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1. IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS

ENVIRONMENT

1.1. “Give Life to Orchids” Project

City	Kahramanmaraş
Applicant Youth Group	Tahirbey Youth Platform of Societal Development and Entrepreneurship Associations
Supporting Institutions	Geben and Periphery Districts Social Development and Initiative Association, Değirmendere and Periphery Districts Social Development and Initiative Association, Geben and Periphery Districts Social Development and Initiative Association

The aim of “Give Life to Orchids” project is to contribute environment-conscious at local level in the city of Kahramanmaraş where one of the significant flora area exists in Turkey.

The main aim of the project is increasing local society’s awareness and activities in order to protect orchids which are endemic and have risk of extinction in three regions of Kahramanmaraş.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs:

- The importance of orchids was highlighted and the awareness among local people has been raised.
- Orchid collectors were informed about the right style of collecting orchids.
- A platform in favor of protecting orchids was established between project partners in order to make sustainable the project.
- Information signs were designed and put in necessary places for raising awareness on spotted orchids.
- A brochure on protecting orchids was distributed among local people in order to inform them.
- An evaluation form was prepared and it was filled before and after the seminar on orchids by participants. Therefore, the difference on their knowledge about collecting orchids could be assessed and the subjects of the next seminar were defined according to the evaluation forms. In addition to that, all results deduced from the evaluation

forms were assessed and graphed by Assistant Professor Nusret Özbay from Agriculture Faculty of Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University.

- Projects team gained a good project experience.
- The local people in Geben, Doğan Konak and Keklilik supported the project.
- Young people and local people understood better the importance of orchids and protecting them. Indeed, by the festival of Orchids, this fact was emphasized.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative):

- We could have contacted more with the supporting organizations and have more support and help from them during the project application.
- The fact that we didn't have a technical advisor slowed down the work of project team.
- Because of bad weather conditions, we had difficulty in following project schedule.
- Project equipment wasn't sufficient. (projector, screen, computer...etc.)
- Disputes among project team affected the project itself negatively.
- The season of collecting spotted orchids wasn't the same as the project dates, this fact made the implementation of the project difficult.
- Our Association became more known thanks to the Project and its name is termed as synonymous of orchids.
- Local people supported and adopted the project.
- Dealers, who buy orchids, thought that this project blocked their commerce and they didn't support the project.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

- It's important to have good partners and to stay in contact with them in every steps of the project.
- Before the start of the project, financial and other supports should be guaranteed and these supports should be planned in the project text.
- For the success of the project, partners and colleagues should be well chosen
- Experts who will be invited to the seminars should be selected and contacted during the project writing process and the expenses for trainings should be foreseen in the budget.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

- The Geben Orchids festival that was organized for the first time by Geben and Periphery Districts Social Development and Initiative Association will be organized every year.
- The information seminars for regarding collection and protection of spotted orchids will be organized regularly.
- During the evaluation meeting of the project that was organized on 14th of April 2007, partners decided to:
 - Establish a large platform on protection of orchids
 - Organize each year the Orchids Festival
 - Continue the academic and scientific studies concerning orchids and for this reason, there will be new projects application to the grants of TÜBİTAK or to other supporting institutions. But, new projects should include two different levels, one team will be responsible for laboratory studies and another for experimenting the produce and collection of orchids in the fields.
 - To determine the districts where orchids are cultivated and trainings on protection of orchids should be started in these fields.
 - To invite local media to trainings
- We would like to be supported by Life Plus Youth Fund in a moral way.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and fictionalization of Life +

- Supported projects should be monitored more efficiently; project teams should be supported not only financially but also morally.
- Project should be visited in order to evaluate the activities of the Project and the coordinators should always be in contact with project teams for the success of the project. On this way, a technical support may be provided if needed.
- Even if the project was finalized, contacts between project team and coordinators should continue.

