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Special edition
"Tolerance is the
way to peace!"





Dear colleagues, partners, friends!

It is our pleasure to present the next issue of our Newsletter.

We decided to title the issue

"Tolerance is the way to peace!"

Several articles are dedicated to the project "Promoting the prevention of violent extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups to radicalization".

The topic of the project has become much more relevant than ever before. The world, countries, communities lack tolerance, reconcilability, and mutual understanding.

In this issue you can also read more about our other projects and initiatives.

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As always, we look forward to receiving any feedback!

The Contest Marathon "Tolerance is the way to peace!"

"It is thus tolerance that is the source of peace, and intolerance that is the source of disorder and squabbling". Pierre Bayle

In 2020, the DVV International Uzbekistan organized the Contest Marathon "Adult Education Against COVID-19". Representatives of public sector, civil society organizations, youth, ALE professionals, motivated and creative citizens participated in it. The posters, videos, slogans were evaluated and the innovative project was supported. All winners received prizes, and at the end of the marathon, calendars with the photos of participants and their creative products were published.



We do not to stop and continue the "race" this year as well, expanding the range of contests and increasing the number of prizes.

The motto of this year's Contest Marathon is "Tolerance is the way to peace!" and Marathon will be conducted within the framework of the project "Promoting the prevention of violent extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups to radicalization".



CONTEST MARATHON

TOLERANCE - THE WAY TO PEACE!

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The marathon starts
on Earth Day **30th MARCH 2021**

The marathon finishes
on the International Day of Tolerance **16th NOVEMBER**

The contest marathon is implemented within the project:

"Promoting the prevention of radicalization and extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups to radicalization."

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The Marathon commenced with the presentation of its concept on March 20, the International Earth Day. On this day, traditionally, in many countries where the Peace Bell is installed, it rings for one minute. In Tashkent, the bell was installed in 2003 and it symbolize peaceful life, friendship and solidarity of all peoples. The Marathon will end on November 16, 2021, on the International Day of Tolerance.

Any citizen or organization of the Republic of Uzbekistan can take part in the Contest Marathon both at any particular stages and throughout the entire Marathon.


There will be seven stages (1 month each) in the following contest formats: logos, photographs, posters with a slogan, publications by journalists and bloggers, poetry and prose, social advertising, songs. The final event of the Marathon will be the Festival "We are all people of one planet, the Earth!" The winners of each stage of the Marathon will receive the following prizes - tablets, cell phones, freezer bags and others. Each stage has its own thematic focus: "Tolerance is the way to peace!" (logo contest), "We are all different and this is our strength!" (photo contest), "We are for tolerance!" (competition of posters with a slogan), "The role of media and bloggers in promoting tolerance in the society" (competition for journalists and bloggers), "Let's bring a light!" (poetry and prose), "Different cultures - common human values!" (social advertising competition), "Good deed - a good song!" (vocal competition).

You can read about the announcement of the Contest Marathon and its requirements on our Facebook page: <https://clck.ru/U6TYu> More detailed information on every stage will be published on the same page.




Project commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office

*"Promoting the prevention of violent extremism in Uzbekistan
in cooperation with the state and civil society
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"Preventing Violent Extremism in Central Asia (PREVECA)"

Project component of the DVV International

**"Promoting the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation
with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing
the resilience of vulnerable groups to radicalization"**

The **Preventing Violent Extremism in Central Asia (PREVECA)** project is being implemented in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH with financial support from the German Federal Foreign Office

Overall project goal: Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan can more effectively contain and prevent violent extremism.

One of the components of the project, **"Promoting the prevention of violent extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups to radicalization"** is implemented only in the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan by DVV International Uzbekistan in partnership with the International Social and Educational Center "BARKAROR HAYOT", the Republican Social Information Center "ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD", the Republican Information Educational Center "INTILISH", the branch of the Republican Social and Information Center "ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD" in the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the Center for Retraining Journalists of Uzbekistan, the Information and Consulting Resource Center "YUKSALISH" of Kashkadaryo region.

The objective of the component is promoting increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups of the population to radicalization by strengthening the capacity of six partner NGOs in Tashkent, Karshi, Nukus and Termez, cooperation and networking with the state and civil society through education and dialogue.


