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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
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**A Small Grants Program to
Engage Civil Society
Organizations in Promoting
Human Rights,
Democratization and Good
Governance**

2013 - 2017

OVERVIEW

Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) has been facilitating the **Small Grants Program** for the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands** to engage civil society organizations in promoting human rights, democratization, and good governance in **Azerbaijan**. Three main priority areas were **(1)** to advocate for the independence, efficiency, and transparency of judicial administration; **(2)** to advocate for equality under the law, especially with respect to women, the disabled, IDPs, refugees, or ethnic, religious, and/or sexual minorities; **(3)** and to improve public awareness of constitutional rights and freedoms, such as the right to a fair trial, property, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of information, etc.



MAJOR OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES

- Support for **32 projects**;
- **38 TV programs, 420 website** information, video clips and advertisements on Internet-TV;
- **3 new websites** and **1 mobile application** & developments on **2 websites**;
- More than **261 roundtables**, conferences, trainings in 27 regions of Azerbaijan with more than 7400 participants;
- Legal aids for more than **1800 citizens** in the fields of human rights, civil law, family law, inheritance law, targeted social aid, labour law, marriage contracts, alimony, property rights, etc. Legal aids in the regions of **Baku, Sumgayit, Ganja, Sheki, Agdam, and Barda**;
- Over **25,900 media outlets** (brochures, leaflets, books, and booklets);
- Establishment of Virtual Human Rights School, which promoted Human Rights awareness online and accessed by **2898 people**

- Usage of investigative articles written by **29 journalists** to prepare projects on OGP partnership initiatives, gender equality, public participation tools, and public procurement;
- Development and presenting of both **Gender Standards and a Gender Kit (in 7 directions)** in the management of civil society organizations;
- Provision access to an e-version of the toolkit.
- After the information campaign, in the regions of Mingechevir, Barda, Aghdam, Goygol, Yevlakh, Aghdash, Imishli, Terter, and Aghjabadi, the Ministry of Telecommunications agreed to integrate a new ID card policy with the e-government system.

