

Omladina JAZAS-a Novi Sad / Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad

Case Report from Serbia



1 ABOUT YOUTH OF JAZAS NOVI SAD

Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad was established in 1996 mostly by medical students who wanted to get involved in HIV prevention in Novi Sad. The first programme implemented by Youth of JAZAS focused on peer education among youth for the prevention of HIV and drug use. Numerous activities, campaigns, sports events and access to various forms of support for people living with HIV were organized through the Clinic for Infectious and Tropical Diseases in Belgrade, which at the time was the only clinic providing antiretroviral treatment in Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The majority of programmes were conducted by volunteers but the organisation had some support of the local self-government of Novi Sad, the provincial government of Vojvodina, private donors and other types of in kind support.

Up to 2007, there were no activities targeting men who have sex with men and sex workers and based on consultations with the Institute of Public Health of Vojvodina the organisation started these programmes. The main result was building relationships and trust of clients and creating bridges with public institutions. The Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad became their only link with the system and a key source of support. These programmes are still running in Novi Sad.



Street volunteer at World AIDS Day event stationed by information counter

2 HIV PROJECTS BEFORE THE TIME OF GLOBAL FUND GRANTS IN SERBIA

Before receiving the first Global Fund grant, the main donors to Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad were the City of Novi Sad and the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina with their various Secretariats. In addition, the organization also received some support from different local self-governments across the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and private donations. The types

of projects implemented were similar each year but the procedures on how to access the support from the institutions changed over the years. Today mainly due to our advocacy activities, there are open calls where different NGOs can apply for funding and there is a system in place to support the NGOs.

Table 1: HIV projects implemented by NGO Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad before the GF grants in Serbia*

Project title	Target groups	Level of coverage (national/Autonomous Province/District/Municipality)	Start date	End date	Available budget	Source of financing
1. School for peer educators for HIV prevention	Youth	City/Autonomous Province	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Health
2. School for peer educators for drug abuse prevention	Youth	City/Autonomous Province	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Health
3. Campaign marking the 1st of December (World AIDS Day)	Youth	City/Autonomous Province	1999	2003	Around \$ 1,000 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Health and Social Affairs/City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Health
4. Campaign at the EXIT festival	Youth	City/Autonomous Province	1999	2003	Around \$ 1,000 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Health and Social Affairs
5. Promotion campaign during Medical Fair in Novi Sad	Youth	City/Autonomous Province	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Health and Social Affairs/ City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Health
6. Open call for photographs and pictures related to HIV prevention	Youth	City/Autonomous Province	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Health
7. HIV prevention – other	Youth	Municipality	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Apatin
8. HIV prevention – other	Youth	Municipality	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	Town of Crvenka
9. HIV prevention – other	Youth	Municipality	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Kula

Table 1: HIV projects implemented by NGO Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad before the GF grants in Serbia* (contd.)

Project title	Target groups	Level of coverage (national/Autonomous Province/District/Municipality)	Start date	End date	Available budget	Source of financing
10. HIV prevention – other	Youth	Municipality	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Odžaci
11. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	City of Novi Sad
12. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	AP Vojvodina
13. HIV prevention – other	Youth	Municipality	1999	2003	<\$ 500 annually	Private
TOTAL					Around \$ 8,000 annually	

* Projects were financed on an annual base. For AP Vojvodina, projects were financed from the budget of the Provincial Secretariat for Health and Social Affairs. For the City of Novi Sad, projects were financed from the budget of the Commissariat for Health.

3 YOUTH OF JAZAS NOVI SAD HIV PROJECTS UNDER THE GLOBAL FUND GRANTS IN SERBIA

Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad received support for the first time from the GF grant, in 2007, for HIV prevention among sex workers in Subotica and men who have sex with men in Novi Sad and Kragujevac. These services were provided in coordination with the Institute of Public Health of Vojvodina from Novi Sad and the Institute of Public Health of Subotica.



