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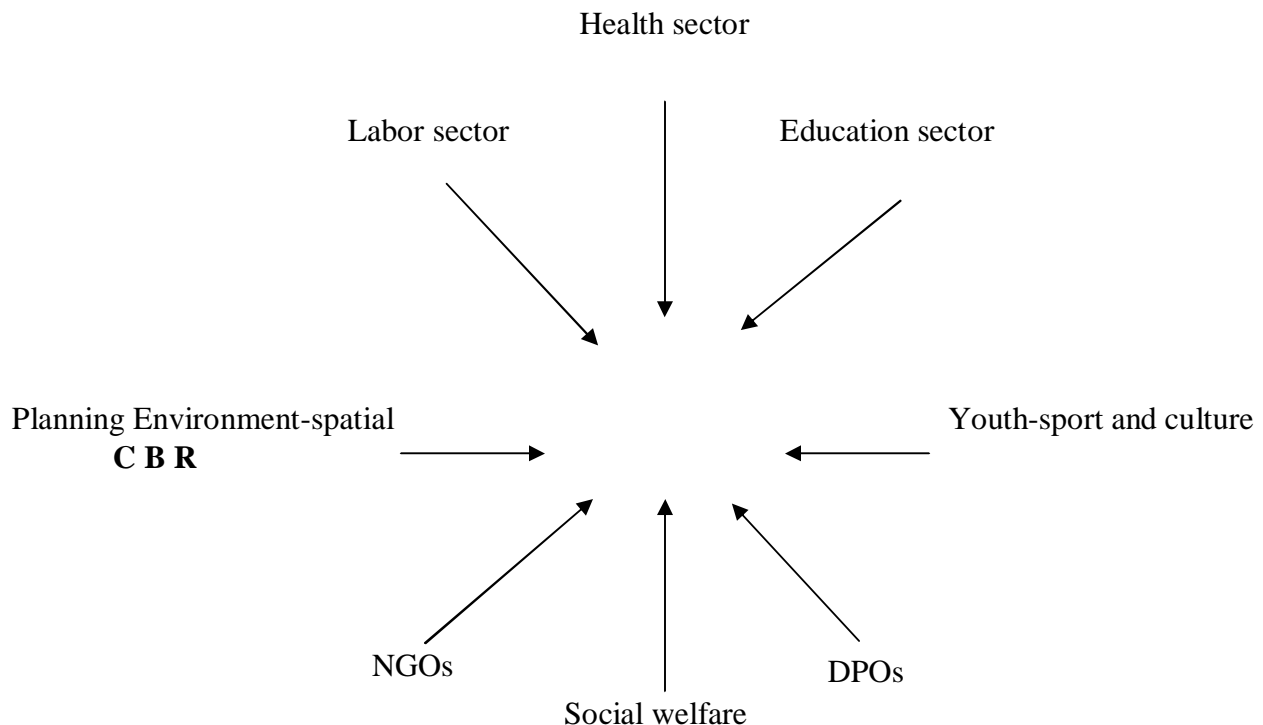
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### I. Activities in the network of HandiKOS

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 contains 12 Community Centers and 25 Local Offices in 25 municipalities of Kosova.

As we have informed in our previous reports the working group for CBR was established jointly with the Ministry of Health based in comprehensive policy document – recommendation.. HandiKOS as a member of the working group regularly attended the meetings. In those meetings working group discussed the issues related to CBR and among the results was preparation of the draft concept frame of CBR which was finalized in February 2004. Since in that time there was no legislation on health care, the situation has positively changed because the law for health care was approved by the assembly of Kosova and signed by SRSG on 20 August 2004.

#### *HandiKOS CBR: multi - sectorial approach to Disability*



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

HandiKOS is providing CBR services in 12 Community Centers especially for children.

- The statistics are showing that during January – December 2004 there were **674 children** who received the services of HandiKOS on daily bases.

- Again based on the statistics, from January until December 2004 there were totally: **37 535 sessions** with the children in the community centres of HandiKOS.

