

1. Organizational background:

Name of the organization:	
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Date of foundation of the organization:	<u>1998</u>
Date of last registration (if applicable): 04.11.2002.	Registration code: RU-43/02
Mission (objective) of the organization: The mission is to initiate and promote active participation of citizens in democratic process and strengthen capacities of individuals and organisations to successfully solve problems in their communities.	
Legal status of the organization: Association of citizens	

Fields of interests:

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

2. Information on projects:

Please specify the projects implemented by your organization in the last year
<p>During 2009 CCI continued to contribute to further stabilization and development of democratic society in BiH. By improving government accountability and living conditions of citizens, CSOs have shown that they were able to and that they should be engaged in political processes in BiH.</p> <p>In 2009 CCI implemented the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CAPP- Civic Advocacy Partnership project;▪ Civil society and citizens;▪ Games of fortune – part of a solution, not part of a problem;▪ Function of municipal mayors in the local self-government system;▪ Sustainable participation of citizens in decision making in Srebrenica and Bratunac;▪ Local government for the quality of life;▪ Training program for local self-government;
<p>1. Name of the project: CAPP- Civic Advocacy Partnership project (CAPPII)</p>
<p><u>Primary objective of the project:</u> In Aug 2008 CCI launched the CAPP II program (Citizens Advocacy Partnership Program). The goal of the program is to contribute toward further development of participatory democracy in BiH that will support government reform directed towards functioning like a modern EU democracy. This program calls for CCI's significant involvement in key reforms in BiH (constitutional reform, corruption, employment, public funds...). It composes of the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Monitoring government performance▪ Constitutional reform▪ BiH development strategy▪ Employment strategy▪ Training▪ Grant making
<p><u>Financed by:</u> The project is implemented from august 2008- august 2013, and the project is supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).</p>
<p><u>Achieved results (Monitoring government performance):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CCI continually monitored government performance (26 institutions in BiH);▪ CCI generated annual, three-month, six-month and nine-month on government performance revealing the level of government accountability and efficiency;▪ CCI generated and published the Special report on monitoring the FBIH government performance „Two and a half years of catastrophic rule“;▪ CCI elicited significant media and public attention informing citizens poor government results and poor government accountability;

- CCI responded to many issues, drawing public attention and preventing government from undertaking some harmful actions;
- CCI sent numerous recommendations to BiH government for how to improve their work;
- CCI was emphasizing the problems listed in the Civic Platform. These problems were perceived as being significant issues and discussed by political subjects, media, political leaders, formal and informal groups, etc.
- The way in which CCI called out irresponsible and incompetent government members contributed to growing mass of individuals dissatisfied with the current government and their work. In other words, the number of citizens demanding change has grown;
- CCI's public image and influence have improved. More importantly, the overall public image and influence of NGOs have improved. This contributed toward the easier implementation of NGO activities in BiH;

The impacts of CCI's monitoring activities are growing and affecting almost all target groups that are directly or indirectly involved in project activities

- Information from CCI's reports is frequently cited by journalists. They use it to point out the government's indolence. Lately, media outlets have been focusing on incomes of government members and comparing them with performance results contained in CCI's reports. The conclusions are that politicians do not deserve the money they get paid, that they are incompetent and they do not work for the public interest;
- CCI's reports are relevant sources of information for many BiH and international institutions. This is especially true in terms of the number of adopted laws, because many institutions have been analyzing government's performance based on information from CCI's reports.
- Citizens of BiH have been calling to encourage us to continue to monitor and analyze government's performance; many citizens paid visits to CCI to support our efforts
- Citizens have been calling upon CCI, either by calling CCI directly or through media, to "a lead person toward change, for no political party is competent to do so;
- Upon the request of the UK Embassy in BiH, CCI sent its annual report on monitoring the performance of the Tuzla Canton Government and provided background information for Ambassador Tatham's visit to the Tuzla Canton Government;
- On line magazine Žurnal created a list of top 10 laziest persons in the government of FBiH. The list is based on CCI's analysis and reports covering the first six months of 2009.

