

## Selected projects



### Montenegro Reforming social care and child protection

#### Official title of the project

Social Care and Child Protection Reform in Montenegro

#### Country

Montenegro

#### Region/ City

Montenegro

#### Sector

Civil Society

#### Budget/EC contribution

Overall: 184.000 eur – EU/EAR contribution 164.000 eur

#### Implementation period

February 2007 – August 2008

#### Expected results

- National Strategy for the Development of Social and Child Protection System in Montenegro
- Better quality social/child protection models and services that are cost-effective, efficient and accessible
- Increased capacity of social protection services and civil society to translate the national strategy into practice
- Increased social inclusion of children at risk

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#### Beneficiary

Children at risk and their families, groups in the state of social need, vulnerable and marginalized individuals and groups in the society, students and duty bearers from the social welfare system, local authorities, Montenegrin civil sector.

#### Partners:

NGO Child Rights' Centre  
Save the Children UK  
Minister of Health, Labour and Social Care

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The existing social protection system in Montenegro is characterised by centralized management, weak social services network and insufficient and unsatisfactory involvement of the civil society in the provision of social services. In December 2005, Montenegro adopted a new law on social and child protection which has created the preconditions for activities and steps in reforming the old system. The future system will be based on principle of decentralization of functions and responsibilities, including the pluralism of social services and the cooperation between those conducting different activities and programmes.

In support of reforms, the European Agency for Reconstruction has launched an EU-funded civil society project which is being implemented by Save the Children from the UK and a local NGO Child Rights' Centre which are helping the authorities develop a strategy to reform the child social care and protection system in the country. This strategy aims at the improvement of living conditions and protection of the most vulnerable and marginalized citizens.

During the 18-month project period, project experts will actively participate in helping set clear steps and directions in introducing an integral social welfare/child protection system with accessible, quality and diverse service networks developed at the community level. This should provide better protection and social inclusion of the marginalised and poor. This project will also ensure the establishment of a Training Centre for capacity building of state and civil providers of social services, as well as a Centre for consultation, social integration and rehabilitation of children at risk.