# Annual Report 2005

Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti Open Society Foundation

### **Dedication**

First and foremost we would like to thank our founder, Mr. George Soros, for his support and continued willingness to contribute to the development of open, democratic and modern society in Slovakia.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to all Open Society Foundation supporters, professionals and partner organizations with whom we cooperate for their assistance and endeavors in promoting our mission.

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#### **About the Open Society**

At its most fundamental, philosophical level, the open society concept recognizes that people act on imperfect knowledge and that no one possesses the ultimate truth. In practice an open society is characterized by the rule of law; respect for human rights, minorities, and minority opinions; the division of power; a market economy in which business and government are separate; and a thriving civil society. Broadly speaking, open society is a way to describe the positive aspects of democracy.

#### Who we are

The Open Society Foundation is a non-governmental organization that has operated in Slovakia since 1992. In 2005 our foundation supported 346 projects from other non-governmental organizations and individuals via its grant programs and scholarships. Our support and program activities were worth SKK 80 million. NOS – OSF is part of the Soros Foundation Network (see www.soros.org for more details).

NOS – OSF is one of seven establishing organizations of the Donors' Forum: an informal group of grant-providing organizations in the Slovak Republic. NOS – OSF's executive director is the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Donors' Forum in Slovakia.

#### Our mission

We create opportunities for people to improve society by making it more open, transparent and accepting of equal opportunities. These values represent the ideal of an open society that best describes our diverse goal-oriented program and grant activities.

#### We support the following

- Marginalized groups and activities aimed at actively overcoming their problems and protecting human rights
- Developing philanthropy and the non-governmental sector
- Principles of good-governance and transparency in public processes
- Education at all levels
- · Activities aimed at protecting public health
- Improving media

#### **Open Society Institute**

Open Society Institute - OSI is a private foundation based in New York, implementing operating activities and awarding grants. OSI New York is the heart of the "open society network" - a group of autonomous foundations and organizations in more than 50 countries around the world. This network carries out a wide range of initiatives aimed at promoting the open society through shaping governmental politics, education support, the media, public health, human rights and women's rights and also through social, legal and economic reform. Focusing on minimizing and preventing the negative consequences of globalization, this network of foundations strives to empower the global open society by intensifying cooperation with other non-governmental organizations, governments and international institutions. OSI was established in 1993 by the investor and philanthropist George Soros with the aim of supporting his foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and countries of the former Soviet Union. These foundations have been established since 1984 with a role to assist ex-communist countries in the transition process towards democracy. The network has enlarged its operation and currently includes organizations and initiatives in Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Haiti, Latin America, Mongolia, Southeast Asia, Turkey and the United States of America. OSI also supports projects in other countries across the world.

#### **About the Founder**

**George Soros** was born in Budapest, Hungary on August 12, 1930. He survived the Nazi occupation of Budapest and left communist Hungary in 1947 for England, where he graduated from the London School of Economics in 1952. While a student at LSE, Mr. Soros became familiar with the work of philosopher Karl Popper, who had a profound influence on his thinking and later, on his professional and philanthropic activities.

The Financier. In 1956 Mr. Soros moved to the United States, where he began to accumulate a large fortune through an international investment fund that he founded and managed. Today he is President and Chairman of Soros Fund Management LLC, a private investment management firm that serves as principal advisor to the Quantum Group of Funds, a series of international investment vehicles. In July 2000 Mr. Soros merged his flagship Quantum Fund with the Quantum Emerging Growth Fund to form the Quantum Endowment Fund. The Quantum Fund is generally recognized as the most successful investment fund ever, returning an annual average 31% throughout its 32-year history.

The Philanthropist. Mr. Soros has been an active philanthropist since 1979 when he began providing funds to help black students attend Cape Town University in apartheid South Africa. Today he is Chairman of the Open Society Institute and the founder of a network of philanthropic organizations active in more than 50 countries. Based primarily in central and eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, but also in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the United States, these foundations are dedicated to building and maintaining the infrastructure and institutions of an open society. In 1992 Mr. Soros founded the Central European University, with its primary campus in Budapest. In 2000 the Soros Foundations Network spent \$494 million on supporting projects in education, public health, civil society development and many other areas. Allocations for 2001 and 2002 are expected to remain at a similar level.

The Philosopher. Mr. Soros is the author of seven books, most recently *George Soros on Globalization* (Public Affairs, March 2002). His other books include *The Alchemy of Finance*, 1987; *Opening the Soviet System*, 1990; *Underwriting Democracy*, 1991; *Soros on Soros: Staying Ahead of the Curve*, 1995; *The Crisis of Global Capitalism: Open Society Endangered*, 1998; and *Open Society: Reforming Global Capitalism*, 2000. His articles and essays on politics, society and economics regularly appear in major newspapers and magazines around the world. Mr. Soros has received honorary degrees from the New School for Social Research, the University of Oxford, the Budapest University of Economics and Yale University. In 1995, the University of Bologna awarded Mr. Soros its highest honor, the Laurea Honoris Causa, in recognition of his efforts promoting open societies throughout the world. In 2002 Mr. Soros was awarded the Dayton Peace Prize for his work promoting peace in the Balkans.

#### **Further information:**

Open Society Institute New York: http://www.soros.org

#### **Further Donors in 2005**

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Program Activities and Grants
Awarded in 2005

## **EDUCATION**

## HIGHER EDUCATION

## **Education Reform Support Program**

An operating, educational and grant program implemented since 2002. The program goal is to support and facilitate the education reform process and education policy development in Slovakia. Via support for the decentralization of the education system it contributes to the improved management and subsequently the quality of education. The program has drawn up prerequisites for qualified discussion on education and educational policy.

**Target group:** the primary target group includes experts in education and education policy, representatives of regional self-governments, local governments and state and non-governmental organizations working in the field of education.

Grar	nts:	
1.	Conservative Institute of Milan Rastislav Štefanik, Bratislava Reading Literacy as Education Quality Problem within the Slovak Elementary School System	SKK 300,000.00
2.	The F.A.Hayek Foundation, Bratislava Proposal on Methodology for Curriculum Reform for the Secondary Schools and Form and Content Analysis of the 'Economy for Secondary Schools' Subject	SKK 169,970.00
3.	Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava Efficient Parental Participation in the Quality Assessment Process. Preparation and Practical Review of Quality Monitoring Methodology	SKK 450,000.00
4.	Faculty of Education of Comenius University in Bratislava, Bratislava Innovation of the Education Policy Course at the Faculty of Education, Comenius University	SKK 150,000.00
5.	Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra The Influence of Reforms on the Productivity and Quality of Universities in Slovakia	SKK 278,800.00

## **UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The scholarship program aims to promote the educational and information attainment of young people, students and teachers, motivating them in their personal growth and thus creating pre-requisites to continuously overcome academic deficits in Slovak society.

## Central European University – Supplementary Educational Programs

An educational program coordinated by NOS – OSF between 1994 and 2005 to support academic cooperation and develop education within the CEE region, countries of the ex-Soviet Union and Central Asia through lectures, seminars and workshops for university students focused on innovating the curricula and teaching process. NOS – OSF administered Slovak student selection and CEU Budapest representatives selected applicants.

#### **Summer University (SUN)**

#### Awarded scholarships:

#### Number of applicants: 9

Number of awarded scholarships: 6

- 1. Daniel Škobla, Bratislava
  - Civil Society Organizations: Promoting Pro-Poor Policy and Social Inclusion, July 11 15, 2005
- 2. Gabriel Pirický, Bratislava
  - History and Nationalism in Central Asia, July 4 15, 2005
- 3. Gabriela Gregušová, Bratislava
  - History and Nationalism in Central Asia, July 4 15, 2005
- 4. Michal Šipoš, Bratislava
  - Transnational Flows, Structures, Agents and the Idea of Development July 4 15, 2005
- 5. Richard Ružička
  - ERRA International Training Program on Energy Regulatory Practices, July 18 22, 2005
- 6. Sunghee Song, Bratislava/Korea
  - Globalization, Governance and International Relations Theory, July 11 22, 2005

## Universty Roma Students Scholarship Program

The scholarship program for Roma university students is administered by NOS – OSF for the Slovak Republic's Plenipotentiary Office for Roma Communities. The office provides funds for the Support Program for Roma Secondary and University Students based on governmental decree no. 278. The scholarships are designed for talented Roma secondary school and university students from socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

January - December 2005:

