



**“Community schools in Russia: Expanding the Partnership” project
2007-2009**

“Community schools in Russia: expanding partnership” project being a logical continuation to “Community schools in Russia: joining efforts” project is designed to support and promote the Russian community schools movement (CSM) as a mechanism that is used to broaden participation of local communities in decision-making and democratize school education.

The project includes the following:

- Strengthening of network-based collaboration among organizations that operate on the basis of the community school model, support of the movement’s Internet resource, support of the Task Force that operates to promote community education;
- Support of establishment of new community schools movement resource centers in the Russian Northwest on the basis of existing NGOs and their active involvement in network-based collaboration among community school resource centers;
- Introduction of a training program specifically designed to train representatives of the newly established community school resource centers;
- Introduction of a training programs specifically designed to train trainers of resource centers;
- Preparation of recommendations on how to design and implement community school development programs, as well as methodological materials required to train school administrators and teachers;
- Publication and dissemination of “Democratic Education Library” materials;
- Organization of a conference to finalize project results.

Project objectives:

- To strengthen collaboration among community schools that relies on a network of resource centers;
- To support the development of a community schools network in the Russian Northwest;
- To provide methodological support to community schools and their resource centers to ensure effective democratization of education, development of partner relations with the society, and support volunteerism.

Project Implementation Activities

To successfully accomplish the above objectives, the project will be simultaneously implemented in two interrelated areas (“Development of a CS network in the Russian Northwest” and” Strengthening of network-based collaboration”) united by a common support component.

Development of a CS network in the Russian Northwest

- Selection of NGOs to be turned into resource centers;

- Training programs' development;
- Evaluation of CS network development projects by the newly established resource centers;
- Implementation of CS network development projects by the newly established resource centers on their respective territories;
- Consulting.

Strengthening of network-based collaboration

- Support of the CS movement Internet portal
- Support of the Task Force of community education development
- Training of trainers for CS resource centers
- Becoming a community school program development

Support component

- Supervisory Board
- Project expert group
- Publishing
- Community Schools in Russia: Expanding the Partnership Symposium
- Final conference of the project.

Further Development of the Project

Implementation of the project will create conditions required to ensure further activities in three principal areas:

- Further territorial expansion of the CS network into the regions where resource centers have not been established yet;
- Description of the CS model as a pedagogical and social technology and further development of recommendations on its application;
- Integration of the CS model into the secondary, tertiary, and post-graduate education systems, as well as the teachers' qualification improvement and retraining system.

Duration of the project

May 2007 – June 2009