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## Context

Under the auspices of the NDPHS two projects are operating in NW Russia:

- ILO NW Russia OSH project;
- FIOH/NDPHS Health at Work project (separate reporting).

The ILO NW Russia OSH project is expected to be extended with a third and final phase for 2010-11. The ILO project has worked in close corporation with WHO/EURO, the WHO European CC meeting, the European OSH Agency, the FIOH project, the Baltic Sea OSH Network (BSN) on a regular basis. Details can be found below.

A new link has been established with the project on Enhancing Expertise in Health Promotion and Occupational Health within Rehabilitation Professionals (EHORP) (funded by Finland through the NDPHS pipeline) in the *Scientific and Practical Conference: "Rehabilitation today: from functional recovery to healthy life style, the nation's health improvement, social integration of disabled people ,and demographic transition on 22 October 2009.*

Further ILO has some other activities in the region.

## Present ILO activities

### ***ILO/IPEC action against child labour***

Before 2009 several practical models were developed by the IPEC Project to provide a direct support to families and children. They are:

- Comprehensive rehabilitation of working street girls initially developed in St. Petersburg and later replicated in the city's remote districts as well as in the Vsevolozhsk and Priozersk Districts of the Leningrad Region; later during the second phase of the Leningrad project it was applied in Vyborg.

- Rehabilitation of families with working street children, tested in three districts of St. Petersburg (Nevsky, Admiralteisky, Moskovsky), later applied in Vsevolozhsk; then in Vyborg and in other three districts of St-Petersburg: Centralny, Vasileostovsky and Krasnogvardeisky.

- A model for the prevention of child labour with schools as key actor (« school based monitoring ») applied in a number of districts in the Leningrad region

- During the first stage a model on social dialogue to tackle child labour was developed and applied; it was implemented through the active involvement of the Trade Union Federations of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region.

The developed models were implemented by two main Implementing Agencies:

- NGO REGION-EXPO in the Leningrad region
- NGO Women and National Traditions in St-Petersburg

The administrations of all districts confirmed that all models established by IPEC were operational. Their sustainability will be secured from the local budgets. At the same time further participation in the IPEC project is seen as a major stimulating factor to secure ongoing political visibility and, in this way, sustainability of the created pilots.

Six Centres have been created in St-Petersburg with the Project assistance using the ILO/IPEC approaches to combat child labour. These centres serve families and children to address the needs of dysfunctional families and neglected children, including social and psychological services. The authorities stressed to the ILO that the City needs more centres, especially now when it is becoming clear for them that forms of CL have changed: previously children were mainly involved in begging and car washing, now there are more and more disturbing facts about trafficking in children. They expressed a need for ILO assistance to estimate the scope of these new forms.

The project has succeeded in sensitizing key district level players on the child labour problem both in St-Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast, supporting them in policy development at the district level and providing a direct support to victims of child labour.

- Policy of the Moscow District on prevention of child neglect and the worst forms of child labour
- Policy of the Primorsky District on prevention of child neglect and the worst forms of child labour
- Policy of the Admiralteisky District on prevention of child neglect and the worst forms of child labour
- Introduction of gender component into the district policy on combating child labour in Admiralteisky, Moskovsky and Primorsky Districts of St-Petersburg
- Policy Against Sexual Exploitation of Underage Girls in the Priozersk District of the Leningrad region

Two Action Programmes were implemented in the Leningrad region on school based monitoring and comprehensive rehabilitation of working street girls, and the AP on the development of the time-bound measures to combat CL was implemented in St. Petersburg in 2008.

In December 2008 it was decided to merge two IPEC Projects that were implemented separately in St-Petersburg and in the Leningrad Oblast into one “Working Street Children in St-Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast: Action to Fight the Worst Forms of Child Labour” and conduct activities using only those resources that were not spent.

In 2009 the emphasis was placed on further awareness-raising, capacity-building among the city stakeholders including the administration, law-enforcement agencies, trade unions and employers, policy development on the issue of child labour and the implementation of policies.

It was requested by all stakeholders **to conduct the second CL study** because there is no official data on this problem. Eight years passed since the first CL study.

It was decided to collect experience gained by the Project and develop a manual on good practices (collection of models applied), taking into account the need of the City and Oblast in further development of social services to provide support to children and their families and requests of the City Administration to the ILO to assist in further training of the staff, especially in newly created 9 Social Centres for Families and Children,.

A training of trainers workshop based on SCREAM methodology has been organized to increase the awareness and enhance the capacity of teachers, social workers/school psychologists and representatives of professional development institutes in the field of education. SCREAM package is a “Supporting Children’s Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media” tool.