#### **Scholarships**

1. Ádiová Mária, Čierna nad Tisou       SKK 12,800.00         2. Baláž Rastislav, Poprad       SKK 12,800.00         3. Baláž Zdenko, Hontianske Tesáre       SKK 5,400.00         4. Banom Tomáš, Zalužice       SKK 5,400.00         5. Berky Štefan, Piešťany       SKK 5,400.00         6. Božárová Andrea, Komárno       SKK 12,800.00         7. Bužová Lenka, Snina       SKK 12,800.00         8. Čonka Ladislav, Vranov nad Topľou       SKK 5,400.00         9. Čonková Silvia, Smižany       SKK 12,800.00         10. Csonková Marta, Gemerská Ves       SKK 12,800.00         11. Daniel Lukáš, Kopčany       SKK 12,800.00         12. Danihel Vincent, Bratislava       SKK 12,800.00         13. Demčák Marek, Vranov nad Topľou       SKK 5,400.00         14. Dudyová Denisa, Jaklovce       SKK 5,400.00         15. Duna Leonard, Košice       SKK 5,400.00         16. Facuna Jozef, Turany       SKK 5,400.00         17. Farkašová Tunde, Rimavská Sobota       SKK 5,400.00         18. Ferencová Mária, Humenné       SKK 5,400.00         19. Gabčová Kristína, Poprad       SKK 5,400.00         20. Gabčová Ludmila, Spišská Teplica       SKK 5,400.00         21. Gábor Marek, Kecerovce       SKK 5,400.00			
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28. 29.	Kochlic Martin, Ružomberok Kokényové Gréta, Pimayské Schota	SKK 12,800.00
29. 30.	Kokényová Gréta, Rimavská Sobota Kondorová Marta, Veľké Kapušany	SKK 12,800.00 SKK 5,400.00
31.	Krupinský Kamil, Lučenec	SKK 5,400.00
32.	Kuľa Jozef, Blatné Remety	SKK 5,400.00
33.	Kurtíková Katarína, Ondrašová	SKK 12,800.00
34.	Lakatoš Milan, Vinodol	SKK 12,800.00
35.	Lázoková Monika, Hnúšťa	SKK 12,800.00
36.	Mareková Helena, Spišská Teplica	SKK 12,800.00
37.	Mihálik Ján, Jaklovce	SKK 5,400.00
38.	Mirgová Ružena, Spišský Štvrtok	SKK 12,800.00
39.	Oláh Ján, Hnúšťa	SKK 5,400.00
40.	Patkoló Július, Šaľa - Veča	SKK 5,400.00
41.	Piskorová Stanislava, Nižný Hrabovec	SKK 12,800.00
42.	Plachetka Sergej, Švedlár	SKK 5,400.00
43.	Plachetková Edita, Švedlár	SKK 3,000.00
44. 45	Plešková Lenka, Badín	SKK 6,400.00
45. 46.	Pompa Aleš, Poprad Pompa Ladislav, Podolínec	SKK 5,400.00 SKK 12,800.00
47.	Pompa Richard, Toporec	SKK 5,400.00
48.	Pustajová Lucia, Tisovec	SKK 3,000.00
49.	Rácová Margita, Čakajovce	SKK 5,400.00
50.	Rácz Florián, Nižný Žipov	SKK 5,400.00
51.	Rafael Milan, Kolárovo	SKK 12,800.00
52.	Ružínyiová Júlia, Lenartovce	SKK 12,800.00
53.	Šarkoziová Petra, Žiar nad Hronom	SKK 5,400.00
54.	Sendreiová Jana, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 5,400.00
55.	Szajko Zsolt, Včelince	SKK 12,800.00
56.	Toráčová Katarína, Handlová	SKK 5,400.00
57.	Varga Peter, Vranov nad Topľou	SKK 5,400.00
58.	Zolták Ľubomír, Stropkov	SKK 12,800.00
59.	Zsiga Juraj, Krh. Podhadie	SKK 12,800.00
60. 61.	Zubaj Rastislav, Bystré Zupková Amália, Toporec	SKK 5,400.00
62.	Baláž Roman, Zvolen	SKK 5,400.00 SKK 1,800.00
63.	Balážová Simona, Poprad	SKK 7,400.00
64.	Biháriová Irena, Trnava	SKK 7,400.00
65.	Grajcárová Michaela, Hnojné	SKK 7,400.00
66.	Horváth Ľudovít, Veľký Krtíš	SKK 7,400.00
67.	Horváthová Irena, Spišská Nová Ves	SKK 12,800.00
68.	Hudiová Daniela, Košice	SKK 7,400.00
69.	Huňák Ján, Svidník	SKK 8,400.00
70.	Jílek Peter, Poprad	SKK 12,800.00
71.	Juhasová Jana, Giraltovce	SKK 12,800.00
72.	Jurčišin Ján, Stropkov	SKK 7,400.00
73.	Kandráčová Denisa, Spišský Hrhov	SKK 12,800.00
74. 75	Kešeľ Tibor, Pavlovce nad Uhom	SKK 12,800.00
75. 76.	Kokyová Magdaléna, Košice Kokyová Viera, Spišská Nová Ves	SKK 12,800.00 SKK 12,800.00
70. 77.	Koreňová Nina, Levice	SKK 7,400.00
78.	Kotlár Tomáš, Stakčín	SKK 12,800.00
79.	Kovács Štefan, Nitra	SKK 7,400.00
80.	Ličková Alena, Banská Štiavnica	SKK 12,800.00
81.	Marko Jozef, Nálepkovo	SKK 12,800.00
82.	Oláhová Alena, Hnúšťa	SKK 7,400.00

83.	Onody Július, Košice	SKK 7,400.00
84.	Pištová Lýdia, Poprad	SKK 7,400.00
85.	Pompová Marcela, Kežmarok	SKK 1,000.00
86.	Rácz Ivan, Veľký Krtíš	SKK 12,800.00
87.	Rafael Vladimír, Levice	SKK 7,400.00
88.	Rihariová Edita, Veľké Bielice	SKK 7,400.00
89.	Šandor Milan, Košice	SKK 6,400.00
90.	Stojka Jaroslav, Žilina	SKK 12,800.00
91.	Žoltáková Beáta, Stropkov	SKK 7,400.00
92.	Zupko Jozef, xxx	SKK 7,400.00

## SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

## Secondary School Scholarships

This educational program has been in operation since 1993 with a view to providing students with an opportunity to study in American or British secondary schools. In this way students can become familiar with and understand diverse cultures, learn about different lifestyles abroad by staying with host families, enrolling in educational programs as well as becoming involved in clubs and community activities. NOS – OSF administers the selection process for students from Slovakia.

#### Scholarships in 2004/05:

ASSIST, USA, 1-year study stays 5 scholarships HMC, Great Britain, 1-year study stays 5 scholarships

#### Awarded scholarships:

Number of applicants: 116

Number of awarded scholarships: 10

#### American Secondary School for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST), USA – 1-year study stay

**1. Barbora Konečná**, Bratislava Episcopal Academy, PA, USA

Michal Krčméry, Bratislava Episcopal High School, VA, USA

Veronika Onušková, Košice Webb School, TN, USA

4. Mária Orogvániová, Sučany

Christ Church Episcopal School, SC, USA

5. Zuzana Vikarská, Poprad

The Williston Northampton School, MA, USA

## Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC) Projects for Central and Eastern Europe, Great Britain – 1-year study stay

1. Kristína Košková, Bratislava

Culford School, Suffolk, Great Britain

2. Matúš Nižnanský, Trnava

Bloxham School, Oxfordshire, Great Britain

3. Martin Sopúšek, Sučany

Framlingham College, Suffolk, Great Britain

4. Veronika Szalontayová, Košice

Stover School, Devon, Great Britain

5. Soňa Urbančíková, Košice

Wrekin College, Shropshire, Great Britain

## Secondary School Roma Students' Scholarships

This scholarship program for Roma university students is administered by the NOS – OSF for the Office of Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic for the Roma Communities. The office provides funds for the Support Program for Roma Secondary School and University Students based on governmental decree no. 278. The scholarships are designed for talented Roma secondary school students from socially disadvantaged families. The assistance is designed for all types of secondary schools, including those with and without a graduation exam (vocational schools, practical schools) and higher technical schools.

January - June 2005:

Number of applicants: 352 from 60 secondary schools

Number of awarded scholarships: 339 from 57 secondary schools

September – December 2005:

Number of applicants: 663 from 67 secondary schools

Number of awarded scholarships: 452 from 54 secondary schools

1.	Church Secondary Grammar School of St. Josephate Trebišov, Trebišov	SKK 5,400.00
2.	Church Secondary Grammar School of St. John the Baptist, Trebišov	SKK 1,770.00
3.	Church Secondary Vocational School of St. Cyril and Methodius, Michalovce	SKK 1,770.00
4.	Secondary Grammar School, Tornal'a	SKK 1,770.00
5.	Secondary Grammar School of A. Prídavok, Sabinov	SKK 2,500.00
6.	Secondary Grammar School, Giraltovce	SKK 3,540.00
7.	Secondary Grammar School of J. Hronec, Bratislava	SKK 1,250.00
8.	Secondary Grammar School of Comenius, Sabinov	SKK 3,540.00
9.	Secondary Grammar School, Krompachy	SKK 1,800.00
10.	Secondary Grammar School, Michalovce	SKK 1,770.00
11.	Secondary Grammar School, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 1,770.00
12.	Secondary Grammar School of St. Monica, Prešov	SKK 1,770.00
13.	Secondary Grammar School, Tornal'a	SKK 3,750.00
14.	Secondary Grammar School, Trebišov	SKK 1,250.00
15.	Secondary Grammar School, Trebišov	SKK 1,770.00
16.	Conservatory, Bratislava	SKK 3,540.00
17.	Conservatory of J. L. Bella, Banská Bystrica	SKK 1,770.00
18.	Conservatory, Košice	SKK 1,800.00
19.	Business Academy, Revúca	SKK 3,540.00
20.	Business Academy, Sered'	SKK 1,770.00
21.	Business Academy, Stará Ľubovňa	SKK 1,800.00
22.	Secondary Vocational School, Želovce	SKK 3,540.00

23. Secondary Boarding Vocational School, Prešov	SKK 24,780.00
24. Secondary Boarding Vocational School, Prešov	SKK 18,750.00
25. Secondary Boarding Vocational School and Practical Boarding School, Michald	ovce SKK 17,700.00
26. Secondary Boarding Vocational School, Trebišov	SKK 26,500.00
27. Secondary Vocational School, Želovce	SKK 6,250.00
28. Secondary Vocational School, Practical Boarding School, Michalovce	SKK 26,800.00
29. Pedagogical and Social Academy, Lučenec	SKK 3,540.00
30. Pedagogical and Social Academy, Lučenec	SKK 8,050.00
31. Pedagogical and Social Academy, Levice	SKK 2,500.00
32. Pedagogical and Social Academy, Levice	SKK 3,540.00
33. Secondary School, Sobrance	SKK 3,750.00
34. Secondary School, Hnúšťa	SKK 1,770.00
35. Secondary School, Hnúšťa	SKK 10,000.00
36. Secondary Agricultural School, Kežmarok	SKK 1,770.00
37. Secondary Agricultural School, Kežmarok	SKK 1,250.00
38. Secondary Technical School, Snina	SKK 5,310.00
39. Secondary Technical School of Transportation, Zvolen	SKK 3,540.00
40. Secondary Technical School of Transportation, Zvolen	SKK 1,800.00
41. Stredná School of Electrotechnics, Michalovce	SKK 1,770.00
42. Secondary School of Textile Design, Trenčín	SKK 1,770.00
43. Secondary School of Textile Design, Trenčín	SKK 1,250.00
44. Secondary Technical School of Food Industry, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 2,500.00
45. Secondary Technical School, Snina	SKK 1,800.00
46. Secondary Technical School of Construction, Hurbanovo	SKK 1,770.00
47. Secondary School of Arts, Košice	SKK 70,800.00
48. Secondary School of Arts, Košice	SKK 54,400.00
49. Secondary School of Health Care, Michalovce	SKK 5,310.00
50. Secondary School of Health Care, Michalovce	SKK 5,000.00
51. Secondary School of Health Care, Poprad	SKK 8,850.00
52. Secondary School of Health Care, Humenné	SKK 1,250.00
53. Secondary School of Health Care, Humenné	SKK 1,770.00

