









DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY THE NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN OF SERBIA 2015 - 2020

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Introduction

The Network of Organizations for Children of Serbia - MODS entered a new phase of its development in 2014 as a union of organizations working on the realization and promotion of the rights of the child. Thus, one of the objectives of the previous development strategy was fulfilled so that our network was sufficiently developed and strengthened at the end of 2014 to consider the decision on its formalization.

The strategic plan that we have developed and which is in front of you is the answer to what and how to do in the next period (2015-2020) in order to remove obstacles that are in the way of achieving the rights of all children - the right to develop properly and without any discrimination, to grow, play and educate, and live in dignity, safety, health and happiness.

MISSION, OBJECTIVES AND MODS VALUES

MODS Mission

is the fulfilment of rights, improvement of the position and improvement of the quality of life of children in Serbia.

MODS Objectives

Improving the cooperation of civil society organizations in the field of respecting and exercising the rights of all children and young people up to the age of 18.

Strengthening the capacity of civil society organizations aimed at improving the position of children and young people under 18.

Increasing the participation of civil society organizations and children in policy formulation for children and young people under 18.

Improving the realization of the rights of the child and promoting the rights of the child in Serbia.

In order to reach its objectives MODS:

- organizes thematic groups for the purpose of considering and initiating activities for those thematic areas; contributes to the development of policies for children through the work of thematic groups with the aim of formulating recommendations and defining policies for children;
- informs the public about the situation of children, important issues and preparation of reactions and statements in case of violation of the rights of the child;
- promotes the rightsof the child and the objectives and work of the MODS;
- facilitates the exchange of information on activities, programs, member projects;
- represents interests of member organizations in international meetings and in communication with the state.

VALUES

The values are defined in the MODS Platform which was adopted by its members. The platform is a binding document for all member organizations which adopt it by joining the Network.

The Platform defines that MODS gathers organizations that are guided by the following values and principles:

best interest of the child;
participation of children;
volunteering of children;
non-discrimination;
right to life, survival and development
comprehensive approach;
solidarity;
wellbeing of children;
social responsibility.

NETWORK POLICY/VALUES WHICH MEMBERS ACCEPT AND ARE GUIDED

Teamwork: communion, focusing on the same goal while accepting diversity, mutual respect and appreciation of others' attitudes.

Interdisciplinarity and interculturality: the work of the Network is directed towards the search for good practices, solutions and methodological approaches in different sectors, professions and cultures that exist in our country and abroad, which can offer new solutions, skills, experience and expertise.

Transparency and openness of work: The Network must be constantly present to make information more accessible.

Professionalism: every organization professionally performs and accepts obligations with full responsibility. **Responsibility and credibility:** Network activities are always focused on increasing credibility with an honest, responsible and systematic approach.

Partnership: in joint activities, we nurture a partnership relationship and the Network does not compete with member organizations.

Nonviolence and Tolerance: these are principles we consider to be the underlying assumption implied by all other values and objectives of the Network.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES MODS DIRECTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT

MODS was established with an aim to:

- improve the cooperation of civil society organizations in the field of respecting and exercising the rights of all children and young people up to the age of 18;
- strengthen capacities of civil society organizations aimed at improving the position of children and young people under 18;
- increase the participation of civil society organizations and children in policy formulation for children and young people under 18;
- promote the rights of the child and improve the position of children in Serbia.

Accordingly, the MODS Strategy 2015-2020 sets three directions of development:

The first is focused on the MODS programme area: child protection, education, poverty reduction and social exclusion, health and child participation. These are key areas in which MODS will implement its advocacy activities in accordance with defined priorities and available resources. Through the monitoring of child policy implementation, MODS will also engage in monitoring of negotiation chapters and reporting on Serbia's progress towards European integration.

The second is aimed at strengthening the capacities of MODS members, their empowerment for work on the fulfilment and promotion of the rights of the child, improvement of cooperation among members themselves in order to achieve synergy and more effective joint action.

