

## **Community Development in 2009**

### **January 2009**

In January 2009 in the municipalities Berovo and Sveti Nikole were held Third Forum Sessions. Mainly in both municipalities citizens that were present discussed the problems that they are facing in their municipalities and proposed possible solutions.

### **February 2009**

On the Fourth Forum Session citizens from municipalities Berovo and Sveti Nikole the project concepts, were presented. A total of eight project concepts were developed in municipality of Berovo and seven in Sveti Nikole.

### **April 2009**

During the Fifth Forum Sessions representatives from the working groups presented their project proposals. In the municipality of Sveti Nikole were developed five project proposals and in municipality of Berovo eight project proposals. During this session citizens gave suggestions and comments for future improvement or support for the project proposals.

### **May / June 2009**

Working groups in both municipalities during the sixth session presented their final project proposals with developed budget frame. The representatives from working groups presented their projects through Power Point and in the same time answered to possible questions from the citizens. In Sveti Nikole, a total of five projects were developed and in Berovo eight projects. After this session projects are sent to the Program Board for its approval.

### **July 2009**

The last Forum Sessions were held in July. After the Program Board approved all projects, representatives of the working groups for the last time asked for the support from the citizens for their projects. After all projects were presented, citizens voted for the project that they like the most. At the end, in municipality of Sveti Nikole two projects were voted to be financed by the project fund and in Berovo one project.

### **October 2009**

The new phase of Community Forums Programme was initiated in municipalities Debar and Gostivar. Debar municipality won the "budget Forum" and Gostivar "traditional Forum". First sessions were organized on 7<sup>th</sup> October in Gostivar and on 8<sup>th</sup> October in Debar. During the first session citizens from Gostivar decided from the three subjects offered: Local infrastructure; Ecology and Culture to choose the subject "local infrastructure".

On 15<sup>th</sup> of October the second Forum session was held in the municipality of Debar. During the session municipal representatives presented the priorities for development for the 2010 as well as the incomes and the way how they are collected within their municipality.

Third Forum session in Debar was held on 29<sup>th</sup> of October and as a result of the group work between sessions was presented the report for the priorities and recommendations from the citizens as well as the report from the municipality for their outcomes.

### **November 2009**

Second Forum session held in Gostivar on 4<sup>th</sup> of October mainly was focused on restructuration of the working tables and identification of the projects in their community. A total of two working groups were established at the end of the session in order to investigate in details for the problems that they pointed during the session.

In the municipality of Debar the 4<sup>th</sup> Forum session was organized on November 12 where citizens presented the report for the development programmes of the budget. Municipal representatives also presented the development programmes for their budget for the upcoming year.

Third Forum session in Gostivar was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November and both working groups presented their reports for the problems that they are facing with.

### **December 2009**

Last Forum session in municipality of Debar was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. During the session municipal representatives presented the programs for which citizens can vote. Finally citizens decided to support the project “Reconstruction of the boulevard Illyria” with a total budget of 8 million MKD. This was a project from which all the citizens will benefit in future but also the tourists and visitors of this area.

21 December was organized the fourth forum session in Gostivar. Citizens during the session presented their project concepts and decided which of them will continue to be developed into a project proposal. Eight project concepts were supported from the citizens for their further development.

## **Community Development in 2010**

### **January 2010**

Fifth Forum session in Gostivar aimed on presentation of the project proposals. A total of four project proposals were developed from the working groups.

### **February 2010**

On 25<sup>th</sup> of February during the sixth Forum session four projects including their detailed budget, were completed. Once again citizens had opportunity to give recommendations and suggestions to the project carriers before they were submitted to the Programme Board.

### **March 2010**

Last Forum session in Gostivar was organized at 28 of March. During this session all four projects were presented to the citizens since they got previously the approval from the Programme Board. The project that got maximum support from the citizens was “Reconstruction of the sidewalk of the river Vardar”.

### **July 2010**

In July the project “Building sidewalks and sewage system on the “Marshall Tito” in municipality of Berovo was completed. Technical acceptance was arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. Committee concluded that this project technically is approved officially.

### **September 2010**

During the period of September contracts between CIRa and municipality of Gostivar and the Construction Companies were signed.

### **Follow up session**

Follow up session is a session where all citizens that have participated in the other sessions during session phase, to introduce the results from the project that they have selected. In municipality of Berovo the follow up session was held on 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2010. Also during this session municipal representatives are answering the questions from citizens as well as present the results of the recommendations handed over from the citizens.

### **November 2010**

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the project “Different but equal” in the municipality of Sveti Nikole successfully passed the technical approval from the Committee.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, the technical acceptance of the project “Reconstruction of the sidewalk of river Vardar” in Gostivar, successfully completed.

Technical acceptance of the project “Construction of the boulevard Illyria” was approved by the technical Committee on 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

In the municipality of Debar on 30<sup>th</sup> of November was held the follow-up session in which the citizens had opportunity to see the finalized project.

### **December 2010**

During the international day of children with special needs 3<sup>rd</sup> December, symbolically the project carrier organized a public opening of the project “Different but equal”.

Follow up session in municipality of Gostivar was organized on 7<sup>th</sup> of December. During the presentation citizens through pictures had the opportunity to see the finalization of the project that they voted. Total amount of the project costs was around 8 million Denars.

## **Community Development in 2011**

### **February 2011**

The project “A given hand” was successfully implemented and approved from the Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2011 during the technical acceptance day.

### **Follow up session**

Follow up session is a session where all citizens that have participated in the other sessions during session phase, to introduce the results from the project that they have selected. In municipality of Sveti Nikole the follow up session was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2011. Also during this session municipal representatives are answering the questions from citizens as well as present the results of the recommendations handed over from the citizens.

### **July 2011**

CIRa is continuing to implement the Community Forum Programme in Macedonia. In this phase, CIRa is going to implement the Project Forums in the Municipalities of Kratovo and Mavrovo-Rostusha.