CLCI’S NARRATIVE REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD: 2009-2010-2011

Tirana, January 2012
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GREETINGS!

Dear friends,

It’s a great pleasure for me to present a brief summary of the narrative Report of the Center for Civic Legal Initiatives, on its activity during the last three years, in the period of time from 2009 till 2011. These years have been an intensive working period for a greater and an active participation of the civil society and especially of the community of judges in protection of and respect for human rights.

The increased access of the citizens in the justice system has remained one of the main aims of our organization and its realization in our activity during this period of time has been result of an even greater cooperation with other Non Profit Organizations. For this purpose, we have drawn a special attention to the increase of the role of Non Profit Organizations in protection of the rights and freedoms of the citizens, through constitutional and legal instruments. Thus, the circle of our collaborators in exercising legal means at courts in our country as well as by the Ombudsman, by the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner etc., has been extended.

A special strengthening achieved our cooperation with the net of Non Profit Organizations exercising an activity against the violence on the basis of gender. For this purpose, we have extended our activity not only in Tirana, but also in other districts of the country, aiming the implementation of the Law “On Gender Equality in Society” and of the Law “On Measurements against Violence in Family Relations”.

In cooperation with religious communities and other organizations, our activity for the legal education of the citizens, especially, in rural areas has been intensified. The main theme of the legal education in the last years has been focused on the acquaintance and comprehension of the new Law “On Protection against Discrimination”.

Our work for legal assistance to abused and poor women and girls has increased. During the last three years about 2 500 clients have been provided free legal assistance. Their representation in court or other institutions has enabled the creation of new judicial and/or institutional practices.

An important aspect of our success is the support of and the cooperation with our donors, whom I would like to thank in particular.

I would like to express my gratitude even to the members of the Board and to the staff of the Center for Civic Legal Initiatives for the disposition and the professionalism they have shown and performed during this period of time.

Thank you,

AURELA ANASTASI
Executive Director

Tirana, January 2012
I. OUR ORGANIZATION

The Centre for Legal Civic Initiatives is created in 1997 and is specialized in providing legal assistance to protect citizen’s rights, of women and girls in particular, in promoting their legal education and lobbying for new legal initiatives to protect their interests.

1.1 CLCI AND ITS PARTNERS

Much of success, of achievements and professionalism of the organization is dedicated to our strategic partners in years. The Centre for Legal Civic Initiatives has assured its stability through the support of donors and partners.

Distinct thanks go to our partners and donors!

Civil Rights Defenders;

USA Embassy in Tirana;

OSCE- ODIHR;

Open Society Foundation for Albania, Soros Foundation;

Global Fund for Women;

United Nations Development Fund for Women;

European Union;

The Netherlands Embassy in Tirana;

USAID; United States Agency for International Development;

1.2. FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

- CLCI contributes in the development of the community and especially of abused/poor women and girls. Our activities intend:

- To provide legal and psychosocial assistance to groups in need, especially to abused women by domestic or other acts of violence, to trafficked and poor women, through counseling, editing of documents and representation in court proceedings.
- Undertaking directly or in cooperation with others legal initiatives and lobbying processes for enactment and implementation of laws and other normative acts.

- Legal education with the view of making aware citizens of enjoying and protecting their rights.

- Preparing studies and monitoring draft-laws and implementation of legislation.

- Training of professionals of the justice system and other professionals responsible in addressing gender based violence and discrimination.

- Inclusion of young people in activities of the Centre and establishment of pro bono teams with the view of training their members with the assistance of lawyers of the Centre.
1.3. KEY ISSUES OF THE ACTIVITY OF THE ORGANIZATION DURING THE REPORTED PERIOD 2009-2010-2011;

- **Opening new practices regarding the rights of the victims of crime, especially the right of the victims of trafficking of human beings for compensation.**
- **Submission of legal proposals regarding gender equality and non discrimination legislation.**
- **Strengthening of capacities of actors, responsible in the enforcement of gender equality and non discrimination legislation.**
- **Preparation of monitoring reports and using them as a tool.**
- **Opening new practices through addressing gender discrimination with legal remedies to the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination and/or court.**
- **Contribution in drafting and enforcement of the Strategy on Gender Equality and Domestic Violence.**
- **Contribution through submitting proposals in having domestic violence as a specific act in the Albanian Criminal Code and to envisage other criminal acts as stalking, etc which will have impact in prevention of domestic violence.**
- **Providing free legal aid for the victims of gender based violence in continuity.**
1.4. PUBLICATIONS

Professional studies and publications represent one of the strong points of the Centre for Legal Civic Initiatives. They are not only concrete results of our work, but also a lobbying instrument for our organization and other non-profit organizations operating in the field of human rights, especially regarding the access of poor/abused women and girls to the justice system. Publications are available in the website of the center [www.qag-al.org](http://www.qag-al.org) in Albanian and English language.

