

FINAL PROJECT REPORT

MAY - DECEMBER 2018



PROJECT NR:
S-MD700-18-GR-040

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES DEVELOPMENT ON BOTH BANKS OF DNIESTER RIVER, PROJECT

By Olesia TABARCEA, executive director

The main task pursued by the project is the transfer of good practices on the right bank of the Dniester River towards the partner in the Transnistrian region in the field of practical legal education

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Project implemented by:

UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC

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The issue addressed in the implemented project is the lack of practical education of students from the Faculty of Law of the Tiraspol State University. Given the fact that the theoretical education of students in the universities on the right bank of the Dniester is supplemented with practical training in different ways and forms, these examples could be taken as a good practice by those from transnistrian region. The University Legal Clinic from Bălți city, which works alongside the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of State University "Alecu Russo" in Balti, is one of the first promoters and implementers of the practical education of legal students. The practical training program is called "Legal Clinic Education", that is an excellent practical support for theoretical courses taught at the law faculty.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

„University Legal Clinic” (ULC) acted in partnership with the "Center for Legal Initiatives" from Tiraspol ("Центр правых инициатив", original name) based on a partnership agreement, which also represented one of the objectives of the project - the creation of sustainable partnerships and effective collaboration between organizations on both banks of the Dniester in the field of education and legal practice.

Issues that have led to the need to implement the project:

- Lack of a practical training courses in the Universities;
- Lack of collaboration between the relevant organizations with similar objectives on both banks of the Dniester River;
- Lack of a mechanism for granting free legal aid by legal entities in the Transnistrian region

The project targeted the exchange of experience and best practices between CSOs with legal and educational profile, which will stimulate practical legal education based on services providing.

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The **general project goal** is to establish, strengthen and maintain the collaboration between people from both banks of Dniester River, in order to reinforce connections between them, by increasing the capacity of civil society organizations that provides free of charge community legal services and legal empowerment.

Objectives:

1. To intensify cooperation between the legal organizations on both banks of the Dniester, by taking good practices in the implementation of the legal clinical training course;
2. Increase the interaction between the young people from the law faculties of State University named „T. Shevchenko” from Tiraspol and from „Alecu Russo” Bălți State University;
3. The development of community legal services provided by the Center for Legal Initiatives (Tiraspol) on the example of the University Legal Clinic (Bălți).



ABOUT UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC ORGANIZATION



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A little bit about our activity and background

University Legal Clinic was established on July 19, 2002 at the Law Department of the Balti State University „Alecu Russo”. The Balti Legal Clinic is a non-governmental, non-partisan organisation registered with the Ministry of Justice on July 19, 2002.

For more than 17 years, ULC has been supporting the development of community services as an alternative to services provided by state-owned organizations / institutions. It is also a promoter of empowering citizens through education, informing by accessible and comprehensive methods for citizens (public lessons on subjects of common interest in the legal and social field, information campaigns, thematic seminars with young people - children, students; dissemination of informative materials on the most important topics for the target groups, developed by the CJU team, etc.

The fields of activity of the ULC are:

- Promoting and defending Human Rights (women, elderly people and those with disabilities, especially mental, youth and children);
- Preventing corruption and monitoring decision-making at the local and decision-making level;
- Promoting practical legal education and training of qualified legal and social specialists (public authorities and social assistance);
- Legal empowerment of citizens in particular of rural inhabitants;
- Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings;
- Preventing and combating domestic violence;
- Promoting and defending equal opportunities for marginalized categories and children (inclusive education for children with disabilities);
- Monitor the rights of persons detained and in custody of the police in the Republic of Moldova.



