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Ensuring participation of children in their awareness-raising by the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan



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Awareness-raising activities as a part of the work

- Legal education of various groups of population, also of children being based on innovative approach and initiatives in this field by multilateral cooperation with different stakeholders
- Legal education unit
- Specialized advisors of the Ombudsman
- Regular seminars, trainings, round-tables on child rights protection and promotion in Baku and regions with the participation of representatives of local executive bodies, commissions on minors, court, police department, judicial bodies, prosecutors' office, also education, health bodies, municipalities, workers of child institutions, civil society organizations, children, young people, parents and all persons dealing with children
- Regular legal educational events, competitions, entertainments, excursions other activities are organized for children in all institutions related to them jointly with UNICEF and other stakeholders
- Trainings of trainers
- Gender and age sensitive special legal education programs

Legal basis of participation of children

- **UN Program “A World Fit for Children”**
- **Article 12 of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child**
- **General Comment No.12 “On the right of the child to be heard” of UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (2009)**
- **Articles 14 and 26 of the Law of Azerbaijan Republic on the Rights of the Child dated 19 may, 1998**

Hierarchic Child Rights Education as a good practice

The main purpose of this program is to raise awareness on rights and responsibilities of children enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and national legislation being based on peer-to-peer method with inclusiveness and participation of children themselves

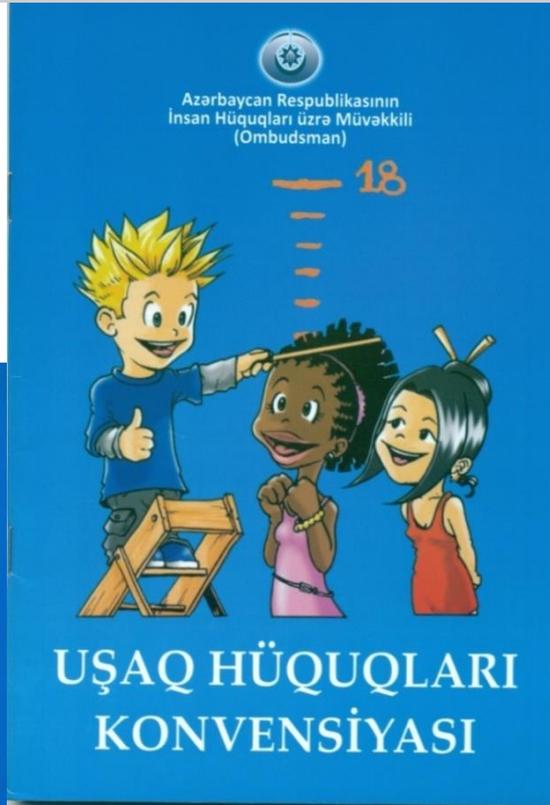
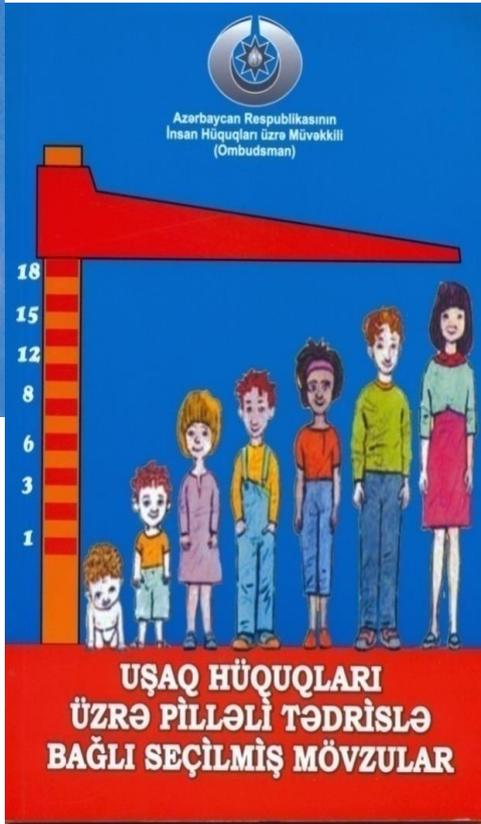
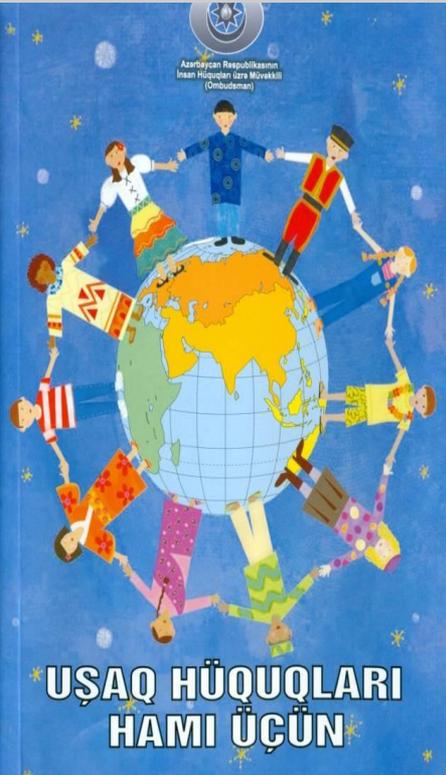
What is Hierarchic Child Rights Education

