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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR & THE PRESIDENT

Almost twenty years ago, Eurasia Foundation began an experiment testing whether collaboration at the grass roots level with partners in the former Soviet Union could effectively promote prosperity and stability in the region. The Foundation extended this experiment in the last few years by transforming its field offices into a network of locally chartered foundations. Today, the results are clear. Eurasia Foundation was present at the creation of some of the most influential institutions now operating in the region, and the Eurasia Foundation Network is a reliable and efficient partner to organizations across Eurasia. In building the Network, the Foundation achieved what no one else has even attempted – the establishment of a channel for enduring engagement with the nations of Eurasia that draws on the best local and international talent and resources to help steer these societies toward a stable, modern future.

The value of Eurasia Foundation's commitment to long-term engagement was evident in two remarkable political realignments that occurred in the Eurasia region in 2009 – the thawing of diplomatic relations between Armenia and Turkey, and the reset of US-Russia relations. Eurasia Foundation and our local affiliate in the South Caucasus, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, have long encouraged citizen exchanges between Armenians and Turks in the spheres of business, media and culture. As the presidents of these two countries met first in Armenia in 2008, then in Turkey in 2009 to discuss opening their long-closed shared border, Eurasia Partnership Foundation was perfectly positioned to organize town hall meetings, roundtables for journalists and cultural tours in both countries, reinforcing at the citizen level the diplomatic steps taken by their governments.

Likewise, when a meeting between President Obama and President Medvedev was announced for July 2009, Eurasia Foundation and its Russian counterpart – New Eurasia Foundation – mobilized a parallel **civil society summit** , at which President Obama spoke, to renew and deepen engagement between private citizens of our two nations in anticipation of closer government relations. These initiatives were possible thanks to the institutional networks and personal trust our colleagues have built over many years.

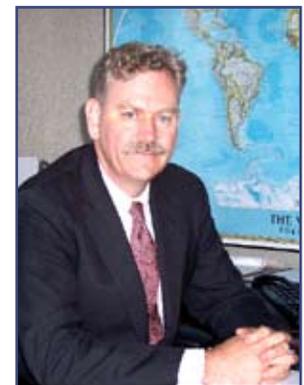
In this 2009 Eurasia Foundation Network Yearbook, you will read about these initiatives and many more. You will also get a sense of the growing family of donors and partners who make our work possible. We deeply appreciate the commitment of our friends and partners whose ongoing support has a tangible impact on the lives of ordinary citizens throughout the Eurasia region.

This year for the first time Eurasia Foundation is making available on the digital version of this yearbook links to videos that tell our partners' stories through visual images. These first-person accounts from the communities where our partners operate offer a direct glimpse of the impact and importance of our work. The electronic yearbook is available at www.eurasia.org.

We thank again our friends and partners around the world who contributed to the Foundation's success in the last year and look forward to continuing our important work together.

Sarah Carey
Chair

Horton Beebe-Center
President



THE STRENGTH OF THE NETWORK

The Eurasia Foundation Network represents a new type of institution for the region, combining local knowledge and leadership with international best practices, program management and financial stewardship. Four local autonomous foundations: New Eurasia Foundation, East Europe Foundation, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia and Eurasia Partnership Foundation, have joined with Eurasia Foundation, their American counterpart, to form the Eurasia Foundation Network.





OVERVIEW

Eurasia Foundation was created in 1992 to empower the individuals and institutions of the former Soviet Union to guide the social and economic development of their countries. Since 2004, Eurasia Foundation has evolved from a U.S.-based foundation with multiple field offices into the **Eurasia Foundation Network** – a constellation of affiliated, locally registered foundations in Russia, Central Asia, the South Caucasus and Ukraine that work in partnership with the U.S. foundation. In creating independent, indigenous institutions capable of pursuing Eurasia Foundation’s mandate, we have demonstrated an enduring commitment to the region and increased opportunities for attracting local and international support.

Today, the Eurasia Foundation Network promotes stability and prosperity throughout the region by supporting institutions that advance open, pluralistic and entrepreneurial societies. Our programs harness the energy and aspirations of ordinary citizens seeking to improve schools, businesses and government in their communities. Working with local partners and international experts and donors, we encourage cooperation across sectors and borders to address problems of mutual concern and promote best practices. As a network of five partner foundations rooted in local communities, yet linked to international donors and experts, the Eurasia Foundation Network channels resources and expertise to the region and connects its citizens to the wider world.