EDUCATION

1.2. “A Hope to the Faded Faces of Buds” Project

City	Batman
Applicant Youth Group	Batman House of Youth and Culture
Supporting Institutions	Batman Governorship, Batman Municipality

“A Hope to the Faded Faces of Buds” project aims at making the physiological consultation center more visible and enhancing the functional usage of the center by increasing its recognition and the public awareness. The project team has been constituted in order to encourage young girls from migrant families to benefit from the psychological center, to make them conscious of their physiological situation and to direct them to the cultural youth activities.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs

In the beginning of the project, the target group was 100 women. But the beneficiaries’ number became more than 100 women.

Furthermore, the number of training sessions was augmented and 3 more trainings on body language, diction and personal development were organized. At the same time, seminars were organized on 7 different subjects and supplementary seminars on nutrition, sexual health and hygiene. All participants were informed on guidance and research centers for women and families.

Besides trainings on various subjects for the personal development of women in Batman, some cultural activities were organized for trainees.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative)

During the Project implementation, three of the trainers didn’t have good performance, so we changed our trainers. Serdar Ozkan, the trainer on body language, diction skills and on personal development, has contributed too much to the Project.

The fact that some women had chance to go to cinema and to participate to cultural activities thanks to the Project, became an important output of the Project.

Young girls benefited from trainings in the Project made known it and interest of young girls in Batman to trainings augmented, so first beneficiaries informed their entourage and the local influence was multiplied. New session of capacity development trainings are organized for 100 young women.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

The number of projects affecting social development should be augmented, so organizations who are experienced on capacity development projects should apply for grants.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

During the trainings on capacity development, trainers focused on self-expression skills and body language, so that trainees benefit from the trainings in a way that these trainings become useful during their application for posts.

Furthermore, as Batman Culture and Youth House, we're sustaining our contacts with participants in rural part of Batman in order to reach other young girls who need these capacity development trainings.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

The Life Plus Youth Fund should be extended to 10 years, since these social projects are very useful for especially disadvantaged people.

1.3. “The Youth Braille Network” Project

City	İstanbul
Applicant Youth Group	Robert College, Club for Aid to Visually Disabled People
Supporting Institutions	Istanbul American Robert High School Model United Nations

The aim of the “The Youth Braille Network” project is to establish a national volunteer coordination network between high school and university students in Turkey which is going to provide training in terms of supplying blind people's need through online education centers via internet.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs:

The main success of the Project is to highlight the unfairness that visually impaired people encounter during their preparation to university entrance exam. The proof of this is the fact that some people get in contact with us in order to take more information about the project after the program in CNN Turk.

The Support Club for Visually Impaired People in Robert College became more known by the project and more volunteers participated to the Club. The CDs produced in the project constituted a resource for the preparation of visually impaired to university exams.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative):

From the beginning of the project, there had been three different coordinators; therefore, planning problems had occurred in the project. In addition to that, volunteers of project were at the final class of high school and they were busy with applications for studying abroad.

This project shouldn't have been included to the list of associations/NGOS where Robert College students have to work voluntarily in a social responsibility project for 50 hours in a year, because, at the end of their service, most of students weren't anyore interested in the project.

Furthermore, students should have been taken role during the planning process of the project activities; this could make them feel more involved in the project.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

Volunteers should take more active responsibilities instead of the routine ones.

The planning process is very important.

In such projects, applicant organizations should be in contact with other associations working for visually impaired people.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

We had planned to realize the sustainability of the project by the Support Club for Visually Impaired People in Robert College, but after having launched the website of the project, this project can continue automatically. We are in decision stage for this.

In spite of all negative conditions in the project, we're sure of making the website as mostly visited one by and for visually impaired people.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

It's needed to receive inputs after evaluation meetings and YA-DA should have worked more in connection with Youth Association for Habitat.

