

Overview of funded projects

01

Project: **SHL - Program**

Location: **Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)**

Duration: **Since 1996**

Funding: **250,000 Euro / year, including funding by third parties**

The focus of SHL's work in Bosnia and Herzegovina provides incentives and creates competences for an engagement of BiH youth and professionalization of youth NGOs. This is achieved by offering innovative forms of informal education in relevant political and social topics through a small grants program and especially by advocating youth media and student councils. Through an educational program SHL provides the opportunity to inexperienced youngsters but also to established youth NGOs and initiatives to get engaged and to approve their knowledge in project-writing, campaigning, networking. Through a fund for micro-projects SHL renders possible a non-bureaucratic realization of project ideas where the part of the funded projects is chosen by youngsters themselves. Through our cross-ethnic and cross-border approach we also continue fostering the reconciliation process in the instable and ethnically divided Bosnia and Herzegovina: the SHL House excels as a meeting and training place for Bosnia and Herzegovina and the entire territory of former Yugoslavia.

02

Project: **SHL-Youth Center**

Location: **Rahovec / Orahovac – Kosovo**

Project Partners: **SHL-Kosovo**

Duration: **Since 1999**

Funding: **Approx. 80,000 Euro / year**

SHL has a youth center in the town of Rahovec / Orahovac that is ethnically divided between Kosovo Albanians and Kosovo Serbs as well as a growing population of the RAE-community. The contact and cooperation among the young people is promoted through various seminars. After four successful years of organizational development the center is now locally registered in Kosovo and the local staff takes on full ownership and responsibility for the future. With the aim of helping young people to live an independent life seven staff members and two German volunteers aim at increasing the local

youth employment and motivate young people through the Youth Forum to actively participate in local community processes.

03

Project: **The Future is now, Youth Center**

Location: **Krizevici - Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Project Partners: **IPAK Mladost gradi Buducnost**

Duration: **August 2002 - December 2010**

Funding: **Approx. 100,000 Euro / year**

By building a youth center that offered a variety of courses and extracurricular education, we promoted together with our partner IPAK the peaceful coexistence between the Bosnian Serb majority and Bosniak returnees in eastern Bosnia and Herzegovina for almost eight years. Through informal education in different professions such as carpenter or through computer, language and other courses we provided a better economic and social perspective for young people. The educational, vocational and social counseling offered in the center encompassed peace and reconciliation work, encouraged young people to actively participate in building a democratic civil society.

04

Project: **The Children of Boiu**

Location: **Boiu - Transylvania / Romania**

Project Partners: **Media Foundation**

Project duration: **August 2004 - July 2008**

Funding: **Approx. 50,000 Euro / year**

SHL funded the construction of the first agricultural education farm in Romania where young people, especially young Roma, could complete a training related to the German agricultural vocational training for organic farmers or agricultural workers. The long-term goal of this idea is the introduction of new training curricula in the agricultural sector which then can be incorporated into the national education plan in Romania.

05

Project: **Education through Street Work**

Location: **Skopje – Macedonia**

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

Duration: **Since 2005**

Funding: **Approx. 100,000 Euro / year**

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

project helps to reduce the high illiteracy rate among Roma and seeks to give young people a perspective beyond living in the streets.

06

Project: **Basic Education for Young Roma**

Location: **Bijeljina - Northern Bosnia and Herzegovina / Zivinice - Central Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Project Partners: **Otaharin (formerly with südost e.V.)**

Duration: **Since 2005**

Funding: **Approx. 100,000 Euro / year**

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

07

Project: **Social Youth Centre Novi Sad**

Location: **Novi Sad - Vojvodina / Serbia**

Project Partners: **New Media Center_kuda.org**

Duration: **Since 2006**

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

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

08

Project: **Day Care Centre Maglaj**

Location: **Maglaj - Central Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Project Partners: **Udruzenje Humanost - Societas Humanitatis**

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

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

With this project SHL in particular funded the interior of a daily care center for children with disabilities in Central Bosnia and Herzegovina, wages for employed pedagogues, therapists and drivers as well as some of the activities (workshop materials, transportation, etc.). The Canton Zenica

/ Doboj and three municipalities are also involved in the project. The project is unique in the country regarding its professional standards and its educational approach. It cooperates with similar institutions in Germany.