The following are results of CCI's activities (**advocacy for Employment strategy in BiH**)

- The FBiH Employment Strategy 2009-2013 was adopted at the 21st session of the House of Representatives on April 21 2009.;
- CCI is a member of the newly formed Employment Strategy Working Group for Republic of Serpska (RS);
- The National Employment Strategy Working Group was formed.;
- The Council of Ministers' Work program incorporates the adoption of the national employment strategy;
- RS employment strategy is being incorporated into the RS Government Work program.

Delivered training services - CCI organized and implemented four trainings to build capacities of NGOs in BiH:

- Public advocacy May 20-21, 2009 in Sarajevo;
- Financial management in NGO sector June 11 2009 in Sarajevo;
- Public Relations, July 7, 2009 in Mostar;
- Project management Oct 28-30 2009 in Sarajevo;

Grant making - By implementing the above activities the following results have been accomplished:

- CCI established a daily process of updating the application data base and communicating with applicants in order to provide assistance in finalizing applications and/or providing additional

- explanation;
- CCI established a process of regular evaluation of project applications. CCI evaluated 8 applications;
- CCI and grantees established work systems, system for monitoring the implementation of projects; CCI Grant staff is providing consultations to grantees to help them successfully implement approved projects, improve their visibility and their connection with citizens. Grantees are provided with training and in house consultations depending on their preferences and needs;
- CCI's Grant staff available to potential applicants and grantees (via email, phone, and direct contacts);

2. Name of the project - Civil society and citizens

Primary objective of the project:

- Enhance the image of the civil sector in BiH by conducting at least 11 big advocacy campaigns directed toward resolving the concrete problems of citizens;
- Improve prospects for local financial sustainability of the civil sector in BiH by introducing a '1% law' by way of which the individual donations NGOs for their activities will be exempted from tax, and by establishing the first independent BiH fund for the support to advocating activities of NGOs;
- Contribute toward bringing legal framework in BiH closer to the EU Standards in the Euro-integration Process through advocating adoption of measures, policies and laws in the field of education, health care, youth and protection of nature

Financed by: Royal Netherlands Embassy

Achieved results (CCI Advocacy):

- New Law on primary education in Bosnia-Podrinje Canton has been adopted, which provides possibility for parents to elect principals of primary schools (the same solution has been adopted in Tuzla Canton);
- the Law on introducing of two years of compulsory education has been adopted in Sarajevo Canton, which will serve as a module to suggest a similar solution to be adopted in other parts of BiH;
- The Study on justification and feasibility of introduction of compulsory secondary education in BiH has been prepared with participation of 11 ministries of education and independent experts;
- budget appropriations for scholarships in 2009 have been increased by 116% as opposed to 2008 i.e., have been increased from 0,2% to 0,6% as opposed to the total amount of the budgets in BiH;
- proposals of sub-legal acts have been prepared and delivered to the Entities' Ministries of Environment, which would regulate issue on PET waste management, provide millions of incomes and a permanent solution of this problem;
- Government of Federation BiH, under the pressure of CCI among other things, has appointed the director of the Fond for the protection of environment, which is one of the main preconditions to achieve the project goal;

3. Name of the project - Games of fortune – part of a solution, not part of a problem

Primary objective of the project:

The Games of Fortune project has been implemented since April 2008, and it will end in April 2010. Its aim is to improve the favorable legislative framework and possibilities for redefinition of social givings awarded to the most vulnerable categories of people and their organizations.

Financed by: Royal Netherlands Embassy

Achieved results:

During 2009 CCI intensified communication with the Ministry of Finance Federation of BiH to make sure that Draft Law on changes and amendments to the Law on Fortune Games is included in the FBiH Government's agenda. Due to continuing government crisis, several months were spent on lobbying to make sure that the prepared Predraft Law is sent in procedure. In June and July, following CCI's intensive negotiating campaign, FBiH Government adopted the Draft Law on changes and amendments to the Laws on Games of Fortune. At the end of 2009, the Government of FBiH adopted the Law Proposal and sent it in for its final adoption by the Parliament.

