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MONTHLY REPORT

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I. IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

Component 1 - Community Outreach

- **Third training module for Forum Theatre methodology.** The third training module for Forum Theatre methodology was held at which the 10 teachers from the five selected schools finalised the capacity building for this methodology. In the forthcoming period the teachers will disseminate the acquired skills and knowledge with the other teachers and students in their schools through forum theatre workshops and forum theatre presentation.
- **Preparations for ribbon cutting ceremonies.** IIEP representatives visited the primary school “Kultura”, v. Matejce, Municipality of Lipkovo, the primary school “Aleksandar Zdravkovski”, Municipality of Jegunovce and the primary school “Drita”, Municipality of Saraj for the purpose of more detailed planning and preparation of the forthcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies in the schools which are aimed at marking the successful completion of the renovation of these schools. Furthermore, scenarios for these events were prepared as well as all other activities which are implemented by the schools for the purpose of advancing the interethnic integration, which activities will be presented during the ribbon cutting ceremonies in front of the guests and the local communities.
- **Preparations for the upcoming activities.** The upcoming public promotional events and the final project activities were under preparation. In addition, coordinative meetings were held with the partner organisations in order to plan the following activities.
- **Regular informing of institutions, municipalities and schools about the IIEP activities.** Part of the activities covered regular updating of information and publishing news and stories about the course of the activities through the Facebook page *Integratika*, as well as on the project’s web site: www.pmio.mk.
Additionally, the activities organised within the schools (independently or in partnership with the other schools) during this period were supported and covered by the media.

Component 2 – Capacity Building of School Management and Teachers

- **Organisation of summer camp.** Summer camp was organized with a total of 36 students and 8 teachers from 2 multilingual (PS “Toli Zordumis”, Municipality of Kumanovo and PS “Sv. Kiril i Metodij”, v. Presil, Municipality of Krusevo) and 4 monolingual schools (PS “Tode Hadzi Tefov”, Municipality of Kavadarci, PS “Hristijan Todorovski Karpos”, Municipality of Rankovce, PS “Kultura”, v. Matejce, Municipality of Lipkovo and PS “Bajram Sabani”, v. Kondovo, Municipality of Saraj). At the camp, the students were able to cooperate in different mixed groups by means of implementation of creative workshops, photography workshops, games for team collaboration and sports and entertainment activities. The teachers also actively participated in the camp through separate workshops organised for them.
- **Workshop “Interethnic Integration Days”.** At the end of the month, a workshop was held with the municipal advisors responsible for education and school representatives from 6 selected municipalities (Butel, Kumanovo, Brvenica, Gostivar, Kicevo and Strumica) in which the teaching process is performed in several languages of instruction. At the workshop, the participants were presented with the concept of the activity “Days of Interethnic Integration” and



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they were included in the process of planning preparatory activities for the closing events that will take place in October.

- **Administrative and financial regulation of the procedure for payment of grants for parental involvement.** Support was provided to the schools that are part of the program for parental involvement in terms of the preparation of administrative and financial documents for payment of the grants from the implemented IIE activities.
- **Implemented workshop with the school teams that are part of the grant program for parental involvement in the IIE activities.** The school teams (each team comprising two parents and one teacher) that implement grant program for parental involvement in IIE participated in the workshop for preparation of the closing events on school and municipal level. They shared the achievements in terms of the parental involvement in IIE and identified the reasons for the challenges which arose during the IIE activities. The teams presented in details the planned closing activities and obtained guidelines on their adequate implementation.

Component 3 – Demonstration Schools

- **Training/working meetings with the SITs from the demonstration schools.** Two working meetings were held during the month that were attended by the SITs from four demonstration schools. At the meetings, the results from the self-evaluation of the schools and the results of the evaluation of the school activities were analysed and discussed by the teachers and students. Furthermore, at the meetings, the sustainability of the IIE activities in the schools was discussed, as well as the systemic changes which are in favour of affirmation of the IIE concept.
- **Preparations for promotional events – Interethnic Integration Days.** In cooperation with component 2, a concept for Interethnic Integration Days was elaborated which will be held in several municipalities, including the three municipalities from which the demonstration schools were selected. At the end of the month, one day workshop was held for planning the Interethnic Integration Days which were attended, inter alia, by the SITs from the four demonstration schools.
- **Manuals.** The Manual for Democratic Participation and the Manual for Adoption of the Basic Concepts of the Macedonian and Albanian Language are in the process of finalisation.

Component 4 – Providing Incentives to Schools

- **Onsite visit to the schools that were affected by the storm on August 8, 2016.** On August 6, 2016 severe storm occurred with strong wind, heavy rain and thunderstorms, accompanied by a spill of large amount of water which flooded the following areas: v. Stajkovci, v. Singelik, v. Brnjarci, v. Cresevo, v. Bulacani, v. Indzikovo, the area of Ekomonija and the area of Cento which belong to the Municipality of Gazi Baba and the v. Aracinovo which belongs to the Municipality of Aracinovo.

The severe weather caused damage to the buildings of the following primary schools which belong to the territory of the Municipality of Gazi Baba:

- “Kiril i Metodij”, v. Stajkovci and v. Stracinci;
- “25 Maj” in the area of Cento and v. Singelik;
- “Krste Misirkov”, v. Brnjarci;

as well as the primary school which belongs to the territory of the Municipality of Aracinovo: “Gjergj Kastriot Skenderber”, v. Aracinovo.