Main activities of the centers are mentioned below:

- **Primary physical rehabilitation**

Primary physical rehabilitation activities which were done during 2004 were 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.



The average of children attending HandiKOS centers is **45**; some children come to the center for primary physical rehabilitation activities, some of them for psychosocial activities and others for both. The age of the children is between 2 years to 16 years. The group is bigger between 3 and 12 years of age.

The children who attend the centers have physical or/and mental impairments as hemiparesis fever and convulsion on early childhood, Erb's palsy (elongation of the brachial plexus), cerebral palsy with tetraparesis spastic or paresis, outcomes of poliomyelitis, Mental retardation, Down syndrome, spin bifida, hydrocephalus, congenital dislocation of the hip, muscular dystrophy.

- HandiKOS CBR Coordination team for the service provision part achieved to create successful individual plan of action for developing and monitoring the children's activities.

- Very good practice is established to evaluate the development of the children's abilities by using evaluation charts.

During 2004 there were **236 children** who received **13 137 sessions** on primary physical rehabilitation.

The workers of the centers are obligated to prepare and send to the Head Quarter the list of the children who attend the services. In the report they specify the name, surname, date

of birth, diagnosis, schedule of assistance (two or once a week), and number of sessions. In case of abscess they specify the reason why the child does not come.

- **Psycho social activities**

Psycho social activities which were done during 2004 were focused on 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. One worker is responsible for daily psycho social activities in the Centers.



Statistics are showing that during 2004 there were **169 children** who received **9 384 sessions** in psycho social activity.

**As we mentioned above there are children who received both services, their number is 269 with the total of 15 014 session.**

HandiKOS is providing the transport for almost all the children who attend the activities in the 12 (twelve) Community Centers.

One of the important activities with children which is taking place in the centers through the psycho – social activities is teaching children for independent living, which includes exercises for keeping personal hygiene, dressing and undressing, food preparation and eating by themselves.

In all activities which are taking place in the centers of HandiKOS except the workers it is necessary participation of the parents or other relatives who are assisting the child, especially when they do the evaluation of the child. Other reason for their participation is training them on how to work with their children in specific activities which should take place in daily life in their homes.

- **Referral system**

As a part of the HandiKOS role to insure that People with disabilities have access to the current public services in Kosova, CBR training team which is consisted from the Doctor (orthopedic surgeon/Medical Adviser of HandiKOS) during 2004 achieved to examine 203 children with the different disabilities in the 12 (twelve) Community Centers. Based on the results of examination children are referred to the specific health care. To the orthopedic surgeon were referred 16 children, from them 12 children were operated with success on eliminating deformities and contractures.

Related to the specific health care we have referred 68 children to the other specialists as Neurologist, Psychologist, Pediatrician, Othorino-laringologist and health institutions. For preventing deformities and contractures we have referred to the National Orthopedic center in Prishtina 23 children to be equipped with prothesis and other different splints.

To avoid further deformities, (since the children are most of the time lying down) our CBR staff worked with the parents and strongly advised them to construct a “special chair with a table” based on our instructions. Importance of the “special chair” is to develop the sitting position and use of their hands and only during this year 31 families have constructed “special chairs” for their children.



The role of the CBR worker in community centers was also to be present during the doctors visit and to monitor the fulfillments of the doctors recommendations and finally to report to the HQ.

Referral system is not limited only to the Community centers; to refer PWD to the relevant institutions is role of the local offices as well.

Other part of the HandiKOS referral system is focused on education of the children and inclusion in regular schools. At the moment there are 62 attached classes and 6 special schools with 1030 children with intellectual impairment that are attending them. The role of the HandiKOS CBR workers was to refer the children to the attached classes through contacts which were established with the municipal departments for education, but the referring process was not limited only to the attached classes, it continued to our main goal which is full inclusion of disabled children in the regular classes.

