



Good Governance Initiative Fund



With the support of USAID, Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia – Tajikistan implemented the **Good Governance Initiative Fund (GGIF)** to strengthen the capacity of local, under-resourced civil society organizations to work more effectively to resolve problems in local communities, and to strengthen the voice of vulnerable populations. This project was simultaneously implemented in Kazakhstan by Eurasia Foundation of Central Asia – Kazakhstan.

The GGIF consisted of a **two-phased grant mechanism** to increase the capacity of traditionally underserved and underrepresented civil society organizations outside of the capital cities to strategically plan, coordinate, and execute complex campaigns aimed at reforming the institutionalized delivery of services, public policy and legislation. The ultimate goal was to promote governance reforms which contribute to improved service delivery, public policy, legislation, or regulations, particularly those which support vulnerable groups such as people living with HIV and people with disabilities.



The GGIF was comprised of two small grant cycles over four years, with each cycle containing both a **pilot phase** and a **scale-up phase**. This structure allows for successful pilot projects to be identified early on, in order to increase their funding (and therefore their impact) in the subsequent phase, expanding into more effective, comprehensive projects on the regional or national level.

Following a competitive bidding process, 28 projects were selected for pilot funding in Tajikistan, 12 of which were later granted scale-up funding. EFCA-Tajikistan supported all selected grantees based on individual programming and organizational needs to improve strategic planning and build organizational capacity. Within the GGIF project, EFCA – Tajikistan conducted two four-day capacity building training conferences and provided over 30 hours of individualized trainings for grantee organizations in topics specifically related to their projects. **Some of the projects include:**



Community Development Fund

Improved quality of life for hearing-impaired citizens through sign language and practical skills trainings, and worked with local government and entrepreneurs to employ people with disabilities.



Savob

Strengthened sustainable cooperation between NGOs and government agencies that provide services for children with disabilities, and educated families through early intervention centers.



Javononi Peshsaf

Improved educational opportunities for young people with disabilities by working with parents groups, local government bodies, and extracurricular vocational centers.



Shahrvand

Increased citizen participation in the resolution of community-level issues and in the management of shared housing spaces, through the creation of Homeowner's Associations



Imdodi Gayrat

Strengthened cooperation between state institutions, communities, and NGOs for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and improved medical and social services for people living with HIV.



Consumers Union of Tajikistan

Improved transparency in the electricity sector, through innovative devices to monitor the quality of electricity services and the establishment of the National Consumer Council.



Marifati Shahrvandi

Prepared women to become active government and civil society managers through a targeted training and support program.



Rushdi Dehot

Strengthened community-level decision-making processes through improved dialogue and coordination between elected officials, civil servants, and the public.



Analytical Center Navo

Supported the effective implementation of sound economic policies by the government of Tajikistan, through research, analysis, and recommendations.



Tajik Network of Women Living with HIV

Improved the quality of service provision to people living with HIV through an electronic referral system which connects clients to resources.