1. This publication includes important findings and recommendations based in the monitoring of the decisions of the Tirana District Court on the issuance of Protection Orders/Immediate Protection Orders and cases of domestic violence victims supported with free legal aid by the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, for the monitoring period April 30, 2008-June 1, 2009. This monitoring report is prepared under the frame of the project “Strengthening marginalized women”, supported by Civil Rights Defenders. Printing and designing of this report is supported by United Nations Development Program in Albania (UNDP Albania), in the framework of UN Joint Program on Gender Equality and Domestic Violence.

2. This publication includes professional articles on the active role of non-profitable organizations in protection of the rights and fundamental freedoms, through constitutional and legal instruments. The articles are presented in a national Conference organized by the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, the Scientific Academy of Albania in cooperation with Ombudsman in Albania. This publication is produced with support of Ombudsman and the Program of Small Grants of the Commission for Democracy, of USA Embassy in Tirana.
3. This publication is a tool for assessing respecting of the rights of the victims of trafficking of human beings and it is prepared and published under the frame of the project “Partnership Action Against Trafficking in South Eastern Europe”, financially supported by EU.

4. This publication is a manual with title “To understand and implement the law “on protection from discrimination”, prepared by Center for Legal Civic Initiatives. The manual analyses the law “on protection from discrimination”, prevention and protection from discrimination in the education field and gives suggestions on enriching classes with concepts, examples and knowledge on the issues of nondiscrimination”. The publication is made possible with the financial support of the Netherlands Embassy in Tirana.

5. This leaflet with title “Get knowledge on your rights and enjoy them” is prepared and published under the frame of the project “Partnership Action Against Trafficking in South Eastern Europe”, with the financial support of EU.
1.5. Organizational structure of CLCI

Board of CLCI

The Board of Directors is the highest decision-taking body of the Centre.
The Board has been renewed in 2009. Members of the Board are:

1. Flutura Guri, lawyer, chairperson of the Board of Directors
2. Rezar Xhelo, expert in gender issues, member of the Board
3. Arta Mandro, The Head of Continues Training for Judges and Prosecutors, The School for Magistrate, member of the Board
4. Teuta Rino, business woman, member of the Board
5. Virgilj Karaj, General Secretary of Tirana Bar Association, member of the Board
6. Petraq Pojani, Diplomat, member of the Board
7. Eralda Methasani, Pedagogue, member of the Board

Proposals and suggestions of the Board members are reflected in the activity of CLCI. In 2009’s meetings of the Board, it was suggested the publication of a newsletter to make public the activity of CLCI. Members of the Board made suggestions on available call for proposals and donors. In 2010’s meetings, the members of the Board proposed the work of CLCI in districts to be expanded. Another suggestion was the organization of training for lawyers to continue. The members of the Board suggested to look for possibilities of financing from the private business. In 2011’s meeting, it was suggested: to strengthen the cooperation with Bar Association; to undertake initiatives in monitoring of due process of law regarding family cases; to publicize the specific court decisions on domestic violence and family cases; to increase the application for IPA projects; to apply for grants in State Agency for supporting of civil society.

The Executive Director of CLCI is Prof. Dr. Aurela Anastasi. She covers all the responsibilities of the Executive Director regarding the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the project and evaluation of the performance of the staff members. On the other way, with her professionalism she directs lobbing for improvement of legislation and its implementation. Her role is indispensable for lobbing and advocacy which is one of the most important directions of the activity of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives.

The staff of CLCI is working hard to promote the access of the community to the justice system, and particularly of women and girls confronted with violence on gender basis. The major part of the staff is composed of lawyers specialized mainly in such fields as: constitutional law, family law, labors law, as well as in the implementation of law against domestic violence and observance of gender equality.

Apart from the cooperation with other organizations of the network, our Centre collaborates with a group of fellow workers and experienced experts.
Members of *pro bono* teams, students of Law Faculties are supervised by the lawyers of the Centre. Students have offered their contribution in legal counseling, edition of documents for the court or other institutions, in legal education of the community and raising awareness of the community to use all legal means through electronic and written media.

**II. SERVICES AS PERCEIVED BY BENEFICIARIES**

2.1 Interview with CLCI’s client, the violated woman S.C.

“I am felt strongly supported not only through provided information, counseling, preparation of acts, and representation of the case in the court by the staff of CLCI, but also psychologically. In the beginning, I thought there was no solution for my problem, but when I went in the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, the staff of the center supported me and made me to believe that there are legal solutions for my problem. Now, my hope and belief is strengthening going through all the judicial procedures”.

