

Activity Report (Summary version)

Fiscal Year	FY 2019
Code No	18A094

Name of Organization	QENDRA E BASHKËPUNIMIT NDËRFETAR ELBASAN (QBNFE)	Applied Amount
	“Inter-Religious Collaboration Center of Elbasan” (IRCCE)	\$8900 (JPY/USD)
Project Title	INTERFAITH FAMILIES TOGETHER AGAINST CHALLENGES (IFATACH)	Granted Amount
		\$8900 (JPY/USD)
		Country which project was operated
		ALBANIA

About organization and granted activity

■ About organization <Such as Year of establishment, Vision, Name of main activity >

Our Center is a non-profit organization founded by the spiritual leaders of the traditional religious communities in Elbasan, from the Muslim, Orthodox, Catholic and Bektashi communities. IRCCE was legitimized on 22 December 2006 with object of activity “creating real opportunities for dialogue and continuous cooperation between religious leaders and their communities to enhance and further strengthen more understanding and religious coexistence in the country and beyond, as well as to prevent various individuals and groups misusing religion to the detriment of society and humanity”. During the year 2018-19 we implemented 2 projects; 1. FABUS “Faith as a Bridge that Unites Us”, March - November 2018 contributing to support initiatives aiming to explore the drivers of radicalization and violent extremism with a view to identify tools countering the threat and to build sustainable preventive measures; to engage youth, religious and non-religious communities in the discussion against violent extremism and religious radicalism; to promote inter-religious tolerance and communication among youth in Elbasan, Gramsh, Cerrik and Belsh Regions. 2- FUNDIAK “Faithful Use Democracy in Community” August 2018 - April 2019, encouraging and enhancing cooperation between future decision-makers and communities of believers, and not just those, for strengthening civic voice in governance, being organized in larger civic groups and forums. We had organized a lot of activities with our religion contribution and volunteers, as if march of the peace that we organized every year. In this activity join us more than thousand people that march in main street of our City promoting human rights and values. Last year our motto was: “NO TO CRIME, YES TO JUSTICE”. This year our motto was: “Politics is a mission! ... Use it for the benefit of the people!”

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On 3 May 2019 we made the Kick off Project where participated religious leaders and faithful families and youths of our communities. Also took place vice Mayor and representatives of other organizations. Journalists of 2 local televisions followed and spread out this on TV News. We explained the project and after made the list of participants for 2 Weekend Camps. https://youtu.be/Q_MEQ_ZO8Wo

On May 11-12, 2019 QBNF organized the first Weekend Camping in Korça with the Interfaith Families Group (56) in the framework of the implementation of the IFATACH Project - Interfaith Families Together Against Chalanges - financially supported by NIWANA PEACE FOUNDATION whom we gratefully acknowledge. In the 2 Sessions of the Interfaith Family Forum, Vicar of the Catholic Church, Don Emilio Valente, Orthodox High Priest Father Stavri Çipi, Pastor Ilir Isaraj and Mufti of Korca H. Ledion Çikalleshi, referred to the views of religions on the family as the unavoidable basis of society which unites all of us, while attendees asked questions, identified challenges and offered concrete suggestions to strengthen not only their cooperation but its reach and distribution in other cities as well. The WC was completed with visits to religious and historical institutions as well as time sharing and conversations between them in cultural and outdoor settings.

On 18th and 19th May 2019 QBNF organized the second WC in Vlora with the other group (61 Participants). At the First Day Session, representatives of the Orthodox and Muslim communities referred to their religions views of the family. While representatives of the Catholic Church and the Evangelical Alliance referred to the Second Day Session. Also the attendees asked questions, identified challenges and offered concrete suggestions to strengthen not only their cooperation but its extension and distribution in other cities as well. The camping was completed with visits to religious and historical institutions as well as time sharing and conversations between them in cultural and outdoor settings.

Both activities were fixed on celluloid by the well-known TV journalist Lirim Abazi, whom we thank for his professionalism and dedication as well as a team of journalism students from the University of Strasbourg who attended all of our activities as they prepared a television reportage with which to defend the topic of their

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master's degree in Model of Religious Harmony in Albania and QBNF in particular.

30 May 2019 we made a Television Panel on Family Values on local TVs with the family representatives to convey and share with the viewers the concepts, vision and experience of these activities on family values and interfaith cooperation thank to NPF.

On May 31, we successfully closed the IFATACH Project,

Output or Outcome * Within 1000 characters

During WC we arrived to raise the relationship between families of different religions to strengthen their respect and cooperation among them in the benefit of our region, avoiding any form of disunion and contempt among them. Increasing cooperation between families of different religious affiliations and facilitating the socialization of children of these families with each other under the motto "Together with diversity". All were very active talking and staying together on small groups exploring attitude of each other.

Formatting the board of the Interfaith Family Department of QBNF, paving the way for continued multi-stakeholder and inclusive activities for all strata of our religious communities, was most successful achievement of this Project thank to Niwana Peace Foundation. This Project had a great impact to our city because a lot of people follow in TV the reportage that was spread out two times during first week of June.

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