The Eurasia Foundation Network members are both operating and grantmaking foundations comprising a unique framework to address the complex and diverse challenges confronting the region. Our partners have emerged as leaders in fields such as **Youth Engagement, Local Economic Development, Public Policy and Institution Building, Independent Media** and **Cross-Border Programs** that are essential to the growth of prosperity and stability in the region, and are models of excellence in their respective markets in governance and financial management.

In 2009, Eurasia Foundation’s programs:

- Formed new partnerships with **611** grantees
- Created **1,001** new jobs
- Developed **738** new businesses
- Trained **22,933** individuals

“We not only need a “reset” button between the American and Russian governments, but we need a fresh start between our societies – more dialogue, more listening, more cooperation in confronting common challenges.”

President Barack Obama
U.S.-Russia Civil Society Summit
Moscow, Russia July 7, 2009



NEW EURASIA FOUNDATION



New Eurasia Foundation (FNE) is a nonprofit organization established in Moscow in 2004 to improve the lives of Russian citizens. FNE leverages the efforts of public, private and non-governmental sectors to implement socioeconomic development programs at local and regional levels. Its programs are based on best practices and innovative techniques that draw on domestic and international expertise. As a development agency, FNE analyzes issues within a territorial context, mobilizing resources to implement socially meaningful projects with long-term sustainability. Since its inception, FNE has successfully implemented more than 30 social development projects and programs.



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The Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia (EFCA) was created in 2005 to better meet the needs of Eurasia Foundation’s local partners in Central Asia and to devolve management responsibilities to local staff. With offices in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, EFCA staff manage a broad portfolio of programs, developing the capacity of local non-governmental organizations via technical assistance and grants. Eurasia Foundation and EFCA have invested more than \$40 million in Central Asia to support local initiatives in community development, private enterprise, education and public administration.



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Eurasia Partnership Foundation's (EPF) mission is to empower people to effect change for social justice and economic prosperity through hands-on programs, helping them to improve their communities and their lives. Through its foundations, registered locally in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, EPF raises and delivers seed capital to emerging civil society organizations. Eurasia Foundation and EPF have invested nearly \$90 million in the South Caucasus through more than 2,000 grants and programs.



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EAST EUROPE FOUNDATION



Eurasia Foundation began operating in Ukraine in 1993 and launched its local partner – **East Europe Foundation (EEF)** – in 2007. Eurasia Foundation and EEF have invested more than \$50 million in grants, loans and technical assistance in Ukraine, more than \$11 million in Belarus and more than \$7.8 million in Moldova for local initiatives. In successfully supporting a wide range of activities, EEF benefits institutions and individuals at the local level with programmatic focus on supporting civil society, private enterprise development and public administration and policy reform.



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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth in Eurasia face substantial educational, social and employment hurdles. Young people –particularly in rural areas – have very few opportunities to hold jobs and participate in local civic spheres, where they can develop the skills needed to create the next generation of leaders. From providing employment opportunities for orphans in Ukraine to enhancing the education of young girls in Kazakhstan, the Eurasia Foundation Network’s youth initiatives help empower and engage young people, providing them with creative outlets to apply their energy and ingenuity to bring about positive change in their communities.

YOUTH BANKS INVEST IN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION, ARMENIA

More than one third of Armenia’s young people live in small, rural communities that lack any of the social and cultural institutions available to many of their urban peers. Now in their third year, Eurasia Partnership Foundation’s five Youth Bank programs develop the professional skills of young people throughout Armenia. The programs are creating opportunities for youth in isolated villages to develop practical skills and make tangible improvements in their communities. In 2009, Youth Bank participants completed wide-ranging projects including repairs to a library in Vanadzor and restoring an ancient religious monument in the Kharaglukh province of Vayots Dzor.



Young Girls Build a Confident Future EXXONMOBIL KAZAKHSTAN



In 2009, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia launched an education initiative— Confident in the Future— for girls in Atyrau, Kazakhstan. Supported by ExxonMobil Kazakhstan, the program includes training sessions on leadership, career and financial literacy designed to give young girls the confidence and skills to reach their economic and creative potential. Surveys show that the majority of the girls made significant gains in life skills such as decision making, communication, teamwork and public speaking.