Target groups:

- Young people in difficult situations and unemployed.
- Unemployed and socially unprotected women.
- Labor migrants (going to leave and returning).
- Convicts, former convicts and their family members.
- Journalists covering the prevention of violent extremism.
- Other groups of the population, mainly socially vulnerable.


Project activities:

- Strengthening the material base of partner organizations.
- Supporting the processes of integration into society of socially vulnerable groups of the population, through the acquisition of new market-demanded specialties and social competencies.
- Professional development of specialists in project locations (project staff, volunteers, social workers, lawyers, psychologists, etc.).
- Trainings, seminars, round tables, educational programs.
- Publication of manuals and guides.
- Competition for mini-grants to start your own business.
- Psychological and legal advice.
- Increasing media literacy of the population.
- Webinars for journalists and bloggers.


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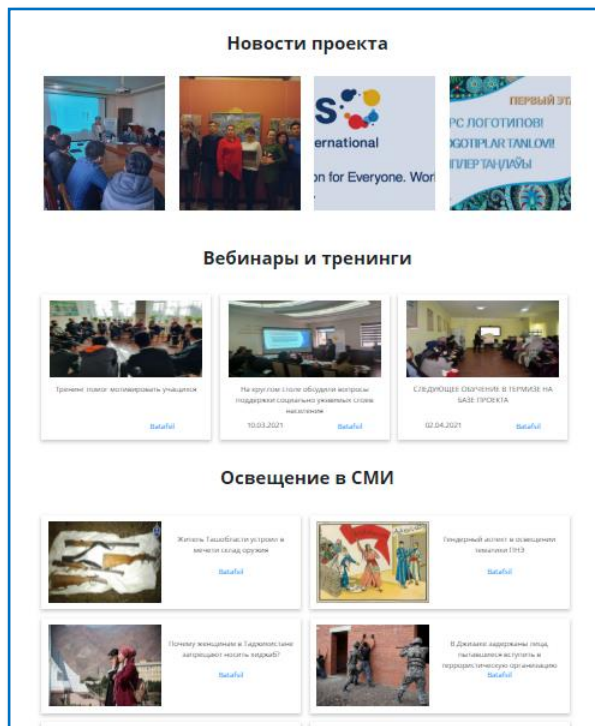
The first activities of the project included the development of design and production of products that would contribute to the recognition of the project, its visibility due to the special visual representation in documents, banners, stickers on equipment, caps, volunteer T-shirts and other identifying symbols accompanying any project.

The project banner reflects the name and logos of all organizations supporting the project with funding, as well as local partners implementing it.



Some of the visual products have been unified and must be used in all six locations of the project. Another part was developed locally to highlight the uniqueness of each participating organization. The result is a very expressive set of visual products, about which you can figuratively say: "We are all different, but we have so much in common in values, mottos and commitment to a tolerant world!" This was especially evident in the design of T-shirts, caps and bags, in the creation of creative covers for handouts, information leaflets, business cards for project specialists, etc.





Project web page on site of partner organization - Retraining Center for Journalists <https://jqtm.uz/uz/dvv>



Кашиқалар вилоти "Yuksalish" ахборот-маслаҳат ресурс маркази томонидан амалга ошириладиган **"Ўзбекистонда динлар ва фуқаролик жамияти билан ҳамкорликда таълим, унро муҳофизат ва заиф гуруҳларнинг раҳбарлигини қилиш барқарорлигини ошириш орқали ўрмон экстремизми олдидан олдиниш қўғиқлиши"** лойиҳаси доирасида аҳолининг ижтимоий хаймага муҳтож гуруҳларига маслаҳат ва ёрдам кўрсатилади. Барча марказ мутахассисларидан битафсил маслаҳат олиш учун қўғиқлиги телефон рақамларига қўғиқроқ қўғиқлигини мумкин:

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- Тикувчилик (хитга пардалар тикити)
- Пазандалик (ишчил ва европа таомларини тайёрлаш)
- Компьютер саводхонлиги (офис-менеджерлар тайёрлаш)
- Табриқорлик асослари (ўз бизнесини бошлаш)

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More information about other promotional materials of the project can be found in the video, at: <https://clck.ru/UGCTq>



Project personnel training

Staff training is one of the most important components of the project "Promoting the prevention of extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups of the population to radicalization" and includes the development of professional knowledge, skills and abilities of employees, taking into account the goals that are determined by the project strategy.