- **Training with the parents**

Parents of the children are most important partners of the HandiKOS CBR workers when it comes to the development of the children’s abilities, their main contribution is on following the advices and fulfilling the tasks which they receive from the HandiKOS CBR workers about the activities with children at their homes.



All the workers of the centers organize and handle: meetings with the parents to discuss the brochures about the different disabilities and give the brochures for their information; meetings with parents of the children with the same disability to promote the sharing of experiences, successes, failures and expectations among them; motivate the parents to send the children to the regular education or the special classes.



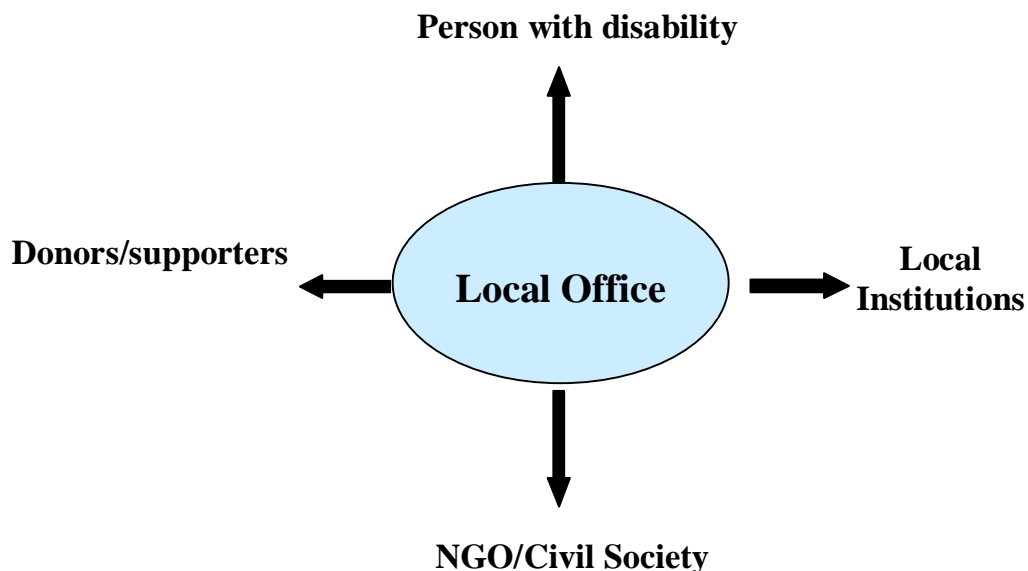
During 2004 in the 12 Community Centers, HandiKOS CBR training team and workers achieved to organize 3 training workshops for each Center, total 36. All together there were **358 parents** that participated in the training workshops. During the workshops participants discussed about the brochures which were about “Supporting parents on growing up their disabled children on the best way” and “Cerebral Palsy”. All together we have distributed 265 brochures.

Related to the training of the parents, based on the UNICEF project HandiKOS organized two day seminars in seven regions of Kosova, topics of the seminars Cerebral palsy, Syndrome Down, Muscular Dystrophy, RPM (psycho motoric retardation) and Autism. First day of the seminar was focused on the topics mentioned above and second day on the “Rights of children with disabilities based on current laws in Kosova”. HandiKOS achieved to prepare, publish and distribute to parents of the disabled children the brochure about “Learning Disabilities”.

It is important to mention that the brochure for CBR is prepared during 2004 but the publication, distribution and workshops is planned to be done in the first quarter of 2005.

## **2. Advocacy activities /Supporting PWD through Local Offices**

Main goal of the Local office is to coordinate and cooperate with Local government and its institutions, with NGO sector and civil society and Local and International donors and supporters, based on the needs of PWD. Activities are implemented through the local offices that are established in 25 municipalities. Members of the staff are 1 office administrator and 1 Assistant for social welfare.