2.2 Interview with the member of pro bono team, Ledia Muraku.

“The experience I have had as a member of *pro bono* team, near the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives was a very good possibility for each student of the Law Faculty. In the practical perception, it is important because it gave me the possibility to inform the victims of gender based violence, to council the victims, to prepare the lawsuits and to attend the judicial case in the court under the supervision of the lawyers of CLCI. This activity strengthened the voluntarism inside me and has made me more sensitive on these cases. It strengthened my ability to work in group, to speak in public and to gain skills and knowledge on advocacy activity”.

**III. FINANCES AND TRANSPARENCY OF CLCI**

Please find below the audit report on the activity of the center for the year 2010 and 2011.
Independent Audit Report

Addressed to: Center for Legal Civic Initiatives

Address: Rr. "Vaso Pasha", Pall. 12, Shk. 1, Ap. L, Tirana, Albania
NPT: K115060001U

In execution of the mission, we have audited the financial tables of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives, Non Profitable Organizations which includes the financial tables on December 31, 2010.

Responsibilities of the management on implementation of the project

Management is responsible on preparation and sincere submission of the financial tables in compliance to Albanian Standards of Financial Reporting.

This responsibility includes compiling, implementation and performance of the proper internal control on preparation and sincere submission of the financial tables that results without material anomalies, either due to fraud or fault reasons, on choice and implementation of the suitable accounting principles and to achieve reasonable accounting evaluations in regard to the financial circumstances.

The responsibilities of the Independent Auditor

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial tables based on our audit. We have performed the audit in compliance to International Standards of the Audit. These standards require by us to implement the ethic requirements as well as planning and performing our audit procedures in order to gain reasonable guarantees if the financial tables are without material anomalies.

The audit includes the performance of procedures in order to obtain auditing evidence about sums and information given on the financial tables. The chosen procedures depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the evaluation of risks for material anomalies on the financial tables, either due to fraud or fault reasons.

Evaluating such risk, the auditor takes into consideration the relevant internal control of the entity on sincere preparation and submission of the financial tables in order to detect the proper procedures of auditing which are suitable for circumstances, but not aiming to express his opinion on the efficiency of the internal control of the entity.

We believe that the evidences we have received are sufficient and suitable to form the basis of our audit opinion.

According to our opinion, the financial tables reveals a true and sincere image of the financial situation of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives on December 31, 2010 about the financial results of activity exercised and closed up to that date and are in compliance to Albanian Standards of the Financial Reporting.

Tirana, on March 24, 2011.

Auditor
HETEM SULAJ
including the evaluation of risks for material anomalies on the financial tables, either due to fraud or fault reasons.

Evaluating such risk, the auditor takes into consideration the relevant internal control of the entity on whose preparation and submission of the financial tables in order to draft the proper procedures of auditing which are suitable for circumstances, but not aiming to express his opinion on the efficiency of the internal control of the entity.

Also audit includes the evaluation of the suitability of the accounting methods used, the logic of account evaluations done by the management, and evaluation of the general presentation of the financial tables.

We believe that the evidences we have received are sufficient and suitable to form the basis of our audit opinion.

According to our opinion, the financial tables reveals a true and sincere image of the financial situation of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives on December 31, 2020 about the financial results of activity exercised and closed up to that date and are in compliance to Albanian Standards of the Financial Reporting.

Auditor / Registered Accounting Expert

HEDEM JULA
ALB-AUDIT sh.p.k

TIRANA, ALBANIA

Tirane, on January 28, 2012.

IV. IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTED PROJECTS ON THE ORGANIZATION

In general accomplished projects during 2009, 2010 and 2011 have strengthened the capacity of the Centre for Legal Civic Initiative in these directions:

a. Strategies and policies / long-term planning are developed within the organization. Organization of different activities under the implemented projects, the preparation of the measuring instruments and the use of different forms of assessment had an impact on the organization's activities, clearly defining areas of intervention in the future.

b. Capacities and motivation of the staff of CLCI. The Capacities of staff of CLCI to use legal rights and international standards as a tool to make reality the rights of victims of gender-based violence are strengthened.

c. Systems / Thanks to the implementation of programs referred to, internal processes that regulate the functioning of the organization are developed, in particular, by reporting, monitoring, evaluation and learning process.

f. Networks / The active role of CLCI within various networks have been strengthened, in particular within the Network against Trafficking and Violence based on gender.