PROJECT TIMELINE

PERIOD: APRIL - DECEMBER 2018

TARGET REGIONS: BĂLȚI CITY (NORTHERN MOLDOVA)

TIRASPOL CITY (TRANSNISTRIA REGION)

TASK	START DATE	END DATE
PHASE 01 COLLABORATION	APRIL - MAY 2018	MAY 25, 2018
PHASE 02 EDUCATION, TRAININGS AND CURRICULUM APPROVAL	MAY - AUGUST 2018	AUGUST 31, 2018
PHASE 03 COMMUNITY SERVICES DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL CLINIC ACTIVITY	SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2018	DECEMBER 31, 2018

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DETAILED PLAN OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY

PERIOD

ACTIVITY 01

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
ROUND TABLE

MAY 04 -25, 2018

ACTIVITY 02

STUDY VISITS TO PARTNERS NGO

JULY 5, 2018/NOVEMBER
2, 2018

ACTIVITY 03

SUMMER SCHOOL

JULY 18 - 20, 2018

ACTIVITY 04

LEGAL CLINIC EDUCATION
CURRICULUM ELABORATION AND
APPROVAL

JUNE - AUGUST 2018

ACTIVITY 05

TIRASPOL LEGAL CLINIC ACTIVITY

AUGUST - DECEMBER
2018

GRAND TOTAL (USD)

\$ 17,104.00

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING/ROUND TABLE

MAY 25, 2018 - THE ROUND TABLE ORGANIZED IN CHISINAU (ARTICO YOUTH CENTER)
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTNERS' ORGANIZATION - CENTER FOR LEGAL INITIATIVES TIRASPOL, UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC, STUDENTS AND ACADEMICS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE DNIESTER PARTICIPATED

- TOPICS:

1. Presentation of the project "Community Legal Services Development": goal, objectives and expected results and impacts:

The impact of the project at the regional level;

- Impact on legal practical education at the regional level;

2. Legal practical education as a means for poor people of solving social problems;

3. Impact on the development of free legal services at Tiraspol State University named. "T. Shevchenko";

3. The role of the partners and their participation in the implementation of the project:

- Planning activities/detailed action plan elaboration
- Identification of responsible persons from partner organizations
- Organizational aspects of the project implementation

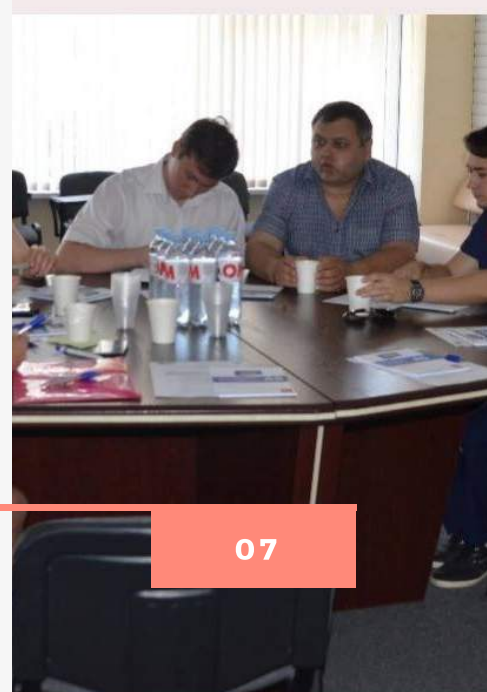
SPEAKERS:

1. Olesea TABARCEA
Director
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2. Tatiana RÎBAC,
Executive Director
Center for Legal Initiatives
TIRASPOL, TRANSNISTRIA
REGION

3. Vladlena LISENCO, doctor
habilitat, professor at the
Law Faculty of Tiraspol State
University named after T.
Shevchenko

4. Legal professors from State
Universities fom Tiraspol and
Bălți cities



STUDY VISITS TO PARTNER NGO

JULY 5, 2018 - THE FIRST STUDY VISIT TO UNIVERSITY LEGAL CLINIC FROM BĂLȚI (BĂLȚI STATE UNIVERSITY „ALECU RUSSO”)

NOVEMBER 2, 2018 - THE CLOSING UP VISIT TO PARTNER ORGANIZATION, TIRASPOL

• The First STUDY VISIT:
LOCATION: Bălți city, Legal Clinic office (Bălți State University)

Presentation of the project “Community Legal Services Development”, goal, objectives and expected results;

„Legal Clinic,” at the Faculty of Law, the most effective and productive method of practical education for students;

Methodology of practical legal clinical education curriculum implemented at Law Faculty of Bălți State University „Alecu Russo”;

How to ensure active involvement of law students in clinical education courses

Legal Clinic daily activity, agenda, schedule, data base and reporting to state bodies and donors;

Volunteering. Job opportunities for students;

Legal assistance providing by students at University Legal Clinic.