## 2.1.Supporting PWD

- **Persons with disabilities**

Role of the Local offices is to establish a first contact with the persons with disabilities. This can be achieved through the home visits which is responsibility of the assistant for social welfare. After the first contact is established HandiKOS staff must fulfill the questionnaires with the relevant questions about the category of disability, their diagnosis, economical situation and level of education

- HandiKOS staff is advising PWD's and their family how to improve living conditions, Increasing their awareness about their own disabilities and abilities, motivate to overpass obstacles and to integrate in society, about their rights, rehabilitation, new laws & policies and also invites them to the different cultural and sport activities.

Based on the statistics from January until December 2004 HandiKOS staff achieved to visit **3 870** people with disabilities, among them **1 267** were visited for the first time which means that they are new beneficiaries of HandiKOS, mostly they were identified in the rural areas.

- **Distribution**

. Based on questionnaires and needs of Persons with disabilities HandiKOS staff have secured and distributed until November 2004 the necessary orthopedic and sanitarian materials to the **761** disabled people, which didn't cover all the needs but only the most important items such are crutches, wheelchairs, incontinence, pressure source material, etc.

Unfortunately even 6 years after the war HandiKOS is the only Agency in Kosova that through different international donors is trying to secure the most necessary equipment and materials for PWD.

Note:

Example, adviser of the minister of health requested from HandiKOS to distribute the wheelchair to his relative and also we received requests many times from the University Clinical Center in Prishtina orthopaedic materials which is clearly showing the lack of the legal infrastructure for covering needs of people with disabilities with the above mention materials. This situation is forcing us that during 2005 based on the Law for Health care to advocate and closely cooperate with government on creating sub-law regulations and/or administrative procedures to insure fulfilment of the needs of PWD.

## 2.2.Advocacy activities

- **Institutions**

The main goal of the local office was: Introduction of the CBR concept to Local government and institutions, with the purpose of recognition and financially supporting CBR services as part of the public services. Based on our evaluation there is a readiness of the local government to support HandiKOS CBR activities but do to lack of legislation and financial sources the success was partial. In 2004 we achieved to finalize financial



support from 11 municipalities. Also, with the financial support of the local government we achieved to implement few others smaller projects, such as: transport for disabled children, sport activities for PWD, picnics for children, different computer courses, etc.

Good contacts are established with the most relevant institutions like municipal departments for education, health, social welfare and labor, mostly: children to the schools, adults to the professional training centres, health houses or hospitals and especially this year to centres for the social protection to include them in the assistance for their pensions.

- **Donors/supporters**

Work of the local offices was focused also on found raising and support in Local level , results are obvious in City of Peja from the corporation Dukagjini and Beer Factory, in drenas and Kacanik Fuel stations, in Prishtina free internet provider, support for maintenance of the vehicles in Viti, Prishtina and Shtime, Architectonic faculty in Prishtina and other individual supporters in different fields.

- **NGO's/civil society**

ATRC (advocacy training resource Center) support on the trainings, Advocacy and Media campaigns. Our cooperation was further developed in Gender issues with the Kosova women's Initiative (KWI). Other cooperation was developed with "Children forum", CDHRF, Youth centers, etc. HandiKOS is also in close cooperation with different DPO's as : Deaf community and their clubs, Mental disability through MDRI and club house "Deshira", blind community through blind association, parents of children with disability through parents organization OPFAKOS, people with muscular dystrophy through OPDMK. Depending on the location our offices implemented many activities with the support of the KFOR, example in Lipjan with the Finnish and Irish KFOR, Ferizaj with the Greek KFOR, USA KFOR, in Gjakova and Peja with Italian KFOR, in Podujeva with English KFOR, in Mitrovica with French KFOR, etc.

Also not less cooperation was established with the sport Federation of Basketball, Swimming, etc.

## **II. Specific Activities**

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

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

##### **1.1.1. Cooperation with the Prime-Ministers office for establishing Inter Ministerial Committee for Service provision/CBR**

1.1.1. Contacts with the representatives from the different ministries were continued with the goal to establish Inter-Ministerial committee, but for the moment do to a lack of legal infrastructure, framework of the CBR maid from the CBR working group during 2004 is not yet recognized by government as inter-ministerial approach.