54. Secondary School of Health Care Samaritan the Merciful, Svidník	SKK 14,160.00
55. Secondary School of Health Care Samaritan the Merciful, Svidník	SKK 9,150.00
56. Secondary School of Health Care, Poprad	SKK 13,450.00
57. Secondary School of Health Care, Rožňava	SKK 21,250.00
58. Secondary School of Health Care, Rožňava	SKK 26,550.00
59. Secondary Vocational School, Vranov nad Topľou	SKK 8,850.00
60. Secondary Vocational School, Bardejov	SKK 3,050.00
61. Secondary Vocational School, Brezno	SKK 3,600.00
62. Secondary Vocational School, Galanta	SKK 3,600.00
63. Secondary Vocational School of Textile Design, Svidník	SKK 53,100.00
64. Secondary Vocational School of Textile Design, Tornal'a	SKK 69,030.00
65. Secondary Vocational School of Textile Design, Tornal'a	SKK 29,850.00
66. Secondary Vocational School of Textile Design of General L. Svoboda, Svidník	SKK 18,750.00
67. Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Sobrance	SKK 12,390.00
68. Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Stará Ľubovňa	SKK 30,090.00
69. Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Štítnik	SKK 8,850.00
70. Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Štítnik	SKK 8,750.00
71. Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture, Poltár	SKK 9,300.00
72. Secondary Vocational School of Agriculture and Food Industry, Banská Bystrica	SKK 1,770.00
73. Secondary Vocational School of Services, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 1,770.00
74. Secondary Vocational School of Services, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 14,850.00
75. Secondary Vocational School of Services, Poprad	SKK 1,250.00
76. Cooperative Jednota Secondary Vocational School of Samuel Ormis, Revúca	SKK 10,620.00
77. Secondary Vocational School, Stará Ľubovňa	SKK 35,400.00
78. Secondary Vocational School of Construction, Košice	SKK 1,770.00
79. Secondary Vocational School of Construction, Michalovce	SKK 37,170.00
80. Secondary Vocational School of Construction, Michalovce	SKK 12,500.00
81. Secondary Vocational School of Engineering, Michalovce	SKK 5,310.00
82. Secondary Vocational School of Engineering, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 3,050.00
83. Secondary Vocational School, Svidník	SKK 5,310.00

84. Private Academy for Roma Communities for Social and Legal Issues, Košice	SKK 20,400.00
85. Private Secondary School, Dunajská Streda	SKK 73,050.00
86. Private Secondary School Dunajská Streda, Kežmarok Branch	SKK 31,860.00
87. Private Conservatory of Dezider Kardoš, Topoľčany	SKK 1,250.00
88. Private Conservatory of Dezider Kardoš, Topoľčany	SKK 5,310.00
89. Private Vocational School, Fil'akovo	SKK 10,000.00
90. Private Vocational School, Fil'akovo	SKK 7,080.00
91. Private Vocational School, Banská Bystrica	SKK 1,770.00
92. Private Vocational School, Trebišov	SKK 3,540.00
93. Private Vocational School of Hotel Services and Business, Žiar nad Hronom	SKK 5,000.00
94. Secondary School of Business and Services, Kežmarok	SKK 3,540.00
95. Secondary School of Business and Services, Kežmarok	SKK 40,950.00
96. Secondary School of Agriculture, Želovce	SKK 35,400.00
97. Secondary School of Agriculture and Food Industry, Rimavská Sobota	SKK 3,540.00
98. Secondary School of Agriculture, Želovce	SKK 15,000.00
99. Secondary School, Sabinov	SKK 2,500.00
100. Cooperative Jednota Secondary School, Giraltovce	SKK 12,200.00
101. Cooperative Jednota Secondary School of S. Ormis, Revúca	SKK 3,750.00
102. Secondary School of Glass Industry, Poltár	SKK 6,250.00
103. Secondary School of Services, Zvolen	SKK 3,540.00
104. Secondary School of Services, Žiar nad Hronom	SKK 7,080.00
105. Cooperative Jednota Secondary School, Giraltovce	SKK 5,310.00
106. Secondary School, Trebišov	SKK 3,050.00
107. Secondary School, Snina	SKK 12,350.00
108. Secondary School, Snina	SKK 5,310.00
109. Secondary School, Vranov nad Topľou	SKK 15,650.00

## Maturita Reform (Secondary School Leaving Examination Reform) in Slovakia

This operational, educational and grant program was carried out between 1999 - 2005 on the basis of the Framework Agreement on Cooperation in the School Leaving Examination Reform Project, entered into with the National Institute for Education and the British Council Slovakia. NOS – OSF was supporting activities at individual stages of implementing the School Leaving Examination Reform Project. The reform aimed to introduce objective, national standard written tests and oral exams in core and selected subjects as part of the school leaving examination. In addition the project provided training for experts, authors and test examiners. NOS – OSF awarded 20 partial grants at a total of SKK 4,523,830.40. The Maturita Reform program was terminated with the launch of the first school leaving examination based on new rules and principles. The project has created conditions for introducing major changes in the school leaving examination process in Slovakia, increasing the quality of education and more objective evaluation without regional differences.

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

## English Essay Competition – 11th Year

This operational program, run each academic year since 1995, aims to motivate students to improve their English language skills, support talented and creative students to develop original thinking and ways of expressing their views on current, social and personal matters. The competition is designed for secondary grammar school students in three categories (Junior: 1st and 2nd grades; Senior: 3rd and 4th grades; Anglophones: students of any grade who studied in English school abroad for more than 4 months). In 2005 the competition was jointly organized by NOS – OSF, the British Council and SAUA/SATE.

#### **Essay topics:**

- 1. Consumer culture: the road to hell?
- 2. "I am (secretly) dating a Roma. What should I tell my family and friends?" Or can the Roma and non-Roma population happily co-exist?
- 3. Which is best for patients: pharmaceuticals or alternative forms of treatment?

#### **Expert committee:**

Jana Bérešová, English teacher, Testing SIG SAUA/SATE, Trnava University, Trnava Dagmar Blight, English teacher, Filozofická Fakulta, St. Cyril and Methodius University, Trnava Jonathan Gresty, English language lecturer, Evangelical Secondary Grammar School, Prešov Tor Lindbloom, American lecturer, 1st Private Secondary Grammar School, Bratislava Paul McCullough, American lecturer, Faculty of Education, Comenius University, Bratislava

Number of essays: 592

Number of essays awarded: 12

All winners were given a copy of the 3<sup>rd</sup> book of winners' essays from the competition and small gifts from NOS – OSF.

#### Winners in the "Junior" Category:

1st place – Michal Fábián, Secondary Grammar School, Varšavská Cesta, Žilina 2nd place – Apolónia Sejková, Secondary Grammar School Konštantínova, Prešov

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Jana Kosorínová, Secondary Grammar School, Metodova, Bratislava

4th place - Peter Hakun, Secondary Grammar School of the Dukla Heroes, Komenského, Svidník

#### Winner in the "Senior" Category:

1st place – Elena Guričanová, Secondary Grammar School, Grösslingova, Bratislava

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Timea Bábik, Secondary Grammar School of Zoltán Kodály, Galanta

3rd place – Matej Mačák, Secondary Grammar School, Šrobárova, Košice

4th place – Eva Hanisková, Secondary Grammar School, Javorová, Spišská Nová Ves

5th place – Eva Malková, Piaristické Secondary Grammar School of J. Branecký, Palackého, Trenčín

#### Winners in the Anglophone Category:

1st place – Ján Voderadský, Secondary Grammar School of Juraj Hronec, Novohradská, Bratislava
 2nd place – Veronika Štekláčová, Bilingual English – Slovak Secondary Grammar School, Sučany
 3rd place – Zdenka Kissová, Secondary Grammar School of Juraj Hronec, Novohradská, Bratislava

#### **Program partners:**

**British Council** 

Slovak Association of English Teachers (SAUA/SATE)

#### **Sponsors - Partners:**

**CKM SYTS** 

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Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy
Vydavateľstvo Foreign Language Publications – Friendship Magazine
Cambridge University Press

The Slovak Spectator Mimi Gosney and Arlene Barilec – ex Peace Corps Volunteers in Slovakia

## One Year Stays by Slovak Teachers in British Private Secondary Schools

This operational educational program has been running since 1997 to enable young Slovak teachers to spend one year at private secondary schools in Great Britain in order to acquire new information and improve their knowledge of their subject's terminology and teaching experience. Participants teach their subjects and concurrently act as tutors to their students.

Number of applicants: 26 Number of participants: 2

#### Participants:

L'ubomír Czanner, Bratislava

Lord Wandsworth College, Long Sutton, Hook, Hants, Hampshire, England, Great Britain

Erika Máliková, Bratislava

Queen's Royal Russell School, Coombe Lane, Croydon, England, Great Britain

#### Partners:

Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference – HMC, Great Britain Private secondary schools in Great Britain

## Family History Essay Competition

NOS – OSF carried out this project in cooperation with the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI) with financial support from the US Embassy to Bratislava. The essay competition designed for secondary grammar school students focused on the topic of family history.