1.4. “We Are Holding a Mirror to Our Education Life” Project

City	İstanbul
Applicant Youth Group	Youth and Sports Board of Beyoğlu, Local Civic Force Union Center
Promoting Local Foundations	Beyoğlu Municipality, Boğaziçi University Education and Research Club (Erec)

The aim of “We Are Holding a Mirror to Our Education Life” project is to provide employment opportunities for 20 young people from economically disadvantaged areas of Beyoğlu by providing vocational training. The project aims to socialize these young people by canalizing them to different social activities which will be organized within the framework of the project.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs:

Trainings on basic computer skills and accounting with computer, and English courses were organized within the project. In addition to that a workshop on photography was completed. During these trainings and workshops, various social activities provided the interaction between participants of the project who are coming from different districts of Beyoğlu was created and they learned how to work together as a team.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative):

There have been problems concerning the coordination of the project. Especially the fact that project coordinators didn't take their main responsibilities and one person had to coordinate all steps of the Project. Because of this, all project activities couldn't be accomplished. This problem shows that the project team should be constituted of people having sense of responsibility. The worst was that the lack of coordination among project team affected the participants and this endangered the finalization of the project.

In spite of these negative conditions, the project was completed successfully. For instance, the trainer who was responsible for English courses had good experiences on training quality.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

Projects on vocational training are more different than social projects. Institutions those are willing to implement this kind of projects. Before starting the project steps, the applicant organization should have necessary requirements for the project management and a good project team.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

After November 2007, the trainings in the project will start again. English and basic computer trainings will be organized in the Beşiktaş Municipality Youth Center. Furthermore participants of Project evaluated trainings and they asked for a number of artistic activities, for this reason, there will be courses on playing guitar, theater, modern dancing and painting.

1.5. “5th Sense Arts”

City	İzmir
Applicant Youth Group	Barrier Free Arts Volunteers
Supporting Institutions	İzmir Governorship, İzmir Metropolitan Municipality, Symrna Dance School, Kalege Infrastructure, Alternative Life Association, İzmir Balçova Termal Institution, Youth Center-Youth and Sport Club

The aim of the “5th Sense Arts” project is to gather 30 disadvantaged disabled youth in Izmir and to socialize them through arts. Their self-confidence will be increased through team work; the project will develop and concretize their phraseology by using body language, using posture by posture workings, by training participants on dance, music, sport and art activities and in this way to increase physical and mental development.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs:

The main achievement of the Project is to have created a new vision regarding the projects on disabled people, since in all phases of the project, disabled people and non-disabled people worked together. In addition to that, after trainings organized in the Project, some disabled dancers became the trainer and they will be able to work as trainer or assistant trainer in other activities in future.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative):

It is different to work with disabled people, so the Project team had some problems while communicating with them. For this reason, before the Project, it's important to learn and to know communication styles that are special to and different for each group of disabled people.

Projects participants were working very hard or they have had a shift work and this situation affected negatively the timeline of trainings. So this situation should have been among the criteria while selecting trainees.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

It is important and may be useful to make researches and gain experience about the psychological problems of disabled people. Besides, project team including trainers should be in contact with families of disabled trainees. There should be some evaluation meetings and families should be informed about the project steps, so that group dynamism will be better and the communication among trainees and trainers will be increased.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

During the spectacles of the group composed of 45 dancers, there have been important developments regarding the sustainability of the project. The group is invited for dancing in other festivals and opening ceremonies. In order to carry on these activities in a more organized level and to develop new projects for disabled people, the project team established the Access Association in Izmir. Since the establishment of the association, we're getting in touch with different associations and foundations for partnerships.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

Life Plus Youth Fund should increase the grant distributed per project.

During the Life Plus Meeting, trainings should focus on project management and organizational issues.

Promotional activities of the fund should be intensified among NGOs.

Monitoring and evaluation activities should be augmented.