The third direction of development concerns the improvement of MODS management capacities that are necessary for efficient network management and its road towards achieving common goals and better use of existing resources.

- A.Improve program activities so that all children can exercise their rights without discrimination.
- B. Improve the capacities of MODS members, their cooperation and establish new partnerships.
- C. Improve MODS management capacities and resources.

MODS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

In accordance with the directions of development, long-term strategic objectives for specific areas of operations are defined to increase the capacity of MODS member organizations and to improve management capacities of MODS.

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES **PROGRAMME**

A1. Enhance prevention and protection of children against violence, abuse and neglect

LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

A.1.1 Establish a more effective system for protecting children from violence and children at risk (behavioural problems, conflict with law, child victims of human trafficking, children who are involved in street life and/or work, children in institutions and foster families) in Serbia

- A2. Reduce poverty and social exclusion of children
- A3. Increase availability of quality education for children from vulnerable groups
- A4. Improve mechanisms for prevention and health care for children
- A5. Improve child participation

- A.2.1 Defining and implementing more effective policies and measures aimed at reducing poverty and social inclusion of children in Serbia
- A.3.1. Influence the development of institutional mechanisms for achieving quality education for all children without discrimination
- A.4.1. Improve access to preventive programs and quality health care for all children without discrimination
- A.5.1 Increase child participation in community life and decision making related to them

ORGANISATIONAL

B.1 Develop MODS members capacities

B.1.1 Establish a mechanism for the continuous improvement of MODS members capacities

MANAGERIAL

C.1 Improve MODS management capabilities and resources

C.1.1 Increase the quality and efficiency of network management in order to implement program activities and strengthen the capacity of the Network and better use of resources

MID-TERM OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

CHILD PROTECTION

A1. Enhance prevention of child protection from violence, abuse and neglect

A.1.1 Establish a more effective system for protecting children from violence and children at risk (behavioural problems, conflict with law, child victims of human trafficking, children who are involved in street life and / or work, children in institutions and foster families) in Serbia

Mid-term objective:

A.1.1.1Establish effective mechanisms (intersectoral teams) for prevention and protection of children at the local level

A.1.1.2 Promote prevention in the protection of children and non-violent ways of educating children

SOCIAL INCLUSION

A2. Reduce poverty and social exclusion of children

A.2.1 Defining and implementing more effective policies and measures aimed at reducing poverty and social inclusion of children in Serbia

Mid-term objective:

A.2.1.1Define a mechanism for more efficient and effective social inclusion of children that will enable better coordination of measures and synergy of resources - local, national and donor.

EDUCATION

A3. Increase availability of quality education to children from vulnerable groups

A.3.Influence the development of institutional mechanisms for achieving quality education for all children without discrimination

Mid-term objective:

A.3.1.1Increase understanding and acceptance of the concept of inclusive education in the public (with parents, children and teachers)

A.3.1.2 Develop and improve intersectoral planning and provide support for accessible and quality education for children from vulnerable groups

HEALTH

A4. Improve mechanisms for prevention and health care for children

A.4.1. Improve access to preventive programs and quality health care for all children without discrimination

A.4.1.1Mid-term objective:

Increase the awareness of parents and children about rights in the health system and preventive programs for promoting healthy lifestyles.

PARTICIPATION

A5. Improve child participation

A.5.1 Increase child participation in community life and decision making related to them

A.5.1.1Mid-term objective:

Empower children to participate and develop a supportive environment for their equal participation

B.1 Develop MODS members capacities

B.1.1 Establish a mechanism for the continuous improvement of MODS members capacities

Mid-term objectives

- B. 1.1. Improve organizational capacities of MODS members for monitoring and influencing public policies
- B.1.2.1 Improve exchange and peer learning among MODS members

MODS MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES AND RESOURCES

C.1 Improve MODS management capacities and resources

C.1.1 Increase the quality and efficiency of network management in order to implement program activities and strengthen the capacity of the Network and better use of resources

Mid-term objective

C.1.1.1 Strengthening MODS management and organizational capacities for realization of program activities and strengthening capacities of MODS members