“I believe that this project has a great future ahead of it and I am very grateful to its organizers and creators and in particular to the psychologist Nelly Alimzhanovna Kulikovskih, who encouraged us to become strong and self-confident.”

- Tatiana Besedina, pupil of class 10b, School no.1

DISABLED YOUNG SOCCER STAR BRINGS SOCIAL ACTION TO PLAY

Zviad is a teenager in the small rural town of Batumi, Georgia. After losing his leg to a gas explosion, Zviad struggled to adapt in a society where the disabled are often overlooked and forgotten. However, Zviad was determined not only to overcome his disability, but to use it to help others. As a member of **Eurasia Partnership Foundation's Youth Bank** , Zviad successfully advocated for a program to support youth with disabilities and encourage them to play sports. Today, Zviad is the star player on a local youth soccer team – demonstrating how young people can bring social action to play.

“Because of the problem with my leg, I had spent many years isolated from the outside world—but this project helped me reconnect with my peers and ultimately with everyone around me.”

- Zviad



“It is due to the Youth Bank that I learned how to communicate with people and how to behave during an interview with a potential employer. I was proudly stating my abilities to speak in public, to interact with people representing international or donor organizations, to work on a team and to speak on behalf of my peers -- this is what I have learned from Youth Bank.”

—Nikolay from Vaghatin, Armenia

NEXT-GENERATION LEADERS MEET U.S. COUNTERPARTS

EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION, AZERBAIJAN
Azerbaijan's Youth Funds implemented 14 new youth-led projects addressing gender, environmental issues and other social needs, in spring, 2009. Four Youth Fund members were selected for the Youth Leadership delegation from Azerbaijan as part of the Open World program, which promotes mutual understanding among the countries of Eurasia, the Baltic States and the United States. These Youth Fund members visited Washington, D.C., from May 28 through June 9, 2009, for an exchange that involved workshops, job shadowing and site visits.

TEACHING INCLUSION FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

NEW EURASIA FOUNDATION, RUSSIA

The We Are Together project was launched in 2007 to enable developmentally challenged children to interact more with their peers and the general public. Supported by New Eurasia Foundation, the project conducted training seminars through the School of Mutual Humanity, which teaches best practices, modern technology and practical techniques for working with young people with disabilities. More than 50 representatives from youth integration associations across Russia participated in the first training.

500

Young people in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia have become social entrepreneurs since 2007

19,587

Youths benefited from the Eurasia Foundation Network programs in 2009





LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Eurasia Foundation Network believes that successful local development must focus on strengthening cooperation among the public, private and civic sectors to remove governmental barriers to small businesses, provide employment assistance, train entrepreneurs and help them gain access to capital. Our programs engage all levels of society – from young people, nonprofits, and independent media outlets to business leaders and government officials. We support local social entrepreneurs and organizations that combat poverty and find innovative solutions to community needs.

OFFERING HOPE AND SUPPORT FOR THE DISABLED

EURASIA FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ASIA, KYRGYZSTAN
Persons with disabilities are considered among the most vulnerable groups in Central Asia. Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia is working with local organizations to improve provision of services to the disabled and their families. Through legal support, coordination with potential employers, self-help groups on personal finance and micro-credit agencies the Foundation's grants and programs help improve their life skills and health. The project aims to serve more than 4,000 people through civil society organizations by the end of 2010.

"When I became a wheelchair user, I wanted people around me to accept my disability positively. But I found out that no matter how much you try, people in society would not stop looking at me with a negative attitude."

**- Tursunbek Abdylidaev
carpenter and chair of 'Talykbas-Ata' NGO**

74%
of the disabled population in Central Asia are unemployed

Supporting New Entrepreneurs SILK ROAD CYCLISTS



Avid cyclists Ricard Salevik of Sweden and Jean-Frederic Gauvin of France left their hometown of Oslo, Norway in March, 2009, to bike the 16,000-kilometer Silk Road to Beijing. They partnered with Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia, dedicating their trip to raise funds for income-generation projects in rural Tajikistan. Their **journey** made it possible to provide entrepreneurial training and technical assistance to 120 young women (ages 15-23) in the Varzob District of western Tajikistan, who learned new skills, generating high-quality business plans as well as marketing strategies to increase sales for existing small-craft enterprises. The journey also helped support a project that trained individuals from five rural families in the Shugnan District to become beekeepers—increasing average family income by some 70 percent.

