.

June 1st "International Children's Day"

On the occasion of the 1 June "International Children's Day" has been organized different activities for children with disabilities in 13 HandiKOS centers.

In "Ganimete Terbeshi" kindergarten was organized an entertaining show where children performed different comic imitators, songs, poems, etc for the purpose of involving children with disabilities into society.

It is important to say that this performance impacted in a positive way to the children with disabilities because they were associated all the time by other children of kindergarten and in one way they felt happy, equal, close to them and very acceptable from other children.

On this occasion, children with disabilities from Ferizaj were taken to zoo in Prizren and Vermica, for most children and their parents it was the first visit to the zoo, for the first time children have seen and touched wild animals and other animals that were not familiar to them.

We must say that children with disabilities experienced a good feeling while they were playing with animals in a mean time they had the chance to see and learn about the animals they did hear about only by their educators.

Children and their parents thanked HandiKOS association for giving the opportunity on experiencing a part of the wild world.

Some other HandiKOS centers celebrated this event at the "Culture House" by performing different entertaining shows.

Camping in Peja SPA at “Kosova Park” Hotel

Under the project “Family Housing children with disabilities without parental care “funded by Save the Children, was organized a 2 day camping at “Kosova Park” with parents and children with disabilities and host families who shelter children with disabilities without parental care.

During the two day stay there we have developed many activities with children for the purpose of socialization and development of their skills. The hotel was very convenient environment for all parents, for the children this was the first time that they went on camping. Once were accommodated children and parents, they began to adapt to each other and play together with toys in the Hotel park.

For children with disabilities who are without parental care in family housing was the first time participating in activities with other children, children at the beginning were very closed and did not want to play with others, however with the help of HandiKOS staff who constantly worked with children managed to convince them play with other children.

Our workers held different activities for children such as hide-and-peek, balloons, plotline, and many other recreational activities. Also we sent children at Luna Park which was near the hotel, at the beginning they hesitate on trying toys but with the parents help they started playing and had a lot of fun. During the day parents discuss



among themselves on the growth and progress of their children as host families had very little knowledge about the disability so they exchanged information from parents that have children with disabilities.

In the evening, after kids went to bed, referring to our agenda we discussed in groups with parents about the experiences and challenges they had during the raise of their children.

During these conversations HandiKOS staff advised parents how to work and take care of their kids in psychotherapy and physiotherapist way, in this camp parent benefited by receiving knowledge on how to raise and educate their children. In the end of the camping parents were very grateful to us for organizing this camp considering that it was a very necessary activity to be taken, they learned many things about disability and also requested on organizing other activities like this one because it is impacting in a positive matter to children and parents as well.

As a conclusion 34 participants, children with disabilities including their parents were part of this camp.

Mini Olympic games - Vushtrri

In September was organized by HandiKOS and (Opfakosi) a Mini Olympiad in Vushtri town for children with disabilities and members of other centers of HandiKOS.

During the 2 day visit at the Police School in Vushtrri, has been developed different sport activities such as basket ball, pica do, etc with children and members of HandiKOS showing their abilities. At the end children were awarded with medals.

December 3'd "International Day of People with Disability"

In the occasion of December 3'd "International Day of People with Disability" has been organized a trip to an entertaining show at the "Red Hall" performing dancing and singing for children with disabilities and their parents too, into this show participated children and their parents from all HandiKOS centers. During this performance children with disabilities have been reciting poems, singing and dancing. Into this show participated some of the Albanian singers, children were glad to meet them live.



New Year Party

Under this project during the New Year celebration has been organized a party by HandiKOS staff at the restaurant "Ariu" for foster children and other children with disabilities, they enjoyed their stay at the restaurant so did parents as well. "Evangelical Church of Messiah" and Raiffaisen Bank offered gifts to children with disabilities for this event.



Activities with parents

Parents of the children with disabilities are the most important partners of CRB services of HandiKOS staff.

Development skills of the children with disabilities depend on the duties and advices given to parents by CRB services of HandiKOS staff and practicing them during the activities with their children which is the main contribution on improving their skills.



One of the targets that we aim to achieve is motivating and convincing parents in involving their children into education system or even special classes.

We also organize meetings on the purpose of exchanging different experiences such as successes or even problems that they might face referring to the children with disabilities.

During the year 2009, under the project "Family Housing children with disabilities without parental care" funded by Save the Children we organized a lot of meetings with children with disabilities and their parents in 13 CRB centers and 11 HandiKOS offices with the purpose of establishing the knowledge to the foster care.

During these meetings were present CSW - social workers of those regions where families has been announced on approved law that allows them have an amount for giving a shelter to children with disabilities. Through these meetings families has been announced in how and where to apply for getting this amount considering that most of them were not informed.

For this matter HandiKOS association has worked hard on this particular law supporting families that has children and adults with disabilities.