The aim of the competition was to enhance young people's interest in family history and their roots.

Number of essays: 35 Number of awarded essays: 3

#### Pre-selection committee:

**Ladislav Čúzy**, Department of Slovak Literature and Literary Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava **Frederik Federmayer**, Department of Archiving and Related Historical Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava

#### Tomáš Tandlich, Interior Ministry, State Archives, Bratislava

The pre-selection committee selected the 6 best essays that were then reviewed by the CGSI committee in the USA, responsible for choosing the three winning essays.

1st place – Barbora Slabáková, Secondary Grammar School, Adyho 7, Štúrovo 2nd place – Soňa Smileková, Secondary Grammar School, Detva

3rd place – Viktória Tóthová, Secondary Grammar School, Adyho 7, Štúrovo

#### Partners:

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI), USA US Embassy to Bratislava

## Nobody is Missing

Thanks to funds raised through the 2% income tax deduction scheme, NOS – OSF announced a special call for proposals "Nobody is Missing." The program was designed for NGOs and public and local administration institutions cooperating with NGOs to improve access to education and increase the quality of education for marginalized groups.

The program aimed to contribute to overcoming the unequal position of marginalized groups through educational activities. The grant amount was set to range from SKK 10,000 to SKK 100,000 and project duration was recommended at 6 to 12 months. The total amount fundraised through the scheme was SKK 690,000. The deadline for applications was November 25, 2005. Grants were reviewed and selected by NOS – OSF's Board of Trustees based on recommendations by the Expert Committee from December 13, 2005.

**Total number of applications:** 75 **Number of awarded grants:** 10

Gran	ts	
1.	People in Peril – Czech Television Association, Slovak Branch, Rudňany Roma Children Adopt Africa	SKK 70,000.00
2.	Club of School Friends, Sačurov Diverse World	SKK 31,600.00
3.	CA Pre Pindre - Na Nohy, Bratislava Let's Sew Together – For Us, For You	SKK 25,100.00
4.	Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia, Church Community Tušice, Tušická Nová Ves Tutoring Roma Children	SKK 48,480.00
5.	Regional Association 'Javor,' Divín We Live Here Together	SKK 88,220.00
6.	Roma Tear, Turňa nad Bodvou Establishing Roma Preschool Club	SKK 63,000.00
7.	Secondary Vocational School, Stará Ľubovňa Chance for the Roma	SKK 100,000.00
8.	Young Offenders Prison – Sučany, Martin Second Chance	SKK 79,600.00
9.	Training School for Guide Dogs. Union of Blind and Visually Impaired of Slovakia, Bratislava Me and My Four-Legged Eyes	SKK 93,000.00
10.	Zilina Library, Žilina Marginalized and Disadvantaged Citizens and Electronic Information Media	SKK 91,000.00

## NOS – OSF'S PROGRAM PARTNERS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

## Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom

The Wide Open School Foundation was a follow-up to the Step by Step educational program, launched by NOS – OSF in Slovakia in 1993 and which in 1995 was spun off from the NOS-OSF program structure as a separate program thanks to the establishment of the Wide Open School Foundation. This foundation aims to stimulate institutional and family education for pre-school age children and support children from socially under-privileged and disadvantaged families.

#### **Grants:**

1. Wide Open School Foundation, Žiar nad Hronom Step by Step

SKK 161,825.00

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

The public health program aims to influence health policy on social inclusion, exercising human rights and justice through an evidence based approach. NOS – OSF has mainly focused on overcoming marginalization of the Roma community, drug users and support for civil society stakeholders working in the above mentioned fields.

#### Roma Health

An operating and educational program implemented since 2001 The aim of the program is to assist in improving the living conditions of Roma communities and establish a sustainable and responsible approach by Roma citizens to their health through specific and targeted activities. The Roma Health program followed up the Phare project "Technical Assistance in Establishing Community Centers in Slovakia," implemented in 2003 to 2004. In 2005 NOS – OSF supported activities in the field of health, hygiene and work by community centers in locations where health problems and the issue of equal access to health care were the most crucial.

#### **Selected Roma communities:**

Vaľkovňa, Brezno district Šumiac, Brezno district Svinia, Prešov district Hermanovce, Prešov district Prešov, Stará Vaľkovňa Olejnikov, Sabinov district Kecerovce, Košice – surrounding area Lipany, Prešov district

#### Operating Activities: Educational Activities in Slovakia

#### **Roma Health Working Group Meeting**

February 21, 2005, Prešov

Launching the Roma Health Project in 8 Roma Communities

Number of participants: 10

### **Roma Health Working Group Meeting**

March 29, 2005, Prešov

Finding Solutions to Current Health Problems in Roma Communities - Based on Initial Health Monitoring in Selected

Communities

Number of participants: 10

#### Roma Health Seminar

April 14 – 16, 2005, Herl'any, Košice – surrounding area Health of Children and Youth in 8 Roma Communities Target group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives Number of participants: 34

#### Roma Health Seminar

May 26 – 28, 2005, Stará Lesná Intimacy and Health in 8 Roma Communities Target group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives Number of participants: 24

#### **Roma Health Working Group Meeting**

June 21, 2005, Prešov

Current problems, monitoring problem resolution in the field of Roma hygiene and health in communities, issues for young mothers, communication with medical professionals, monitoring the health status of Roma communities.

Number of participants: 10

#### Roma Health Seminar

September 29 – October 1, 2005, Stará Lesná

Health, Hygiene and Child Rearing in 8 Roma Communities

arget group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives

Number of participants: 32

#### Roma Health Seminar

October 27 – 29, 2005, Stará Lesná Intimacy and Health in Roma Communities

Target group: field health workers, field social workers, Community Center representatives

Number of participants: 32

#### Roma Health Working Group Meeting

December 2, 2005, Prešov

Concluding the Roma Health in 8 Roma Communities Project

Number of participants: 11

## Harm Reduction Program

This operating, educational and grant program has been running since 1995. It aims to assist in integrating the harm reduction approach into the spectrum of services provided to drug users. Priority areas for 2005 included: expanding the university course "Introduction to Harm Reduction" to other universities, systemic mapping of the harm reduction approach implementation in Slovakia, financial and methodological assistance to harm reduction service providers, strengthening harm reduction service providers' sustainability.

**Target group:** non-governmental organizations providing services in the field of harm reduction, educational institutions, local governments

#### Operating activities:

#### Systemically Mapping Harm Reduction Implementation in Slovakia

NOS – OSF has been advocating a harm reduction approach since 1995. In 2005 NOS – OSF paid close attention to impact mapping its own efforts and those of projects supported within the program. This analysis served as a basis for setting priority areas for the upcoming period.

Costs: SKK 35,000.00

#### **Analysis of Specific Provisions of New Penal Code**

Detailed Impact Analysis of Article 173 of the New Penal Code on Harm Reduction Service Providers Costs:

SKK 59,500.00

#### Perception of NOS - OSF, Public Health and Harm Reduction by Slovak Journalists and the Media

Survey to find out the general perception of public health issues with a special focus on harm reduction. Establishing the level of awareness on a given topic among journalists and recommending activities to improve the situation.

Costs: SKK 80,920.00

### **HIV/AIDS Situation Analysis**

An HIV/AIDS situation analysis among drug users and other marginalized groups to establish the availability and quality of anonymous testing in Slovakia.

Costs: SKK 310,000.00

#### **Grants:**

Number of applications: 5 Number of awarded grants: 5

1.	Department of Social Work, Faculty of Education, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica	SKK 295,000.00
	Introduction to Harm Reduction – Teacher Training	

2.	Civic Association STORM at the Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra	SKK 100,000.00
	Step Ahead - Car	

3.	Helping Hand, Košice	SK	K 464,930.00
	Clean Needle Project		

4.	Civic Association STORM at the Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra	SKK 1,050,334.00
	Step Ahead	

5.	Civic Association STORM at the Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra	SKK 160,000.00
	Basic Guidelines for Field Work	

## NOS - OSF'S PROGRAM PARTNERS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## Open Medical Club

The civic association Open Medical Club organizes training program for doctors: Salzburg Medical Seminars, satellite symposiums, seminars and training activities for doctors and a broad range of health professionals. The club aims to adequately apply evidence based, relevant and valid information and data acquired from Salzburg seminars and other medical institutions abroad into practice. The club also provides valid and relevant information to the public.

## **GOOD GOVERNANCE**

This program sets out to contribute to the optimal functioning of institutions, establish favorable conditions for creating policies respecting the human rights of marginalized groups, overcome discrimination and exclusion and develop opportunities for participation in the management of public affairs.

## Law Program

This operational, educational and grant program has run since 1999 in order to enhance civil society development by supporting legal reforms, development of the legal infrastructure, legislation and humanization of the legal system. The aim of the program's activities is to contribute to changing the legal culture and mindset, protect human rights and basic freedoms with a special focus on marginalized groups by providing support to specific projects.

#### Program areas:

- A. Anti-discriminatory Legislation
- B. Human Rights and the Fight against Racism
- C. Reform of the Legal System, Police
- D. Access to Information

#### A. ANTI-DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION

Upon adoption and implementation of EC Directive no. 2000/78/EC and no. 2000/43/EC and Anti-Discrimination Act no. 365/2004 (anti-discriminatory legislation) it is important to monitor how legislation and regulations are observed in Slovak regions. Further activities include information dissemination on breaching and observing anti-discriminatory legislation, legal aid provision to victims of discrimination, legal representation and the preparation of materials for legislative changes.

#### **Grants:**

1. CA League for Human Rights, Bratislava

SKK 200,000.00

Asylum Law - Legal Clinic run in cooperation with Trnava University

#### B. HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM

This program aims to provide legal aid to marginalized groups (foreigners, socially disadvantaged and marginalized groups) whose rights have been violated in any area. These activities aim to combat racism through public events, activities organized by activist groups and work in schools using new teaching methods.