During the visit of the schools, it was observed that volunteers and military representatives were cleaning the sludge from the schools. After the removal of the brought material, it is necessary to wash the floors and walls with clean water and hygienic agents and to prepare the surfaces for disinfection and deratization. After that, disinfection, fumigation, deratization is to be performed, and in order to prepare the building for stay of students and employees, the



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ceilings and walls in the premises that were affected by the storm must be painted adequately with paint and oil-based paint.

- **Tender for selection of the most favourable contractor.** A tender was announced for selection of the most favourable contractor of the activities for cleaning the mud and garbage from the schools brought by the floods, and the necessary corrective works.
- **Evaluation of the first-ranked companies for the performance of a project for cleaning the mud and garbage from the schools brought by the floods, and the necessary corrective works.** Bids were obtained from four companies specialized for such type of activities. The first three companies that submitted the lowest price were evaluated and the complete documentation was submitted to USAID for approval.
- **Implementation of the "Cleaning the mud and garbage from the schools brought by the floods and the necessary corrective works".** The selected companies performed cleaning, disinfection, fumigation, deratization and painting of the following schools:
 - "Kiril i Metodij", v. Stajkovci and v. Stracinci, Municipality of Gazi Baba;
 - "25 Maj" in the Cento settlement and v. Singelik, Municipality of Gazi Baba;
 - "Krstе Misirkov". v. Brnjarci, Municipality of Gazi Baba;
 - "Gjergj Kastriot Skenderbeg," v. Aracinovo, Municipality of Aracinovo.
- **Evaluation of the first-ranked companies for the performance of a project for renovation of Phase 5 schools.** Meeting was organized for evaluation of the first-ranked companies for the performance of the project for renovation of OMBU "Lazo Micev Rale", Municipality of Kavadarci and the complete documentation for the selection of the most favourable contractor was submitted to USAID for approval.
- **Introduction to the works.** Meetings were organized for introduction to the work of the selected contractor firms with representatives of the IIEP, the contractor firms, the construction supervisors, the schools and the municipalities. Construction activities were started in six schools. Contracts were signed with the selected construction companies and companies for supervision over the implementation of projects for renovation of the following six Phase 5 schools:
 - SS "Niko Nestor", Municipality of Struga;
 - PS "Liria", v. Gorno Jabolciste, Municipality of Caska;
 - SS "Kole Nedelkovski, Municipality of Veles;
 - PS "Goce Delcev", v. Tenovo and v. Radiovce, Municipality of Brvenica;
 - PS "Alexander Zdravkovski", Municipality of Jegunovce;
 - PS "Drita", v. Rasce, Municipality of Saraj;
- **Technical acceptance.** The renovation activities were completed in four schools that were obligation of IIEP. Technical acceptance of the completed activities was organized in the following schools:
 - PS "Hristijan Todorovski Karpos", Municipality of Rankovce;
 - PS "Njegos", v. Jurumleri, Municipality of Gazi Baba;
 - PS "Drita", v. Rasce, Municipality of Saraj;
 - SS "Kole Nedelkovski, Municipality of Veles;
 - PS "Liria", v. Gorno Jabolciste, Municipality of Caska;
 - PS "Alexander Zdravkovski", Municipality of Jegunovce.

The activities which constitute an obligation of the schools and the municipalities are underway in these schools.

- **Equipment for maintenance of school buildings.** Equipment was supplied for maintenance of the school buildings in six schools renovated in 2016.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- **Monitoring activities.** Finishing a report on the monitoring of the activities in the demonstration schools.
- **Evaluation of activities.** Finishing a report on the evaluation of the activities in the demonstration schools which will be merged with the monitoring report.
- **Electronic survey.** Obtaining data from electronic research and preparing a report.



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II. ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH

Component 1 - Community Outreach

- Ribbon-cutting ceremonies;
- Organization and presentation of forum theatres in the schools;
- Pre-promotion of the Manual on 40 Sports Activities and Fun Games for Integration of Children and Youth;
- Regular updating of the information and publishing of news and stories about the course of the activities via the Facebook page Integratika and the project's web page: www.pmio.mk.

Component 2 – Capacity Building of School Management and Teachers

- Administrative and financial regulation of the procedure for payment of the grants for parental involvement in the IIE activities;
- Final activities and events in nine schools within the grants programme for involvement of the parents in IIE;
- Support for the selected municipalities and schools in the preparatory activities for holding the final event "Interethnic Integration Days";
- Providing support during the realization of the joint student activities supported by the small grants and preparation of documents for payment of the grants;
- Second summer student camp;
- Supervision meeting with master trainers;
- Promotion of activities at the pedagogical faculties.

Component 3 – Demonstration Schools

- Training/work meetings with SIT representatives from the demonstration schools "Sande Sterjoski", Kicevo and "Bratstvo Edinstvo", Ohrid for coordination and development of action plans;
- Open day for Interethnic Integration with primary schools from the Municipality of Ohrid.

Component 4 – Providing Incentives to Schools

- Starting the activities for renovation in OMBU "Lazo Micev Rale", Municipality of Kavadarci;
- Technical acceptance of the buildings in which the construction activities will be completed;
- Mentoring session with the SRT members in one Phase 5 school for Module 1 - preparation of a plan and budget for maintenance of the schools;
- Monthly meetings in 13 Phase 4 schools for monitoring of the works for maintenance of the schools;
- Delivery of the equipment for maintenance of the school buildings and a manual for its usage in the schools that will be renovated in 2016.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Finishing a report on the monitoring, evaluation and electronic survey;
- Activities with the working group of the MoES.