Questions and other issues that preoccupy families were part of these meetings, not forgetting to thank HandiKOS as the only non-profitable association that offers quality services for children with disabilities. In these meeting participated 575 parents of the children with disabilities.

Among these activities we attended trainings for parents in order to increase knowledge where the topics were:

- Laws and rights of children with disabilities
- Counseling and Care of parents of children with disabilities
- Disability as a matter of human rights, etc

Through these training parents of children with disabilities received more knowledge on laws and rights of children with disabilities for which they were not informed before.

Also important role took "care training and counseling of parents of children with disabilities" held by physician and specialist in various fields.

The purpose of this training was to increase the knowledge of parents on how to educate their children.

Trainings were held in Prishtina, Ferizaj, Peja, Prizren, Mitrovica within 82 participants.

CASE STUDY

EGZON GASHI

Date of birth: 20.01.2002.

Diagnose: HIPERAKTIV

Egzon, male child, 8 years old, his problem is hipper concentration, he can not concentrate in recognizing colors, define right or left hand, up - down space, animals, etc.

In the beginning Egzon refused to enter into the psycho-social education room, but gradually we managed to convince him and we are working hard on developing some his abilities.



ACTIVITIES HELD ON EGZONI

ATTENTION AND CONCENTRATION

Wooden mosaic toys

Animal recognition and imitation

Puzzling and color differences, etc

Days of the week, months

The way of using pencil

Reading

Plasticine (making different shapes with plasticine)

During these activities Egzoni achieved to sit and focus on one activity, to give different comments, he is independent from parents, then he got adopted into different environments, he also learned to read and write his name; surname and some other letters. Through our hard work and commitment Egzoni reached to continue his classes into a regular school.

ERISA BERISHA

Date of birth: 02. 06.2003.

Diagnose: DOWN SINDROM

Erisa, female child, 6 years old, during her treatment at CBR HandiKOS services, we observed that she faces with social involving problems that were as a difficult start working together with her. Collaborating with Erisa was impossible since all the time she was crying, throwing things around etc. As time went by we managed to create a relationship and gain her trust.



AKTIVITIES

GLOBAL STIMULATION

Attention and concentration in one activity for a while

Task implementation

Language recognition skills (arranging sticks by size and color)

Recognizing animals and knowing the difference between each other

Verbal method instructions

Emotional Mimics

During these activities Erisa achieved to feed and dress herself, use the bathroom, read, to notice all surrounding objects, etc.

Parent's commitment and hard work helped her in involving into society and attend preschool.

CASE STUDY

Toni Azemi

Birth year/ 2004

Diagnose: PCI.epi

Toni is the second child in the family born premature with caesarian section, weight 2.700 gr. One month later he had a surgical intervention in Tirana (Albania).



Body construction: chest construction anatomy; he can not keep his chest lifted, he can not keep balance on sitting, he can not crawl as other children do, he can stand on his knees only by a full sustain, his standing position on his legs is depended more on his toes and he keeps his knees gathered, his walking steps

are in a shape of scissors, it seems that there are no muscles contractures, there is an extreme spasticity presence, mental development but he has difficulty on talking or Dysphonic, his social attitude is variable, he is sensitive and rapid changes on his mood from laughing to crying, he can not control physiological needs.

Progress Activities

1. Contracture prevention
2. Neck and Chest examination
3. Rotation
4. Balance on sitting
5. Crawling
6. Standing position

Achievements

1. There is a progress in physical rehabilitation and the usage of the splints that was recommended by CBR, meaning no negative changes.
2. Neck and chest examination, has been implemented some of the activities like; special chairs for standing in position, usage of rollers, bending position.
3. According to rolling, we attended on him some activities that are included into different games by making him band or move aside and now has begun to rotate from belly to back and vice versa.
4. Although at first he settled down with full sustain, now has progressed, with a little sustain of his own using hands he can manage to stand settle but not for a long time, this kind of special chair recommended by CBR helped him pretty much.
5. No progress has been observed according to crawling except if we strain him.
6. Now he can stand on foot but only by parallel sustain and for a short time.

Lobbying and Advocacy – Supporting PWD – Local Offices

- Persons with disabilities

Staff of the local offices, as continues process and part of the program supported 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: 482, continues visit's for people with disabilities to whom the support is most needed was 444.