**Note:**

The situation has positively changed because the law for health care was approved by the assembly of Kosova and signed by SRSG on 20 August 2004. The brochure which was prepared during 2004 will be used as a tool for lobbying and advocacy to other ministries to recognize and participate on the CBR model through membership in the CBR Committee. There will be used also the contribution of the Finnish Agency STAKES and World Bank on Supporting government of Kosova including Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare and Ministry of education, science and technology in capacity building and policy making for people with disabilities.

It was already mentioned that there are a very good indicators in Level of Local government on recognition and supporting CBR services. But, lack of the legal bases is obstacle for including CBR as local governmental policy.

**1.1.2. Promoting the inclusion of disability NGOs and PWD's to Inter-Ministerial Committees to ensure the participation in decision making.****a) Meetings with the DPO's                      b) Workshop with the DPO's**

1.1.2. The adviser in the Pre-ministers office organized a meeting with the DPO's and representatives of the ministries with the goal to establish forum of the DPO's.

As soon as TOR and status of the Inter-Ministerial committee is defined HandiKOS is planning to organize a workshop with the representatives of DPO's with the goal to include them in the forum. Establishment of the Forum is ongoing.

**Note:**

Based on the information from Steering Committee meeting the new member, representative of the ministry of Health, Dr. Blakaj informed us that based on his informations the Inter – ministerial committee on Disability doesn't exist any more, it was an idea but never functioned for real (see the minutes).

**1.1.3. Supporting promotion of the mental disability****a) Awareness raising campaign**

1.1.3. HandiKOS created a very strong cooperation with the Club House "Dëshira" especially when it comes to the awareness raising campaigns. Concretely this year in the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> December – international Day of Disability, HandiKOS achieved to:

- Organize a round table discussion with the representatives from other DPO's and Institutions, guests were also people from Media. Goal of marking this day was promotion of Disability as issue of human Rights and one of the main topics of the round table was the "Rights of People with Mental Disabilities".
- HandiKOS supported directly Club House "Dëshira" on marking the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December with the members of the club and with the representatives from different institutions. We are expecting detailed narrative report from Club House "Dëshira" by the end of the month.

For 2005 we are planning to organize Workshop with relevant institutions about the general issues related to the Mental Disability.

#### **1.1.4. Lobbying and advocating for the establishment of National Council of DPO's.**

##### **a) Meeting with DPO's in National level**

##### **Lobbying and advocating for the establishment of the Office on disability**

1.1.4. HandiKOS achieved to add the issue of establishing National Council which was one of the most important topics of the "Comprehensive Disability policy framework" as a top priority in the agenda of the Advisor in the Prime – Minister Office. In the meeting which took place in Prishtina with Disability organizations participants agreed that this should be the top priority for year 2005. Representatives of the institutions which were present promised support on establishing national Council. Concrete activities related to this topic will be implemented during 2005. Director of the Pre-ministers office informed us that office was re-organized and decided to increase the number of the staff related to the disability from one consultant to the unit for disability, meaning three new staff members. In fact this proves that the recommendation from the disability policy framework was accepted which will lead us on establishing the National Council on Disability.

### **1.2. Local Level**

#### **1.2.1. Capacity building for HandiKOS staff**

##### **a) Workshop with the HK staff about the new social welfare policies (in cooperation with the ministry of Social welfare, Health and Education)**

1.2.1. Negotiations with the representatives from the Ministry of Social Welfare and ministry of health are finalized; the first workshops will be organized in the first phase of 2005. Plan is that one or more officials from the ministries mentioned above that are familiar with the current applicable laws and laws which are in discussion to be approved will lecture to the members of HandiKOS in the workshop. Participants of this workshop with the new knowledge about the laws should prepare action planes for advocacy in local level and support disabled people on reaching their rights.