"After participating in the training, I started receiving orders from my neighbors and even residents from neighboring villages to make different confectionary products, including cakes and biscuits for weddings and birthdays."

- Firuza, participant from Dehkon village

2009 BILL MAYNES FELLOW ROZA ABDULLAYEVA

Roza Abdullayeva received the **2009 Bill Maynes Fellowship** for her work as a leader in gender equality and labor migration advocacy in southern Kazakhstan. The Fellowship seeks to honor late Eurasia Foundation president Charles “Bill” Maynes by creating an instrument to recognize, honor and support outstanding individuals from the countries where the Foundation operates. In 2005, Roza founded Bereke, a service agency in the southern Kazakh city of Shymkent. Since its creation, Bereke has expanded to include three community centers that provide assistance to underserved populations. Initially focused on gender equality and youth issues, the centers have since expanded their scope to include legal support and outreach to labor migrants and local farmers.

“This program was a wonderful opportunity for me to learn from American NGOs and see how they approach the problems that I face at home in Kazakhstan. I will immediately be able to build on my fellowship experiences and implement new practices in my organization.”

- Roza Abdullayeva



ISOLATED SENIORS FIND COMMUNITY

EAST EUROPE FOUNDATION, UKRAINE

Many retired Ukrainians subsist on very limited incomes and suffer from social isolation, lacking access to community resources or gathering places. The Community Centers for Elderly Citizens program offers a comfortable setting for retirees to socialize and explore their talents. The centers recently expanded services to include laundry, hair dressing, computer training and Internet access. In 2009, the foundation provided grants to three local non-governmental organizations and plans to expand the program in 2010 by awarding four to six new grants.



518

Seniors regularly visit community centers organized by East Europe Foundation

1,127

Individual client services were provided to seniors

PROTECTING UPROOTED LABOR MIGRANTS

EURASIA FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ASIA, TAJIKISTAN

Many families in Eurasia face the difficult choice of enduring poverty at home or uprooting their lives to search for opportunities elsewhere. Those who leave often face confusing challenges in new environments. Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia’s Dushanbe office implemented the **Labor Migration program** to advance the capacity of Tajik labor migrants to protect their rights and maximize the economic benefits of migration.



2,811

Migrants received direct support through consultations

204

Students participated in a migration orientation and Russian-language training program



PUBLIC POLICY AND INSTITUTION BUILDING

Community progress in much of Eurasia has been hindered by lack of public accountability to the needs of citizens. The Eurasia Foundation Network programs help local governments become more responsive to public needs through capacity building, increased transparency and establishing institutions that gather and analyze reliable data for informed policy decisions. Working with local partners, we aim to build and improve societal relations based on the principles of responsibility, accountability and participation.

STUDENTS PUSH FOR HIGHER STANDARDS

EURASIA FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ASIA, KYRGYZSTAN
 Krygyz universities face serious challenges around issues of transparency and educational standards. Launched in February, 2009, the Improving the Quality of Higher Education Initiative builds the capacity of student bodies to address needs, and assess and improve transparency and the quality of education. At a March, 2009, conference, school administrators and student activists learned that a number of corruption-related problems had been uncovered at six pilot universities.



55

Students received training in strategic planning, teambuilding, academic quality assessment and internal and external models of quality assurance

Cutting-Edge Research Spurs Policy Reform CARNEGIE CORPORATION



The Caucasus Research Resource Centers program (**CRRC**) is a network of resource, research and training centers established in the capital cities of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, strengthening social science research and public policy analysis in the South Caucasus. In 2003, the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Eurasia Partnership Foundation began a collaboration to increase the accessibility of high-quality research resources, strengthen capacity and increase dialogue and collaboration among researchers and practitioners. In 2009, the fourth round of a longitudinal opinion survey was conducted, the results of which have been widely cited and used by the UNDP Human Development Report. In addition, CRRC conducted surveys for several other organizations, including USAID's Mobilizing Action Against Corruption (MAAC) project. With the help of Eurasia Partnership Foundation, CRRC also launched an online magazine, Stop Corruption (www.stopcorruption.am) and conferred it to Sisian Development Center—a member of the MAAC network—to develop and maintain through 2010.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW ECONOMY