1.6. “Barrier-Free Vocational Training Project”

City	İzmir
Applicant Youth Group	Izmir LA-21 Disabled Working Group
Supporting Institutions	Ege University, Ege Vocational High School (EMYO), Dokuz Eylül University Public Administration Department, NETSİS Software and Trade Company, Doğan Newspaper Company, Milliyet Newspaper, İzmir Metropolitan Municipality

	Department of Cultural and Social Services Coordinator of Disabled People, Contemporary Disabled Life Association(ÇÖYDER), Young Entrepreneurship Jaycees Association İzmir Branch (JC İzmir)
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“**Barrier-Free Vocational Training**” project aims at creating active, productive and self sufficient disabled young people by providing occupational education opportunities.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs

- Within the project, 7 orthopedic disabled young people succeeded trainings on NETSIS Integrated W3 Certificate Program and now they're an accountant.
- In addition to professional courses, there have been personal development trainings were also organized and trainees were informed on business world and on application for posts.
- Life Plus computer laboratory was established in Bornova Municipality Service Center for Disabled People. In this laboratory, computer trainings will be regularly organized.
- Among local people in Izmir, especially in Bornova, a social responsibility about the situation of disabled people with the support of Life Plus Youth Fund.
- Young people in the project team had an interest for social projects and their capacities have been developed.
- Through local media, the promotion of the Project has been realized and an awareness on vocational trainings for disabled people has been raised.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative)

- Dynamism within the NGOs and public institutions working for disabled people was created by this Project. Therefore, social projects by young people should be supported.
- Voluntarism at local level was encouraged.
- Visibility of Local Agenda 21 Working Groups on Disabled People and on Youth and Relations with Administration was improved. The philosophy of Local Agenda 21 was better perceived by different youth groups.
- Volunteers in the Project have gained new abilities for project management and they have developed their self-confidence.

- A network with Life Plus Youth Fund projects was established and other mechanisms providing experience sharing between project managers.
- In Izmir, a best practice for partnerships among public, civil and private sectors was realized by young people.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

While selecting partner organizations in this kind of projects, partner institutions should be experienced and capacitated on disabled people needs and requirements, so that responsibilities in the Project would be better shared among partners.

The relation with partners becomes more important during the project implementation, since problems encountered could be resolved only by intervention of all partners equally. For that reason, in the project schedule some evaluation meetings to which local partners are also invited and during which the project implementation is discussed within partners.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

Empowerment of Youth for E-Transformation of Turkey Project:

In Life Plus Computers Laboratory, we plan to organize trainings for disabled people on basic computer skills within the framework of BBBO Project and by the support of Cagdas Ozurluler Yasam Dernegi and Bornova Municipality. These trainings will be organized by Local Agenda 21 Working Group.

Youth Exchange Programs

A Youth exchange project will be developed and the experience gained during Barrier Free Vocational Training Project will be shared with youth workers in other countries. Furthermore, disabled people will be informed on similar projects and vocational training services in these countries.

Barrier-Free Vocational Training Project-2nd Term

The second session trainings will be started within the framework of Barrier Free Vocational Training Project. This term of the project will be supported by Bornova Municipality, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality, Bornova District, Bornova Community Training Center and NETSIS Software and Trade Company.

1.7 “First Step to Aviation”

City	Mersin
Applicant Youth Group	Turkish Aviation Institution- Mersin Branch
Supporting Institutions	

Within the context of the “**First Step to Aviation**” project, introduction to model plane trainings will be given to 50 students in order to canalize young people from bad addictions to social life, to provide them a new activity area, to increase manual skills, to increase their vision, to make them more aware in aviation, to make them happy when they are doing and succeeding, to attract them towards sports and social activities.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs

All aims and activities planned at the beginning of the Project were realized. Young people who are students or have specialized in different fields (electrician, nurse, history, teacher, engineer..etc) participated to trainings on aviation. Among 25 young people, we established a network, after the first training session, in order them to share their knowledge and experiences on aviation and on different abilities they have. For sustaining this network, regular meetings were organized in Turkish Aviation Institute-Mersin Branch and young people gathered for experience sharing and developing new project ideas.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative)

- 100 young people were trained on aviation and on model planes.
- Young people having participated to the training informed their friends and they also participated to the training.
- Young people had new friendships after sharing their sphere of interests.
- Families of participants came and saw training sessions and this was also a support for the success of the Project, since this support became motivation for young people.
- With the Project, young people developed their manual skills, they participated to different social and sportive activities and they learned working in patient.