#### **Grants:**

1. Activist League for Human Rights, Bratislava

SKK 474,000.00

Effective Implementation of Anti-Discriminatory Legislation in the Slovak Republic

CA League for Human Rights, Bratislava
 Monitoring Police Detention of Foreigners in Medvedov

SKK 360,000.00

3. Charter 77 Foundation, Bratislava

SKK 1,200,000.00

Pro Bono Human Rights Advocacy

#### C. LEGAL SYSTEM REFORM: PRISON, POLICE

The status of the judiciary, police corps and prison service has been undergoing some changes. They no longer represent a repressive branch of state power, but are rather viewed as institutions serving the public. These institutions are unable to fulfill these challenging tasks without active involvement by citizens and their extensive cooperation. It is therefore necessary to open up their activities and make them available to citizens, eliminating barriers between citizens and institutions, addressing traditional fears associated with such structures.

#### **PRISON**

#### **Grants:**

#### 1. CA Citizen and Democracy, Bratislava

SKK 749,200.00

Training project for trainers and other employees in contact with prison clients in Slovakia to develop legal and communication bridges and improve knowledge.

#### D. ACCESS TO INFORMATION

#### INFO Act of the Year - Competition

### August - September 2004

In 2005 the NOS – OSF law program organized a competition for the friendliest and most hostile act of the year in relation to implementing the FOIA between September 2004 and August 2005. NOS - OSF also launched a specialized web page for this competition - www.infocin.sk.

## Roma Program

An operating and grant program running since 1993. The main program goal is to change the position of the Roma minority in Slovak society, create conditions to actively overcome problems and increase involvement by individuals, experts, institutions and civil society stakeholders in this process.

#### **Program Goals:**

- Active participation in the Decade of Roma Inclusion initiative;
- Increase Roma participation in governance of public issues and deal with Roma communities' issues in Slovakia,
- Develop civil society and strengthen NGOs working with Roma commmunities;
- Support local projects aimed at solving the problems of Roma communities and improve relations between the Roma and non-Roma majority;
- Support for community education focused on the integration and desegregation of Roma students;
- Advocacy for human rights and a focus on improving access to education and health care, increasing the Roma communities' legal awareness and that of Roma representatives.

#### Program areas:

- A. Decade of Roma Inclusion Small Grants Program 2005
- B. TRUST for Civil Society Institutional Support to NGOs Working with the Roma Community
- C. Regional Roma Information and Counseling Centers (IPCR)
- D. Roma Program Vaš Amenge For Us
- E. Roma Educational Initiative (REI)
- F. Support for Roma Secondary School and University Students
- G. Roma Advocacy Program
- H. Roma Health

#### A. DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM 2005

The small grants program is a joint initiative by the World Bank and the Open Society Foundation.

The program aims to support civic participation, e.g. activities primarily focused on civic participation, strengthening citizens' participation and responsibility in public affairs, involvement by civic initiatives in shaping and creating community development at a regional and national level. The program is primarily designed to support NGOs focusing on monitoring, evaluation and implementation of the goals set by the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005 – 2015) initiative. This is an action framework for governmental strategies to monitor the development of social inclusion and the economic and social status of the Roma. Participation by Roma organizations representing civil society is a key aspect of the whole initiative.

Seven grants were awarded and one operational activity was organized (a meeting of World Bank representatives, Open Society Foundation representatives, organizations awarded grants and NGO representatives). The meeting addressed program goals, their fulfillment and continuity in the upcoming period.

Program partner: The World Bank

G	ra	ni	ts:

1.	People in Need – Czech Television Association, Rudňany We Are Not Bad	SKK 139,850.00
2.	Carpathian Association for Integration, Košice CHANCE Program – Preparing Roma Students for University Studies	SKK 126,800.00
3.	Cultural Association of Roma of Slovakia, Banská Bystrica A More Active Approach by the Roma in Public Life and Community Development	SKK 130,200.00
4.	Civic Association New Way Michalovce, Michalovce Roma Participation in Public Life	SKK 179,100.00
5.	Civic Association for Young Black Eyes, Veľké Kapušany Drom Ande Bari Luma – Road to a Big World	SKK 163,755.00
6.	CA - ZPR, Minority Community Center, Veľký Krtíš Increased Roma Participation in Public Life	SKK 183,000.00
7.	Roma Press Agency, Košice Roma Letters	SKK 200,000.00

#### B. TRUST FOR CIVIL SOCIETY - INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO NGOS WORKING WITH THE ROMA COMMUNITY

This program attempts to balance out conditions for the institutional development of NGOs working with the Roma community and their active involvement in cooperating in problem solving. For more information see the TRUST Program.

#### **Operating activities:**

Meeting by Trust Program grantees working with the Roma community in Prešov, November 9 – 10, 2005.

For more information see the TRUST Program.

#### C. REGIONAL ROMA INFORMATION AND COUNSELING CENTERS (IPCR)

This operational and grant program has been running since 2002. The aim of the long-term program is to build a strong NGO network to operate as regional Roma information and counseling centers, strengthening the capacity of Roma NGOs to take on the role of strategic and equal partners in the NGO sector. The centers offer advice and information to clients (NGOs, citizens, state administration and local administration, start up businesses). The project aims to develop the NGO network, strengthen regional partnership and cross-sector cooperation in solving the Roma communities' problems and improve relations between the majority population and the Roma. NOS – OSF coordinates the centers' activities and provides resources for their technical assistance and further education on relevant topics. In 2005 some NGOs in the IPCR network focused on their own activities and others (7 NGOs) continued to provide information and counseling services. Over the year the foundation's operating activities were aimed at strengthening partner communication and fulfilling individual NGOs' strategic goals and disseminating information about the initiative to the Roma.

#### List of Roma Information and Counseling Centers (IPCR):

Roma Information and Counseling Center, Čata

Roma Information and Counseling Center, Michalovce

Roma Information and Counseling Center, Poltár

Roma Information and Counseling Center, Prešov

Roma Information and Counseling Center, Rimavská Sobota

Roma Information and Counseling Center, Trenčín

Roma Information and Counseling Center, Žiar nad Hronom

#### **Operating activities:**

#### **IPCR Coordination and Training Meeting**

A meeting of IPCR representatives aimed at strategic planning, team building, sustainability and other up to date topics related to their work. Part of the meeting focused on evaluation of individual NGO's needs and training to improve the quality of NGO work. A training program lecturer was invited to the meeting.

Number of meetings: 1 Number of participants: 12

#### **IPCR Web Page**

Administration and maintenance of the IPCR web page - www.ipcr.sk to provide information about the IPCR network and up to date information related to Roma issues in Slovakia.

Gra	ants	
1.	Cultural and Educational Civic Association Láčho Drom, Kokava nad Rimavicou Roma Information and Counseling Center in Poltár - IPCR Poltár	SKK 200,000.00
2.	Cultural Association of the Roma, Roma Hearts - Romane Jile, Čata Information and Counseling Center	SKK 150,000.00
3.	Civic Association Way of Hope, Žiar nad Hronom Information and Counseling Center for NGOs and Socially Disadvantaged Citizens	SKK 201,000.00
4.	Civic Association to Support Regional Development, Prešov Information and Legal Counseling in IPCR in Prešov	SKK 203,000.00
5.	Civic Association New Way, Michalovce Activities by the Roma Information and Counseling Center	SKK 200,000.00
6.	Educational Roma Center, Nové Mesto nad Váhom Information, Counseling and Coordination Center for Roma Children and Youth /IPCR DaM/	SKK 169,000.00

#### D. VAŠ AMENGE - FOR US

The aim of this program is to support local and regional projects focusing on working with disadvantaged Roma communities in the field of health and environmental education. The program priority was to support integration activities, encourage participation by both the Roma and non-Roma local communities, improve relationships and direct Roma cooperation in the projects in the following areas:

- health care and preventative health, health education;
- hygiene, hygienic practices;
- dependences (alcohol and drug abuse, smoking, gambling etc.), preventing dependencies, work with users;
- violence, preventing domestic violence (i.e. in families, violence against women and children etc);
- sexual education and planned parenthood, pre-natal education;
- education on child care, caring for disabled children (mentally and physically);
- environmental education, care of the environment;
- care and protection of the environment;
- protection of human rights in the field of health and the environment.

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1.	Children's Traveling Theatre DRaK, Prešov Tooth Troubles	SKK 94,500.00
2.	Community Center, Čierny Balog Way Towards Health	SKK 105,000.00
3.	Cultural and Educational Civic Association Láčho Drom, Kokava nad Rimavicou How to Live a Healthy Life in a Healthy Environment	SKK 125,500.00

4.	Lok Municipality - Elementary School Lok, Lok We Want to Join You	SKK 4,000.00
5.	Municipality Šumiac, Šumiac Hygiene – Part of Our Life	SKK 97,000.00
6.	<b>CA Avelana, Michalovce</b> Spider's Web	SKK 105,000.00
7.	<b>CA Integration, Žiar nad Hronom</b> Roma Women and Girls – Education, Training	SKK 97,500.00
8.	CA New Way, Michalovce Drugs and Dependency vs. Healthy Lifestyle	SKK 135,000.00
9.	<b>CA Tolerance - Veľká Lomnica, Veľká Lomnica</b> We Use and Protect the Gifts of the Woods	SKK 70,000.00
10.	CA For Coexistence, Nižný Žipov Field Assistant for Pediatric Doctor	SKK 75,000.00
11.	CA Twilight, Rudňany For Better Health	SKK 108,000.00
12.	Project Schola, Košice Don't Ruin Your Body – Primary Prevention of Drug Dependencies	SKK 85,000.00
13.	Slovak Association for Planned Parenthood, Bratislava Through Education to Prevention	SKK 100,000.00
14.	Association for a Better Life, Rankovce Let's Help Each Other	SKK 49,000.00

#### E. ROMA EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE - REI

The Roma educational initiative, implemented since 2003 in seven countries (Bulgaria, Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia) is an operating and grant program. A pilot project was implemented in 2005 to increase integration (eliminate segregation) of Roma children through education and increasing interethnic contact and minimizing differences in school performance/success rates. The project was implemented in four locations: Jarovnice, Košice Šaca, Rudňany and Smižany. The goals were reached through the introduction of alternative instruction methods and changes in the learning environment (Step By Step Methodology). Along with pedagogical activities other initiatives aimed to support community training centers, work with women, local self governments and cross sector cooperation and the active involvement of all community representatives. The project is co-financed by the ESP OSI Program.