The New Economic School (NES) —an independent graduate school of economics in Moscow—was established in 1992 to introduce modern economics to Russia as a critical part of the transition to a market economy. The school offers a two-year graduate-level program in economics, similar to programs at top Western institutions. Eurasia Foundation awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants to NES during its first seven years to strengthen the school's administrative, financial and strategic-planning capacity. Eurasia Foundation's assistance helped NES develop a tuition policy, establish an applied economics track for second-year students and offer part-time executive and extension courses.

“When he [Bill Maynes] joined Eurasia Foundation, NES was still a project. Today, it is an established institution with a critical mass of Western-trained faculty, stellar reputation in Russia and abroad, a small but growing endowment, and perhaps more importantly, a modern governance structure.”

— Sergei Guriev, Rector of NES, 2009 Bill Maynes award winner



“New Eurasia Foundation activities help the city administration to apply advanced methods in management of multifamily apartment buildings. The recommendations of the Foundation's specialists have been used effectively by the city government, managing companies and property owners in their everyday work to maintain comfortable living conditions and involve residents in the management of their buildings.”

- A. B. Katz, head of the government, city of Perm

UNIVERSITY IN EXILE STANDS FOR ACADEMIC FREEDOM

EURASIA FOUNDATION, BELARUS

Higher education is the foundation of progress, but in Eurasia it is too often interrupted by economic and political instability and censorship. **European Humanities University** was founded in Minsk in 1992. Twelve years later, it was forced to move to neighboring Lithuania when Belarusian authorities closed the University for being too Western-oriented. As a result of its solid partnership with the Eurasia Foundation Network and others, the University successfully managed a complex transition and now thrives in exile. European Humanities University admitted 402 new students in 2009, strengthened its financial position and administrative capabilities and expanded its distance learning programs.



LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR RURAL HOUSING REFORMS

NEW EURASIA FOUNDATION, RUSSIA

New Eurasia Foundation developed the Homeowners Support Project to help implement Russian housing and utility reforms and assist citizens in understanding new policies and procedures. The project has contributed to building effective, coordinated housing systems at the national, regional and local levels. As part of this effort, the Homeowners Support Project has also increased the number of civil society organizations involved in housing issues. Activities include introducing and testing new housing management models, training a cadre of housing professionals and activists, improving public awareness of rights and responsibilities and facilitating government-business-citizen collaboration.

90

Educational events on housing rights, management and homeownership convened

2,432

Representatives of homeowners associations attended these sessions



INDEPENDENT MEDIA

Since 1993, Eurasia Foundation and its Network partners have invested more than \$17 million in the growth of independent media throughout the region. The Eurasia Foundation Network has supported the development of print and electronic media in almost every country in the region and currently has media projects operating in six countries. Independent media outlets continue to confront censorship and a dangerous environment for journalists. The Eurasia Foundation Network supports their critical work by providing technical assistance, grants and loans to improve editorial practices and enhance financial sustainability and increase access to the Internet.

CUTTING THE BIAS: MONITORING MEDIA IN CROSS-BORDER RELATIONS

EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION, ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN

Long-standing disputes between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh and ethnic hostilities have been fueled by misrepresentations in the media in both countries, particularly on television. Eurasia Partnership Foundation's Armenia-Azerbaijan Media Bias program was started in 2008 with the aim of increasing accurate, unbiased reporting on issues affecting bilateral relations and to foster a cooperative network of editors, journalists and media non-governmental organizations from both countries. The program conducts research on public opinion and provides objectivity training for journalists. A 2009 evaluation found that the majority of participating journalists took a more neutral position on conflict coverage.

"The program has given me the opportunities to not only communicate with a person from the country, which we are in conflict with, but also to work with him. Coproduction of a documentary has given me the chance to understand that the most important points for solving a conflict are correct communication, organizational skills and a true desire for cooperation."