- **Training with the workers**

Development of the human capacities was focused on the field of Human rights which means to increase the knowledge of our staff when it comes to the rights of people with disabilities and also advocating to the institutions other field was the development of the staff on the skills to fulfill duties in the daily working activities such are CBR activities, computer skills etc.

#### **1.2.2. Creating mechanisms and forms for communication of HandiKOS local offices and centres to share best practises**

1.2.2. Members of the HandiKOS Management Committee are working on modification of the report system in HandiKOS; this new modified system includes also improved communications between local offices. New system will be on use starting from January 2005.

### **1.2.3. Making local action plans to advocate municipalities**

1.2.3. Ongoing

1.2.4. Implementing local action plans

### **1.2.5. Promoting the establishment of local municipal councils on disability.**

1.2.5. Postponed for 2005

## **2. Strategic objective: Enhancing quality in service provision**

Immediate objective:

Recognition of the CBR model from the government.

### **2.1. Committing ministries in welfare-mix (CBR) policy development**

2.1. HandiKOS supported from UNICEF is working on preparation of the Brochure which includes CBR practices in the world and CBR in Kosova implemented by HandiKOS. The brochure includes very important information's for potential users about the current laws in Kosova and services that are provided for People with Disabilities. This brochure will have advisory role and will be used also from the relevant ministries on making new laws. The brochure is first step on the process of recognition of services which are provided by HandiKOS from the relevant ministries.

### **2.2. Capacity building at local level**

2.2. Planned for 2005

### **2.4. Including other focus groups in HandiKOS network**

#### **a) Workshop with the focus groups about skills to organize the functional focus groups (effective meetings, management, independent living)**

2.4. In the meeting organized about this topic we prepared the program for workshops and we selected the most important focus groups to be part of this training. The focus groups which are targeted for the capacity development training are: Disabled women's group, Peer Support group, Parents group and Group of people with mental disabilities (club House Dëshira).

### **2.5. Piloting empowering peer support groups for PWD's.**

#### **a) Meetings in the different municipalities of the peer groups of disabled women related to the exchange of experiences**

2.5. HandiKOS supported by "Finnish Human Rights Program Support" implemented the project which included three activities:

- 1) Raising awareness of the institutions about rights of PWD;
- 2) Disability and Elections; and
- 3) Rights of women's with disabilities;

In the third activity we organized 7 workshops in regional level with the disabled women's and representatives from the municipal offices for gender issues. The

workshops were focused on the education, employment, social welfare, accessibility and most important topic was personal experiences of disabled women.

Our conclusion and prediction is that during 2005 the focus group and especially group of women with disabilities will increase their capacities and strengthen their voice.

### **2.6. Conducting quality and needs analysis on services and including new activities**

#### **a) Analysing services that are provided by HandiKOS CBR Centres through visits, interviewing parents of the children and workers, reports, assessment about the needs for new activities.**

2.6. The assessment and evaluation of the quality of the services by the community centers is ongoing through meeting with the parents which are organized on monthly bases. During 2004 we have improved the system of reporting and keeping the statistics about the children attending the activities and sessions within Centers. The process of analyzing quality and needs is ongoing and the final report will be presented on February 2005.

### **2.7. Piloting internal competition/creating a project fund for local level activities**

2.7. Final criteria's will be developed and presented to the Steering Committee for approval in the beginning of 2005 (in the phase of preparation).

## **3. Strategic Objective: Creation of Economical Independence.**

3. HandiKOS in cooperation with Ministry of labor and social welfare, departments for employment and vocational training achieved to establish a system for referring Disabled People to the 7 (seven) regional Centers for vocational trainings. After finishing the training people with disabilities have much more chances and opportunities to be employed. Number of people with disabilities that finished the training is increased but unfortunately the number of employed is still very low do to limited profiles of the professional trainings and poor labor market based on the general economical situation in Kosova.

- Advanced professional courses for computers are organized with the support from the Swiss Government; implementation of this project is done in cooperation with the organization "Smart Bits". There are 18 members of HandiKOS attending this course, since this is very advanced course with the internationally recognized certificates the trainees developed their abilities and increased their chances for employment.

