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Azerbaijan NGO Alliance for Children’s Rights

Uşaq Hüquqlarının müdafiəsi və təblisinin sahəsində «Heç Bir Uşağı Nəzərdən Qaçırmayaq» Milli İctimai Müqafat 2013

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Child protection system in Azerbaijan

• Excerpt from:

• Alternative NGO Report on situation of children in Azerbaijan Republic and on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and Concluding Observations of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child during the period of 2006-2010
Excerpt from the NGO Report:

In reference to the NGO Alternative report, we would like to bring the following emerging issues to your attention, which we believe need urgent intervention by the State Party:

a) children with disabilities;

b) children in conflict with the law;

d) children’s access to the affordable health care system and quality of health care;

e) violence against children and

f) children in state care, including in state residential institutions.

Another important point we would like to emphasise once again, is the importance to establish the office of Ombudsman for Children’s Rights in Azerbaijan, in order to protect the rights of about 3.0 million children.
Fundamental concerns

- The situation is further aggravated by the fact that many staff members of city mayors or executive committees, child inspectors within police departments, staff of departments for education, youth, sport, tourism and judges, who are responsible for the application of the convention, are not well informed about this document and do not understand the rights protected by the Convention.
Current state of child protection system

- Current child protection and care system of the state cannot fully provide children’s protection. The reasons of it are the inactivity of agencies remaining from the USSR and their inadaptability to the requirements of the new world, lack of services and specialists complying with the modern requirements and finally, lack of coordinated work around general purpose – children’s protection – among several state agencies at central and local levels.

- Among current factors are economic migration of population, poverty, human trafficking, global economic crisis, increased number of divorces, poor organisation of early intervention system and pre-school institutions.

- On the other hand, current system doesn’t completely ensure complex solution of children's problems; on the contrary, every institution diverts its activity to the elimination of separate factors influencing children individually or trying ineffectively eliminate particular problem or difficulty that is faced by a child.

- For example, various so-called child protection institutions functioning in regions separately and without proper coordination try to solve children’s problems and often repeat one another’s efforts.
• Conducted studies and analysis by NGO Alliance, UNICEF and other international and local organizations clearly shows that each state agency has separate and individualized to the agency needs database or child information registration system. This sort of database only covers the children and families that particular agency work with. However, there is not centralized database about children in need of care or protection that can ensure the holistic approach and coordinated efforts of all state agencies and even NGOs in solution of the problems of these children.

• It is indisputable that comprehensive database and data management system should be inseparable part of child protection system and should ensure effective activity of that system. At the same time, computerization of such data has not been conducted in most state agencies, as a result, unilateral approach is applied in the solution of problems faced by the child and his/her family. At the same time the data about certain child or family present in the database of one state agency does not mean that other agencies know about that and/or have access to this information.
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Who we are...

- Azerbaijan NGO Alliance (NGO Alliance) was found in 2002 as the national coalition of local NGOs working with and for children throughout the Azerbaijan in order to make their voices stronger and recognizable by government.

- The NGO Alliance soon became the participant and contributed more than 1 mln pledges to the Global Movement for Children World campaign. During its foundation, NGO Alliance had 30 members primarily working with children and women and/or interested in the child and family issues. The members were representing wide range of local and nation-wide NGOs working in different regions of country in particular area of interests, including child rights protection, child rights education, health, social and cultural issues, disability, etc.

- Since 2002, NGO Alliance became the member of the UNICEF/NGO Regional Network for Children in CEE, CIS and Baltic States, which brought together national coalitions from about 27 countries of the region. Being the part of this network, NGO Alliance participated at the two Intergovernmental Conferences on Region Fit for Children in Berlin and Sarajevo and contributed their work.

- In 2003 NGO Alliance became the national partner of UNICEF and EU funded regional project on Leave No Child Out Campaign and contributed to the campaign in 18 countries of the region.
What we do...

• In 2004-2005 NGO Alliance and its 45 NGO-members developed ever first collective Alternative NGO Report to UN Committee on the Rights of the Child. Within that project NGO Alliance led by Reliable Future NGO developed three reports:

  - Children’s Report to UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

• In 2006 NGO Alliance with the support and in cooperation with UNICEF, EU and Azercell Telecom founded “Leave No Child Out” National Public Award for excellency in child rights work awarded annually to people and organizations for their significant and continuous contribution to the protection and promotion of children’s rights in Azerbaijan.
Goals & objectives are national level

- To advocate on behalf of children by raising awareness about the CRC;
- To promote and facilitate the full implementation of the Convention through specific programs and actions;
- To facilitate the flow of information between the Committee on the Rights of the Child of UN and national NGOs and public;
- To facilitate the cooperation and information sharing among NGO community, INGOs, UN Agencies on monitoring and implementing the Convention,
- To draw up policies and strategies and undertake actions in fields covered by the Convention;
- To enhance the NGO engagement nationally with the Child Rights and Human Rights issues for the benefit of children;
- To strengthen the NGO Alliance as an organization;
- To promote the participation of children in decision making process,
- To further promote the active involvement and participation of Azerbaijan in Global...
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