January 2021

The project staff completed a 6-day professional development course on "Promoting the Prevention of Radicalization and Violent Extremism", which was developed and delivered by experienced trainers Y. Denisenko and A. Tilekeev from Kyrgyzstan.



Specialist in the field of suppression of criminal activities, including those related to extremism and terrorism, analyst .



Religious scholar, journalist, forensic expert, consultant on the influence and counteraction of socio-psychological manipulation in destructive groups.

Classes were conducted online on special platforms ZOOM, PADLET and JAMBOARD.GOOGLE.COM using the latest concepts and approaches developed specifically for DVV International Uzbekistan based on original author's methods and materials.

The trainees gained an understanding of the basic terms and concepts related to violent extremism and countermeasures, familiarized themselves with the principles and guiding questions that can be used to analyze and better understand the driving forces of violent extremism in a specific context, including in identifying push and attractive factors.

The list of literature recommended by the trainers can be found here: <https://clck.ru/UE3UF>

January - February 2021

Employees of the NGO "Center for Retraining of Journalists of Uzbekistan" (CPJ) conducted training in Uzbek and Russian to build the capacity of NGOs in the use of media tools. Participants received theoretical and practical skills in using multimedia infographic tools, canva infogr.am, Crello and Venngage platforms, developed PR plans for covering planned events and created media materials using the acquired practical skills.

November 2020 - January 2021

Employees of the NGO "Center for Retraining Journalists of Uzbekistan" held online webinars in Uzbek and Russian for journalists involved in the project, as well as PR specialists of partner NGOs on the following topics: "Digital hygiene: the role of critical thinking in conscious perception of media", "Mass media as a champion of peace and tolerance", "Countering hate speech and hate speech in the media and social networks".



March - April 2021

ToT (training for trainers) was conducted on the topic "Global Citizenship". The participants got acquainted with the key concepts of global citizenship, sustainable development of the world and the specifics of conflict sensitivity, got acquainted with an interactive game "Divini", aimed at a multilateral joint search for effective preventive measures to counter extremism and radicalization.

TRAINING PROGRAM:

1.Global Citizenship	2.Challenges of the 21st century. Sustainable Development Goals.	3.Globalization and interdependence. Social justice and inequality.	4.Skills and personal qualities required in the 21st century.
5.Self-identification and diversity.	6.Peace and conflict.	7.Conflict sensitivity.	8.Simulation game.

April - May 2021

It is planned to conduct 3 more trainings on the following topics: "Advanced training of specialists in the places of implementation of projects for social workers, lawyers and psychologists of partner NGOs"; "Organization of distance learning" for trainers of professional courses and PVE, courses on entrepreneurship, as well as other specialists involved in the project; Training for volunteers of the project "Manipulating youth consciousness. The use of modern technologies that push young people to make erroneous (from the point of view of their life and health) decisions".

Educational products for the project

Within the framework of the project, a package of training materials was developed for trainers, volunteers and employees of partner organizations. Penal Reform International (PRI) in Central Asia has received official permission to translate three manuals into Uzbek and Karakalpak languages: "Rehabilitation in case of social dependence on the example of extremist and terrorist groups: psychological training of a consultant"; "Rehabilitation of social addiction on the example of extremist and terrorist groups: restoring family ties"; Women involved violent extremism.

All manuals in Russian, Uzbek and Karakalpak languages are available at the following link:
<https://clck.ru/UE6Bd>

Two methodological guidelines for trainers and volunteers "Reducing Conflict in Communities" and "Global Citizenship" are translated into Uzbek and Karakalpak languages, compiled within the framework of the "Development of Peaceful Villages" project, which is implemented by the offices of DVV International in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan in cooperation with the Education Association Adults of Tajikistan and NGO "Youth of Osh". Both guides are designed taking into account the challenges faced by modern people, developing competencies aimed at the ability to identify and comprehend interrelationships, understand / accept diversity and form their own clear idea of the world. The modules are aimed at developing critical thinking, increasing self-esteem, expanding the worldview and enlightenment.