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

4. This objective is related to the establishment of the Inter – Ministerial Committee and National Council on Disability there for we will initiate creation of the strategy after this two bodies are established.

### III. Projects

**1. Name of the Project:** “Democracy for all”- Election for assembly of Kosova.

**Goal:** To promote “agenda on disability issues in Kosova” that transmits the values, rights, hopes, expectations and concerns of the people with disabilities in Kosova and to enable people with disabilities, and their families, to vote in a more informed and critical manner for political programmes that better serves their rights and needs.

**Activities/Results:** 7075 home visits, 141 meetings with PWD, 170 meetings with political subjects, 4 intensive capacity building workshops, 154 Media presentations, publishing life lets, posters and national Agenda, Identification of 1 760 Persons with disabilities for home band voting, etc. There were 98 people with different disabilities employed in this project, among them 51 were actual staff of HandiKOS.

**Participants:** Staff of HandiKOS, deaf association, blind association, DPO for muscular dystrophy, parents organization, club house “Deshira” and other activists supported by DELTA for Balkan.

**Donor:** Government of Ireland, unit for international cooperation and development, Foundation Renovabis-Germany.

**Beneficiaries:** People with disability and their family members, Management committee of elections in Local and National level, including secretariat of the CEC, MEC, Political subjects and democratisation of Kosova.

**Time frame:** May until December 2005

**2. 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.

**Activities/Results:** Organizing 14 seminars (2 days) and publishing 2 brochures. Increased number of representatives from the local governmental bodies as participants in our seminars.

**Participants:** Parents of disabled children, teachers of the attached classes, HandiKOS CBR workers, Nurses of the Family medicine, there were approximately 30 to 40 participants in each seminar.

**Donor:** UNICEF

**Beneficiaries:** Parents of children with disabilities and Governmental representatives.

**Time frame:** May 2004 until January 2005 (9 months)

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



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

**Activities/Results:** Capacity building on wheelchair using, daily life activities such as; 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 – Milano Italy

**Beneficiaries:** 82 Persons with disabilities, their assistants and staff.

22 children with 22 parents

**Time frame:** 23 August until 15 September 2004

### 4. Name of the Project: “Peer support for people with Spinal cord Injuries”



**Goal:** Improving life condition of People with SCI and integration in the community through peer support and counseling.

**Activities/Results:** Identification of people with SCI through home visits, self evaluation, supporting based on the experience – peer, family education, encouragement of People with SCI to overpass barriers and isolation.

**Participants:** People with SCI and their families

**Donor:** CARITAS – Austria

**Beneficiaries:** 160 People with SCI and their families, medical institutions, centers for vocational training and society in general.

**Time frame:** January until December 2004



**5. Name of the Project:** “Kosova civil society for all, fool recognition of the rights and opportunities of the people with intellectual disabilities”



**Goal:** Raising awareness of the society and institutions about the rights of people with learning disabilities.

**Activities/Results:** Organizing forums in 10 main municipalities of Kosova, poster publication, Media covering, etc. There were 500 participants in the forums.

**Participants:** Persons with intellectual disability, representatives of the institutions, representatives of the religions, representatives from the police, teachers, social workers, representatives of the centers for mental health.

**Donor:** Open society Institutions – SOROS/Hungary

**Beneficiaries:** Persons with learning, intellectual, mental disabilities and their parents.

**Time frame:** March until June 2004

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

**Goal:** Increasing awareness of parents of children with disabilities in the lobbying and advocating for the human rights and increasing knowledge of representatives of the institutions about the rights of children with disabilities.

**Activities/Results:** There were organized 10 seminars in rural municipalities and 5 regional round table discussions. Video – clip was produced about the children with disabilities as well as one documentary; we also published a poster and brochure about the rights of disabled children in three languages, Albanian, English and Serbian. Finally we produced evaluation document about the situation of children with disabilities in rural areas. All together there were 398 participants.