V. ANEX 1- Projects and programs implemented by CLCI

PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED FROM CLCI DURING THE PERIOD 2009-2010-2011;

1. “Strengthening of the marginalized women through providing free legal assistance”

2. “Increasing of access of the victims of trafficking of human beings in the justice system for exercising of the right for compensation through improvement of institutions and strengthening of capacities of professionals of the justice system”
4. “Training for Social Service Employees for Protection Orders”.
5. “Strengthening of capacities of civil society to use instruments envisaged in Constitution of Republic of Albania, regarding protection of rights and fundamental freedoms from abuse of powers”.
6. “Increasing the Access of the marginalized women in the justice system”.
7. “Strengthening of the rights of the victims of crime and increasing the access of the victims of trafficking of human beings and groups in need in Albania in the justice system.”
8. “Increased access to justice for marginalized women”.
9. “Increasing especially the access of women in rural areas in the justice system”.

IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER NPO ORGANIZATIONS.

1. “Prevention and protection from discrimination through strengthening the school community and increasing the role of Non Governmental Organizations”.
2. “Development of a sustainable system on addressing violence against women in Albania.”
4. “Partnership Action against Trafficking in South Eastern Europe”.

1. “Strengthening of the marginalized women through providing free legal assistance”

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<td>April 2009 – March 31, 2010</td>
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1. The aim of the project: This project aimed to strengthen the marginalized women in continuation through increasing of level of information on their legal rights, providing free legal aid for exercising of rights, training of actors, lobbying for legal
changes and opening of new legal practices in favor of exercising of women’s human rights. A monitoring report on implementation of the law no.9669, dated 18.12.2006, “on measures against violence in family relations” was prepared and is available in website of CLCI www.qag-al.org

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<td>• 370 violated women and girls are supported with free legal assistance. 99 clients files for cases of dissolution of marriage, alimony, protection orders, enforcement of court decisions, complaints and other cases are opened;</td>
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<td>• 97 legal acts were redacted; 200 counseling sessions for urgent protection orders/protection orders are offered; 70 cases were represented in the court;</td>
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<td>• The community members, through attending the TV stations are better informed and aware on their legal rights, how to use their rights.</td>
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<td>• The level of information of the community on legal remedies aiming to address gender based violence is increased; five of the clients have come for our services through television. Media is also used to make public the gaps and problems;</td>
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<td>• The cooperation between organizations working in the field of human rights, trafficking of human beings and domestic violence is improved.</td>
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<td>• The level of information of Non Profitable Organizations, working in the field of Women’s Rights on legal frame is increased;</td>
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<td>• Trained lawyers are good guaranties of a professional attitude and sensitiveness.</td>
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<td>• The sensitiveness and the level of knowledge of the lawyers on international standards and national legal remedies aiming to support victims of gender based violence are increased.</td>
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<td>• The capacities of the students are increased and they are more aware and sensitive on addressing gender based violence with legal remedies and offering their contribution voluntarily.</td>
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2. The project: “Increasing of access of the victims of trafficking of human beings in the justice system, for exercising of the right for compensation through improvement of institutions and strengthening of capacities of professionals of the justice system”

This project is implemented with the support of the Embassy of USA in Tirana during the period August 2008-August 2009. Under the frame of this project, there were organized trainings with lawyers in the districts of Tirana, Elbasan, Fier and Korça regarding the right of the victims of trafficking of human beings for compensation and problems in legal framework and its implementation regarding enjoying of this right. There were trained 45 lawyers regarding the rights of the victims of trafficking of human beings, especially the right for compensation.

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The project aimed to increase the access of the victims of trafficking of human beings through increasing the sensitiveness and responsibility of professionals regarding the rights of the victims of trafficking of human beings for compensation and strengthening of cooperation of professionals of the justice system and submitting of proposals for legal changes.
INDICATORS OF OF PERFORMANCE

- three trainings with lawyers in Elbasan, Pogradec and Fier are organized, in cooperation with the National Bar Association;
- 45 lawyers regarding the rights of the victims of trafficking of human beings, especially the rights for compensation of the victims are trained.
- 33 professionals are more aware through active participation in a Round Table.
- Some articles with focus on the rights of the victims of trafficking of human beings are published.

(1.”Lexitons for Albania from a comparative analyze on the rights for compensation of the victims of trafficking of human beings”, written by Prof. Dr. Aurela Anastasi; 2. “Issues of judicial practice in the judgment of the cases of trafficking of human beings. (Data from the monitoring of the court decisions of the Serious Crimes Court for the period 2004-2006) written by Av. Besa Saraci. 3.”Some identified problems regarding exercising of the rights from Roma community and its awareness for their solutions”, written by Av. Aurela Bozo.)


