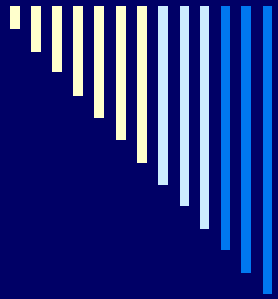


Non-Governmental Organizations in Azerbaijan? How come?

From past to present

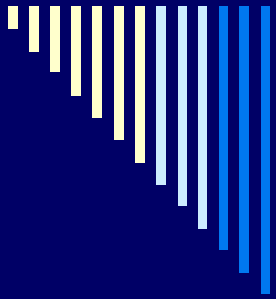
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1992-1994

- Humanitarian Crisis
- Massive International Aid
- International Aid Organizations open their offices in Baku
- Need for service delivery
- Red Crescent was not enough



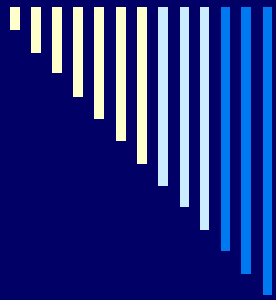
Currently

- 2467 registered (@MoJ) NGOs
- Between 3000 and 4000 NGOs in Azerbaijan
- Only One third of the registered are active



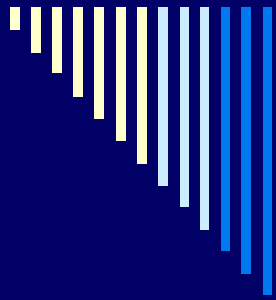
Ictimai Birlik yoxsa QHT?

- First NGOs established
 - Some of the strongest ones are established by Government officials, their family members or former public servants
 - Paid job or business?
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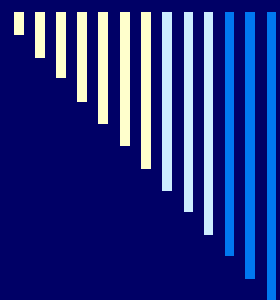
1998

- UNDP, UNHCR, USAID and GOAJ jointly establish NGO Resource and Training Center
- NGO Forum uniting some 400 NGOs
- Many other boycott the Forum



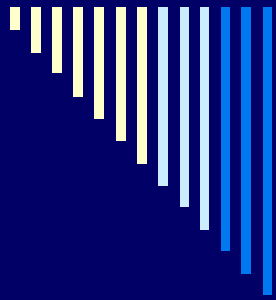
2008 (oil on canvas)

- 2007, summer - President issues a decree on “creating a mechanisms for state financing of NGOs
- 2007, fall – International Community recommend to GOAJ to not discriminate and use international standards in State-NGO financing
- 2008, January – State Assistance Council to NGOs releases its first RFA



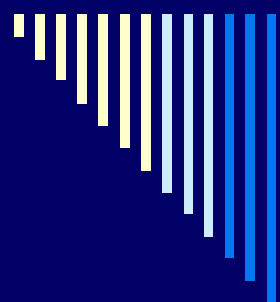
Problems

- Registration of NGOs at MoJ
- Sustainability
- Transparency
- Management
- Financial resources



Hot Summer Crisis of 2009

- The candidacy of second person/deputy at International NGOs have to be confirmed with the Azerbaijani authorities
- Not more than 50% of local NGOs can come from outside
- Financial reporting and grant registration

