

NGO "Podruga"



City of Osh, Kyrgyz Republic

NGO Podruga

- Podruga was registered for business on 21 November 2001
- Prior to registration, Podruga's founders had worked on a project entitled "Preventing and Treating HIV/AIDS/STDs among Sex Workers" in the Osh and Batkensk regions supported by "Doctors without Borders"
- Podruga's Director is Taalai Abdraimov. Currently, there are 30 staff and 5 volunteers working for Podruga

Podruga's Mission

- Treating and preventing HIV/AIDS and STDs among the population of the Kyrgyz Republic, and particularly among members of at-risk groups,
- Popularizing healthy living and protecting the health of citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic
- Cooperating in the rehabilitation and reintroduction into society of vulnerable and at-risk individuals

Podruga's Human Trafficking Projects

- 2002-present: IOM-supported project for a hotline: "Stop! Traffic! Osh!"
- June 2003-July 2004: the U.S. Embassy in Kyrgyzstan-sponsored project: "Consolidating Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking in Kyrgyzstan's South"
- 2004: OSCE-supported project: "Preventing Human Trafficking in Kyrgyzstan's South"
- September 2003-June 2004: IOM-supported project: "Kyrgyz Anti-Trafficking NGOs"

“Preventing Human Trafficking in Kyrgyzstan’s South” (in partnership with Golden Goal)

Project Components

- Research among the population of the Osh region
- Information campaign
- Seminars and trainings
- Work completed by the principle “Equal-to-Equal”

“Preventing Human Trafficking in Kyrgyzstan’s South” (continued)

- Main partner: the Southern Migration Service Components
 - Hotline work
 - Advertisement of hotline services in local media
 - Conducting trainings for village civil groups (women’s advisory councils, councils of the elders, representatives of local government)

OSCE-supported Project “Complex Approach to Solving Human Trafficking Problems”

Components

➤ Analytical

➤ Legal

➤ Informational

Analytical Component

- Human Trafficking Awareness Survey of the populations of the Osh, Zhalalabatskaya and Batkenskaya regions
- Awareness Survey of government officials, NGO personnel, law enforcement officers, prosecutors and judicial personnel
- Summary of research and report of survey findings

Legal Component

- Monitoring and evaluation of court cases and investigations into human trafficking cases
- Protection of human trafficking victims' rights
- Legal assistance to migration and human trafficking victims
- Training of lawyers in Kyrgyzstan's south on "Protecting the Rights of Human Trafficking Victims"

Informational Component

- Seminars for representatives of the Osh City local councils
- Seminars for groups at risk for becoming trafficking victims
- Hotline services to the populations of Osh and Nookat
- Law enforcement training in three regions of Kyrgyzstan's south
- Preparation of banners and billboards about human trafficking and containing hotline information
- Coordination of conference for Ferghana Valley NGOs
- Roundtables for representatives of local governments to discuss anti-trafficking programs of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic