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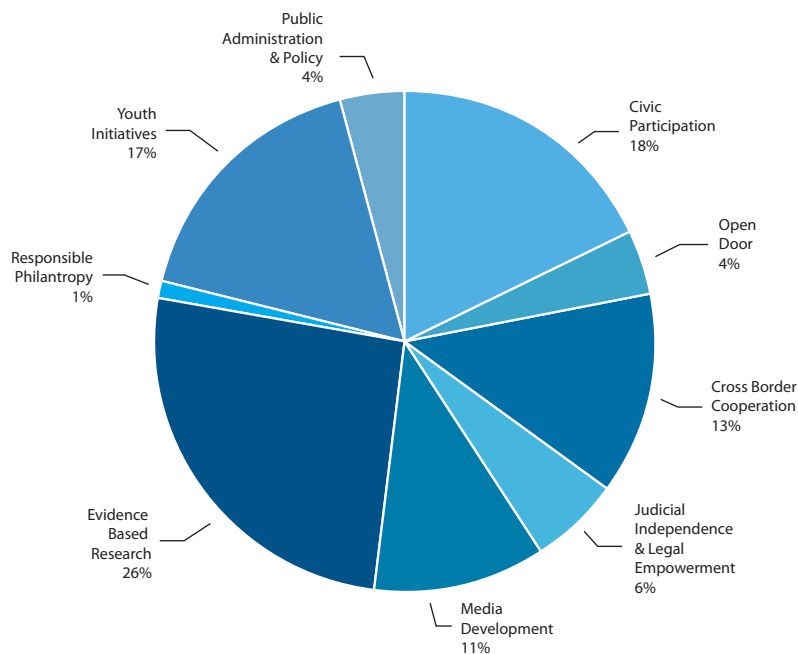
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EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION Program Financial Summaries*



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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL LETTER

Reflecting on my presidency of Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) since its inception in November 2007, I'm extremely proud. My pride stems from the incredible work that has been accomplished by the management and staff at each of our EPF and Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC) offices; the commitment of our faithful partners, innovative grantees, and diligent fellows; and the encouragement and never-ending support from our dedicated Trustees. In Georgia, EPF received an award recognizing us as the non-profit which gives the strongest support to minority rights. EPF's core values embrace fair treatment of minorities, gender equality and the rights of youth.

EPF ends 2012 with a renewed vision to continue to devolve, grow and improve its network for the benefit of the citizens and communities of the Caucasus. We have decided that CRRC, our longest running program, which began with the goal of promoting a culture of evidence-based research to better inform policy making in the Caucasus, will join our EPF network as separate legal entities in Armenia and Georgia. Our CRRC programs have over the years succeeded in bringing demographic data and public opinion polling into the public discourse and policy debate. This year CRRC data has been cited hundreds of times in local, national and international news media. In some cases, our data elicited strong reactions that in turn fostered discussions that were hitherto unknown. In Georgia, during the 2012 parliamentary elections there were even public and televised debates about data collection for public opinion polling. What EPF and CRRC have demonstrated is: people count! By collecting data about demographic changes or panel data demonstrating trends in public opinion, representatives from media report those opinions, the TV-watching public reacts and government representatives consider those data in order to address the issues raised.

My pride also extends to the hundreds of young people engaged in our Youth Bank projects, who have used their leadership to impact thousands of people in their rural communities by implementing local projects based on the needs of their neighbors. In addition to sharing domestically, participants also met regionally to share best practices across borders.

Our Board, the Board of Eurasia Foundation and USAID authorized the

allocation of funds to purchase office space in Armenia and Georgia for long-term sustainability. Having real estate is clear evidence that we remain committed to our long-term future as local non-profit actors serving multiple communities supporting social science researchers, civil society actors and regional peace-builders.

With the expansion of the EPF/CRRC network, we are also in the midst of restructuring the regional office, giving even more authority to our local entities, and renewing our regional office's commitment to support our cross-border and peace-building programs. These changes, together with the purchase of offices, will streamline EPF's operations and make EPF/CRRC even more efficient and effective in our work.

I have worked for EPF for almost six years and for over 13 years at EPF's founder, Eurasia Foundation. Eurasia has funded almost every large civil society organization in the region. Eurasia has convened hundreds of meetings between representatives of businesses, media, government and civil society to address wide-ranging problems from consumer rights to combating corruption. CRRC has provided quantitative research in dozens of fields to better understand social, political and economic trends, and how people are reacting to them. I depart hopeful that the EPF/CRRC network of institutions we have built will continue to improve the lives of the people and communities in the South Caucasus. In the past and in the future, I will offer financial support to EPF. I ask you to also pledge your support to Eurasia Partnership Foundation, to the Caucasus Research Resource Centers and to the people and communities they serve.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Zarubin'.

George Zarubin
President

EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES TO PEACE BUILDING AND STABILITY IN THE REGION THROUGH ITS CROSS BORDER COOPERATION

Building a Young Constituency for Peace across the South Caucasus and Turkey

Through EPF's *Building a Young Constituency for Peace across the South Caucasus and Turkey* project, the Foundation and its partners, Save the Children (SC) and Toplum Gönüllüleri (TOG), established nine new Youth Bank committees in Abkhazia (five) and Turkey (four). 200 community-based projects were funded by 43 Youth Bank committees, involving 825 young people and thousands of beneficiaries. These projects, and the enthusiasm displayed by those involved, were eye-openers for the rest of the community. Nikoloz Suaridze, one of the implementers of the *Healthy Spirit, Healthy Body* project funded by the Aspidza Youth Bank, said:

"This was the first and the only large-scale [soccer] tournament organized purely by youth. I can't recall any tournaments covering almost the whole municipality, until we implemented our project. BUT, if you ask me how many of them were organized after we did ours, I could not even tell you the number because there have been so many. Our project turned out to be inspirational to promote a healthy lifestyle and I am very happy because of this."

The project's greatest impact has been the broadened perspective of the participants. Youth Bank committee members' ideas about their neighboring countries were challenged and improved through the acquisition of first-hand experiences with like-minded people, regardless of nationality. After the exchange visit to Georgia, Gulnur Aliyeva, a YB member from Azerbaijan, reported:

"The meeting in Tbilisi turned out to be very fruitful for me. It challenged my stereotypes about people, I found friends and learned new ideas implemented by the YBs from other countries. Now I am thinking about how I can apply this new knowledge and realize these ideas here at home. What I remember the most is the evening when I, Elnura and Gohar,



a girl from Armenia, had a great walk together through the crooked streets of Tbilisi. Those emotions and sharing practices and knowledge energized and empowered me for future work and life experiences. I appreciate that a lot."

Community Youth Peace Building through New Media program

In 2012, the Foundation continued its cross-border cooperation and Track II diplomacy efforts by contributing to the promotion of blogging and dialogue-oriented online journalism between Armenia and Azerbaijan. EPF's Community Youth Peace Building through New Media



program both established new and supported already existing on-line platforms for dialogue-oriented journalists, artists and bloggers. Prior to this project, the efforts of bloggers from Azerbaijan and Armenia had been sporadic and dissipated. Now, as a result of diverse but, at the same time, coordinated activities, a cross-border cooperation platform exists on Facebook, Twitter, other social networks, as well as in the form of newly created websites. **Over 80% of participants from both countries who had no prior experience of interaction with one another reported that their views towards the "other" side have positively changed.** The newly-established strong ties and connections between the involved young bloggers from Armenia and Azerbaijan have allowed them to expand their collaboration beyond the framework of EPF's program. As a part of the project a unique platform for bloggers from Armenia and Azerbaijan called "The Neutral Zone" (<http://imagineneutralzone.com>) was supported. The platform has since become one of the most popular blog platforms among Armenian, Azerbaijani and foreign readers, supported by a variety of donors.

Supporting Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement

As a result of EPF's work through the *Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement (SATR)* project, Turkish journalists visited Armenia to cover the April 24th commemoration event and the parliamentary elections in Armenia in May 2012. The media bus tour organized for Armenian and Turkish bloggers and journalists on the territory of Armenia and Turkey resulted in increased media interest in the social and cultural aspects of life in these neighboring countries.

enthusiasts, web designers and civic activists in an effort to find creative high-tech solutions to numerous issues of public concern, i.e. to find online

During an interview to evaluate the project, an Armenian filmmaker said: *"I am certain that people who have watched our films and reports will feel less anger and hatred and will show an interest and willingness to talk to each other."*

EPF supported the production of the first-ever documentary by the Turkish filmmaker Cigdem Mater on the Armenian Genocide: the film "Uncle Garabed" tells the story of three generations of 1915 Genocide survivors and was screened at international film festivals in Yerevan and Istanbul.

"We refuse the legacy of our grandfathers, who took part in this massacre [the events of 1915]; we refuse to be a part of what they lived; and we commemorate those of our grandfathers who were opposed to this massacre and cruelty," said Osman Baydemir, Mayor of Diyarbakir, Turkey during a meeting with a group of Armenian and Turkish journalists and media experts in Diyarbakir in September 2012.

Due to increased lobbying efforts undertaken within the SATR project, **trucks with Armenian plates were granted permits to transit through Turkey in 2012**, although work permit visas for Armenian drivers still remained an issue. After a series of follow-up policy-level activities by EPF and its partners, the **Turkish MFA agreed to issue work-permit visas to Armenian truck drivers** at the Embassy of Turkey in Tbilisi, Georgia by late 2012.

EPF'S THREE LOCALLY REGISTERED OFFICES CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT TO LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETIES

EPF Armenia

Thanks to EPF's efforts in 2012, Armenian society registered a growing interest in relations between the EU and Armenia and Armenia's integration into European structures. EPF, in cooperation with Internews Media Support NGO, produced 12 TV programs and five PSAs devoted to the EU-funded projects and the EU-Armenia cooperation framework. The TV programs featured a European Perspective story series that extensively focused public attention on the EU's priority areas of environment, economy, gender issues, human rights and justice, healthcare, culture and other areas. The programs were aired on Armenian Public Television, and each broadcast garnered 60,000 viewers on average, which is a considerable number for this kind of coverage in Armenia. As proof of the effectiveness of the initiative, the program about UNDP Armenia's project to promote equal rights and equal opportunities for women was awarded the first prize in the 'Best TV Report' nomination of the 'Na/Ne Annual Media Competition' run by the British Council and OSCE offices in Yerevan.

Through the application of the Social Innovation Camp (SIC) methodology, EPF enabled hundreds and thousands of average citizens throughout Armenia to overcome social apathy and effect minor changes in their own communities and their own lives. In 2011 and 2012, EPF used the indigenized version of SIC, known as "Mardamej," to bring together IT



solutions for offline issues. The innovative projects developed during the SIC resulted in initiatives, such as <http://taghinfo.am/>, which provides instant updates on community news; Wish2Real, which serves as a link between local communities and potential philanthropists; www.ankashar.am, which tracks and reports corruption cases in the higher education system of Armenia; as well as GivemeInfo, Kanach.am, I like, and others. These web resources are well exploited, as they help civic activists and average citizens to address issues of corruption, e-governance, municipal oversight, philanthropy and social protection. These projects also attract increasing attention from local media and the authorities.

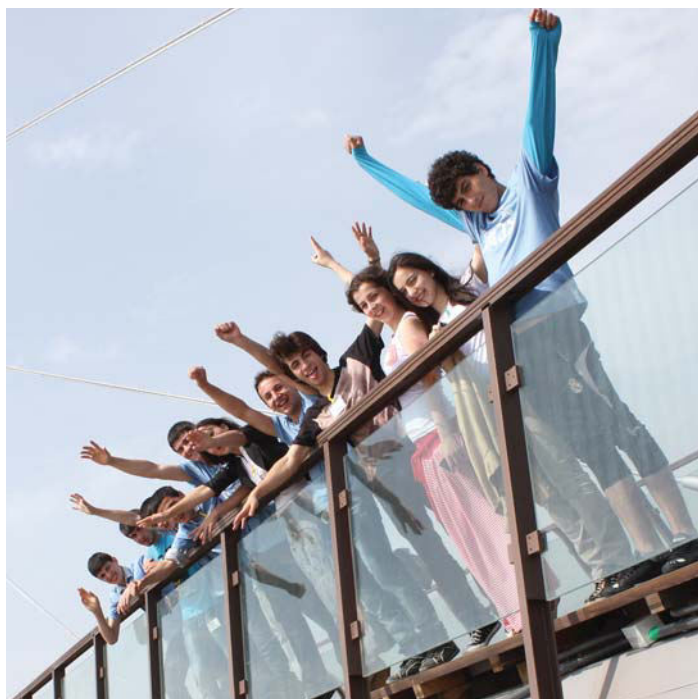
EPF Azerbaijan

In partnership with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EPF invested in local grass-roots organizations through its *Promoting Rule of Law and Democratization* Program, focused on improving democracy, human rights, freedom of expression, transparency and accountability. Through support to ten local NGOs all across Azerbaijan, EPF and its grantees were able to achieve immediate outcomes while working on advocacy for property rights, enforcement of the law on compulsory insurance, empowering women and people with disabilities. Policy recommendations on paid state services as well as reforms in housing management were developed as part of the program and are being reflected upon in policy formulation.

EPF continued its Youth Fund program supporting small community-based youth-led projects. In 2012 EPF supported over 20 youth community groups and funded over 50 projects addressing the needs of each respective community. Examples of such projects include raising awareness about the prevention of infectious diseases in Sheki; increasing the participation of women in Ganja and a campaign against animal abuse in Mingchevir.

EPF Georgia

Starting from 2012, EPF Georgia's Youth Bank Program, which already covered 24 Georgian municipalities, has been expanded to five locations across Abkhazia, namely in Gali, Zemo Barghebi, Sokhumi, Gudauta and Ochamchire. **According to the project end line survey conducted by EPF, respondents from Abkhazia demonstrated improved attitudes toward Georgians and collaboration with Georgian Youth Banks.** In addition, Abkhaz YB members have noted that they are more willing to work closely with Armenian Youth Banks.



EPF was successful in placing the issue of food safety and consumer protection on the political agenda. The advocacy efforts of the EPF-led Food Safety Platform, which unites consumer rights defenders and business associations, resulted in the full consideration of nine and in the partial reflection of four recommendations in the law on food safety, **ensuring proper labeling of products and empowering consumers to protect their rights.** EPF has been recognized as a leader on food safety and consumer protection issues by both non-profits and the public authorities and was recently awarded more than EUR 1.2 million from the European Union to continue its efforts to promote food safety and protect consumers.

EPF's efforts to promote the concept of Social Enterprise resulted in a multi-stakeholder public-private partnership uniting civil society organizations, universities, businesses and business associations. Business school students from four leading universities competed to assist local NGOs in finding profitable business solutions for their social enterprises. The business community contributed by recognizing the achievements of the student teams and by providing prizes. Business associations provided free tax and legal consulting services to the participating student teams and social enterprises. Lastly, Tbilisi City Hall provided low interest credit to the winning social enterprise to complement the grant support from EPF.

EPF PROMOTES A CULTURE OF

EVIDENCE BASED RESEARCH

Increased research profile

In 2012, the Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC) conducted 17 nationwide surveys across the South Caucasus. CRRC has convinced many donors and other actors that quality research can be done by local organizations using local researchers. This is illustrated by the wide range of donors that have funded CRRC to conduct research in 2012: UNDP, USAID, the World Bank, IREX, the European Commission, the National Democratic Institute, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the European Training Foundation (ETF) and several others. By stimulating demand, CRRC is creating long-term opportunities for local researchers.

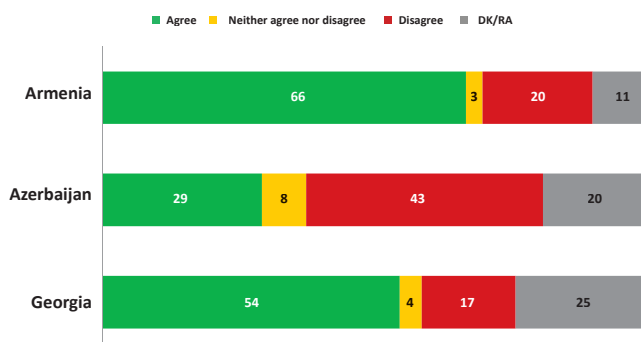
The Caucasus Barometer continued to be the flagship CRRC activity and the largest coordinated annual data collection effort in the South Caucasus region. The survey provided comparable data across the three countries and an opportunity for various stakeholders to examine the urgent socio-economic situation and attitudes towards political events in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. The survey, which has approximately 6,000 respondents, engages local experts in questionnaire development, sampling, fieldwork and analysis. CRRC-Georgia also explored new research, such as an innovative SMS survey on Georgia's pre-election environment for EWMI G-PAC and a study of memories and attitudes among Georgian youth (MYPLACE funded by the European Commission).

Research in use

CRRC has contributed to increasing the trust in quality data throughout the Caucasus. **The Caucasus Barometer website is regularly quoted in all three countries and internationally.** In Georgia, research on media monitoring for UNDP and voting and political attitudes for NDI was frequently cited by leading politicians and appeared in Georgia's primary news sources—especially in advance of the parliamentary elections in 2012. This creates an ongoing stream of information that helps political leaders understand what the Georgian electorate wants.

CRRC offered a broad range of methodological trainings and public lectures in all three countries. These included basic trainings on research methods, data analysis, sampling, data coding and advanced trainings in complex data analysis. CRRC also continued to organize weekly Works-in-Progress (WiP) sessions dedicated to peer review and research on issues that are timely and important in the South Caucasus.

PEOPLE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN PROTEST ACTIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT (%) (CB 2012)





Georgia

EPF GEORGIA 2012 IMPACT STATEMENT

Youth Initiatives

In 2012, EPF Georgia continued both to support the 24 previously established Youth Banks (YBs), as well as to create 5 additional YBs across the administrative border line (ABL) in Abkhazia. During the year, the YBs successfully monitored the implementation of 109 youth-led initiatives, as a result of which they mobilized 1,286 local volunteers. 2012 was the most productive year to date for EPF Georgia's Youth Banks, with YB members independently initiating a high number of community-based activities outside of those projects supported by the Foundation. As a result of these efforts, 27 non-EPF funded initiatives (ranging from mobilizing communities for an energy saving action, through observing World AIDS Day, to uniting in the fight against HIV/AIDS and the stigma associated with the disease) were implemented.

"When the YB was created and staffed by very young people in our village, the hope that this would lead to positive changes blossomed among me and my friends. I heard about the call for proposals and decided to develop a project proposal with my friends... I could never imagine that YB members, these young people, could counsel us on how to develop a project proposal. I was impressed by their competence!"

Giorgi Gergedava, Zemo Barghebi YB grantee

Civic Initiative for an Independent Judiciary

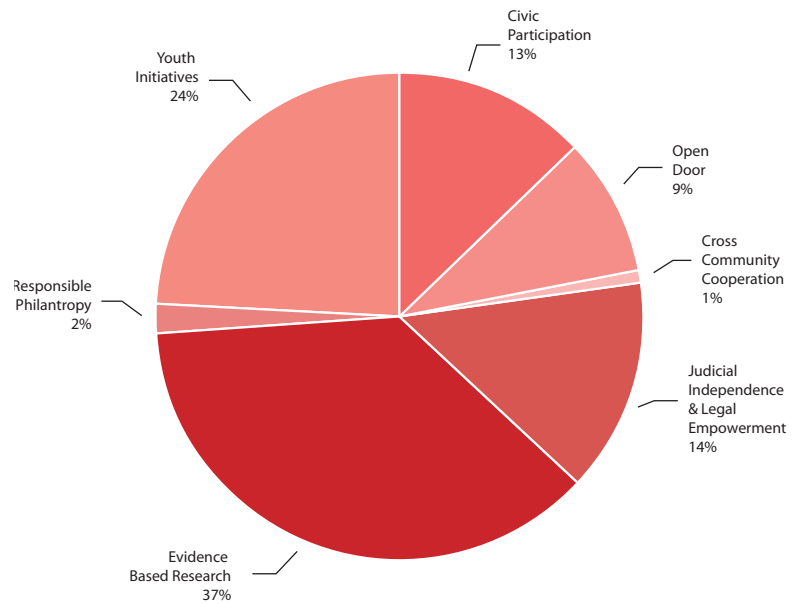
In 2012, EPF led civil society efforts to foster civic engagement and government accountability in pursuit of an independent judiciary through facilitating the work of the Coalition for an Independent and Transparent Judiciary and providing grant support to local CSOs. The Coalition, which unites 31 CSOs,

media outlets and business and professional associations, succeeded in engaging judicial, legislative and executive authorities in discussing previously taboo issues and relaxing the court transparency rules. As noted by the Ministry of Justice and the Parliament Legal Affairs Committee, the bulk of the changes and amendments to the Criminal Procedure Code and the Law of Georgia on Common Courts that were initiated after the 2012 October elections were derived from the document prepared by the Coalition. In addition to facilitating the work of the Coalition, EPF provided more than \$950,000 in grant support to 13 local CSOs to undertake advocacy campaigns and provide legal aid to the indigent. One grantee, the Public Movement Multinational Georgia (PMMG), developed Georgian-Azeri and Georgian-Armenian legal dictionaries, trained court interpreters and liaised with the High Council of Justice to ensure better access to justice for Georgia's ethnic minorities.

Engage and Monitor for Change

EPF's Engage and Monitor for Change Program continued to support local CSOs to foster increased and better-informed citizen participation in political and economic decision-making. For example, one of the civic monitoring groups established by the Lanchkhuti Information Center helped Shukhuti residents to save the village cultural center which, apart from hosting various cultural events, houses a Lelo Museum. Lelo is an important part of the Shukhuti community, as it is the only place in Georgia where this ancient variety of football is still being played. Local authorities responded to the citizens by commissioning the building's rehabilitation plan, which received approval for funding from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

GEORGIA FINANCIALS



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EURASIA PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION (REGISTERED IN GEORGIA) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2012	2011
Grants and contributions receivable	\$ -	\$ 491,066
Furniture and equipment including intangibles	2,108	5,520
Total non-current assests	2,108	496,586
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	1,757,789	1,390,701
Accounts receivable	59,457	27,103
Grants, contributions, and other receivables	1,323,660	1,420,964
Prepaid expenses	37,854	10,156
Total current assets	3,178,760	2,848,924
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,180,868	\$ 3,345,510
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Grants payable	535,918	983,238
Deferred revenue	102,157	9,642
Refundable interest	38,684	42,921
Accrued expences and accounts payable	81,133	110,809
Total current liabilities	757,892	1,146,610
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	305,726	229,455
Temporarily restricted	2,117,250	1,969,445
Total net assets	2,422,976	2,198,900
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,180,868	\$ 3,345,510

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Gelman, Rosenberg, and Freedman have conducted an audit for our financial statements and have issued an unqualified opinion.



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