The Steering Committee on CL (after consultations with the Regional Parliament) requested the IPEC Project to assist in getting better knowledge of the situation with legislation and norms on children existing in Russian. It became especially necessary after the initiative of the ILO to the Russian Federation Government to report to the ILC 2009 on the implementation of the ratified ILO Conventions and Recommendations, in particular C182.

The mapping exercise of the existing legislation at the national and regional levels was conducted and recommendations were drafted. Then they will be presented to the participants of the final conference arranged on 20 November 2009

The IPEC Project has organized a number awareness raising activities, produced written, edited, translated and published awareness raising material on the elimination of child labour and its worst forms.

### ***HIV/AIDS***

ILO Moscow executes an HIV/AIDS project in three Russian regions – Kaliningrad and Kaluga oblast and the Republic of Tatarstan. Its objective is to strengthen the capacity of the ILO tripartite partners in 3 selected regions in mitigating stigma and discrimination and increasing tolerance towards HIV positive workers at workplace.

In Kaliningrad the project was launched in June 2009 by a series of consultations with the territorial tripartite partners – the Ministry of social politics and labour of the Kaliningrad region, Federation of trade unions of the Kaliningrad Region and the Kaliningrad Union of industrials and entrepreneurs. In cooperation with the territorial AIDS Center, the ILO organized a Round table on the prospects of cooperation between the Kaliningrad region and the ILO on the issue of HIV/AIDS prevention in the word of work that resulted in the development and approval of the joint work plan and in the outline of the HIV/AIDS awareness information campaign in the territory. In September, the ILO carried out a 3-day training of trainers on prevention of HIV-related stigma and discrimination at workplace. HR and OSH specialists from different companies, trainers from NGOs and representatives of trade unions participated in this activity. In the future, the trainers will be able to organize and carry out by themselves activities on HIV/AIDS prevention at workplace. They will also provide counselling services to enterprises and companies on the issues of HIV workplace education, as well as make use of and promote educational and informational materials developed by the ILO and Kaliningrad AIDS Center.

### ***Occupational safety and health (OSH)***

In 2009, ILO Moscow Subregional office continues the 2-nd phase of the Project for improvement of Occupational Safety and Health management system on North-West region of Russia (the Project, hereinafter). The Project is funded by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

The Project is executed under the umbrella of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Health and Social Well-being (NDPHS) and its expert group SIHLWA. The Occupational Safety and health (OSH) Project is a crucial cluster of the ILO programme "Poverty Reduction, Employment Generation and Local Economic Development in the North West federal Okrug of the Russian Federation". Improving working conditions is included as a priority in the Agreement on technical cooperation between ILO and Russia for 2006 – 2009. It is foreseen that it forms an element of a future regional Decent Work programme between the ILO and the Russian Federation.

The Project has maintained close links with international, Nordic and Finnish OSH institutions and organisations, thus drawing on the best expertise, which has been used extensively to assist the Russian colleagues to modernise OSH management systems at national and regional levels and in particular at enterprise level, as well. Participation in the WHO, European Union OSH Agency, Baltic Sea OSH Network, Northern Dimension Partnership on Public health and Social Wellbeing (SIHLWA), FIOH and Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) activities has further increased cross-fertilisation for the benefit of all collaborating parties.

In fact, the Project is a continuation of the long term cross-bordering cooperation between Russian and Finland in sphere of improvement of OSH. The most important goal of the Project is to summarize results and experience, which have been accumulated during preceding collaboration, to analyze it and to create auspicious conditions for further effective implementation and development. The Project activities are closely streamlined with the Federal OSH plans at the level of the Russian Federation.

Positive results of the independent evaluation of the Project in spring 2009 portray that impacts of the project activities in 2005-2009 are very visible in the society, because the Project has been targeted on utilising research to achieve practical results that can be used successfully in practical work by the all Project partners and participants – OSH authorities, Trade Unions, enterprises, OSH institutes, OSH Training Centres, Employers' organisations and others. Practical achievements of the Project and their implementation show real benefits from international cooperation in the sphere of OSH for the Russian OSH community.

Results of the Project are being put in practice in the North-West region of Russia and other Russian regions and Russian speaking CIS countries, as well.

The following main objectives were defined for the 2nd phase (2007-2009) of the Project:

- Identification and determination of the scope of the OSH problem in NW Russia;
- Promotion of practical and informed social partnership in OSH at enterprise level;
- Calculation and awareness rising of the economic costs of poor working conditions;
- Development of OSH management systems at enterprises;
- Dissemination of OSH information across the language barrier;
- International OSH Cooperation in NW Region and Baltic countries.