- Kritine Vardanyan
E-Channel reporter, Yerevan

Independent Media Promotes Transparency INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM CENTER



The Independent Journalism Center in Chisinau, Moldova, is a current grantee of Eurasia Foundation and long-term partner, serving as a charter member of the Free and Fair Elections program. The coalition of more than 70 civic organizations was created to conduct media monitoring, voter education and provide legal assistance in election disputes in the lead-up to parliamentary elections in 2005. The coalition has since monitored the 2007 and 2009 elections as well. In 2009, Eurasia Foundation awarded the Center's Director, Nadine Gogu, with the Bill Maynes Fellowship for her work promoting independent and fair media in Moldova during the parliamentary elections. Nadine spent three weeks in Washington, D.C., meeting with policy makers and interning with the International Center for Journalists.

“SECRET READERS” STRENGTHEN LOCAL MEDIA IN RUSSIA

New Eurasia Foundation provides small-market Russian newspapers and radio stations with intensive training to improve their Internet presence and employ newly available digital reporting tools. As part of the project, Russian experts act as “secret readers,” evaluating participants’ online news coverage for objectivity. Program partner Radio Abakan has continued coverage of the Sayano-Sushenskaya hydro power station accident – an August, 2009, explosion that killed 75 workers. There is understandably deep interest in – and a need for – news about the reconstruction effort. Abakan journalists have continued to provide regular coverage of the process, even taking special engineering workshops to better inform their listeners and online readers.



SMALL TOWN NEWS REVITALIZED

NEW EURASIA FOUNDATION, RUSSIA

In the five years since its launch, the **Russian Independent Print Media Program** has worked intensively with regional publications and has helped strengthen a host of high-quality independent media outlets in small cities in the Urals, Siberia and other parts of Russia. The new outlets have revitalized local journalism and are admired by other papers striving to improve content and coverage in the face of both formal and informal censorship. The program is run with assistance from the Association of Independent Regional Publishers and other partners. It also supported media startups in Pervouralsk and Serov, providing the towns with independent local newspapers.

WATCHDOGS ENCOURAGE CIVIC PARTICIPATION

EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION, GEORGIA

In Georgia, reforms encouraging media pluralism have yet to result in the institutionalization of free, independent media or open public debate. In 2009, Eurasia Partnership Foundation launched the Engage and Monitor for Change program to foster vigorous, informed participation by Georgian community groups, non-governmental organizations and media outlets in local political and economic decision making. Building on the success of the original Participatory Civic Monitoring program, the program is supporting six groups as they take on watchdog projects contributing to greater transparency and participation in local government.

4,260

Media products produced through the Eurasia Foundation Network





CROSS-BORDER PROGRAMS

The countries of Eurasia share a geography, many common cultural practices and a long, entwined history. Despite these deep ties, cross-border relations and regional collaboration have diminished significantly since the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The Eurasia Foundation Network programs advance cross-border cooperation to address shared regional challenges with activities that promote closer cultural and business relations between conflicting countries.

REACHING ACROSS BORDERS IN SOUTH CAUCASUS

EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION, ARMENIA

As part of efforts to support normalized relations between Armenia and Turkey, Eurasia Partnership Foundation designs projects that promote media objectivity and public discussion on issues of bilateral concern. The ongoing Turkey Cross-Border Dialogue and Cooperation program was established in 2006 to strengthen the capacities of non-governmental organizations, local government and business sectors to develop and maintain cross-border partnerships. In light of the proposed protocols on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations and Development of Bilateral Relations between the two countries, Eurasia Partnership Foundation and the International Center for Human Development organized a series of town hall meetings in Armenia in 2009. Attended by more than 1,300 people in seven cities, the meetings gave citizens an opportunity ask questions and voice their opinions and concerns.



94%
of the irregular Armenian workers in Turkey are women

Regional Development through Cross-border Cooperation: NORWAY



The Russian Northwest – Norway: Barents Regional Development Program was a joint initiative of the New Eurasia Foundation, the Norwegian Barents Secretariat and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The cooperative program ran for almost a decade, supporting cross-border projects in the Barents Region that aimed to stimulate broader public participation in local communities through human resource development. The program supported microlending for small businesses and young entrepreneurs, regional and municipal development, cross-sectoral social partnerships and developing non-governmental organizations. One of the projects, Education–Tourism–Development, introduced a Norwegian model of continuous hospitality training for entrepreneurs from the Republic of Karelia, and an international training center was established in the settlement of Loukhi. More than 100 businesses operating in the Arkhangelsk region attended a conference on these trainings.