Community Legal Services developed by Legal Clinic as a sustainable and qualitative regional primary legal assistance for underprivileged citizens.

CLOSING UP VISIT:
LOCATION: Tiraspol city, The Center for Legal Initiatives office (Tiraspol State University named „T. Shevchenko”)

Presentation of the achieved results and realised activities of The Center for Legal Initiatives, Tiraspol during the project implementation period - May - November 2018

Curriculum “Legal Clinic Education” presentation and technical aspects of approval

Statistical data of legal assistance provided by students at Legal Clinic

Legal assistance in the Tiraspol Legal Clinic/free of charge legal services maintaining

Challenges and future plans for legal students practical learning



SUMMER SCHOOL

JULY 18 - 20, 2018

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/FUTURE LEGAL CONSULTANTS AT LEGAL CLINICS FROM BOTH SIDES OF DNIESTER RIVER

TOPICS:

Familiarization with the legislation of Moldova in the field of legal area.

- The concept and methodology of legal assistance. A general part.
- Law on Volunteering and its benefits for students of Law Faculties.

Practical legal skills of a student as a guarantee of professionalism.

- Legal Clinic as the most effective method of practical education.
- What is a legal clinic;
- How the Legal Clinic is built (Guidelines for the functioning of the clinic - statutes, regulations, Code of Ethics).

How to ensure the work of the clinic (motivation and involvement of students in the work, the role and responsibility of the law student).

Practical training of future lawyers - the main method of clinical legal education.

Types of legal assistance provided in a legal clinic.

- Office/clerical work at the Legal Clinic;
- Beneficiaries;
- Basic rules for working with clients/beneficiaries.

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2. Tatiana RÎBAC,
Executive Director
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TIRASPOL, TRANSNISTRIA
REGION

Trainers:

1. Vladimir RUSU,
legal professor at the Law
Faculty and Social Science of
Bălți State University named
„Alecu Russo”

2. Natalia BAURCIULU,
Executive Director of Comrat
Legal Clinic, Gagauzia
Autonomy

3. Ruslan GRIGORAȘ,
legal professor at the Law
Faculty and Social Science of
Bălți State University named
„Alecu Russo”



LEGAL CLINIC EDUCATION CURRICULUM ELABORATION AND APPROVAL

JUNE - AUGUST 2018

**ELABORATION OF THE CURRICULUM "LEGAL
CLINICAL TRAINING" FOR THE FACULTY OF LAW OF
THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF TIRASPOL NAMED ``T.
SHENCHENCO``**

CURRICULUM ELABORATION:
PERIOD: JUNE - JULY 2018

CURRICULUM APPROVAL:
PERIOD: AUGUST 25-31, 2018

AUTHORITY: ACADEMIC AND
SCIENTIFIC SENATE OF
TIRASPOL STATE UNIVERSITY

DATE OF THE APPROVAL:
AUGUST 31, 2018

THE BENEFICIARY
UNIVERSITY:
TIRASPOL STATE UNIVERSITY,
FACULTY OF LAW

CURRICULUM TEACHING:
PERIOD: SEPTEMBER -
DECEMBER 2018

TARGET GROUP:
2 - 3 YEARS STUDENTS OF
LAW FACULTY, TIRASPOL
STATE UNIVERSITY NAMED T.
SHEVCHENKO

NUMBER OF CREDITS:
4 CREDITS

Contracted expert:

Vladlena LISENCO, doctor
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Law Faculty of Tiraspol State
University named after T.
Shevchenko



TIRASPOL LEGAL CLINIC

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2018
LEGAL STUDENT ADVICE (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO LEGAL CLINIC) IS A STRUCTURAL UNIT OF THE LAW FACULTY OF TIRASPOL STATE UNIVERSITY T.G. SHEVCHENKO.