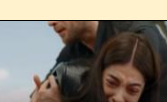



For lawyers, psychologists and social workers, a "Handbook" has been developed with a set of informational and methodological material, which has also been translated into Uzbek and Karakalpak languages.

Experts Yulia Denisenko and Azamat Tilekeyev developed in Russian a manual for the basic training course "Global Citizenship for Peace, Building Resilience and Preventing Violent Extremism" <https://clck.ru/UGTih> and a slide presentation accompanying this manual <https://clck.ru/UGTqi>. The aim of the guide is to cultivate responsible global citizenship, critical thinking, empathy and the ability to act against violent extremism. The manual meets the latest trends in online work, the principles of teaching global citizenship. Training modules can be adapted for full-time education and supplemented depending on the needs of the audience, will be translated into Uzbek and Karakalpak languages. All additional materials for this course, including audio and video files, can be found here: <https://clck.ru/UE3jW>. The course is methodically focused on transferring training activities from offline to online mode and provides effective tools for this, including virtual educational games, group work and even online physical workouts.

The general package of educational materials contains video tutorials that are developed by teachers with distance learning experience and are intended for teachers, trainers, mentors, leading professional courses and educational programs for vulnerable groups of the population, motivated for self-study in the following areas: sewing, computer literacy, hairdressing excellence, hospitality, confectionery, business fundamentals, human rights and gender, personal development and gender, public speaking skills. All resources will be available online and links to them will be posted in the next edition of the Newsletter.

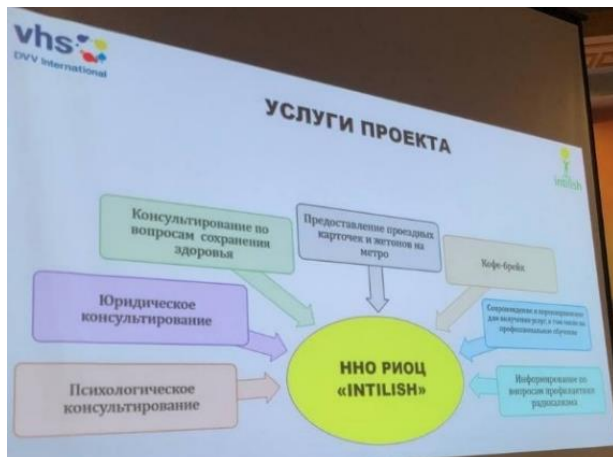
Synergy: educational resources of other projects

The project "Promoting the prevention of extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups of the population to radicalization" uses resources from other projects, in particular video tutorials developed within the framework of the 2020 project year "Learning to live in a new reality". We provide links to these video tutorials, as they can be used in different projects and in self-education.