Table below shows number of visits in each municipalities:

Municipalities		First visits	Continual Visits
1.	Prishtinë	47	8
2.	Fushë Kosovë	9	41
3.	Kastriot	10	1
4.	Lypjan	20	28
5.	Besianë	28	0
6.	Drenas	30	0
7.	Malishevë	21	6
8.	Gjilan	37	2
9.	Kamenicë	18	79
10.	Viti	9	0
11.	Ferizaj	14	0
12.	Kaçanik	11	0
13.	Shtime	2	13
14.	Shtërpçë	1	0
15.	Prizren	23	13
16.	Therandë	16	19
17.	Dragash	2	32
18.	Gjakovë	36	4
19.	Rahovec	17	5
20.	Pejë	36	68
21.	Istog	18	10
22.	Deçan	13	22
23.	Klinë	11	40
24.	Mitrovicë	6	0
25.	Mitrovica North	19	38
26.	Vushtrri	20	14
27.	Skenderaj	8	1
Total visits		482	444

- Current Situation of Persons with Spinal Injuries

According to the data that HandiKOS owns, in Kosovo there are about 360 People with Spinal Injuries and about 200 people with spina bifida that has the same neurological consequences as those with spinal injuries.

As a result of accidents, now days in Kosovo every month by two persons per month faces accidents with consequences. About 150 people suffer from urological problems that can not be treated in Kosovo and their solutions are done in classical and not appropriate methods which are harmful and can leave permanent consequences to them. Also among them about 30 people have chronic wounds–decubitus sore from lying in one position too long so that the circulation in the skin is compromised by the pressure where 50% of these cases happens during their stay in hospital. We have to mention that service provider and moral support after their release from hospital is part of HandiKOS, meaning only support and continues visit to them.

- Distributions

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

During the year 2009 HandiKOS staff achieved to distribute:

Distributed material	quantity
Wheelchairs	168
Toilet wheelchairs	26
Shetitore	37
Crutches	258
Pillows	11
Catheters	383
Pampers	268
Hygienic equipment	50
Urinary plastic bags	581
Orthopedic bed	5
Blankets	349

- *Wheelchair workshop*

Since HandiKOS is only provider and distributor for people with disabilities on wheelchairs and other needed equipment, in the year 2009 we opened workshop for wheelchairs. During the second period of 2009, has been repaired around 125 wheelchairs gathered from all local and centers through out Kosovo, meaning HandiKOS staff brought all equipments from field.

As a consequence of an inappropriate environment (roads, entries, etc) there has been many damages in wheelchairs such as feet holders and back seats damages.

Our workshop technical staff successfully achieved to repair many of equipments covering basic needs of peoples with disabilities.



- HandiKOS – North Mitrovica CBR center

During 2009, into 4 municipalities of North Mitrovica have been identified 23 persons with disabilities.

In total 67 individual visits were conducted, membership and member visits were conducted into their houses and in the mean time they were equipped with social cards. The same persons were referred for a routine check to a specialist doctor (orthopedist, physiotherapist, speech therapist and urologist).

Aim of the visits conducted into their houses was on monitoring the health situation and offering other rehabilitation services.

During this time, to these persons were distributed orthopedic and sanitary materials like:

- 4 toilet wheelchair
- 4 auxiliary equipments
- 4 colostoma
- Urinary bags and catheters
- 2 pairs of crutches
- Dippers for children and adults

During this period time in CBR center according to work plan and schedule time were conducted these activities for children with disabilities: motoric movements, those of coordination, on improving communication and concentration, etc, so as other free activities.

Stimulating activities carried out during this time in the physio rooms were:

- Kinetic exercises in coordination of movements, muscle strengthening, raising the weights (0.5 kg-1 kg), contracture avoid, usage of walker, riding the bicycle, etc.
- Exercising in groups for strengthen muscles.

During this period of time were achieved many visible improvements like establishment of concentration and interest in attending exercises of children. At the children group that we worked continuously has been achieved visible improvements in muscles strengthening, correction of walking, etc.

As for the children that the concentration is lower and the damage higher has been achieved a better communication between them and as well a longer cooperation during the treatment.

On the occasion of festive dates, were held some recreational activities with children with disabilities and parents at the CBR center prepared by children. Also has been organized a picnic for children with disabilities in which participated 45 members.

June 1st "International Children's Day" has been celebrated in a best way prepared by children in performing and presenting in several shows.

05-10 October, "Children's Week" – has been celebrated by a visit to kindergarten near the CRB center.

December 3^d "International Day of People with Disability" – has been arranged a visit to City Library and for children with disabilities has been donated animated books. During this time all those activities were followed by National Television of Kosovo RTK.

As well we arranged meetings and seminars with parents offering advices in how taking care and behaving of their children.

Seminars were organized for the following topics:

The process of adaptation of families who have children with developmental disabilities, notifying parents with the term " Down Syndrom", involvement into schools, Autism, etc.

On the occasion of 20th anniversary of Convent for "Children's Rights" Italian Ambassador Michael Giffoni visited CBR center and was introduced about our activities for rehabilitation and psychosocial services for children.

As for New Year we arranged a small party for children with disabilities in CBR center, on this event was given presents for all children with the purpose to make them feel happy. The party and presents as well was supported by "Save The Children" the same donor who supports CBR center in North Mitrovica.



Attached to this report is also report of the specific activities.