In Republic of Srpska the ministry in charge for several months obstructed the overall process. Following several meetings and in cooperation with the Coordination board of the Union of civilian invalids RS, media pressure, the ministry prepared and submitted the working versions of the legal acts. Final adjustments are ongoing, and the adoption is expected to take place in a month or two.

4. Name of the project - Function of municipal mayors in the local self-government system

Primary objective of the project:

The main goals of the project were:

- To improve efficiency of local self-government units by minimizing the possibilities for poor cooperation between members of local parliaments and mayors (directly elected by citizens)
- To assess the impact of introducing the function of the mayor into the local self-government system in BiH
- To prevent social and political degeneration of the mayoral function and its misuse

Financed by: European Commission

Achieved results:

During the project's implementation:

- more than 70 meetings with different individuals and institutions took place in the form of interviews, focus groups and telephone conference
- 14 laws were analyzed (Laws on local self government, election laws, and election of mayors) in 5 countries (BiH, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro and Slovakia); European Chart on local self-government and statutes of 10 municipalities involved in the project
- 10 experts from 4 countries collaborated on project
- 24 NGOs, 48 members of local parliaments, 7 mayors and 6 journalists were involved in CCI's research and contributed to better understanding of local context of earlier mayoral recall process in target municipalities
- Additionally, 3 mayors, 3 presidents of local parliaments and one representative of the RS parliament took part in analyzing the preliminary draft policy briefs
- 15 minutes of stories on BHT, ATV, BNTV, ATV during evening central news and stories in print media and online agencies (Blic, Press, Oslobođenje, Onasa)..

4. Several smaller projects (Local level - developing good practice in the municipalities)

Of course, for BH citizens and CCI, these projects are also very important!

Financed by: Caritas, Open Society Fund BiH and Municipal Development Project

5. 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.

The number of full-time and part-time staff by category (e.g. number of project managers, accountants, etc), indicating their place of employment

Organizations managed by the Assembly and the Board of Directors (volunteers). CCI has 29 full time and 1 part – time staff members.

Staff by category:

Tuzla:

- Executive Director – one person
- § Finance Director – one person
- § Project Manager – one persons
- § Consultant for monitoring – three person
- § Campaign Leader – one person
- § Finance Officer – one person
- Accountant – one person

Mostar

- Consultant for monitoring – three persons
- Public Relation Assistant – one person
- Legal Assistant – one person
- Field Coordinator – one person

Banja Luka

- Development Director – one person
- Project Coordinator – one person
- Consultant for monitoring – two persons
- Development Assistant –one person
- Administrative Officer – one person

Sarajevo

- Project Manager – one person
- Consultant for monitoring – one person
- Public Relations Coordinator – one person
- Administrative Officer – one person

Bihac

- Consultant for monitoring – one persons

Bijeljina

- Project Coordinator – one persons

Doboj

- Project Manager – one person
- Field Coordinator – one persons

Zenica

- Campaign Leader – one person

Published materials in the last year:**Yes** **No**

If "yes" please describe it..

- Monograph CCI-X (10 years of CCI's work)
- Mayor and Local Self-governance; leadership, democracy, development
- Scholarship Award Policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- High School Education in BiH - Environments and Perspectives
- Participation of Citizens in Decision-making

6. Equipment and other resources

Office?	Yes	No
IT equipment:		
1. 12 cars 2. 35 computers 3. 15 printers 4. 5 copy mashines 5. 5 scenners 6. 5 digital video cameras 7. 1 projector		

Financing of the organization	
Source	Amount received in 2009
Caritas	68.375,84
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	69.929,58
European Comission	108.865,00
Municipal Development Project	23.187,50
Open Society Fund BiH	223.153,00
Royal Netherlands Embassy	941.917,27
USAID	1.220.672,82
total	2.656.101,01