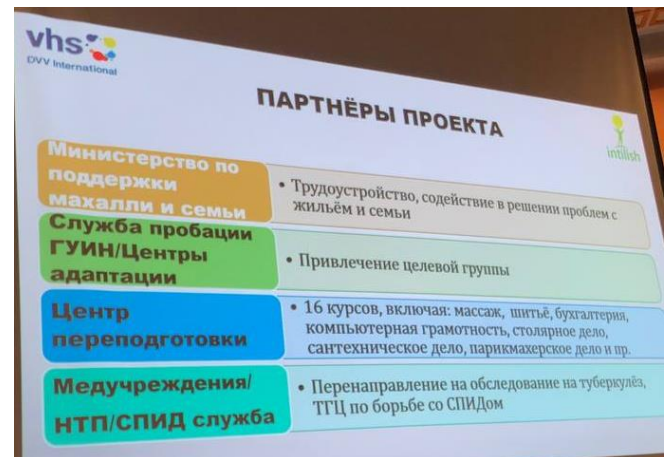
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		in Russian	in Uzbek
1.	 Gulshan Kattakhodjaeva	Уходя от паники, приходим к спокойствию (Leaving panic, we come to calmness) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVFanfER590	Qo'rqusiz yashaymiz https://youtu.be/ocRTE15CH-4
2.	 Shirin Abidova	Живем без страхов (Living without fear) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yA9AFnw86Gw	Vahimasiz hayot https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80wn9mWuJhk
3.	 Nargiza Tursunhodzhaeva	К семье с любовью (To family with love) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5b8fcy7V1ls	Oilaga muxabbat ila https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSf8hD-sWnc
4.	 Nargiza Tursunhodzhaeva	Учимся быть мудрыми родителями (Learning to be wise parents) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tS2zulyXaA0	Dono ota-ona bolishga o'rganamiz https://youtu.be/2N0vltl5MxA
5.	 Nargiza Tursunhodzhaeva	Проживаем горе (Going through the grief) https://www.facebook.com/126978807384437/videos/3959525930726774	Hayr qayg'u, salom hayot! https://youtu.be/NO9buMh9fo
6.	 Nargiza Tursunhodzhaeva	Гнев под контролем (Anger under control) https://www.facebook.com/126978807384437/videos/266031234865899	G'azabni jilovlaymiz https://youtu.be/d4lj1ID6jXU
7.	 Nargiza Tursunhodzhaeva	От депрессии к радости (From depression to happiness) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vv8wVSIHMwI	Tushkunlikdan quvonch sari https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvGwwuA_ckQ&t=1s
8.	 Gulshan Kattakhodjaeva	Режиссер своей жизни (Director of own life) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1h8x9_ZNDU	O'z hayotingiz muallifi bo'ling https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaQ-oCQu8GE

Monitoring visits to partner organizations

In March, employees of the DVV International in Uzbekistan paid monitoring visits to three partner organizations - the NGO "ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD" in Tashkent and its branch in the Republic of Karakalpakstan (Nukus), as well as the NGO "INTILISH" (Tashkent) and visited some events that were held in within the project "Promoting the prevention of violent extremism in Uzbekistan in cooperation with the state and civil society through education, dialogue and increasing the resilience of vulnerable groups to radicalization".



Presentation of project activities, project services (NGO "INTILISH", Tashkent and Tashkent region).



Presentation of project activities, project partners, (NGO "INTILISH", Tashkent and Tashkent region).

The main purpose of the monitoring visits is to monitor the effectiveness of the implemented project events, identify existing problems, discuss the possibility of their solution and develop recommendations. In the course of the monitoring, questionnaires and interviews with project employees and representatives of target groups were carried out; the reporting documents, information materials and products developed within the project were studied.



Training for stakeholders in Tashkent makhalla "Afrosiab" (work in groups), NGO "ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD" (Tashkent and Tashkent region).



Training for stakeholders in Tashkent makhalla "Afrosiab" (presentation for stakeholders), NGO "ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD" (Tashkent and Tashkent region).

Events visited during the monitoring process:

- two trainings - for stakeholders "Increasing resilience and promoting social cohesion, information and tolerance" in the mahallas "Afrosiab" and "Biodarlik" of the Mirabad region in Tashkent ("ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD" Tashkent);
- two trainings in Nukus - for stakeholders "Preserving Tolerance in Art", which was held at the Museum. Savitsky; for youth "Religious tolerance"; a seminar for representatives of vulnerable groups of the population in mahalla No. 3 "Aydin Zhol"; celebration of Maslenitsa in the training center "Progress" ("ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD" NUKUS).
- consultations of specialists for vulnerable groups and training - for stakeholders "Increasing resilience and promoting social cohesion, information and tolerance" (NGO "INTILISH", Tashkent).



Celebration of Maslenitsa at the training center "Progress", held by Public-information Center NGO "ISTIQBOLLI AVLOD" (Nukus, Karakalpakstan).

Employees of partner organizations showed high motivation to self-study, they see the prospects for the development of the project. Monitoring results and recommendations were presented and discussed at the meeting of the project implementation group.



ACTIVITIES ON OTHER PROJECTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Implementation of the Curriculum institutionALE



DVV International pays a special attention to organizational development of its partners. Therefore, DVV International developed the Curriculum institutionALE (CI), an orientation framework for strengthening Institutions of Adult Learning and Education (IALEs).

Curriculum institutionALE explains the main directions for strengthening IALEs, offers pivotal elements on defining goals and criteria for advancing organisational capacity, collecting reliable data, designing and implementing organisational development processes and further assessment of the progress.