These were positive outputs of the Project. Concerning negative outputs, there were some young people who were willing to participate to trainings, but they couldn't come because of inappropriate course hours for them. Besides, some trainees broke their model planes and all trainees couldn't participate to final competition.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

- It's important to believe in completing perfectly the project.
- Young people should follow strictly a plan.
- New and creative activities should be included in the Project.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

- In Mersin, we'll try to find organizations and institutions that may support a new project on aviation. The Mersin Branch of Turkish Aviation Institution promised that support.
- Young people benefited from the Project will be invited to be in the project as responsible. We'll work with these people for bigger projects in that field.
- From now on, young people willing to participate to model plane trainings will be listed and a training program will be prepared for them.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

- Life Plus Youth Fund should be presented to a larger community. For instance, it's possible to reach more young people by channels of Youth and Sport Ministry, Ministry of National Education.
- Project subjects under education, environment, sport, culture and art should be extended.
- Trainings on project management should be more detailed.
- Evaluation reports should be more understandable.
- During promotional activities organized by PR Company, project teams should be informed about the schedule these activities by TVs or newspapers and the idea of project coordinators should be asked about timing. The budget for promotional activities should be augmented, so that project supporters will be more known.

1.8. "New Born Future"

City	Şırnak
Applicant Youth Group	Sirnak House of Youth and Culture
Supporting Institutions	City Health Directorate, Association for Development of City of Şırnak and its Cities, Şırnak National

	Education Directorate, Şırnak Social Services City Directorate,
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The aim of “**New Born Future**” project is to train young married women, and women and men who are at the age of marriage on family planning, sexual health and planned child rearing.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs

In Sirnak, at local level, this project is the first one implemented in the field of sexual and reproduction health. As an NGO, Sirnak Culture and Youth House is really proud of succeeding this project in Sirnak where local people have a lot of prejudices and taboos regarding sexual-reproduction health and family planning.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative)

This project became an example for another non-governmental organization and a similar project is now carried out in Sirnak.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

The project fund should be used in accordance to the aims of the project and project team should focus on realizing the targets foreseen.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

Young women having profited from the Project are informing their entourage about sexual health and family planning. We, as Project team, are working as consultant for women in Sirnak Youth and Culture House. In addition to that, brochures and CDs distributed during the Project will be an important resource for new beneficiaries.

The project team has also developed themselves and they have now more self-confidence. Young people in the Project team are now willing to carry out new projects.

CULTURE&ART

1.9. “In the City of Silk Path, Pen Reaching Out to Dialogue, Wall Reaching Out to Peace”

City	Bitlis
Applicant Youth Group	Bitlis Youth Parliament
Supporting Institutions	Bitlis Culture-Art Tourism and Introduction Association, Danish National Youth Council

The aim of “**In the City of Silk Path, Pen Reaching Out to Dialogue, Wall Reaching Out to Peace**” project is to give a message that-Civilizations can Meet and Youth Desire for that-to whole world by building “Culture-art and Peace Wall” in historical city which has 6000 years past and hosted different civilizations.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs

During the Project, Bitlis which is a small but an important city with its history was presented at national level. Bitlis Youth Council made known itself, so that a stronger network within young people at local level was established. Young people participating to activities in the Project have got experiences on working in a project at national level and they’re motivated to develop new projects.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative):

The project activities had to be realized in a shorter time than expected and for this reason, activities couldn’t be realized perfectly. Nevertheless, in such a short time, we accomplished the Project without encountering important problems thanks to a planned organization.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

Task distribution in the Project should be realized according to the number of volunteers and their capacity. And the timeline is also to be considered for realizing aims foreseen.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

The main theme of the Project was peace and we constructed a “Peace Wall” in Bitlis. We’re preparing a protection system for this wall so that the wall will be enduring for years. In front of this wall, we’ll organize every year a Peace and Fraternity Festival.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

The grant amount for each project should be augmented for young people to produce projects at a larger scale and to realize bigger aims.