The project: “Monitoring of the National Strategy on gender equality and domestic violence and the law no.9669, dated 18.12.2006, “On measures against violence in family relations” is implemented with the support of SOROS Foundation during the period 15.11.2009-15.03.2010. Through questionnaires and interviews with responsible actors in the enforcement of the National Strategy on gender equality and domestic violence and the law ‘on measures against violence in family relations”, through files of the clients, victims of domestic violence who have benefited free legal aid it was monitored and assessed the implementation of this policy and law. The monitoring report is available in the website of CLCI www.qag-al.org . The findings of report were made public in a Round Table with responsible actors and are used in the activity of CLCI, especially in lobbying and advocacy.
The project aimed to monitor the implementation of the Strategy on Gender Equality and Domestic Violence and the law against domestic violence, to identify the gaps, to make the findings public aiming to use the findings as a tool for lobbying and advocacy.

**INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

- the monitoring of implementation of the Strategy on Gender Equality and Domestic Violence and the administrative civil law was done through monitoring of cases for which free legal assistance is provided, the files of the clients, the judicial cases, the interviews with victims, the interviews with responsible actors;
- Free legal assistance is provided; 365 legal counseling sessions are provided and 45 acts are drafted;
- 5 students have contributed in the monitoring of the National Strategy on Gender Equality and Domestic Violence;
- 20 students have participated in a competition with essays regarding the implementation of the National Strategy on Gender Equality and Domestic Violence;
- 21 representatives of different actors responsible on the implementation of policies and legislation on gender equality and against domestic violence have actively participated in a Round Table;
- the awareness of responsible actors was increased through making the findings and recommendation public, discussions and active participation;
4. Training for Social Service Employees for Protection Orders;

This project is implemented with the support of USAID, through the contract with FORECAST, during the period December 2009-May 2010. Interventions under the frame of this project consisted in the organization of trainings with representatives of the offices of social services near the municipality or communes, aiming to increase the level of knowledge and implementation of the legal responsibilities in the enforcement of the law against domestic violence.

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The project aimed to increase the access of violated members of the family, especially women and girls in the justice system through strengthening the role of offices of social services on the implementation of the law no.9669, dated 18.12.2006, “On measures against violence in family relations”.
INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- 47 representatives of the Offices of Social Services were trained;
- The level of knowledge of the representatives of Social Services Offices on the law “On measures against violence in family relations” is increased;
- The skills of the representatives of Social Services Offices and social centers to draft a request for urgent protection orders/protection orders, to enforce the court decisions of issuing urgent protection orders/protection orders, to refer the cases in other available services are strengthened;
- The cooperation between these offices and CLCI is strengthened in favor of the victims of gender based violence. 19 cases are referred by the different municipality units to CLCI to benefit from the free legal assistance.
- The head of the municipality units and the head of the social services offices in the municipality of Tirana and Fushe Kruje are more sensitive and responsible on fulfilling the legal responsibilities.
- Media is used as a tool;
- Four articles prepared by the students of Law Faculties, are published in the written media.
- The visibility of our organization is strengthened through being present in media;
- The students of Law Faculties, involved in the trainings strengthened their practical skills;

5. Under the frame of implementation of the project “Strengthening of capacities of civil society to use instruments envisaged in Constitution of Republic of Albania, regarding protection of rights and fundamental freedoms from abuse of powers”, with support of USA Embassy in Tirana, implemented during the period September 01, 2010-August 31, 2010.

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This project aimed to strengthen the capacities of non-profitable organizations regarding putting in motion the Constitutional Court, Ombudsman and The European Court of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. With this aim, four trainings were organized in Tirane, Shkoder dhe Vlore.

**The indicators of accomplishment**

- A manual is prepared by the group of experts;
- 215 representatives of Nonprofitable organizations, academic institutions, other actors benefited directly through participation in the Conference and trainings organized in Tirana, Vlora and Shkodra;
- Abilities of NGOs to address their interests in the Constitutional Court are strengthened; NGOs knowledge on how to use this instrument are increased.
- Abilities of NGOs to address their interests in the institution of Ombudsman are strengthened; NGOs knowledge on how to use this instrument are increased.
- Abilities of NGOs to make interventions as third party in the European Court of Human Rights are strengthened. NGOs knowledge on how to use this instrument are increased.
- Capacities on how to submit cases to the Ombudsman in Albania and in its regional offices are increased;
- Capacities on Identification of potential cases, aiming to be submitted to European Court of Human Rights, for intervention as third party in this court are increased;
- Cooperation between NPOs is strengthened;
- The scientific cooperation between CLCI and the Albanian Scientific Academy is strengthened;
- The scientific capacities of NGOs staff are increased;
- The cooperation with the Albanian Scientific Academy with CLCI is strengthened;
- The awareness of professionals on the addressed issues is increased;
• Cases in need of using these instruments are identified and supported;
• The representatives of Ombudsman Institution and Constitutional court are more responsible on their legal responsibilities and their role.
• It served for a very intense and fruitful cooperation with Ombudsman;

6. “Increasing the Access of the marginalized women in the justice system”

Under the frame of the project “Increasing the Access of the marginalized women in the justice system”, with the support of Civil Rights Defenders, during the period April 2010-February 2011, the marginalized women were strengthened through providing free legal aid, a better implementation of the law “on measures against violence in family relations”, a monitoring done through monitoring the practices of the clients of the center and the court decisions on issuing urgent protection orders and protection orders, organization of trainings for lawyers and a Round Table aiming to make present the results of the monitoring report to responsible actors. Media has been a strong partner during all the period of implementation of the project.

