

1. Organizational background:

Name of the organization: Regional Non Profit Organization in Defense of Democratic Rights and Liberties “GOLOS”	
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Date of foundation of the organization:	26.04.2000
Date of last registration (if applicable): 09.03.2006	Registration code: 1067799008860
Mission (objective) of the organization: The formation of civic control system over the overall electoral process, performance of executive and legislative bodies on all levels, creation and development of civil society in Russian Federation	
Legal status of the organization: Regional non-profit organization	

2. Fields of interests:

Decentralization		Advocacy	v
Interethnic relations		Transparency and accountability	v
Participative democracy	v	Rights of minorities	
Good governance	v	Gender balance	
Citizens' education	v	Other (please specify)	

3. Information on projects:

Please specify the projects implemented by your organization in the last year
<p>1. Name of the project: Elections Monitoring and Issue Advocacy Campaigns</p> <p><i>Primary objective of the project:</i> To evaluate freeness and fairness of the electoral process in Russian Federation and disseminate improved elections observation methodology throughout GOLOS network in accordance with organization preparation strategy for observation of federal elections in 2011 and 2012.</p> <p>Improved trustworthy, professional, objective external reputation and perception among each of the following groups, at the federal, regional and local levels: government authorities, electoral bodies, media sources, citizens, NGOs through building the dialog in between local authorities and civil society and encouragement of wider citizen engagement in resolving of locally important issues</p> <p>To finalize and propose new Electoral Code calling for revision of electoral legislature at the federal and regional levels.</p> <p><i>Financed by:</i> USAID</p> <p><i>Achieved results:</i></p> <p>More people are informed about GOLOS, GOLOS' Elections monitoring findings and other Elections related issues through GOLOS' public events, voter education efforts, press-conferences and other public events, visits to GOLOS web-site, and media outreach (conventional and alternative)</p> <p>Improved STO and LTO methodology, based on objective, credible and impartial internationally recognized election monitoring standards with focus on statistical representation of findings, is introduced and utilized by GOLOS observers in all regions that had regional elections over a course of cost extension and where GOLOS had capacity to conduct monitoring</p> <p>Priority issues to both citizens and government authorities identified in target regions and access to local authorities and media representatives increased through mutual dialog.</p> <p>Active citizens on local and regional levels are able to organize and articulate public priorities to local/regional level political leaders and administration; have better understanding about major issue advocacy tools; and participate in jointly developed public issue campaigns in targeted regions</p> <p>Alternative Electoral Code is developed and promoted and more people are informed about the shortcomings of current Russian electoral legislature and about legislative options at both federal and regional levels</p>

2. Name of the project: Youth Participation

Primary objective of the project: Increasing involvement of citizens in a decision-making process through internationally successful methods aimed at bringing together citizens and local-level decision-makers for joint creation and implementation of regional development strategies.

Financed by: Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation

Achieved results:

Increasing transparency of local political processes (including the line distribution of local budgets and its correlation with regional development strategy) ;

Introducing international standards in the local decision making process;

Local authorities will become more aware of the importance of citizens' engagement in the determination of the regional development strategy;;

Established dialog mechanism between citizens and local authorities

Running discussion clubs for youth on major youth problems

Legislative proposals on youth social housing and youth initiatives submitted to local parliaments

3. Name of the project : Advancement of issues of concern to young people through issue advocacy and increased cooperation between young citizens, NGOs and regional authorities

Primary objective of the project: To advance issues that concern young citizens through increasing public participation of young people by educating them about methods of issue advocacy, and encouraging them to defend their interests through constructive dialogue with authorities, civil society representatives and experts in the field.

Financed by: Embassy of Finland in Russia

Achieved results:

Raising public awareness regarding the issues of concern to young people (employment and career opportunities, affordable housing, quality education, etc.)

Creation of active public coalitions in support of resolving identified issues consisting of GOLOS activists, youth NGOs and student unions, other NGOs, representatives of regional/local authorities, etc.

Expert analysis of identified problems, accumulation of creative ideas for solution, and development of implementation strategies

Creation of sustainable mechanisms for public participation of youth in the region (youth policy committees in regional legislature, commissions on youth policy in regional civic chamber, city councils of young specialists, etc.);

Accumulation and dissemination of best practices among GOLOS regions and beyond;

Monitoring the progress of resolving youth issues during the Year of Youth with popular participation of young people in the selected regions

4. Capacity of the organization: personnel and management bodies of the organization

Please specify the executive structure of the organization and the decision making process within the organization.

General Assembly - the highest governing body, meets not less than once per year. Functions :

- To adopt new and amended statutory documentation
- Take decision on reorganization, liquidation of the organization
- Elect Chairman of the Board, members of the Board, Control and Audit Commission
- Approve of directions of organization
- Admission and elimination from the members of organization
- Initiation of special awards
- Approval of reports by Chairman of the Board, Board and Control and Audit Commission

Board of the organization – governing body in between meetings of the Assembly is elected for 2 years by Assembly

- Exercises rights of the organization
- Considers applications on membership in the organization
- Assesses and confirms programs and plans of activities
- Decides on calling General Assembly
- Creates committees and work groups of organization
- Approves the membership fees, budgets and balance of the organization

Chairman of the Board - is elected among Board members for 2 years

- Represents organization
- Takes decision on calling extraordinary Assembly
- Signs documents
- Organizes activities of organization
- Controls budget and property of the organization
- Opens bank accounts
- Takes decisions on list of employees, salaries and bonuses, hires employees

Control and Audit Commission – is elected by General Assembly for 2 years

- Controls financial activity of the organization
- Organizes audits
- Makes yearly reports
- Takes decisions on calling extraordinary Assembly

Published materials in the last year:

Yes

If "yes" please describe it:.

Report on local election campaigns of October 2009

Civic Voice news paper – 3 editions

5. Equipment and other resources

Office	Yes	No
IT equipment: 1.PC - 20 2.Copier, printers - 4, phones - 15, scanner		

Financing of the organization

Source of financing	Amount 2009
1. BST (GMF)	72 881 USD
2. NED	75 000 USD
3. USAID	700 000 USD
4. Embassy of Finland	7000 Euro