Mobile medical van for the street campaigns

Table 2: HIV projects of NGO Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad funded by the GF during the period 1 November, 2003 – 30 September, 2014

Project title	Target groups	Level of coverage (national/AP/District/municipality)	Start date	End date	Available budget
1. HIV prevention among sex workers in Subotica	SW	Local	2007	2011	\$ 123,467
2. HIV prevention among men who have sex with men in Novi Sad and Kragujevac	MSM	Local	2007	2011	\$ 305,697
3. Drop in Centre for sex workers in Novi Sad	SW	Autonomous Province Vojvodina	2009	2014	\$ 191,125
4. Drop in Centre for men who have sex with men in Novi Sad	MSM	Autonomous Province Vojvodina	2009	2014	\$ 298,967
TOTAL					\$ 919,256

4 YOUTH OF JAZAS NON-GLOBAL FUND RELATED HIV PROJECTS DURING THE PERIOD 2003-2015

During this period, the organisation received donations from the City of Novi Sad and the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, the Ministry of Youth and Sport, Red Cross Serbia, and the Emilia Romagna region. Additionally, the organisation received some support from different local self-government entities across the AP Vojvodina and from private donations. Supported projects were similar each year, but the procedures on how to access the support from the institution change over the years. The total budget available beyond the GF project over the course of 2004-2014 was \$ 582,818 (average annually \$ 52,983, with range \$11,000-130,626).



Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad volunteer at World AIDS Day street campaign event

Table 3: HIV projects implemented by NGO Youth of JAZAS during the period 1 November, 2003 – 30 June, 2015

Project title	Target groups	Level of coverage (National/Autonomous Province/District/Municipality)	Start date	End date	Available budget	Source of financing
1. School for peer educators for HIV prevention	Youth	City/Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2004	2014	<\$ 500 annually (2004-2007), around \$ 1,000 (2008-2014)	City of Novi Sad
2. School for peer educators for drug abuse prevention	Youth	City/Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2004	2014	<\$ 500 annually (2004-2007), around \$ 1,000 (2008-2014)	City of Novi Sad
3. Campaign marking the 1st of December (World AIDS Day)	Youth	Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2004	2014	<\$ 500 annually	City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Health
4. Campaign marking the 1st of December (World AIDS Day)	Youth	Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2004	2014	<\$ 500 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Health, Social Care and Demographics
5. Campaign during the EXIT festival	Youth	City	2004	2014	Around \$ 1,000 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Health, Social Care and Demographics
6. Promotion campaign during medical Fair in Novi Sad	Youth	City	2004	2014	<\$ 250 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Health, Social Care and Demographics
7. Promotion campaign during medical Fair in Novi Sad	Youth	City	2004	2014	<\$ 250 annually	City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Health
8. Open call for photographs and pictures related to HIV prevention	Youth	Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2004	2014	<\$ 500 annually (2004-2007), around 1,000 annually (2008-2014)	City of Novi Sad
9. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2004	2007	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Apatin
10. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2004	2007	<\$ 500 annually	Town of Crvenka
11. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2004	2007	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Kula
12. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2004	2007	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Odžaci
13. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2004	2007	<\$ 500 annually	City of Novi Sad, Secretariat for Youth and Sport
14. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2004	2007	<\$ 500 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Youth and Sport

Table 3: HIV projects implemented by NGO Youth of JAZAS during the period 1 November, 2003 – 30 June, 2015 (contd.)