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The project aimed to increase the access of the marginalized women in the justice system.

### INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- 450 violated women and girls have been supported with free legal assistance and psycho social support; the victims are felt stronger and not alone; Gender violated women and girl’s trust to the justice system and to all the actors in the referral mechanism and services are increased; The self-belief of this target group is increased;
- A report with the main findings regarding the implementation of dv law is produced.
- The cooperation among organizations working in this field of human rights and other responsible authorities (police, prosecutors, health centers, local power, representatives of Bailiff Service) according to dv law is strengthened and will result in an effective reaction in support of the victims;
- the number of referred violated women and girls from one responsible authority to the other is increased;
- The acts/requests for urgent protection orders/protection orders are drafted in a more professional way because the police cooperate not only with the court but also with Non Profitable organizations providing free legal aid and psychosocial support.
- The cooperation of the Non Profitable Organizations with police officers, the social services near the municipality and communes, the representatives of Bailiff Services, the rehabilitation centers is strengthened;
- The pressure aiming to increase effectiveness of remedies, from CLCI is strengthened;
- the professionals are more informed on the gaps in the implementation of the law; the professionals are more informed on new social tendencies of gender based violence; the professionals are supporting cases in a more professional way; the professionals are acting in a more coordinated way;
- The skills of the students of Law Faculty, members of pro bono teams are strengthened;
- The community awareness on prevention and protection from domestic violence is increased through attended issues in the media;
- Cooperation of the media and all stakeholders is strengthened.
7. Strengthening the rights of victims of crime and increasing access to justice of victims of human trafficking and vulnerable groups in Albania.

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<td>June 10, 2010 - June 09, 2011</td>
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The project aimed to increase the access of the victims of trafficking in human beings or persons at risk of being trafficked in the justice system.

**INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:**

- 100 practitioners of justice system, Prosecutors, Lawyers, Police Officers, Representatives from local NGO-s, Pedagogues in the Law Faculty, Representatives of Bailiff Service participated in five trainings organized by CLCI;
- The capacities of the professionals of the justice system were increased through increasing the level of information on international standards and international practices;
- three reports related to anti-trafficking issues were presented;
- 30 victims of trafficking were assisted with free legal counseling by CLCI lawyers.
- 20 trafficked victims accommodated in the "D&E " shelter had been legally assisted by the CLCI lawyers;
- Working group on drafting the guidelines for victims’ rights established;
- The draft guideline for victims rights was prepared;

8. “Increased access to justice for marginalized women"

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The project aimed to increase the access of the marginalized women in the justice system.

**INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

- 476 violated women and girls are supported free of charge; the victims are feeling stronger and not alone; Gender violated women and girl’s trust to the justice system and to all the actors in the referral mechanism and services is increased; The self-belief of this target group is increased;
- An individual complaint on gender discrimination in labor relation and sexual harassment, for the case N.C addressed to
the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination is prepared and attended.

- A suit addressed in Tirana Judicial Court on gender discrimination in labor relation and sexual harassment, for the case N.C is prepared and attended.
- Information is submitted to the Commissioner for Protection from Discrimination aiming to exercise the legal competence to make recommendations to the relevant authorities to abolish the article 113 of the Albanian Criminal Code because it violates the principle of gender equality through the indirect discrimination for women and girls because of the gender.
- 13 police officers from Tirana Police Department and police stations are trained on the issue of the public lawsuit in the cases of domestic violence.
- The knowledge of the trained police officers on the role of public lawsuit on prevention and protection from domestic violence is increased;
- The belief of the violated members of the family will be increased to this organ;
- 15 representatives of the responsible actors in the enforcement of the law “on measures against violence in family relations are trained”;
- Representatives of the Bailiff Service, local power and police stations are more responsible on their role in the enforcement of protections orders;
- Victims are protected in a better way through a better enforcement of court decisions on issuing protection orders;
- 24 lawyers and lawyers assistant are trained;
- The level of information of the lawyers on the law no.9669, dated 18.12.2006, “On measures against violence in family relations” is increased.
- 30 students of Law Faculty, Tirana University are trained on gender equality and non discrimination legislation;
- The skills and abilities of members of *pro bono* are increased;
- The community awareness on prevention and protection from domestic violence is increased;
- Cooperation of the media and all stakeholders is strengthened;