YOUTH BUILD PEACE IN CROSS-BORDER COMMUNITIES

Thirty-four-year-old Keneshbek Sattarov is an inhabitant of the remote village of Tayan in the Batken region, which borders Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, and has faced instability and conflict since its borders were first drawn. Despite his prestigious religious education from a university in Egypt and the fact that he speaks several languages, Keneshbek has not begun to look for a better life abroad like many of his fellow villagers. Instead, he has become a mentor to younger leaders in the area through Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia's Youth Bank program, which aims to build cooperation between communities and local governing bodies. Through the program, the Youth Bank in the village of Tayan has already created positive changes in the lives of young people there such as obtaining equipment for a local school's sports hall, providing musical instruments for a leisure center and running festivals and celebrations for the village youth.

"This project teaches young people to take the initiative, to change their lives for the better and to be responsible for peace - not just in their own village - but in neighboring communities as well."

- Keneshbek Sattarov



"Experiences in other countries show that civil society actors, individually, but more often collectively, have come to play a new and important role in conflict resolution around the world. Any activity, whether at the elite, middle-range, or grassroots level, aimed at transforming the cross-border relationship, contributes to progress and to an atmosphere more conducive to conflict resolution, and we hope that this initiative will bring us one step closer to improved dialogue and cooperation between Armenia and Turkey."

- Marie Yovanovitch, U.S. Ambassador to Armenia
at the opening of the "Armenia-Turkey Policy Discussions"
workshop (March 25, 2010, Yerevan, Armenia)

CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE FERGHANA VALLEY

EURASIA FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ASIA,
KYRGYZSTAN AND TAJIKISTAN

The Ferghana Valley's porous, unmarked borders are often contested, running through small towns that are home to a mosaic of different ethnic groups. Access to agricultural and water resources stoke ethnic tensions, but little has been done to arbitrate disputes or control contraband. To help address this situation, in 2008 Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia began the Ferghana Valley Conflict Prevention project to be run over two years. The project seeks to reduce vulnerability to local civil conflict on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border by implementing people-to-people, cross-border exchange and conflict resolution techniques. Communities and groups that have experienced—or are at risk of—conflict are brought together through conflict-resolution training events and regional workshops, practical local problem solving meetings and cross-border social events. In 2009, the program trained 28 representatives of non-governmental organizations, local authorities and informal leaders in conflict management, program planning and networking skills. In addition, two exchange tours were arranged for 50 program participants to discuss ideas for project improvement and share positive outcomes.

Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia also supports an income-generation program in the Ferghana Valley to improve conditions for vulnerable groups. So far, the projects have helped 18 disabled and disadvantaged children gain employment experience, built partnerships for ten institutions in the region and trained 30 specialists at the Ferghana Valley Children's Residential Institution on innovative services for the blind.



EURASIA FOUNDATION FINANCIALS

Eurasia Foundation Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2009

ASSETS	2009
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,555,132
Investments	1,180,513
Grants, accounts and other receivables	12,376,031
Prepaid expenses	85,764
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation	10,065
Advances and deposits	75,721
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 20,283,226

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 463,158
Grants payable	11,219,897
Refundable advance	3,443
Total liabilities	11,686,499

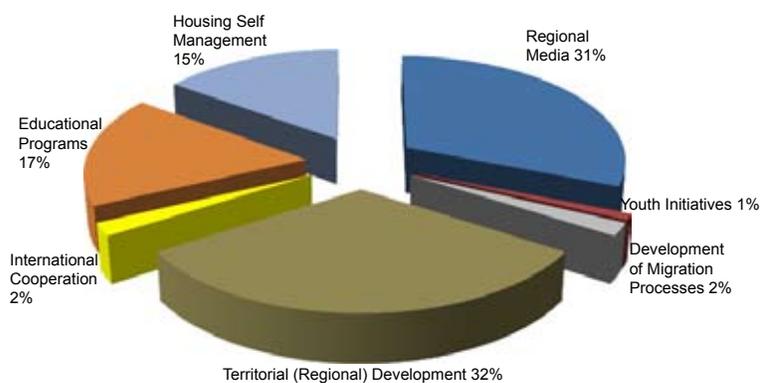
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	7,009,170
Temporarily restricted	1,581,758
Permanently restricted	5,800
Total net assets	8,596,729

