

Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water

Moldova



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Project Summary

Elevator Pitch

Concise Summary: Help us pitch this solution! Provide an explanation within 3-4 short sentences.

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About You

Location

Project Street Address
Project City
Project Province/State
Project Postal/Zip Code
Project Country

Your idea

Year the initiative began (yyyy)

2003

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Plot your innovation within the mosaic of solutions

Which of these barriers is the primary focus of your work?

Culture/environment of conflict exposes and enlists young men in violence

Which of the principles is the primary focus of your work?

Create credible choices and opportunities

If you believe some other barrier or principle should be included in the mosaic, please describe it and how it would affect the positioning of your initiative in the mosaic:

In 2003 year when was decelerated in Vorniceni village exceptional situation because at the "Ion Inculcet" lyceum was identified 75 cases of Hepatitis A. Doctors told that the cause was low quality of drinkable water. In the future are expected other cases of disease because the lyceum is not assure in centralistic way with water. More than that – there is a danger of new epidemic, because until nowadays the lyceum has no centralized water and it results no elementary studying conditions.

Innovation

Describe your program or new idea in one sentence.

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What makes your initiative uniquely positioned to create change in your community?

1. Water quality control permanently. 2. Ecological monitoring of pumps wells etc. 3. Volunteers, informational change with abroad partners. 4. To create a European Rural Water Volunteering Center' Network. 5. To consolidate partnership with NGOs-business-public local administration 6. To consolidate managerial capacities of Association of Water Consumers founders. 7. To organize local, regional Forums for Water (every year).

Describe how you organize and carry out your work?

Most members of the Network are youngsters; all the activities are ruled by a teenager (Coordinator Olga Cortac, 15 years). Everything is ruled for avoiding the situation from 2003. We've attracted the attention of the European donors, organizing here in Moldova the 7th Youth European Water Parliament www.s-e-e.org

What is your plan to scale and expand your innovation into your community and beyond?

The project concept is transferable because The Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water can its activities can include other villages, countries on local, regional, national, European and International level. Due to our participation at 4th and 6th European Youth Water Parliament (Bulgaria, Romania) we have experience on European level. Solidarity Water Europe, Strasbourg financed the project "Danube Caravan" that includes meetings with communities etc. To the Network expand an important role has independent publication "Adevarul" (Truth) which numbers are distributed in a lot of rural localities. In publication an important place have ecological articles (one number is attached), there are information about water quality, last activities of Network members.

What other resources, institutional, or policy needs would be necessary to help sustain and scale up your idea?

We need only financial resources.

Impact

Describe your impact in one sentence, commenting on both the individual and community levels.

Consolidate partnership with Local Public Administration, business, NGOs to resolve problem construction of centralized water supply systems.

What impact has your work achieved to date?

At local level network can coordinate all efforts of NGOs, Local Public Administration, business to resolve problem of centralized water supply system. We have a Council (part of network) which members are nationalized and its mission is to resolve water problems from rural localities. Unfortunately, no one till now does not inform people about water quality from pumps, springs, wells its sanitary arrangement was chaotic. A lot of rural wells weren't ecological monitor zed, and a lot of people didn't know streams names. Nowadays situation is different and as soon as

possible for example we will put indicators were will be information about stream length, by who is protected etc. Members network have access to information about grant programs which destination is to construction of centralized water supply system. We done a lot of tests which proved that an important role has Associates of Water Consumers (we recorded two associations).

Number of individuals served

19,000 (includes three villages: Vorniceni, Lozova, Galesti).

Community impact

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Society at large

We collaborate with Local Public Administration from Galesti, Lozova and Vorniceni village, with Science Academy from Moldova, State Ecological Service Straseneni, business representatives. Target collaboration is to arrange in common pumps, to check water quality etc. Some activities are financed for example by REC Moldova – on August 5, 2005 we will do the monitoring of aquatic macro invertebrates in Bucovat stream.

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What measure do you use to gauge your impact and why?

Spreading the Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water in more than 100 rural localities from Republic of Moldova.

Sustainability

How is your initiative currently being financed and how would you finance further expansion and/or replication?

The first step to create The Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water was done in 2003 – after The U.S. Embassy in Republic of Moldova financed the project “Together”. After this followed the project “Ecological Voluntary Center” that at start was National and nowadays it includes three villages: Vorniceni, Lozova, Galesti etc.

We are searching for grants.

Provide information on your current finances and organization:

- a. \$30,000
- b. -
- c. none
- d. 2 full-time, 1,200 volunteers.

Who are your potential partners and allies?

Local Public Administration, Science Academy from Moldova, State Ecological Service Straseneni, business representatives etc.

Who are your potential investors?

No one.

The Story

What is the origin of this innovation? Tell us your story.

In the 2003 year in the Vorniceni village, Straseneni District, Republic of Moldova, an exceptional state was declared, because 75 children got sick with viral hepatitis A. The local authorities said that the cause of the disease was the bad quality of the water. At the same time the doctors are afraid that the disease can erupt again, one of the reasons being the problem of centralized water supplying in the „Ion Incule?” Lyceum.

The idea of water supplying an educational institution is innovative and unique because until this moment no one could solve it – nor the actual people from the government, nor the LPA, etc. But without centralized water supply there is no social-economic development in none of the localities, at least there are no canalization networks. The result of this absence suffers the environment, and the number of the sick people (source the bad quality of the water) increases, etc.

Excluding the danger of the viral hepatitis A; a higher sanitation culture, because the children will finally have a odern WC; permanent information – Adevarul (attached)- on the quality of the consumed water, registration of the Drinking Water Users Association etc. Beneficiaries – 1.200 pupils and teachers of the Ion Inculet Lyceum. Then – 6.000 citizens of the Vorniceni village, and also some from other villages from RM. The impact of the results will be measured via a survey (special questionnaires are prepared), meetings with the readers of the Adevarul publication.

The solution of the water supply problem of the Ion Incule? Lyceum will serve as a hint and model for other regions of our locality, especially for our neighbors from other villages. The water supply networks and those of canalization will become the priority of the Drinking Water Users Association that will hire experts in order to maintain the equipment and in order to gather the financial resources from the Town Hall for the current water consume. This is the reason the Local Public Administration is not interested in solving this problem, it has to allocate money, although the budget already includes the due expenses.

Please provide a personal bio. Note this may be used in Changemakers marketing material.

1978 - 1983 Moldovan State University, Chisinau, Moldova
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TRAINING AND SEMINARS etc

- 24 June – 5 July 2002; seminar “Investigation Journalism” organized by the Mass Media Centre of the Journalism department of Sankt-Petersburg State University Russia
- European Youth Water Parliament, Stara Zagora – Bulgaria, 1-7 September 2003 www.earthforever.org/parliament.moldova.html
- November 7-18, 2005; Polish – Czech – Slovak Solidarity Foundation, Independent Media 6, and Warszawa, Poland.

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