*One of the success stories is the case of K.GJ.*

-K.GJ is violated by her husband. She and her son are feeling unsafe, because of the physical violence and psychological violence exercised to K and psychological violence exercised to the son. Tirana Judicial District court issued urgent protection order with the
court decision no.11838, dated 06.07.2011. The attorneys of CLCI have supported the case K with legal aid in the verification of urgent protection order. Information, counseling, preparation of acts and representation is provided for the victim of domestic violence. In the request on verification of urgent protection order, the court is asked to verify the urgent protection order, to issue the protection order and to take the measure of accommodating the victim and her son in a shelter.

With the court decision no.6651, dated 20 June 2011, Tirana Judicial District Court decided to issue protection order ordering the perpetrator not to commit act of domestic violence, to put K.GJ and her son A.GJ in the shelter for violated women and girls, to limit the right of perpetrator to meet his son, to stay far away by the victim and her son beyond 300 m. This protection order is issued for a 9 months period.

For this case, the Executive Director of the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives has submitted a request to Tirana Police Department, Office of Protection of Minors and Domestic violence that a police officer to accompany the victim in the judicial session, because she is in risk of being violated by her husband. Police officers from Tirana Police Department accompanied the victim in the court, ensuring her safety.

Another point is that, the case of K is referred by the lawyers of CLCI in the National Shelter for the victims of domestic violence in Albania opened recently. The victim and her son benefited from the services offered in the shelter. The victim K is also referred to the association “Useful to women” to benefit from the employment opportunities and she is supported in continuity;

9. Increasing especially the access of women in rural areas in the justice system.

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<td>One year period</td>
<td>Global Fund for Women</td>
<td>15.000 USD</td>
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INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- 5 trainings with women in rural areas were organized during the period of implementation of this project;
- Women in rural areas are supported with free legal assistance;
- The belief of women and girls in the justice system is increased;


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The aim of the project: is to conduct a study of the costs of DV in Albania for professionals responsible in the enforcement of the law no.9669, dated 18.12.2006, “on measures against violence in family relations” and the victims of domestic violence. This study is planned to be used as a tool for lobby aiming to have a better reaction and to make the necessary improvements in the legal and budget frame.

INDICATORS OF PERFORMANCE

- A study on cost of dv law in Albania is prepared by the group of experts;
- The dv study and the findings are using as advocacy tool, first within institutions like state police, district courts and district
prosecution, so to secure sufficient funds, personnel and infrastructure to respond to the DV phenomenon; and second, to lobby with central government i.e. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior, in order to provide additional budget lines for institutions and the referral mechanism of DV.

- Increased role of all actors for a more effective budget and policies/laws, implemented for victims of domestic violence.
- Police officers, judges, prosecutors more knowledgeable on the legal responsibilities of the law “On measures against violence in family relations”;
- Interventions are prepared in the legal and budget frame on addressing dv cases.

VI. ANNEX 2- PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTED BY CLCI IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER NPO ORGANIZATIONS.

1. “Prevention and protection from discrimination through strengthening the school community and increasing the role of Non Governmental Organizations”.
2. “Development of a sustainable system on addressing violence against women in Albania.”
4. “Partnership Action Against Trafficking in South Eastern Europe”.

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<td>December 2010- November 2011</td>
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<td>44971 euro</td>
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school community and increasing the role of Non Governmental Organizations”.

**INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

- 230 teachers are trained;
- the level of knowledge and awareness about the legal and other remedies on protection from discrimination is increased;
- 45 cases are supported by CLCI;
- four lawsuits are prepared by CLCI;
- 156 pupils/students and parents participated in total in forums in school;
- the level of knowledge and awareness of participants in forums, on the legal remedies and issues on non discrimination is increased;
- the level of awareness of the target groups and community is increased through cards, essays, drawings and essays competitions and discussions;
2. “Development of a sustainable system on addressing Violence against Women in Albania.”

Under the frame of the project “Development of a sustainable system on addressing Violence against Women in Albania”, with the support of United Nations Development Fund for Women, implemented during the period 2010-2013. Center for Legal Civic Initiatives is responsible on addressing violence against women in the municipality of Manzë and preparation of a coordinated reaction of all actors, organization of workshops and trainings, improvement of the legal framework and its implementation, etc.

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INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Organization of coordination meetings to strengthen CADV and TWG in the in Municipality of Manzë is facilitated;

- CADV and TWG in the new municipalities is established; 20 participants, 7 men and 13 women formalized the "Coordinated Response against Domestic Violence", in Vlorë.