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 20,283,226
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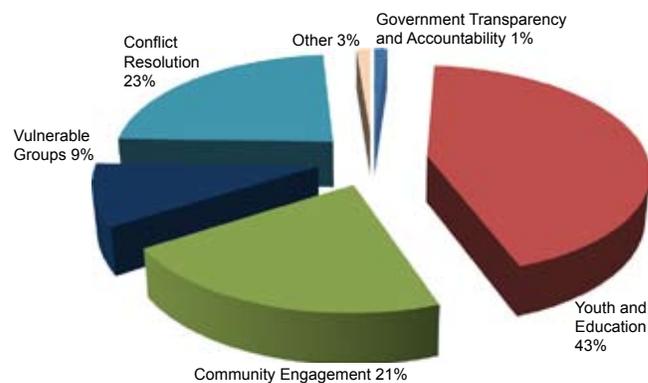
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Network partners' financials should be requested from the appropriate organization.

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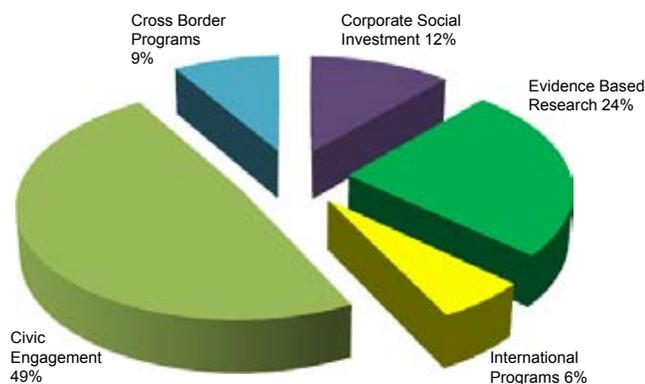
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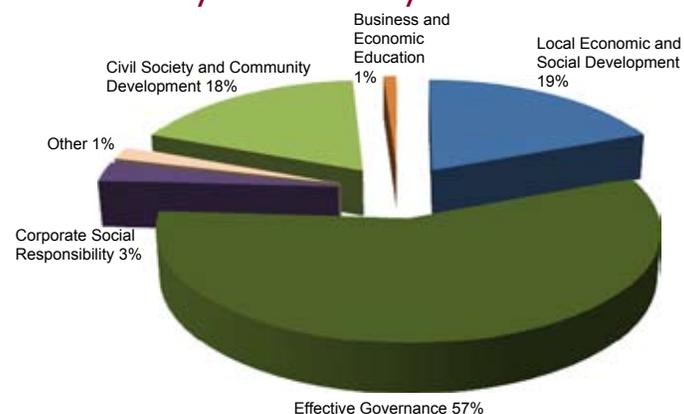
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for the Year Ended September 30, 2009**

REVENUE AND SUPPORT	Unrestricted	Permanently Restricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$ 6,479	-	\$ 14,435,574	\$ 14,442,053
Investment income	(73,188)	-	-	(73,188)
Other income	949	-	3,588	4,537
Net assets released from restrictions- satisfaction of donor restrictions	16,195,271	-	(16,195,271)	-
Total revenue and support	16,129,511	-	(1,756,109)	14,373,402
EXPENSES				
Russia				
South Caucasus	3,204,066	-	-	3,204,066
Central Asia	4,517,708	-	-	4,517,708
Ukraine/Belarus/Moldova	1,262,186	-	-	1,262,186
Other - Iran/China	4,361,894	-	-	4,361,894
Total Program Services	1,054,125	-	-	1,054,125
	14,399,979	-	-	14,399,979
General and Administrative	1,804,525	-	-	1,804,525
Lobbying and Fundraising	10,2033	-	-	102,033
Total expenses	1,906,558	-	-	1,906,558
	16,306,537	-	-	16,306,537
Change in net assets				
Net assets at beginning of year	(177,027)	5,800	(1,756,109)	(1,933,136)
	7,186,197	-	3,337,867	10,529,864
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$7,009,170	\$5,800	\$1,581,758	\$8,596,728

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The Scowcroft Group & former United States National Security Advisor



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