The program was developed in English, translated into Russian, and its Uzbek version is underway.

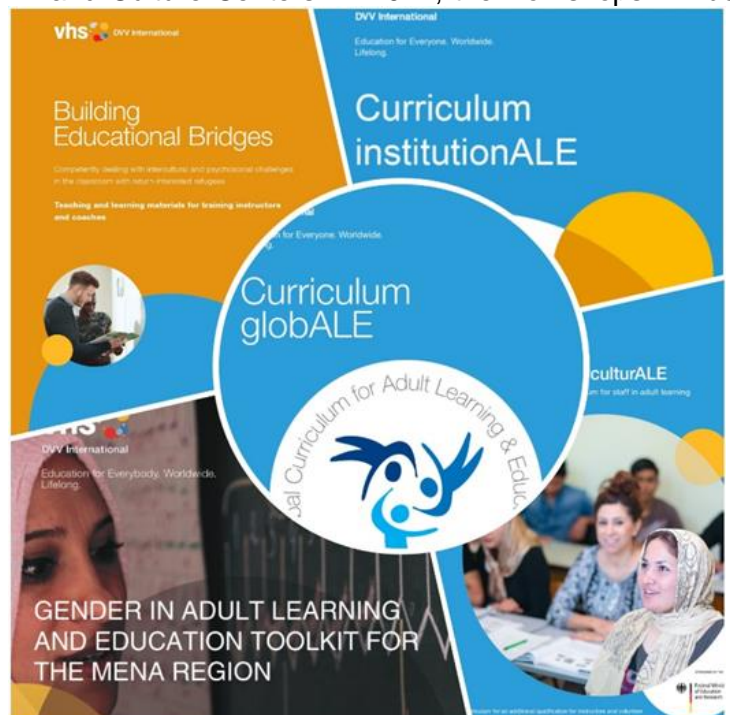
The DVV International Uzbekistan has been selected a pilot country in Central Asia to implement this programme jointly with its partners, particularly, selected members of the Local Development Centers' informal network within the NGO "SABR" and Culture Centers. In 2021, the workshops will be

held in each selected organization to assess capacity, identify needs and develop a roadmap for strengthening organizational capacity.

It is expected that the roadmap implementation will positively affect the activities and contribute to organizational development in the field of management, strengthening human resources, needs assessment, marketing education services, mobilizing of financial resources, etc.

Curriculum institutionALE is one of the several instruments, developed by DVV International in adult learning and education.

For more information, please visit the website: <https://www.dvv-international.de/ale-toolbox>



Cultural centers successfully implement educational programmes for vulnerable groups of population



Cultural centers successfully implement educational programmes for vulnerable groups of population

The project 'Strengthening potential of cultural centers' focuses on increasing effectiveness of non-formal education system and adult education which is implemented since 2016 jointly with the Cultural centers of Namangan region, Karshi district and Quvasay city.

Significantly has been increased the material and technical basis of the partners, numerous trainings and seminars have been delivered among them 'Specifics of Organizing and Delivering Adult Learning and Education', 'Managing Cultural Centers', 'Creative Entrepreneurship', 'Organizing and Delivering Distance Learning Courses' and others.

During the pandemic cultural centers could successfully adapt to new reality and shift their activity into a distance learning format, which enabled to deliver all education courses by using messenger 'Telegram'.

This year DVV Intranational Uzbekistan has invited a couple of instructors of vocational courses from the partner cultural centers to participate in our project 'Preventing Violent Extremism in Central Asia in partnership with the state and civil society sector through education, dialogue and increasing resilience to radicalization of vulnerable groups of population'. By using acquired knowledge and experience they developed education video reels in Uzbek language: IT literacy, Hairstylist, Pastry, Sewing and others. The developed materials will be used not only within the frames of the project but also will be distributed to other partners of DVV International working in other regions.



Currently, the partner cultural centers without an external support and in partnership with mahallas and local administration, continue to successfully deliver vocational courses for vulnerable groups of population.

In may 2021, DVV International Uzbekistan indents to conduct a seminar with participation of the partner cultural centers in Tashkent. In the seminar results of the joint work for 2018-2020 will be concluded and further strategic cooperation 2021-2023 will be discussed.