- **Peer-to-peer training on child rights provided in secondary school**
- **Pupils are divided into 3 levels in accordance with their grades**
- **Trainings are conducted by the staff members of the Ombudsman in three level classes II-IV, V-VII, VIII-X in each school every week**
- **After each provided training, children, who are trained as trainers, conduct trainings for one level lower classes**

Implementation of the pilot program

- According to the agreement reached between the Commissioner for Human Rights of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Education, 3 pilot schools were determined in 2010
- Working group on child rights education consisting of six persons was created at the Ombudsman Office
- The curriculum and two manuals “Child Rights for everybody” and “Selected topics on hierarchic education for child rights” were prepared at the Ombudsman Office and were distributed among the participants

PUBLICATIONS



Hotline posters

- Hotline on child rights
- Hotline on prevention of torture



A poster for child rights featuring a close-up of a young girl's face on the left. The text is in Azerbaijani. At the top center is the logo of the Ombudsman's Office. Below it, the text reads: "Azərbaycan Respublikası İnsan Hüquqları üzrə Müvəkkilinin (Ombudsmanın) Aparatı". The main message is "Uşaq hüquq pozuntusu ilə bağlı məlumatı təcili OMBUDSMANA ÖTÜR!" (Urgently report child rights violations to the Ombudsman!). A large red "916" is prominently displayed next to a telephone icon. At the bottom, it says "24 saat ərzində xidmət göstərən qaynar xətt" (24-hour hot line) and "Rayon və mobil telefonları ilə: (012) 916".

Azərbaycan Respublikası
İnsan Hüquqları üzrə Müvəkkilinin
(Ombudsmanın) Aparatı

Uşaq hüquq pozuntusu ilə bağlı məlumatı təcili
OMBUDSMANA ÖTÜR!

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Pilot schools

- Initially the program was realized in 3 pilot schools of Baku rayons in accordance with the above-mentioned methodology.
- Final conference was organized at the Ministry of Education.
- 204 children who successfully finished the trainings were presented “The Ambassador of Ombudsman” diploma, badge, certificate, calendar and presents.
- At the end of the program the Ministry of Education created computer rooms and presented eleven computers to each pilot school.

Hierarchic Child Rights Education Program



Awarding children who finished the program



Follow-up

- As the pilot program was implemented very successfully and causes big interest of children and teachers in schools, it is being continued and implemented in other secondary schools jointly with the Ombudsman Regional Centers till now.
- Till now, hierarchic child rights education is realized in 12 districts of the capital and 30 districts of the country regions covering more than 130 secondary schools.



Ensuring sustainability

- Child Rights Education Centers are established in secondary schools after the program is realized
- Pupils on voluntary basis are providing trainings on children's rights there and discussing problems they concern
- Teaching materials are updated and distributed among participants

Outcomes

- Azerbaijan model has been formed by developing special legal education aimed at children on the basis of relevant teaching textbooks and manuals
- Hierarchic child rights education is included in the National Program for Action to Raise Effectiveness of the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms in the Republic of Azerbaijan (NAP) (Paragraph 4.4) by the proposal of the Commissioner.
- It was approved by the Presidential Decree of 27 December 2011, wherein it was recommended to the Commissioner to lead the activity of the working group on coordination of the implementation of NAP.