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Project: **Creative Power**

Location: **Tuzla - Central Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Project Partners: **Koraci Nade (Steps of Hope)**

Project Duration: **Since 2006**

Funding: **Approx. 23,000 Euro / year**

SHL supports the work of a center for children with special needs in the city of Tuzla in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The SHL funds are mainly used to cover the salaries of the employees and the running costs of the house. Through its various techniques and methods of creative expression the project enables children and young people in the Tuzla region to discover their mental and physical abilities and to give them self-confidence. Furthermore a focus is put on integration of these children into the society. This is realized by common activities of children with and without special needs.

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Project: **Youth Center Saranda**

Location: **Saranda - Albania**

Project Partners: **START**

Project Duration: **February 2007 – January 2009**

Funding: **Approx. 50,000 Euro / year**

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

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Project: **Living Together**

Location: **Bujanovac - Southern Serbia / Kamenica - Kosovo**

Project Partners: **AWO-Bremerhaven**

Duration: **Since 2007**

Funding: **Approx. 120,000 Euro / year**

This project establishes professional children and youth work in the region of Southern Serbia and Kosovo. The unstable political situation has even worsened the social and economic situation in this already fragile region. Especially children and adolescents suffer under these bad conditions. Extra-curricular assistance is not available and many refugee children do not receive any support. The

project is realized by AWO Bremerhaven in cooperation with various local organizations and pursues the maintenance and operation of two youth centers in Bujanovac (southern Serbia) and only a few kilometers away, in Kosovska Kamenica (Kosovo).

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Project: **Help for Children and Young People in Need**

Location: **Durres and Tirana - Albania**

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

Duration: **2008 - 2011**

Funding: **Approx. 35,000 Euro / year**

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

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Project: **Fighting Youth Unemployment in the Balkans**

Location: **Kosovo / Macedonia / Serbia**

Cooperation partners: **Balkan Children and Youth Foundation (BCYF)**

Duration: **November 2008 – November 2010**

Funding: **Approx. 65,000 Euro / year**

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

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Project: **Youth Center Zajecar**

Location: **Zajecar - Eastern Serbia**

Project Partners: **Zajecar Initiative**

Project Duration: **Since 2009**

Funding: **Approx. 40,000 Euro / year**

The goal of this project is to establish a youth center in the town of Zajecar in the Serbia's East. Upon the renovation of the building located in the city center the youth centre provides various economic, social and cultural offers. Creative recreational activities are combined with vocational trainings. Through public debates, conferences and seminars critical thinking and active participation of young people in socio-political processes are promoted. The project addresses young people between 14 and 26 years. Eastern Serbia is characterized by a particularly high unemployment rate, a lack of opportunities as well as a high suicide rate among young people.

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Project: **Bring about Change**

Location: **Tirana - Albania**

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

Project Duration: **Since 2010**

Funding: **Approx. 90,000 Euro / year**

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

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Project: **Strengthening of School Students Activism**

Location: **Belgrade - Serbia**

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

Project Duration: **Since 2010**

Funding: **Approx. 14,000 Euro / year**

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

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

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

Project Partners: **Genesis Project**

Project Duration: **From December 2011 until January 2014**

Funding: **Approx. 95,000 Euro / year**

The main aim of the project is to influence the building of trust and change in attitudes between different ethnic groups as a presumption for the creation of a safer environment in the ethnically segregated schools. Bosniak and Croat children as the direct beneficiaries who attend separated schools should be educated about peaceful conflict resolution and communication in order to improve the cooperation with the other ethnic group. The creating of safe school environments in 16 segregated schools in the 7 cities/municipalities will be achieved by means of educational and pedagogical work in class communities with school children and teachers. All activities will be jointly attended by both ethnic groups.

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Project: **“Leave a different fingerprint – from crime back to society”**

Location: **Belgrade/ Serbia**

Project Partners: **International Aid Network (IAN)**

Project Duration: **October 2012**

Funding: **Approx. 90,000 Euro / year**

The project will develop efficient programme for youth with behaviour disorders (offenders and antisocial behaviour) and ensure supportive environment, structure, social and psychological treatments focused on rehabilitation to help young delinquents turn to positive behaviours. It will include for instance skills trainings for professional empowerment and raising employability, psychological support and re-socialisation activities to prevent further delinquency, motivating youth to embrace new life styles. Additionally, the project aims at raising awareness on the importance of youth delinquency prevention.