**Participants:** Parents of children with disabilities, represents of the governmental institutions, teachers of the attached classes.

**Donor:** SAVE THE CHILDREN - ALIANCE

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

**Time frame:** January until December 2004

**7. Name of the Project:** Raising awareness of the institutions about the disability issues

**Goal:** Raising awareness of institutions about rights of persons with disabilities

**Activities/Results:** 6 regional seminars, there were 180 participants in the seminars, distribution of the different materials about the rights of people with disabilities, such are Standard rules for equal opportunities of PWD, Universal declaration of the Humkan rights, etc.

**Participants:** PWD, representatives of the Institutions and NGO's.

**Donor:** FHRSP - Kosovo

**Beneficiaries:** PWD and institutions

**Time frame:** 10 months during 2004

**8. Name of the Project: Empowering the women with disabilities about their rights;****Goal:** Empowering the women's with disabilities**Activities/Results:** 7 workshops and distribution of the Comprehensive policy document and different UN human rights document. There were 194 participants.**Participants: Women's with disabilities****Donor:** FHRSP - Kosovo**Beneficiaries:** Women's with disabilities and their organizations, and, municipal officials for Gender issues.**Time frame:** 10 months during 2004**9. Name of the Project: People with disabilities and election****Goal:** Encourage and increasing awareness of PWD about importance of participation in the election.**Activities/Results:** 7 regional workshops with inclusion of PWD from the all municipalities. There were 223 participants.**Participants:** People with disabilities and their family members**Donor:** FHRSP - Kosovo**Beneficiaries:** People with disabilities, management structures of elections, political subjects and society.**Time frame:** 10 months during 2004**10. Name of the Project: 500 Wheelchairs for Kosovo.****Goal:** Fulfilling the needs of disabled people in Kosova**Activities:** Promotion of the distribution of wheelchairs to different disability and minority groups in cooperation with the Pre-Ministers office and Ministry of Health, selecting and inviting recipients.**Participants:** People with disabilities from different disability and minority groups. Symbolic handover of the wheelchairs to HandiKOS was done by represent of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter – Day Saints known as the Mormon Church, Mr. Wondra. Further handover to the 16 people

with disabilities was done by the SRSG Mr. Holkeri, Pre-Minister Mr. Rexhepi, Chief of the USA office Ms. Marcy Ries, Jesus Christ church volunteers, Catholic church of Kosova, KFOR head quarter, Mayor of the Municipality of Prishtina and all ministries, in front of the Medias and many other guests as Head of Finnish liaison office, Mr. Markku Laamanen.

**Donor:** Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saint**Beneficiaries:** People with different disability and minority background.**Time frame:** February 2004

**There were also smaller projects in Local level**

1. “Art and drawing” in Klina office – Ministry of culture and GTZ
2. “Sport for all” in Prishtina office – Municipal department of sport in Prishtina
3. “English course for women with disabilities in Prishtina” – SOROS
4. “Sport” in Suhareka office- Ministry of culture and GTZ
5. “Sawing machine course for women with disabilities” in Rahovec – CDF
6. “Advancing the sport for people with disabilities” – Ministry of sport, culture and youth.

**IV. Sport activities**

Due to the fact that HandiKOS was promoting the importance of the sport activities for people with disabilities in different fields in the previous years as a result was establishing federation of the Sport for People with disabilities including all groups of People with disabilities (all DPO's) with full support of the ministry of Sport, culture and youth and other agencies for development of the sport in Kosova, based on the Law of sport who is recognizing sport for people with disabilities. In the same time we have promoted sport for people with disabilities in important events as day of liberation of Prishtina, National Flag day, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, International semi marathon, etc.

Results: We have achieved to raise awareness and convince responsible governmental agencies and institutions, civil society institutions and public in general about importance for supporting sport for people with disabilities as a best way of rehabilitation and integration, awareness raising and showing abilities.