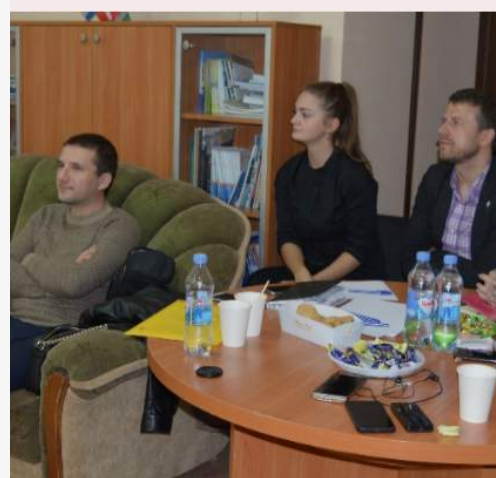
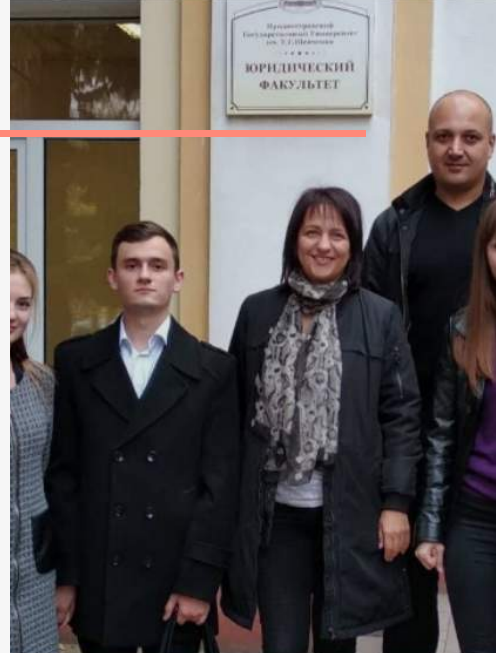
ITS ACTIVITIES ARE AIMED TO PROVIDE FREE OF CHARGE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO SOCIALLY UNPROTECTED SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION AND IMPROVING THE PRACTICAL SKILLS OF LAW STUDENTS, WITH THE GOAL OF ACCELERATED ADAPTATION IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.

Currently, about 35 students are involved in the work of Tiraspol Legal Clinic.

The students are working under the supervision of curators - qualified lawyers, university professors and representatives of government bodies. During the reporting period, the following activities were carried out:

1. Providing free legal assistance to socially unprotected groups of the population;
2. Activities within the framework of interaction with the Ministry of Justice;
3. Activities in the framework of interaction with Parliament.

4. Lectures for consulting students by specialists and lawyers.
5. Time for consulting students by teachers and professional lawyers.
6. Organization of various city and university events.
7. Conducting lectures on legal issues in schools by legal clinic students.
8. Development and publication by students of brochures and methodological manuals.
11. Cooperation with other Legal Clinics.
12. Free of charge legal assistance.





FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal assistance was granted in 76 cases:

civil law - 15.2%

administrative law - 6%

family law - 17.4%

housing right - 30.3%

labor law - 11%

social assistance - 11%

COOPERATION

Legal Clinic students interacted with the Parliament, the Ministry of Justice and the Tiraspol State University „T. Shevchenko” administration in order to promote legal practice education and free legal services provided for poor people in Transnistria region based on good practices learned during this project.



ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



TIRASPOL LEGAL CLINIC OFFICE IS FUNCTIONAL AND READY FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Thanks to USA Embassy Moldova financial support, the Legal Clinic office for Transnistrian citizens' reception was fully equipped. All necessary equipment was purchased for more efficient work and effective practical teaching of the students.

OUR BEAUTIFUL TEAM AND PROJECT STAFF

PROJECT MANAGEMENT STAFF AND TRAINERS INVOLVED IN LEGAL CLINIC EDUCATION OF LAW STUDENTS



Vladimir RUSU

Trainer at Summer School, vice dean of Law and Social Science Faculty, university professor, Bălți State University



Natalia BAURCIULU

Trainer at Summer School, Executive Director, Comrat Legal Clinic, lawyer



Ruslan GRIGORAȘ

Trainer at Summer School, university professor, Bălți State University „Alecu Russo”, Faculty of Law and Social Science

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Project Assistant, Bălți University Legal Clinic



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Executive Director, Bălți University Legal Clinic



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