- A coordinated response to the referral of cases of domestic violence is formalized Manze municipality. 12 participants, 5 of whom were males and 7 females formalized it.

- Knowledge of police officers on the law no. 10329, dated on 30.09.2010 "On some amendments to Law no. 9669 dated on 18.12.2006” “On measures against domestic violence” and the coordination mechanism are increased;

- 17 representatives of the health and education group were trained and their knowledge was increased on “The mechanism of work coordination on referral and treatment of cases of domestic violence”.

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A legal analysis to identify gaps in legal and regulatory framework for subcontracting services for domestic violence by central and local government is committed; 
Expertise is provided on a proposal on unification of contracting the NGOs to perform specialized services, as well as developing a model agreement that can be signed between public institutions and NGOs.


Under the frame of implementation of the project “Making reality: Implementation of the law against domestic violence in Albania”, with the support of United Nations Trust Fund, implemented during the period 2009-2010.

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**INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

- There are established councils against domestic violence;
- There are established technical groups in Vlora;
- It is monitored the effectiveness of the work of responsible actors among which the District Court of Vlora, Prosecutor’s Office in Vlora, The Bailiff Service in Vlora, the Police Department in Vlora.
- A report on “On establishment and effectiveness of functioning of intersectorial sector of referring of domestic violence cases in local level” is prepared and published;
- Monitoring mechanisms are established in local level;
- The referring effective services are provided in local level;
4. “Partnership Action Against Trafficking in South Eastern Europe”.

Under the frame of the project “Partnership Action Against Trafficking in South Eastern Europe” (IPA), with support of European Union for the period January 2010–June 2011. Under the frame of this project it is offered free legal aid for the victims of trafficking of human beings, legal information and representation of cases in the Serious Crime Court, the National Referral Mechanism is monitored, a tool assessment is prepared and published, a leaflet is prepared and published, other indispensable services as medical treatment, therapeutically treatment, psychological support is offered for the victims of trafficking of human beings.

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INDICATORS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

- Legal assistance is provided for the victims of trafficking of human beings and/or persons in risk of being trafficked;
- Medical support is provided for the victims of trafficking of human beings and/or persons in risk of being trafficked;
- The therapeutically support is provided for the victims of trafficking of human beings and/or persons in risk of being trafficked;
- The psychological assistance is provided for the victims of trafficking of human beings and/or persons in risk of being trafficked;
- A leaflet on the rights of the victims of trafficking of human beings is prepared and distributed;
- The National Referral Mechanism is monitored;
- The duties and obligations of relevant bodies in national and international levels are monitored through concrete cases of the victims of trafficking of human beings;
- A tool assessment is prepared based in the international standards;
- A tool assessment is published and distributed to relevant actors;
VII. PHOTO-GALLERY

Photo from the National Scientific Conference with theme: “The active role of non-profitable organizations in protection of the human rights and freedoms, through constitutional and legal instruments”, organized by Center for Legal Civic Initiatives in cooperation with the Albanian Sciences Academy, in June 24, 2011.

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Photo from launch event “Access to justice and compensation for damages to trafficked and exploited persons”, organized in Tirana, on March 3, 2011, under the frame of the project: “Increasing of access of the victims of trafficking of human beings in the justice system for exercising of the right for compensation through improvement of institutions and strengthening of capacities of professionals of the justice system”, supported by OSCE/ODIHR.

Photo from training with professionals, organized in December 15-16 2010, in Shkodra, under the frame of the project: “Increasing of access of the victims of trafficking of human beings in the justice system for exercising of the right for compensation through improvement of institutions and strengthening of capacities of professionals of the justice system”, supported by OSCE/ODIHR.
Photo from a meeting with actors responsible in addressing domestic violence in Vlora municipality, organized on February 2011, under the frame of the project “Development of a sustainable system on addressing violence against women in Albania.”

Photo with drawings of pupils of nine class schools under the frame of competition organized during implementation of the project “Prevention and protection from discrimination through strengthening the school community and increasing the role of Non Governmental Organizations” supported from the Netherlands Embassy in Tirana.
Photo from the training with actors responsible in the enforcement of the law no.9669, dated 18.12.2006, “On measures against violence in family relations”, organized under the frame of the project "Increased access to justice for marginalized women", with the support of Civil Rights Defenders, in Tirana on December 28, 2011.

Photo from the work of members of probono teams, students of Law Faculty in Tirana University, under the project “Strengthening of the marginalized women through providing free legal assistance”, supported from Civil Rights Defenders. The work is supervised by the lawyer of CLCI Iris Aliaj.
Photo from workshops in rural areas aiming to increase the level of knowledge of women and girls on legal rights.