Program partners: Wide Open School Foundation, Project SCHOLA

Grant	Grants		
1.	Project SCHOLA, Košice Roma Educational Initiative	SKK 160,000.00	
2.	Wide Open School, Žiar nad Hronom Roma Educational Initiative	SKK 330,630.00	
3.	Wide Open School, Žiar nad Hronom Roma Educational Initiative	SKK 248,725.20	
4.	Project SCHOLA, Košice Roma Educational Initiative	SKK 922,748.00	
5.	Rudňany Municipality, Rudňany Roma Initiative in Education – Outdoor School	SKK 28,320.00	

#### F. SUPPORT TO ROMA SECONDARY SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

A grant and operating program.

For more information see the Education section.

Program partners: Governmental Office of the Slovak Republic, Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Roma Communities

#### Operating activities

#### Scholarship programs for Roma students

The NOS – OSF Roma program participated in the administration of scholarships for Roma university students (Roma Memorial University Scholarship Program/OSI Budapest – Scholarship program for Roma university students) for the academic year 2005/2006 by organizing orientation, personal consultations, translations and information distribution and communication with applicants and beneficiaries.

#### **G. ROMA ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

An operating program implemented since 2003. The aim of the program is to develop a communication network of trained activists capable of providing citizens primarily from Roma communities with basic legal aid. Information and counseling centers operate under the supervision of lawyers that provide professional legal aid and potential representation.

#### H. ROMA HEALTH

For more information see Public Health section, Roma Health Program.

#### I. STUDIES AND RESEARCH

#### Monitoring Roma Settlements in Slovakia

In 2005 monitoring Roma settlements was a follow up to results from Roma settlement' monitoring in Eastern Slovakia, carried out in cooperation with the InfoRoma Foundation from 1999 to 2001. The project intended to update monitoring results, analyze data and compare it with the current status in the monitored locations with a view to using the findings to create specific developmental and integration programs both on a national and local level. The project outcome will be a qualitative anthropological publication providing a holistic analysis of the social structure in the settlements examined for professionals for publication.

Program partners: West Bohemian University in Pilsen Open Society Fund Prague

#### Slovak-Czech Women's Fund

In 2004 NOS - OSF Bratislava and OSF Praha established a new donor organization named the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund. Both foundations committed themselves to support this bi-lateral organization for three years of its existence. The fund's role is to promote the principle of equal opportunities for women and men by supporting initiatives aimed at the protection, advocacy and implementation of women's rights, philanthropic development aimed at women and gender equality. In 2005 the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund awarded 14 grants totaling SKK 1,912,070.00. For more information see www.womensfund.sk.

#### **Grants**

1.	Re-granting	SKK 269,095.20
2.	Re-granting	SKK 64,464.00
3.	Travel grant	SKK 57,923.60
4.	Institutional Support April - December 2005	SKK 1,044,000.00
5.	Capacity Development of the Slovak-Czech Women's Fund	SKK 2,384,561.00
6	Institutional Support	SKK 600 000 00

## Public Policing - With Dignity and Politeness

An operating and educational program implemented from May 1, 2005 until June 30, 2006. The program aimed to contribute to civic society development by improving the human face of the police force. Activities assisted in altering the legal awareness and approach adopted by police representatives, promoting human rights and basic freedoms.

#### **Operating activities**

#### Seminar

June 13 – 14, 2005, Opátka pri Košiciach

2-day workshop – Communication and Conflict Resolution in the Workplace for heads of District Police Directorates in the Kosice district and the Kosice-surroundings.

Number of participants: 24

#### Seminar

December 8 – 9, 2005, Senec

2-day workshop – Communication and Conflict Resolution in the Workplace and in Public for heads of Local Police Directorates in Bratislava.

Number of participants: 23

## **Public Administration Program**

An operating and grant program implemented since 2000. The program seeks to assist in open society development by supporting decentralization and public administration reform and by encouraging public participation in the development and monitoring of public policy.

#### **Grants:**

1. Civic Association Rural Parliament, Banská Bystrica
Public Discussion on the New Rural Policy of the Slovak Republic

SKK 450,000.00

## **Community Program**

NOS – OSF delivered a follow up activity to its long term support for community foundations and community philanthropy (1996 – 2003) and announced a special call for proposals aimed at the stabilization of community foundations as important stakeholders in domestic philanthropy. The target group included community foundations with their own grant schemes running for more years in their spheres, which have a strategic plan and develop their sustainability.

#### **Grants:**

Number of applicants: 11 Number of awarded grants: 10

1.	Community Foundation Bardejov, Bardejov Development of the Community Foundation Bardejov	SKK 132,000.00
2.	Bratislava Community Foundation, Bratislava Activities to Gradually Stabilize the Bratislava Community Foundation	SKK 135,000.00
3.	Community Foundation Liptov, Liptovský Hrádok Fulfilling the Strategic Plan	SKK 129,000.00
4.	Community Foundation Modrá Torysa, Lipany Community Foundation – Partner for Philanthropy, Volunteering and Grants	SKK 124,000.00
5.	Community Foundation Prešov, Prešov Fulfilling the Foundation's Strategic Plan in 2006	SKK 130,000.00

6.	Community Foundation Veľký Šariš, Veľký Šariš Donorship Development	SKK 77,000.00
7.	Community Foundation Healthy Town, Banská Bystrica Stable Community Foundation Healthy Town	SKK 135,000.00
8.	Nitra Community Foundation, Nitra Sustainable Development Strategy of the Nitra Community Foundation	SKK 125,000.00
9.	<b>REVIA – Small Carpathian Community Foundation, Pezinok</b> POWER 3 F	SKK 115,000.00
10.	Trenčin Foundation, Trenčín Trenčin Foundation – Towards Donors	SKK 98,000.00

## Support for Innovative Projects

Since its establishment in 1992 the foundation allocates funds for the so called open grant scheme aimed at supporting innovative projects beyond the foundation's core grant programs. These innovative projects should focus on solving current issues. In 2005 the program was aimed primarily at supporting projects in the filed of philanthropy, the NGO non-profit sector and equal opportunity for marginalized groups.

Target group: NGOs

Gran	ts:	
1.	1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, Bratislava Informational and Educational Program 2% for Better Life	SKK 562,500.00
2.	1st Slovak Non-Profit Service Center, Bratislava Legal Counseling for NGOs	SKK 360,000.00
3.	Center for Documentary Film, Bratislava Roma Holocaust	SKK 414,200.00
4.	Donors' Forum, Bratislava Donors Message Service (DMS)	SKK 465,000.00
5.	Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava Slovakia 2006 –Public Debate on the Values of the Open Society and Civic Participation	SKK 1,494,850.00
6.	<b>Kalligram Ltd., Bratislava</b> Publishi8ng a Large Slovak – Hungarian Dictionary	SKK 400,000.00
7.	LOTOS – Association of Local TV Stations in Slovakia, Martin Workshop 2006 – Contest for Slovak Local TV Stations, VIII. Year	SKK 164,000.00
8.	LOTOS – Association of Local TV Stations in Slovakia, Martin Workshop 2005 - Contest for Slovak Local TV Stations, VII. Year	SKK 161,000.00
9.	Foundation – Center of Contemporary Arts, Bratislava Arts and Creativity for Business	SKK 15,000.00
10.	Foundation – Center of Contemporary Arts, Bratislava Open Gallery	SKK 110,000.00

11.	Charter 77 Foundation, Bratislava Citizens' Legal Counseling	SKK 4,683.00
12.	CA Dignity, Prešov Seminar for Hospice Care Institutions	SKK 31,739.00
13.	Slovak Debate Association, Bratislava Debate Program	SKK 152,895.00
14.	SPACE Foundation, Bratislava Updating the Atlas of Roma Communities in Slovakia – 2005	SKK 660,000.00
15.	Sport Club KARPATIA PREŠOV, Prešov Soccer Educates Youth	SKK 33,600.00

#### Public Benefit and its Impact on the Non-Profit Sector

The project was supported by the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe Program. NOS – OSF implements it in partnership with the Donors' Forum. The main goal is to create a platform where NGOs can debate the definition of public benefit, its impacts, outcomes and key issues related to sustainability, financial tools, legal definitions for NGOs and volunteering. The main intention was to open debate on public benefit, define its impacts and create a communication platform within the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector.

#### Operating activities:

#### **Establishing a Working Group to Oversee the Project**

## Developing Analysis "Public Benefit and Public Interest in Legislation and Practice of Public Administration Bodies"

Authors: Ján Svák, Peter Haňdiak, Milan Andrejkovič, Consultants: Helena Woleková, Olga Plišňáková, Eduard Marček

#### **National Conference**

December 6, 2005, Bratislava

Number of participants: 30 (representatives of NGOs, state, lawyers and economists)

#### Creating Specialized Web Page www.verejnaprospesnost.sk

This web page offers not only information related to the topic but also moderated discussion.

#### **Grants:**

 Donors' Forum, Bratislava Learning about Public Benefit SKK 676,000.00

## TRUST Program

A grant and operational program launched in 2002 through support for **the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe**. Three partner foundations established the TRUST program: Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation, Ján Hus Educational Foundation and the Children of Slovakia Foundation. They have also established a common expert committee for awarding grant support within the framework of individual sub-programs.

The aim of the TRUST program was to ensure permanent development and long term sustainability for NGOs in Slovakia. After 2005 evaluation of selected key sub-programs will be carried out: NGO Institutional Development, Self-Financing, Corporate Philanthropy, Increasing Philanthropy, Training in Economics, Cross Sector Cooperation.