1.10. “Cankiri Past Time Station-1 –Verbal History Train”

City	Çankırı
Applicant Youth Group	Cankiri Municipality- Youth Parliament
Supporting Institutions	Çankırı Municipality-Mayor, Çankırı Municipality Dr.Rıfki Kamil URGA Çankırı Researches Center

The aim of “**Cankiri Past Time Station-1 –Verbal History Train**” project is to increase awareness of young people on history and the culture of city of Çankırı. The project team will use informatics and technology to the decrease the concerns of youth on history. Besides, the team aims to prove that how informatics and technology could be used more effectively in transferring traditions, customs and culture.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs:

Young people in the project team learned more about the history and culture of their city, Cankiri. Since, they have interviewed with people older than 70 years, there have communicated with them and this fact increased their ability to have empathy with the previous generations. In addition to that, young people were trained about local researches and verbal history; this will be an added value for their professional life. Besides, their self-confidence has increased.

The success of the Project at local and national level has been an example for other young people in the city and in Turkey. The interest of youth in Cankiri regarding the Life Plus Youth Fund has increased. The documentary recorded at the end of the Project, informed youth about the history and culture of their cities and highlighted the local values in the globalized world.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative):

While the project team is constituted, people having interest on project theme should be included in the team.

Task distribution should be made in the beginning and everybody in the team should be informed his/her task during the project implementation.

Some rules within the project team should be defined for the successful implementation of the project.

Project coordinators should be informed on crisis management.

Project coordinators should be in good relations with public institutions.

During the Project implementation, evaluation meetings should be organized in order to motivate the Project team.

There should be only one project coordinator and group alignments should be prevented.

Suggestions for other organizations that have similar projects or experience

Responsible people in the Project should be interested in the project subject.

It's important to benefit from experience and knowledge of academics on history and culture.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

The book printed after realizing all interviews have been published and distributed in Cankiri and to partner organizations. The reprint of this book will make the Project outputs sustainable. Besides that, the documentary will be broadcasted in local and national channels, so that similar projects will be developed.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

The fact that more projects are financed will increase the number of projects developed for the Life Plus Youth Fund.

Before selected projects are started, a training on project management should be organized for project coordinators.

Public opinion should be more informed about the Fund.

SPORTS

1.11. "One Touch Plus to Life"

City	Ankara
Applicant Youth Group	Yenisehir Youth and Sports Association
Supporting Institutions	T.R.Ankara Governorship Youth And Sport City Directorate

With “One Touch Plus to Life” project, Youth in Yenisehir Youth and Sports Association aims at presenting and generalizing fencing sport, which brings in young people speed, power, endurance, activity, coordination, balance, decide quickly. 1250 young people in high schools and foundling hospitals will be provided informative trainings on fencing and the team will train 50 people.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs:

The presentation of fencing sport has been realized and young people have been informed about this historical sport.

1450 young people in 8 high schools and in one foundling hospital were participated to seminars organized within the Project and the fencing sport has been presented to the youth by visual and printed materials.

A website on fencing sport was launched. (www.hayataartibirtus.org) All activities in the Project were announced on this website. During the Project implementation, 5000 people visited the website.

21 young people participated to fencing trainings and 10 of them became qualified fencers. They participated to some youth championships and competitions in İstanbul, Ankara and in Konya. In addition to that, One Touch plus to Life Fencing Contest was organized two times in the Project.

Apart from the fencing trainings, some trainings on nutrition in sport, first aid, drug addiction, health in sport, youth psychology in sport and relations between sport club, family and school.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative):

In high schools, the directorates didn't accept putting the poster with logos, so we had to design posters with logos.