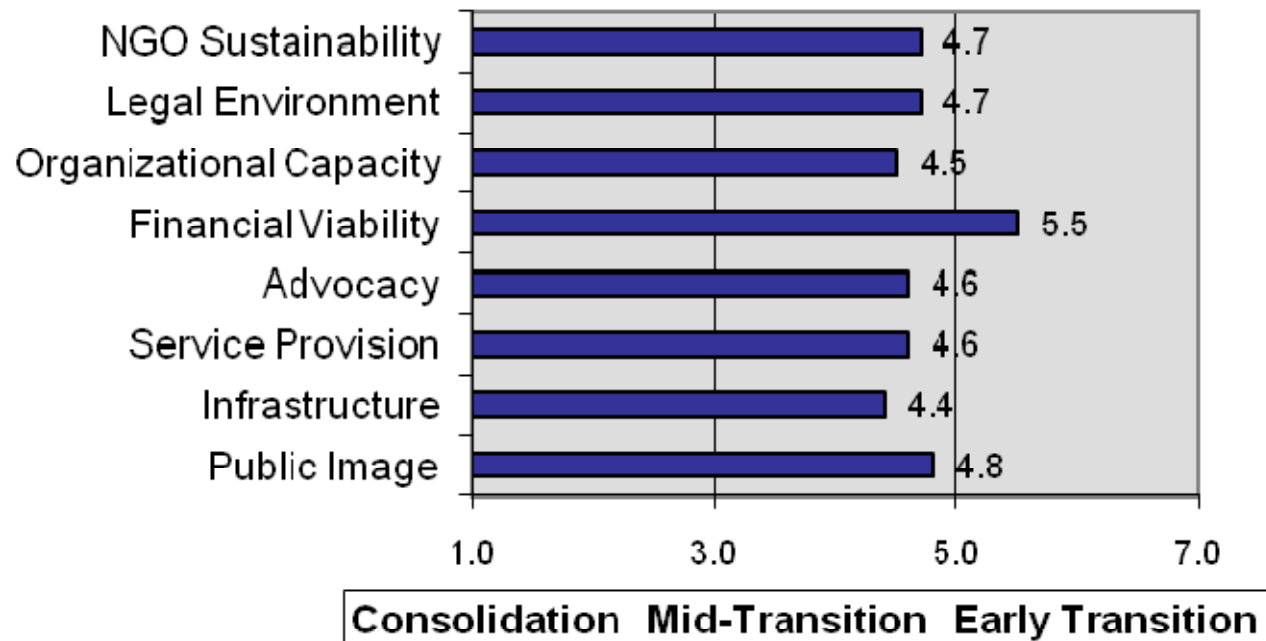


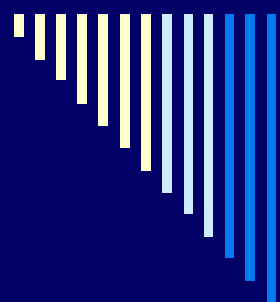
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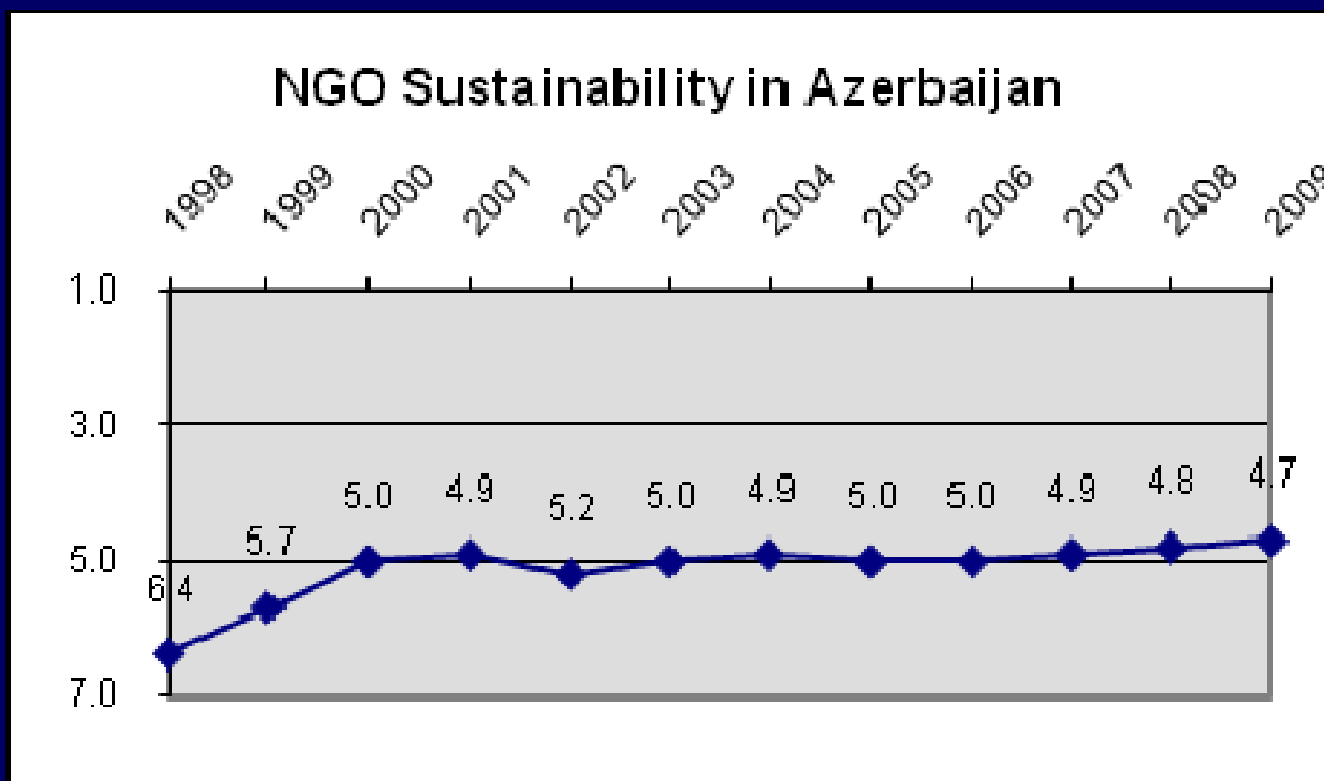
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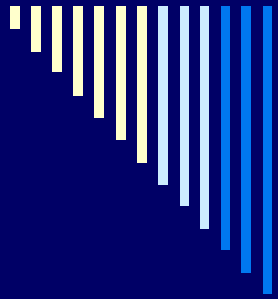
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Azerbaijan NGOs in recent History





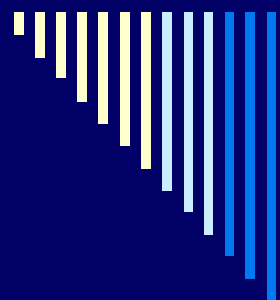
Useful Links

- State Assistance Council to NGOs

<http://www.cssn.gov.az/en/index.php>

- NGO sustainability Index

http://www.usaid.gov/locations/europe_eurasia/dem_gov/ngoindex/



Thanks & Questions