15. SEE AIDS prevention Summit	Youth	International	2006	2009	Around \$10,000 annually	City of Novi Sad AP Vojvodina
16. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2006	2006	<\$ 500 annually	Pharmacology Institute of Novi Sad
17. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2007	2007	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Pančevo
18. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2007	2007	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Pančevo
19. HIV prevention – other	Youth	City	2007	2007	<\$ 500 annually	Municipality of Zaječar
20. Regional school for peer educators in minority languages	Youth	Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2007	2008	Around \$ 20,000 annually	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Youth and Sport
21. Regional school for peer educators in minority languages	Youth	Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2009	2009	Around \$ 35,000	AP Vojvodina, Secretariat for Youth and Sport
22. Establishing club for people living with HIV and prevention campaign	PLHIV	City	2007	2009	Around \$ 10,000 annually	Italian region of Emilia Romagna
23. Club for people living with HIV and prevention campaign	PLHIV	City	2010	2014	Around \$ 5,000 annually	City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Social and Child Care
24. HIV prevention – other	Youth	National	2008	2014	<\$ 500 annually	Ministry of Youth and Sport
25. Activism against AIDS – building a provincial network of peer educators	Youth	Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2010	2010	Around \$ 25 000	Ministry of Youth and Sports
26. Condom police	Youth	City	2010	2014	Around \$1,000 annually	City of Novi Sad, Commissariat for Youth and Sport
27. Prevention – other	PLHIV	Autonomous Province of Vojvodina	2012	2014	<\$ 500 annually	Red Cross of Serbia
28. Standardization of peer education programmes	Youth	National	2013	2013	Around \$ 25,000	Ministry of Youth and Sport
29. Research on the social and legal status of vulnerable groups	Key populations	City	2014	2014	Around \$ 25,000	City of Novi Sad, Ombudsman
TOTAL					\$ 582,818	

* Projects were financed on annual base.

5 YOUTH OF JAZAS NOVI SAD EXPERIENCES WITH ACCESSING FUNDING FOR HIV PROJECTS FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES

Two main donors of the organisation are the Commissariat for Health and the Commissariat for Social and Child Care of the City of Novi Sad and the Secretariat for Health and Social Policy and Demography of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. In the beginning, Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad could get funds for prevention projects but as it started to work with key populations at higher risk of HIV and advocating for funding for those programmes, the open calls for NGOs served as an additional opportunity for resources. In order to obtain funds for continuous work the organisation started broadening its activities and linking up with other Secretariats, Commissariats and national institutions. The organisation had to lobby and work closely with each national, local and municipal structure for support even before the calls for NGO funding were established and after the collaboration continued in the context of identifying the types of project that would be funded. It needed to advocate for strategies and action plans to be adopted building a framework for future support. Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad was active in youth policy and was one of the founders of the National Youth Council and the National Association of Youth Workers. It also played a key role in establishing the Ministry of Youth. Strongly national recognition as key player in the field of youth and health was a strong enabling factor to receive funds from the Ministry of Youth mainly for preventive programmes. Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad has never received financial support from the Ministry of Health. After the end of the Global Fund project in Serbia, the organisation started an advocacy campaign including two sets of round tables organised in Novi Sad, Kragujevac, Niš and Belgrade with relevant partners,



Red ribbon at the entrance of the city hall in Novi Sad

organisations, institutions and decision makers. One of the organisation's main transition objectives was to create a cost effective model and to set the minimum package of activities needed for the continuation of HIV programmes. The document was finalized at the end of August 2015 and presented to the Ministry of Health with the aim of ensuring a budget allocation for 2016 to support its implementation.

Youth of JAZAS Novi Sad also maintains a prevention club, which includes a variety of programmes for key populations at higher risk of HIV, people living with HIV, youth and the general population and provides HIV testing and counselling. These services continue to work after the end of Global Fund project in Serbia.

6 LESSONS LEARNED AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Networking with local self-government and partnerships established within the framework of projects externally financed led to the funding of joint services (Club for People Living with HIV). The partnerships also made the organisation's programmes more effective and their impact stronger.

Constant advocacy work with relevant stakeholders was very important with the aim of introducing open calls for NGOs to fund programmes, and ensure transparent spending and monitoring. Developing standards for programmes and organisations has also been very important.

The most important lesson learnt is the need to broaden the scope of activities, networking and working on capacity building as well as providing funding for HIV programmes to be integrated in other programmes and overall sustainable development of the organisation (currently the organisation is developing a youth camp and youth newspaper as a possible source of income).



Youth of JAZAS volunteer during a campaign

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