The main contribution of the TRUST Program is in reaching out to a wide spectrum of organizations, raising new topics related to the NGOs and civil society in Slovakia.

The program was also oriented to NGOs working in a range of social spheres. This period enabled various organizations also working in the field of advocacy and serving as watchdogs, to finalize and complete their strategic planning process.

Various pilot tools were tested contributing to the financial sustainability of NGOs. Existing weaknesses in the field of investing their own resources were eliminated. Effective cooperation with the banking sector through the Charity Set was established. The Trust Program made a great contribution to shaping and implementing the concept of corporate social responsibility. The Trust Program has assisted philanthropic development through its training and grant activities, even though this still presents a live challenge. The knowledge endowment (analysis, surveys, education) assisted in improving the non-profit sector's capacity and professionalism, thus also its cross sector cooperation position has improved. The synergic effect of sub-programs improved transparency of non-profit organizations' management.

From 2002 to 2004 the TRUST Program supported 108 projects with a total amount of USD 1,237,067.00 and 188 non-profit organizations participated in the Training in Economics training program.

#### **Grants:**

1. FORUM Information Center, Šamorín E-Non-Profit-Learning

USD 10,000.00

2. Civic Association for Regional Support and Development, Prešov SKK 291,980.00 Work, Education and Mobility –Basics of Sustainability and Innovation of the CA for Regional Support and Development

 Civic Association New Way, Michalovce Institutional Development for NGOs Working with the Roma Community SKK 293,180.00

## SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

## East East Program - Partnership Beyond Borders

A grant program supporting international exchanges and meetings to enable participating civil society representatives to share their ideas, information, knowledge and professional experience. The meetings aim to support practical activities leading to positive changes in society. The program supports projects implemented in Slovakia. Support is geared towards Slovak participants in projects organized in other countries in the region. The East East Program is designed for representatives of former socialistic countries.

Target group: NGOs, institutions

#### **Grants:**

1.	General Directorate of Prisons and the Court Guard, Bratislava The Presence and Perspectives of Treatment of Juveniles in Detention Centers and Sentenced Prisoners in Prisons	SKK 264,982.00
2.	Ekopolis Foundation, Banská Bystrica Peer Learning: Study Trip on Successful Examples of Community Development in Slovakia to Inspire Community Development Leaders from Southeast Serbia	SKK 120,474.00
3.	People in Peril Association, Bratislava Sharing Experience and Transferring Good Practice	SKK 332,630.00
4.	Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University, Bratislava New Position of Border in Integrating Europe	SKK 182,000.00
5.	Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Informatics, Comenius University, Bratislava Equal Rights and Equal Opportunities in Academic Settings	SKK 200,032.00

#### Operating activities: Supporting experts to participate in educational events abroad

We supported 53 experts to participate in 22 events.

#### **Local Community Development Strategies on Biosphere Reserve Territories**

February 25 – 28, 2005, Lviv, Ukraine Pavel Petráš, Stará Ľubovňa Eulália Štefanová, Stará Ľubovňa Jana Toldiová, Bratislava

#### Your Child has Downs Syndrome: Care for Children with Genetic Disorders

March 11 – 13, 2005, Warsaw, Poland Damian Vizár Katarína Hradíleková

#### Strengthening Local Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and NIS Countries

March 17 – 21, 2005, Budapest, Hungary Igor Bučenec, Piešťany Peter Tříska, Piešťany

#### Best Practice in Community Development of CEE for Industrial Regions of Ukraine

March 3 – 7, 2005, Doneck, Ukraine Leo Singer, Bratislava Jana Toldiová, Košice Irena Vitálošová, Bratislava

#### **International Asylum Law Moot Court and Seminar**

April 27 – May 1, 2005, Budapest, Hungary Jana Ďurechová, Trnava Marek Káčer, Trnava

#### Community Development and Marginalized Communities - Case Studies and Policy Recommendations

April 28 – 29, 2005, Bankia a Lorn, Bulgaria Blanka Berkyová, Košice Ingrid Bernáthová, Banská Bystrica Lucia Gembická, Banská Bystrica Leo Singer, Bratislava

#### Minorities in the Enlarged EU

May 13 – 14, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania Daniel Škobla, Bratislava

#### Government Organizations and Local Non-Governmental Organizations: Cooperation for Common Good

May 1 – 3, 2005, Choč, Poland Ladislav Fľak, Olcnava Ján Gajdošík, Olcnava Peter Horváth, Olcnava Anton Kohler, Olcnava Jana Pavlíková, Olcnava Jozef Pendrák, Olcnava Tatiana Salajová, Olcnava Miroslav Slivko, Olcnava

#### The Elderly in the New EU

May 19 – 22, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania Ľubica Gálisová, Prievidza Martaorulská, Prievidza

#### EU Integration Processes from EAST to EAST: Civil Society and Ethnic Minorities in a Changing World

June 8 – 13, 2005, Riga, Latvia Július Mastilák, Bratislava Katarína Strapcová, Bratislava

#### Strengthening Democracy through Accountable Controls of Political Party Financing

June 16 – 19, Bucharest, Romania Zuzana Wienk, Bratislava

#### Building a Platform in Developing Strategies to Prevent Violence against Children and Youth

June 29 – 30, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania Miroslava Šimegová, Banská Bystrica Zuzana Heinzová, Banská Bystrica

#### Fifteen Years of Migration Patterns and Policy Formulation

August 24 – 28, 2005, Prague, Czech Republic Milan Zbořil, Bratislava

#### Cooperation between Community Foundations and the Public Sector

September 14 – 15, 2005, Tartu, Estonia Katarína Minárová, Prešov Boris Strečanský, Bratislava

#### NGOs and Local Community Development: Slovakia's Experiences

July 25 – August 1, 2005, Azerbaijan Elena Kašiaková, Banská Bystrica Ľuboš Vrbický, Banská Bystrica Chuck Hirt, Banská Bystrica

#### NGOs and Local Community Development: Slovakia's Experiences, 2nd part

September 15 – 20, 2005, Azerbaijan Ľuboš Vrbický, Banská Bystrica Milan Zbořil, Bratislava

#### Rural Internet-ization in the Kyrgyz Republic

August 16 – 17, 2005, Biskhek, Kirgizstan Stanislav Saling, Bratislava

#### Protection of Human Rights in Biotechnology Development

September 22 – 24, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania Jozef Glasa, Bratislava

#### **Europe for Belarus**

September 22 – 24, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania Andrea Lelovics, Šamorín

#### Innovative Gender Equality Strategies: Fathers and Paternity Leave

November 17 – 18, 2005, Vilnius, Lithuania David Bosý, Bratislava

#### Knowledge Transfer and Capacity-Building for Grassroots Organizations: Celodin Network

November 24, 2005, Budapest, Hungary Peter Bronček, Čadca Gabriela Brončeková, Čadca Šarlota Górová, Štúrovo Árpád Kalapos, Kráľovský Chlmec Valéria Kličková Szomolai, Šamorín Ľudovít Kovács, Dolné Saliby Andrea Lelovics, Šamorín Tibor Matus, Šamorín Iveta Prékopová, Rožňava Mária Prékopová, Rožňava Lajos Tuba, Šamorín

#### **European Studies at Schools in Ukraine**

December 7 – 10, 2005, Kyjev, Ukraine Nataša Ondrušková, Bratislava

## **SOCIETY AND INFORMATION**

## Education - Gate to the Future

An operating project that was closed down in 2005. The project aimed to assist in fulfilling the further education needs of librarians in Slovakia by delivering high quality training in cultural management and community libraries. The project was implemented with the financial support of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic (MK-267/2004/2.7). In 2004 NOS – OSF organized the first part of the project in cooperation with the Foundation – Center for Contemporary Arts.

#### Operating activities:

#### **Cultural Institutions in a Competitive Environment**

November 23 - 24, 2004

Main topics: analyzing tools in the organization, types of services provided, defining clients and partners.

Number of participants: 20.

#### **Project Management and Fundraising**

December 17 - 19, 2004

Main topics: target oriented project planning, analysis and planning, institutional evaluation, fundraising.

Number of participants: 19

The second part of the training was organized in 2005: a series of training sessions aimed at community libraries. The series consisted of two parts. NOS – OSF's partner in this part of the project was PDCS – Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia.

#### The Library and Its Role in the Community, Part A

August 22 – 24, 2005

**Main topics**: the role, position and mission of the library in the community, the library's role in community development, community map, partner definition, forms of cooperation, recommendations for developing community networks, establishing partnerships, some aspects of civil society, social assets and the development of library services.

Number of participants: 19

#### The Library and Its Role in the Community, Part B

September 22 – 23, 2005

Main topics: change management, the future of the library and communication skills.

Number of participants: 18

## **MEDIA**

#### Journalism Prize 2005

NOS - OSF announced the second year of the Journalism Prize in November 2005. NOS – OSF is committed to continue its efforts to publicly award and appreciate important journalistic work.

The competition is designed for journalists from all forms of the media: print, electronic, national and regional. It seeks to support the development of high quality Slovak journalism and create space for mutual confrontation and discussion. Based on its experience from the previous year NOS – OSF announced the Journalism Prize in 12 categories. Independent juries made winner selection. Part of the competition is the awarding of a special Open Society prize in memory of Karol Ježík, who through his work contributed to the media's increasing sensitivity towards minorities and the development of investigative journalism in Slovakia.

Number of competing pieces: 444

#### **Competition Partners**

Slovak Telecom, The World Bank, MEMO 98 and Siemens. The PR partner was the PRime time Agency

Winners of the Journalism Prize 2005:

#### Open Society Prize in memory of Karol Ježík

Silvia Kušnírová – series of discussion programs in politics (TA3). The Competition Board awards this prize.

