

In medias res

Let's create a friendly society for children"

"If we would gather the tears of all the children of the world, a big lake could be created from them, from which we would have produced energy, but its price would be very high"
Xhani Rodari

Kosovar society, as a developing society must emphasize the importance for the respect the human/children rights. This could be achieved through education. In this context, because of individual and general development, all children should learn and understand the concept of human rights, to know their rights and be aware of themselves and the society.

The elementary human rights - respect toward life of each individual and human dignity cannot be bought, earned or inherited. Those rights must be ensured for all human beings without difference of race, color, gender, religion, political affiliation or other affiliation, national or society origin, wealth, origin or any other status.

The enhancement of the culture of human/children rights requires from children to recognize their rights and duties and to know how to protect them as well.

School represents the most suitable environment for raising the awareness for children rights and creation of conditions for their daily application.

Everyone has the right to education. Education is oriented toward full development and enhancement of the respect of human/children rights and basic freedoms.

The teacher should always be aware of the children rights and respect them during his work with children, and not apply them only as a part of his/her teaching or as a lesson that should be learned.

In order to learn the subject on children rights, there is no right and wrong answer. Every opinion and idea is welcomed and must be taken into consideration.

Every subject must be practiced. It cannot be memorized by heart and the children should not be evaluated accordingly. Every child should have the space and time to express their opinion and take part actively with their opinions and their viewpoints.

The main goal of the program "Education for human/children rights" is to make the children aware that what they need and want are their rights for which is worth fighting for, since the rights should be requested and protected by them.

With all the advancement achieved in the field of children rights in Kosovo, there is still a lot to be done. Pupils in Kosovo do not have quality education that enables them maximal physical and spiritual development.

Children violence is still at an intolerable level. Partnership between institutions that deal with children rights is not at the right level. Therefore the Center for Children Rights in Kosova (KEC), through many of its projects that relate to children rights, has given its contribution on creating a new era, by contributing in the establishment of a friendly society where children will be the center.

The human/children rights are for everyone.

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Description of the activities based on programs

Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking – RWCT

■ The fourth seminar "Technique for critical thinking" took place on 24-25 February at the High School "Xhevdet Doda" in Pristina as a part of the CTRW program.

New strategies on teaching and learning

■ Even though the project financed by the World Bank "New strategies of teaching and learning" has ended in November 2006, few teachers were not satisfied that they covered only 6 modules from 8 modules, so they decided to continue the training program with self financing. Therefore 104 teachers of Pristina, Prizren, Xerxe and Kamenica who took part at the sixth seminar in January, continued the 7th seminar "Creation of critical-thinking readers" during February. Because of technical problems in raising funds, the training for 29 teachers of the schools in Cermjan, municipality of Gjakova, will be organized during March.

EAC (Education Against Corruption)

■ During February few trainings were organized as a part of EAC program. Therefore the training that started in 27th of January in Mitrovica and in Suhareka continued during 3-4 of February. From the evaluation sheets we can see that teachers were satisfied with the training program, with the quality of trainers and the organizing. At the end of the training, participants were informed that they will be monitored during their classes.

■ Also, as a part of this program, a training was organized in Podujeva which took place on 10, 17 and 18th of February and in Gjakova that took place on 17, 24-25 February. It is obvious that at these trainings the number of teachers who took part was lower. The absence of teachers was a consequence of the negligence of municipal representatives who were responsible for informing the teachers about the training event.



■ A training for 35 teachers was organized on 24th of February at Shtime municipality. The second part of the 3 days program will continue on 3-4 of March 2007.

Education, establishment and monitoring of the structures that fight corruption

■ KEC in cooperation with the Anti-Corruption Agency has started to implement the program: "Education, creation and monitoring of structures that fight the corruption" which is financed by ATRC in cooperation with IREX and USAID. The training in Gjilan which started in January was finalized in February. During this month there were organized also 2 other 2 days trainings in Drenas and Peja. Training in Drenas took place on 21-22 of February at the premises of the primary school "Ali Gashi", while in Peja the training took place on 27-28 of

February at the premises of the Didactic Center. These trainings attended officials of the central and local institutions, community representatives, party leaders, representatives of the civil society, of youth organizations etc. From the evaluation sheets we can see that the participants were satisfied with the training program and the quality of trainers.

Education for children rights

■ The books which have been published in cooperation with ABA-CEELI, have been distributed to all primary schools in Kosovo. The level of the usage of these books is being monitored by the Regional Education Office and the Municipal Education Directorates. As planned, during this month as a part of the program on “Education for children rights”, KEC has started with the evaluation of the recommendations of the teachers on these three books. The narrative report for this project will be prepared in March and delivered to ABA CEELI.

■ On 26.02.2007, Aba Ceeli in cooperation with KEC, has organized a court session in Peja municipality with children from 9th and 10th grades, where the children will have the opportunity to learn more about the juvenile law, as well as on the consequences for breaking the law.

■ Taking in consideration that March is the month of several holidays, the program “Education for children rights” will prepare a celebration program with children from the non public school „Third Millennium“. This program will be organized in cooperation with the guitar school “Vihuela”. The program will be held on 6th of March at the theater Dodona, starting from 16.00. Children of the school “Third Millennium” will participate with three recitals, in three

languages (Albanian, German, English), as well as with few song and instrumental performances.



■ On 23 02 2007, we have organized a show for under aged that live at the “Correction House” in Lypjan. This show will be organized with assistance of the actor Sokol Plakolli, who is the founder of the acting studio for children and young people.

„Filizat” as a part of AYA-ARSH „Pjetër Bogdani” as well as with the initiative of the professional staff of Dodona theater. Messages that this show with a tragic ending gives as many: war against harmful social occurrences such as: drugs, AIDS, prostitution, the irregular school attendance by youngsters, which have a lot of consequences for these children.

■ Research for gender prejudices and stereotypes is being finalized. Based on the agreement these materials will be delivered during March 2007. They will be published in June of 2007.

Step by Step

■ During February a series of trainings were organized as a part of the program “Step by step”, trainings which are a continuance of the trainings that have started during September of last year. From total of 8 trainings organized, 5 of them were advanced trainings for the first

grade: one for teachers of Podujeva region, one for teachers of Mitrovica region, 2 for teachers of Gjakova and one for teachers of Peja region.



■ During February there were organized two advanced trainings for preschool education, were one of the trainings was for educators of Peja region and the other for educators of Kosova kindergartens. The 8th training was training for the second grade. All trainings were organized by national trainers and as we can see from the evaluations these trainings were successful.

■ A meeting with contact persons from Kosova kinder-gardens was organized on 15th of February, were there were discussions on the project topics which have shown success in few gardens in Pristina

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