The role of the Local development centers in poverty reduction: experience of the partner organization "SABR"



The DVV International Uzbekistan supports partner organizations from the civil sector implementing projects on adult learning and education (ALE), which are aimed at improving the economic situation in the country. One of these organizations is the Republican Center for Socio-Economic Development "SABR", which has over 24 years of experience in providing socio-economic support to vulnerable groups of the population.

RCSED "SABR", has initiated a model of the Local Development Center (LDC), and actively promotes it across the country. A network of such

centers has been created and it is planned to cover each region by June 2021. The centers support vulnerable groups of populations by providing vocational courses, personal development, consultations and microfinance services. By accumulating funds from various financial sources, including the resources from the State order, NGO "SABR" achieved high quantitative and qualitative indicators. From June 2018 to January 1, 2021, 3,732 people (women and youth from low-income families) were trained at the LDCs, 1,372 people were employed.

The LDCs offers 18 highly demanded profession trainings (electrical installation, plumbing and welding, furniture making, confectionery, sewing, hairdressing, manicure and pedicure, hotel service, accounting, greenhouse farming, computer literacy, traditional hand crafting (carpet weaving, suzane manual and machine, doll making, gold sewing), etc.

The DVV International Uzbekistan is planning to develop cooperation with the RCSED "SABR" for the next three years. In 2021, it is planned to organize an external evaluation of the network, provide consulting assistance on enhancing organizational capacity, finance innovative training activities in several LDCs at the micro level.



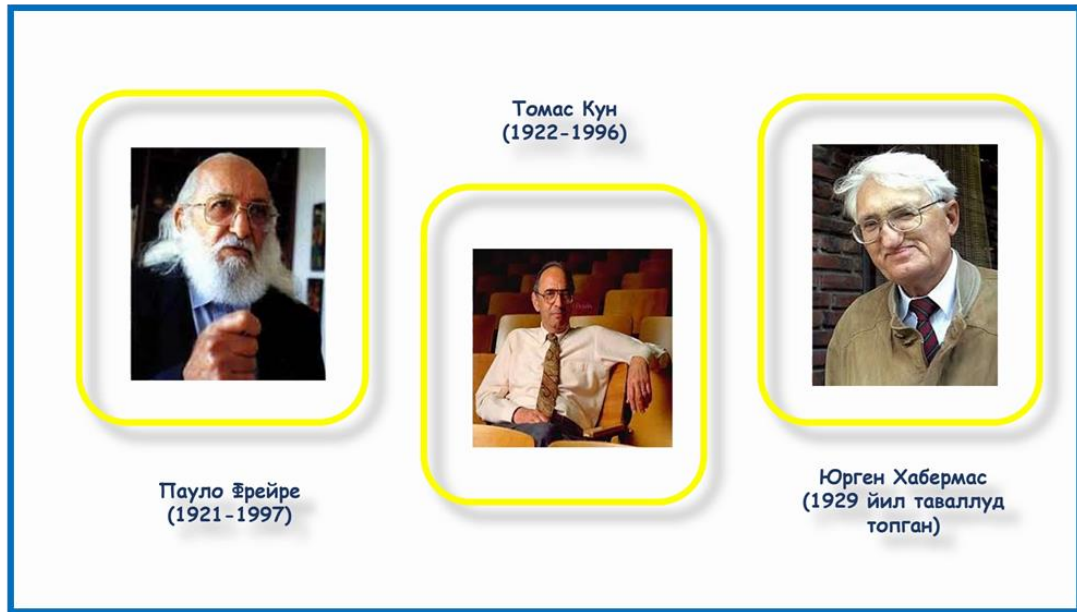
Photos provided by the RCSED "SABR":

- Carpet weaving training
- Manual developed by the RCSED "SABR"



Distance learning course on the Curriculum globALE: second module

A group of local specialists from the vocational education system of Uzbekistan, who successfully completed the first CG module online, had the opportunity to participate in the pilot course "Adult learning and adult teaching" (module 2).



The course was organized on the distance learning platform <http://cgtvet.uz/uz>, developed by the Institute of Pedagogical Innovation, Retraining and Advanced Training of Managerial and Pedagogical Personnel of Professional Education with the support of DVV International Uzbekistan.

