

Terms of Reference for Knitting expert

1. Background Information

Organizational Background

The association "Sreken Zhivot" (Happy life) is a nongovernmental and nonprofit organization formed in December 2001. Within its long history, the organization works to improve the mental health of children, youth and women, promoting multicultural understanding, respect, tolerance and communication among members of different ethnic groups; organizing and conducting seminars, workshops for teachers in elementary and VET schools, panel discussions and other educational activities.

The program objectives of the *Association Happy Life* include improvement of the quality of life of the citizens of North Macedonia. This objective can be implemented by creating opportunities for the citizens, mainly for the younger people, for acquisition of know-how and skills they will be able to use for the challenges that await them in their lives. One of the key priorities of the organization is to create opportunities for acquisition of practical knowledge and skills for the younger population that will enable them easier employability of self-employability, resulting in better self-sustenance.

In this regard, the *Association Happy Life* more than 7 years is supporting VET schools and VET Centre on the reforms and is a part of CIVIC ANTICO and YES network for entrepreneurship.

For the fifteen years the association „Happy life „will continue to provide psycho-social and learning support and realizing career development projects with young people with disabilities.

The association „Happy Life,, has been working on this issue for more than 15 years, organizing humanitarian events. Furthermore, has a creative Center for children and youth with disabilities in Tetovo. This creative center provides psycho-social and learning support and realizing career development projects with young people from marginalized groups.

Association "Sreken Zhivot" (Happy life) seek Knitting expert for its project "Craft as intercultural tool to integrate youth with special needs in the society".

The main objective of the project is to strengthen the knowledge and skills of youth in both countries intercultural heritage and the skills of young persons with disabilities through craft knitting as tool. Inclusive approach to young people with disabilities for inclusion in the community and strengthening by providing access to training for craft knitting and self-employment in the labor market.

The close connections forged within and among intercultural communities in the participating municipalities Tetovo, Skopje North Macedonia and Podgradec Albania and with the experts teams for knitting will enable for a better collaboration between youth from both countries and with youth with disabilities fostering opportunities for new partnerships beyond the life of the project.

- Capacity-strengthening: By providing training and individual workshop in the youth.

Craft as intercultural tool to integrate youth with special needs in the society

Associations Sreken Zivot and Golden Hand and Une Gruaja will improve the capacity of these psychologist to enable them to provide quality advising session youth with disabilities.

-Awareness-raising: Through the training and individual workshops will be continuously promoted across the countries and region that craft can be used as tool for integration of youth with disabilities.

The project activities will be implemented in 8 months in line with the aim of the project:

- ACTIVITY 1: Preparatory meeting for engagement of youth for training – Location North Macedonia and Albania
- ACTIVITY 2: Engagement of youth for knitting training– Location North Macedonia
- ACTIVITY 3: International camp for the youth from— Location North Macedonia and Albania
- ACTIVITY 4: Youth education campaign for inclusion of youth with disabilities in their country (North Macedonia, Albania)
- ACTIVITY 5: Evaluation of the implemented activities and final event (North Macedonia, Albania)

2. Scope of the work

This assignment requires the new Knitting expert to:

Will cover cost for knitting expert that will be engaged for the knitting training for the program and conducting training (will travel to Tetovo to work with youth group and in Skopje), preparing the manual for knitting and social entrepreneurship, 50 days

- a) Preparing knitting program
- b) Conducting training of knitting program (32 days in Skopje, 4 days in Tetovo, 2 days in Pogradec, 3 days camp in Ohrid)
- c) Preparing the manual for knitting and social entrepreneurship (9 days for preparing the manual)

Location: Activities will be implemented in the Skopje, Ohrid, Pogradec, Albanija.

3. Time-Frame

The timeframe of work is 50 days period from December 2019 till July 2020.

4. Requirements

- Qualification for education:
 - Relevant diploma/certificate for knitting
- Excellent skills as trainer for knitting with youth with special needs