The dates of the CNN Turk interviews had been changed, and that caused the annulations of our visit to Ankara Ataturk High School.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

Fencing trainings will be regularly organized in Yenisehir Youth and Sports Organization.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

Instead of granting projects of young people in an age limit, the fact that the fund started to finance other projects from different levels of the society.

1.12. “No Barriers at the Basket”

City	Hakkari
Applicant Youth Group	Sumbul Disabled Sports Club, Basketball Initiative
Supporting Institutions	Sümbül Disabled Club

The main aim of “No Barriers at the Basket” project is to orient physical disabled people to basketball and to gain them information and skill which basketball requires and to have education and regular training.

Achievements of the Project in comparison to its targets and outputs:

With the Project “No Barriers at the Basket”, disabled young people who even didn’t go out from their house, has gained basketball skills and they started to participate to social life. After the basketball tournament organized within the Project, the activities of Sumbul Disabled Sports Club became more visible and we don’t encounter difficulties any more while trying to reach to official institutions. Now, they’re supporting more in our activities.

Outputs of the project implementation (positive and negative)

Young disabled people in Sumbul Disabled Sports Club showed that disabled people can also develop a project and implement it without any help from others. Therefore, this Project became an example for the fact that disabled people can also participate to social life actively.

Initiatives and Prospects for the Sustainability of the Project

The Project team plans to organize the Tournament of Basketball with Rolling Chairs.

Views and Proposals on the way of improvement and functionalization of Life +

Life Plus Youth Fund is supporting the various projects of young people and this helps young people to have more self-confidence and them to participate social activities where they encounter other young people from different cities.

2. Evalutaion of projects Implementation

**Second Term Projects’ coordinator participated to Summer School of Local Agenda
21 National Youth Parliament, 2-7 September 2007**

Youth Association for Habitat coordinates youth activities of Local Agenda 21 Project since 1997 and within the framework of this Program, there have been establishment of LA21 National Youth Parliament (NYP) gathering local youth councils in 75 cities of Turkey. Within this youth work, every year a Summer School for LA21 NYP delegates is organized and a lot of capacity development trainings.

This year, we invited the coordinators of Life Plus Youth Fund Second Term Projects to the Summer School and representatives of 9 projects met with youth delegates from all Turkey. The Project coordinators and volunteers that participated to the Summer School were from the following projects “A hope to the faded faces of Buds” Project, “5th Sense Arts”, “Barrier-Free Vocational Training Project” Project, “To New Born Future” Project, “In the City of Silk Path, Pen Reaching Out to Dialogue, Wall Reaching Out to Peace” Project, “Cankiri Past Time Station-1 –Verbal History Train”, “One Touch Plus to Life”, “No Barriers at the Basket” Project. During Life Plus Session in the Meeting, the project representatives presented their projects to young people coming from 75 cities of Turkey. Besides that, young people, who had project coordination experience, shared their knowledge and had an occasion for learning more about their projects.

Furthermore, project coordinators and volunteers benefited from the capacity development trainings in the Summer School. The first panle was about the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Sezai Hazir, President of Youth Association for Habitat, Sadun Emrealp, Turkey LA-21 Program National Coordinator and Hansin Dogan, UNDP İstanbul Private Sector Program Coordinator shared their knowledge and experience on the issue. In addition to that, Sadun Emrealp and Sezai Hazır made a speech on 4th phase of Turkey Local Agenda 21 Program and discussed with young people the legitimating process of City Councils and the statute of Youth Councils. Hansın Doğan shared his experience on partnerships with private sector.

The panel on “Global Warming and the Role of Youth, Precautions and Raising-awareness” was held by Gulcin OZSOY from REC Climate Change Working Program. During this panel, young leaders made a brain storming with Gulcin Ozsoy for projects about global warming issue.

After panels, participants were informed about development of Local Action Plans and EU Youth Programs. Further on, the youth representatives prepared their own local actions plans including localization of MDG`s, EU Youth in Action Projects and actions in favor of stopping Global Warming.

Lastly, Deniz Kite from Mediators Association trained participants on “Conflict Management” during a day.