Participants learnt the following theories: behaviorism, cognitivism, constructivism, humanism, education based on experience, and how these theories can be used in practice with adults as well as principles of building interaction between teacher and learner, which is based on these theories.

At the final stage of the course, participants completed their own education project. Particularly, participants identified results of education and explained the selection of education goals, methods, evaluation instruments and theoretical approaches for their education programme. All course participants received not only assessments on their projects but also recommendation on their further improvement.

It is planned that all CG modules will be translated into a digital format and will be accessible in Uzbek language across Uzbekistan, which will help to cover a larger audience with minimal expenditures.



The project

"Re-entry pathways into society for ex-/prisoners"

Re-entry pathways into society for (ex)-prisoners

DVV International Uzbekistan launches the new project "Re-entry - Pathways into Society for ex-/prisoners". The project is implemented jointly with two partner NGOs Republican Informational Educational Centre "INTILISH" and "Institute for Democracy and Human Rights", with financial support from the European Union and German Federal Foreign Office.



The project goal

Strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations to protect the social, economic and cultural rights of vulnerable groups – ex-/prisoners, through establishment of social partnerships, cooperation with government agencies and provision of adapted services to target groups.

Target groups

- ex-/prisoners from Tashkent city and Tashkent region;
- staff members of the partner NGOs;
- NGOs working with vulnerable groups;
- members of the state and non-state stakeholders' staff;
- penitentiary system staff;
- staff members of probation service and employees of the Main Department for Penitentiary Execution (MDPE) under the Ministry of Interior;
- teachers working with prisoners.

Expected results

- access to effective and high-quality educational and additional services for ex-/prisoners;
- capacity building and networking of civil society organizations and government agencies;
- creation of platforms for discussion and development of cooperation for policy discussion, recommendations and raising awareness of the general public.

The project includes activities aimed at building capacity of civil society organizations, prison staff and the Probation Service, and stakeholders involved. Modern equipment and furniture will be installed in classrooms of the women's colony, where will be organized training for convicted and released individuals, courses on vocational training and personal growth, general education programs, training on healthy lifestyles and business planning, consultations on social, legal and medical issues. All this will contribute to successful reintegration of target groups into society and protection of their rights.

The project has a flexible strategy for implementing the planned activities, which provides for alternative ways of implementation in case of restrictions due to quarantine measures because of the spread of coronavirus.

The new project commissioned by the German Federal Foreign Office

DVV International Uzbekistan jointly with the NGO Mekhrjon launches the new project **‘Social support and protection of rights of the rural population living in the Fergana valley’**.



The project goal

To support and capacitate civil society organisations to protect the social, economic and cultural rights of labour migrants, rural women and their families, through establishment of mobile services and social partnership, mitigating the negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in the rural areas of the Fergana valley

Concrete objectives

- Strengthen the capacity of civil society organisations and their cooperation with the local state structures for social support and protection of social, economic and cultural rights of the rural population of the Fergana valley;
- Expand free access to quality vocational training (including life and business skills programmes), social services, psychological and medical support and consultation services for returning migrants, rural women and their families.

In order to increase the synergy between the civil society sector, government and business structures, the following activities are planned within the project: round tables, conferences, working group meetings.

Trainings on 'Human Rights and Gender', 'Introduction into Adult Learning and Education', 'Innovative entrepreneurship' will be delivered for civil society organizations and other interested stakeholders.

Special attention will be paid to increasing access to vocational courses for the target group in the remote areas through the creation of mobile services. Particularly, establishment of professional courses on 'Sewing', 'Wicker weaving', 'IT Literacy', 'Milk processing', as well as providing social services, psychological and medical support and consultation to mitigate negative consequences of COVID-19 in the rural areas of the Fergana Valley.

Expected outcomes

- Partner NGOs integrated new education packages and professional training courses into their work
- Synergy between civil society organizations and state structures enhanced
- Vocational instructors, trainers and consultants on legal, medical, and psychological issues improved their professional competences and apply them in their daily work
- Representatives of the target group confirm that the training activities enhanced their competitiveness at the labour market.





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