As of October 2009, the Project has established permanent working contacts with partners in the following regions in NW Russia: the city of St.-Petersburg; the Leningrad region; the Republic of Karelia; the Vologda region; the Murmansk region; the Arkhangelsk region.

The most important Project impacts on the national, regional and international levels are listed below:

### ***National level of the Russian Federation***

- The all-Russian congress on OSH in Moscow in 2009, organized by Minzdravsocrazvitia, confirms the increasing interest in OSH problems at the National level of the RF.
- The new interstate GOST 12.0.230-2007 standard fully identical with the ILO-OSH 2001 was approved by the 11 CIS countries and by the CIS standard committee. The Russian Federation has approved the Standard to come in force since 1 July 2009;
- Three new national standards (GOST) on OSH management system implementation are being created in 2009.
- In 2009, the World OSH Day is celebrated in all Regions of NW Russia.
- The Federal ministry, which has held an OSH conference in Irkutsk in July 2009, evaluated the GOST 12.0.230-2007 (ILO-OSH 2001) OSH MS approach and the related training packages produced by the Project. The training packages will be tested in three Federal Okrugs of the RF, based on which their inclusion in the mandatory OSH training model programme will be decided. 'Training of trainers' for the testing seminar will take place in the IV quarter of 2009.
- Printed material based on good practice on introduction and implementation of the ILO-OSH 2001 in North-West Russia is used and re-printed in other Russian regions;
- In 2009, other Russian regions are getting interested in implementation of the approaches elaborated by the Project. Participation in the following stages of the project has been requested by many regions of the RF (Permsky Kraj, Stavropolsky Kraj, Republic of Chuvashia, Khanti-Mansyisk Autonomic Okrug – Ugra and others). The project has provided the relevant information to them. The participation of other regions is organised by ILO SRO Moscow.

### ***Regional level (North-West Russia)***

The Project has cooperated with the WHO/EURO and FIOH on several topics; one example being the development of a draft ILO/WHO outline for the compilation of regional OSH profiles and the preparation of the regional profiles themselves, as well. A few highlights are mentioned below:

- The Republic of Karelia continues implementation of the systematic approach to OSH at the regional and enterprise levels. The preparation of a Regional OSH Profile has started in 2009, supported by the tripartite partners;
- GOST 12.0.230-2007 and modern prevention approaches are implemented in 20 selected enterprises of Leningrad region with full support of the Committee for Labour, Employers' organization and Trade Unions. In 2009, the process is being replicated in other enterprises of the Region with the support from the side of the regional Committee for Labour;
- The Committee for Labour and Social Development of the Murmansk Region has continued hand-to-hand work with the Project in the sphere of GOST 12.0.230-2007 implementation, and OSH economy. 7 enterprises of the region are cooperating with the Project now. The Region has prepared the OSH Profile in 2009;
- The Department for Labour and Social Development of Vologda Region continues implementation of the systematic approach to OSH at the regional and enterprise levels. In 2009, the Region has prepared a draft of an OSH-targeted programme based on the OSH Profile compiled in 2008;
- The Committee for Labour of the Arkhangelsk region expressed their interest in participation in the Project activities. A Plan of joint activities in 2009 between ILO SRO Moscow and the region is signed by both parties and put in practice. (Two practical seminars have taken place in 2009, in accordance to the aforesaid Plan). The region has compiled a regional OSH profile in 2009;

- In 2009, a new training module on OSH Economy has been prepared and tested in St.-Petersburg. A new module on Social partnership will have been prepared until the end of 2009.

### ***International Level***

- In 2009, the Project is cooperating closely with the FIOH project (Occupational Health conferences, collaboration in compiling regional OSH profiles, development of OSH in the road transport sector, etc.);
- In 2009, the Project has participated in the 'Labour Inspection System' seminar organized by the ILO SRO Moscow. The group of listeners has contained representatives of Labour Inspectorates of CIS countries.
- In 2009, the Project has taken part in training seminars on Risk assessments organised in the Ukraine and Moldova. These seminars have been put in practice in accordance to the agreements between ILO SROs in Moscow and Budapest.
- Printed material based on good practice on introduction and implementation of the ILO-OSH 2001 in North-West Russia is used and re-printed in CIS countries.

The general information about the Project is available now in the Project Database of NDPHS:

- <http://www.ndphs.org/?database.view.project.538>
- <http://www.ndphs.org/?database.view.paper.43>