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Q1 Name of the organization:

Public Association "Resource Center for the Elderly" (RCE)

Q2 The purpose of the organization:

RCE effectively influences the creation of a political, socio-economic and cultural environment in the Kyrgyz Republic that ensures the improvement of the living conditions of the older people through the integrated approach to the development of the communities of older people, capacity-development of older people, as well as a fair state policy for older people.

Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

For 26 years the PA "Resource Center for the Elderly" (RCE) has been working in the field of social support and protection of the older population of Kyrgyzstan, using a comprehensive approach to solving the problems of the elderly population of the country and carrying out activities in the following areas: social, economic, legal, informational, network and environmental. The organization's activities cover Issyk-Kul, Chui Osh and Talas regions of the Kyrgyz Republic.

RCE pilots and uses in its work own various innovative models of civil society development and its interaction with authorities. The crucial feature of the organization's activities is not to help older people for one day, but continuous support. Through the developed and proposed model of Self-help groups (SHGs), the older people unite, organize income-generating activities, and take part in trainings to increase legal literacy, study various kinds of applied art, computer skills and much more.

RCE remains committed to the concept of self-help among the older people and continues to promote best practices. During its activity, RCE covered a very large number of beneficiaries with its services. So in 2016, services were provided to 18 625 people, which is more than 1 550 people per month. These are people who receive direct services in the form of receiving daily food, humanitarian aid, legal, medical services and indirectly services such as legal and humanitarian assistance through sponsors, from the state, business and international organizations. In 2017, the number of beneficiaries increased by about 10% and this trend continues for several years. In recent years, the RCE activities have significantly expanded through partnerships with the country's higher education institutions (KRSU), state bodies (The agency for the prevention of torture), hospices and crisis centers.

The organization widely uses an integrated approach to solving the problems of the older generation, both at local and national levels, carrying out activities in such areas as: social, economic, legal, educational, information, networking, environmental, medico-social, and working with family of labour migrants on access to basic services.

RCE actively cooperates with representatives of key ministries and departments, local self-government bodies, lobbying interests of older people in legislative authorities.

RCE has experience working with all sectors (business, CSOs, local community) in fundraising. The organization through the crowdfunding platform was actively engaged in raising funds to repair Day Care Center (DCC) for lonely elderly people of the Balykchy city.

Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

Over the course of the organization's activities, more than 70 projects have been implemented in the following areas: social support for the elderly people, promotion of the interests and needs of the elderly people at the legislative level, development of a unique model of SHGs (self-help groups for older people), support and assistance in adverse climatic conditions by category extraordinary cases, micro-financing of entrepreneurial activities, various institutional programs and projects directed against discrimination against older people and gender equality.

To date, the RCE has the following results of its activities:

- Since 2004, RCE has actively implemented a model of social mobilization of SHGs through various projects and initiatives. With the support of the RCE, there are more than 127 SHGs (more than 4,000 elderly) that have been successfully integrated into 10 Federations of self-help groups (FSHGs) in the rural regions of Osh, Chui, Talas and Issyk-Kul regions.
- In 2005, RCE initiated the creation of the International gerontological network "AgeNet International". Network consist of 51 gerontological organizations from 10 countries: Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus;
- In 2005, under the leadership of the RCE, the Course of Action was developed in the country, promoting the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing;
- In 2008 in Balykchy city, Issyk-Kul region of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Day Care Center for elderly was opened, which was the first center in the Republic for lonely elderly people. The Center provides elderly people with opportunity to realize their potential, to feel their importance. The elderly are involved in the Center's activities, not only they acquire new skills, but they can also transfer their knowledge to the younger generation. On the basis of the Center there are creative workshops, communication clubs, training center, volunteer service and much more.
- In 2011, RCE initiated together with "AgeNet International", development and adaptation the Law of the Kyrgyz Republic "On Older Citizens";
- Since 2011, RCE has been actively promoting the model of the Small Public Councils (SPCs) and the Big Public Council (BPC) in Kyrgyzstan. To date, there are 36 SPCs in seven regions of Kyrgyzstan. The idea of creating a BPC as a platform for discussion and resolution of the most acute issues faced by labour migrants and their family members in a number of projects of the RCE has outgrown the framework of both the project and the organization itself, and progressed from the local to the international level as the result of impact of modern challenges and the importance of activating civic participation in the development of an open democratic state.
- Since 2012, the organization is a member of the Civil Partner Platform of "Central Asia on the Move". For 2 years RCE was the chairing organization of the Platform
- At the initiative of the RCE and "AgeNet International", for the first time in Kyrgyzstan was conducted Study on ageing;
- RCE participates in the Working Group on development of the National Program on Ageing in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2027.

Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

Governing body of the Public Association "Resource Center for the Elderly":

Svetlana Bashtovenko, president of the organization, the Kyrgyz Republic.

Gulmira Esengeldieva, executive director, the Kyrgyz Republic.

Gulmira Koibagarova, financial director, the Kyrgyz Republic

Advisory Council of the Public Association "Resource Center for the Elderly":

Akhmat Madueyev, the Kyrgyz Republic.

Bakyt Zhekshenov, the Kyrgyz Republic.

Begaiym Algozhoeva, the Kyrgyz Republic.

Galina Kulikova, Russian Federation.

Asel Yusupova, the Kyrgyz Republic.

Medet Tulegenov, the Kyrgyz Republic.

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Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

- Own funds of the organization, grants and donations.

- Project "Promoting the protection of the rights of migrant workers by strengthening partnerships in Kyrgyzstan", 2017-2018.
Donor: Secours Catholique / Caritas France.

- Project "Strengthening the involvement of civil society in Public Councils", 2017-2018).
Donor: Gustav Stresemann Institut.

- Project "Development of an integrated system of legal and information support for migrants and assistance in protecting their rights", 2017-2019.
Donor: OSIAF.

Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

Audit 2016.pdf (10.3MB)

Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Audit 2015.PDF (13.8MB)

Q9 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Financial statement 2014.pdf (623KB)

Q10 A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

RCE is coordinating organization of the "AgeNet International".

In 2005, on the initiative of the «RCE» and 17 organizations working on ageing in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan established an International Gerontological Network «AgeNet International» (www.agenet.org.kg) to promote the responsibility of the state and civil society in improving the situation of socially vulnerable older people. To date, the network consists of 51 organizations from 10 countries: Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus.

The organization is an active member of ADA (Age Demands Action), coordinated by HelpAge International. Together with ADA members, the organization participates in international campaigns aimed to raise awareness on the pressing issues of ageing and the fight against Ageism.

RCE is an active member and participant of the campaign UNITE Kyrgyzstan, dedicated to promoting gender equality and protecting the rights of women and girls. Together with the members of the campaign UNITE Kyrgyzstan, the organization participates in joint actions and events held within the framework of a month dedicated to human rights and a month of women's activism.

Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

RCE_statute_eng.pdf (6.7MB)

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Q12 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Certificate of registration.PDF (315.2KB)

Q13 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

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Q15 Website

www.rce.kg, www.agenet.org.kg