#### Best News Related Article in the Print Media

Andrej Bán – Land of Graves (Týždeň)

#### **Best Article in the Electronic Media**

Tatiana Šušková – series of footages on "Paulínka" (Slovak Radio)

#### **Best interview in the Print Media**

Valentína Zimanová-Čorná – series of interviews (TV OKO)

#### Best Interview, Discussion in the Electronic Media

Štefan Hríb – Program "Pod Lampou": Einstein – Theory of Relativity (STV)

#### Best Regional News Related Article in the Print Media

**L'uboš Kostelanský** – articles "People in Orava Want to Rename Osvienčim Street, Solvent in Tesco (Trenčianske Noviny)

### Best Broadcasted Regional Footage in the Electronic Media

Jozefína Mikovínyová – Conference on Holocaust Program (Regina Radio – Banská Bystrica)

#### Best Analytical and Investigative Article in the Print Media

Marek Vagovič – series of articles on bonds "Škandalózne Zmenky" (Týždeň)

## Best Analytical and Investigative Footage in the Electronic Media

Katarína Začková – Oil or Soil (STV)

No prize was awarded in the best column in the print media category.

#### **Best Short Article in the Print Media**

Štefan Hríb – series of five editorials (Týždeň)

### **Best Journalistic Photography**

Robert Hüttner – series of photographs in the High Tatras (Pravda)

#### **Best Comics**

Martin Šútovec – series of cartoons (SME and Nový Cas pre Ženy)

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The board of trustees approved the Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation budget for 2005 on December 16, 2004, while the planned budget equaled SKK 39,800,000. The board of trustees set the foundation's administrative costs at SKK 9,500,000. Budgeted administrative costs do not include the depreciation of long term assets, unanticipated expenditures, potential exchange rate losses and wages for the foundation's staff. The breakdown of budgeted administration costs was as follows: SKK 20,000 to protect and increase the value of the foundation's assets, SKK 200,000 to promote NOS – OSF activities, SKK 6,940,000 for NOS – OSF's operation, SKK 300,000 to remunerate the foundation's administrator, an SKK 80,000 travel reimbursement and SKK 1,960,000 in wages.

## Overview of Revenues by Source in SKK and Donations Exceeding SKK 10,000

1.SKK 39,816,928.55	Open Society Institute, Bundesplatz 16, CH – 6304 Zürich, Switzerland Private Non-Investment Fund in Switzerland and the USA
2. SKK 1,972,800.00	Ch. S. Mott Foundation, Flint, MI, USA
3. SKK 2,740,291.68	Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington D.C., USA
4. SKK 1,052,436.00	The World Bank
5. SKK 980,000.00	Governmental Office of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
6. SKK 200,000.00	Slovak Telecom
7. SKK 124,800.00	British Council, Bratislava
8. SKK 78,080.00	House of Europe
9. SKK 65,203.20	HMC Project in Central and Eastern Europe, Cambridge
10. SKK 518,687.70	Various contributions from individuals and legal entities for activities organized by NOS – OSF
11. SKK 260,000.00	Income for services
12. SKK 94,462.00	Received interest rates from the foundation's accounts
13. SKK 19,159.40	Revenues from the sales of assets
14. SKK 134, 200.00	Income from asset rental
15. SKK 691,700.00	Contribution from the share of 1% from income tax
16. SKK 1,114,005	Returns from various grants

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**TOTAL REVENUES** 

SKK 49,862,753.53

## Balance of Assets, Flow of Assets and Liabilities

Fou	ndation's Assets in SKK Acquisition Prices:	as at 1. 1. 2005	as at 31. 12. 2005
1.	Software	1,786,243.10	1,786,243.10
2.	Small and short term intangible assets		172,876.55
3.	Real estate, construction	6,373,477.08	6,373,477.08
4.	Technical equipment	9,751,759.08	9,406,607.16
5.	Motor vehicles	1,235,300.00	547,300.00
6.	Small and short term tangible assets	2,129,382.55	2,129,382.55
7.	Lots	445,721.20	445,721.20
8.	Cash	7,475,725.41	6,907,140.73
9.	Financial investments	11,557,082.24	12,844,491.76
10.	Liabilities	39,645,582.36	24,384,667.24
11.	Future costs	1,055,085.16	930,974.91
	TOTAL	81,628,235.61	65,928,882.28
Fou	ndation's Tangible Fixed Assets in SKK after	Depreciation:	
1.	Software		1,756,453.10
2.	Small and short term intangible assets		172,876.55
3.	Building depreciation		1,359,316.00
4.	Technical equipment		9,104,617.18
5.	Motor vehicle depreciation		547,300.00
6. Furniture and fixtures inventory			0
7.	Small and short term tangible assets		2,129,382.55
TOTAL DEPRECIATION:			15,069,945.38
Fou	ındation's Liabilities:		
1.	Liabilities towards suppliers	2,516,436.29	1,390,102.51
2.	Other liabilities	584,478.52	351,625.00
3.	Payable - grants	32,113,857.11	20,272,377.43
4.	Liabilities to employees	492,303.21	137,197.21
5.	Liabilities to insurance companies	106,567.00	896.00
6.	Liabilities to the tax office	144,585.32	
7.	Other liabilities	6,894,523.76	3,627,777.15
8.	Basic equity	2,900,427.08	2,900,427.08
9.	Foundation's equity	200,000.00	200,000.00
TOT	TAL	45,953,178,30	28,880,402.38

## Total Foundation Expenditures in 2005 Divided by Activity Types in SKK

Program Costs 2005	Program Costs in SKK	
Education	4,947,636.41	
International cooperation	1,717,858.26	
Library program	726,122.31	
Public health	3,496,028.10	
Media programs	908,250.56	
Good governance	15,992,698.40	
Roma	7,114,715.56	
Women in society	4,100,328.34	
Total	39,003,637.94	

## The Foundation's Administration Costs NOS - OSF

Total costs:	SKK 54,285,826.15

#### Out of which:

- activity costs, excluding wages for program staff:	SKK 39,003,637.94
- administrative costs including wages for program staff:	SKK 15,282,188.21

#### Foundation's administration costs:

- property protection	SKK 17,676.00
- promotion	SKK 584,473.10
- operational costs	SKK 5,400,579.77
- travel costs	SKK 20,210.00
- wages	SKK 5,941,117.00
- other costs (exchange rate differences, depreciation, others)	SKK 3,318,132.34

Remuneration for discharging the function of the foundation's administrator or any other body set forth in the foundation's statute:

#### NOS - OSF's bodies established by the Foundation's Statute:

#### Administrator

The administrator's monthly remuneration in 2005 was SKK 25,000.00 per month, totaling SKK 300,000.00 per year.

#### **Board of Trustees**

NOS – OSF's Board of Trustees and its chairman obtained no financial or non-financial remuneration for their work in these positions.

#### NOS - OSF's Inspector

The NOS – OSF's inspector did not receive any financial or non-financial remuneration for his work in this position.

#### **Council of Elders**

Members of the NOS – OSF's Council of Elders – an advisory body to the Board of Trustees - did not obtain financial or non-financial remuneration for their work in these positions.

In accordance with Act no. 34/2002 on Foundations, no other NOS – OSF bodies were established by the Foundation's Statute during 2005.

#### Overview of Foundation's Fund Activities and Monies in the Foundation's Funds

Pursuant to Act no. 34/2002 on Foundations, NOS – OSF did not establish or own any foundation fund in the 2004 period.

#### Changes to Foundation's Charter in 2005

Pursuant to Act no. 34/2002 on Foundations, NOS – OSF made amendments to the Foundation's Charter in the period of 2005 regarding the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

#### Changes to the Composition of the Foundation's Bodies in 2005

The Foundation's Charter stipulates the composition of the foundation's bodies:

#### NOS - OSF Administrator

The foundation's administrator and executive director in 2005 was Alena Pániková.

#### NOS - OSF's Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees of NOS – OSF has 6 members:

Name:

Eugen JURZYCA, INEKO, Bratislava

Grigorij MESEŽNIKOV, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava

Martin BARTO, National Bank of Slovakia, Bratislava

Katarína VAJDOVÁ, Civil Society Development Foundation, Bratislava

Zuzana KUŠOVÁ, Mayer/McCann-Erickson, Bratislava

Mária ZELENÁKOVÁ, Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, Bratislava

Member

The Board of Trustees delegates decision making on grants in specific areas to expert committees. The expert committees are bound to duly comply with the same rules as the Board of Trustees.

#### NOS - OSF's Supervisory Board

NOS – OSF's Supervisory Board has 3 members:

Irina STOJANOVÁ-KRŠKOVÁ, tax consultant Peter GOCELIAK, financial expert Oľga BEŇAČKOVÁ, accounting consultant

## **Organizational Structure**

#### Board of Trustees NOS - OSF 2005:

Katarína Vajdová, chairwoman, Civil Society Development Foundation, Bratislava Grigorij Mesežnikov, vice chairman, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava Martin Barto, member, National Bank of Slovakia, Bratislava Eugen Jurzyca, member, INEKO, Bratislava Zuzana Kušová, member, Mayer/McCann-Erickson, Bratislava Mária Zelenáková, member, Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia, Bratislava

#### **Executive Management**

Alena Pániková Jana Malovičová Magdaléna Feniková Katarína Staroňová (until March 2005) Zuzana Konrádová Ľubica Turčanová Alena Tyralová executive director office manager financial director

deputy director for strategy and program development deputy director for civil society development deputy director for policy development, strategy and media office assistant

#### **Financial Department**

Miriam Kočišková Martin Neupauer Juraj Stupka financial assistant financial assistant financial manager

#### **Program Managers**

Daniela Drobná
Tatiana Hičárová (until March 2005)
Janka Hažírová
Katarína Križková
Silvia Miklíková
Viktória Mlynárčíková
Zuzana Očenášová (until July 2005)
Jana Paczkowska
Valentina Petrus
Elena Smolinská

#### **Program Coordinators**

Stanislava Dzuríková Eva Ďuríková Barbora Kahátová Ľubica Kosková

#### **Assistants**

Ondrej Starinský Adela Zvalová