Ombudsman child rights resource center (ACYPN) as a good practice

- Azerbaijan Child and Youth Peace Network, Ombudsman child rights resource center, acts as an advisory capacity to the Ombudsman
- Members participate in all activities on child rights of the Commissioner

Creation of ACYPN

- ACYPN, which started its activity in 2000 on the “Millennium Peace Day” and united thousands of children and youth, and Leadership school that is regularly functioning under the Network is the first such kind of organization in our republic.
- 10 pupils aged 12-15 being part of the Azerbaijani delegation attended the International Peace Conference held in Hague in 1999, after returning back created this network called Azerbaijan Child-to-Child Peace Network with the initiative and support provided by the head of Azerbaijan Woman and Development Center, current Commissioner, Elmira Suleymanova.
- This union having children and youth members is now functioning under the name of Azerbaijan Child and Youth Peace Network and it was registered by the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Leadership School

- In order to improve knowledge and abilities of children, in 2001 Leadership School was created under the Network which is functioning on the motto “Azerbaijan is my motherland”.
- This school prepares young leaders who acquire good knowledge of our multinational and multiconfessional country nature, geography, ecology, natural resources, history, literature, culture and art, as well as possess speech culture. The number of the network members is increased year by year.
- Children and youth benefit from the lectures, interactive discussions and recommendations on different topics provided by intellectuals, famous scholars, public figures, Ombudsman, Ministers and Parliamentarians each week.

Leadership school



Journalist group

- Journalist group consisting of the Leadership School members, regularly publishes different articles in newspapers, magazines and arranges publishing of other members' writings.
- They participate in TV and radio programs and share their opinions and experiences with their peers.

Projects

- Members of the Network have participated in different projects realized in the country regions such as “This is our native land”, “Say “YES” for children”, “Campaign on promotion of child rights”, “Hierarchic child rights education”, “Let’s think of our future today”, “Iodine deficiency”, “Fighting against HIV/AIDS”, “Say NO for drug addiction”, “Harmful habits”, “Healthy lifestyle”, “Let’s build our future today”, “Participation in preparing alternative report on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child” and others.



Workshops

- Workshops on handicraft, foreign languages, computer skills, art and culture provided in the network serve to developing children's capacities. Young people and children learn how to play national dances, they make handmade works, art works in different styles and participate actively in different competitions. They exhibit their works in "Flower Holiday" which is held traditionally and in other exhibitions. Awarding certificates received by local executive bodies motivate participants of those events more.

Workshops



Exhibitions

- The members participated in exhibitions both as an organizer and as participant on the topic of “Woman calling for peace”, “Genocide through the eyes of children”, “Me and my rights”, “Children in emergency”.
- In various art competitions organized in cities and country districts, as well as held annually by the initiative of the Commissioner on the eve of “10 December – International Human Rights Day” on the theme of “My rights” and the best works have been awarded.
- In different art competitions held in USA, Germany, Spain, Japan, Georgia, Russia, and Bulgaria and other countries, the winners have been awarded.
- 444 paintings drew by 5- 18 aged children including orphans, disabled, internally displaced and refugee children on the topic of “Amazing World: our hopes and dreams for future” were collected and exposed in the exhibition dedicated to session of the United Nations General Assembly on child rights in New-York.
- 250 photos of children under 15 years old on the topic of “Elders through the eyes of children” were collected and 6 of them were exhibited at the Second UN Assembly on Ageing people in Madrid in 2002.
- Over thousand pictures have been sent to Berlin on the subject of “Old age”, “Iodine deficiency”, “Women for Peace” in different times.
- Kanagawa Biennial World Children’s Art Exhibition, the winners have been awarded.

Exhibitions



Foreign language courses

- Foreign language courses are provided in the Network for different age group of children.
- They are held in separate groups by senior students of several universities and active network members.
- These courses enable children to learn and improve their foreign languages.

Network library

- Internet resources, world literature and different materials in the Network library serve to improve children's and youth intellectual capacities, abilities and skills.

Excursions

- Excursions are regularly organized to enlarge children's outlook and knowledge, to spend their leisure time efficiently.
- Visits to ancient monuments, palaces, sightseeing places, museums, libraries.
- Visits to the country tourism centers in several regions in the frame of "Tourism year"

Excursions



Camps, intellectual competitions

- Members are distinguished from their peers for their achievements gained in Gala Festival, “Eco-erudite” brain-ring competition and in several intellectual TV programs.
- Regularly participate in military patriotic summer camp “Shahinler” organized by the Ministry of Internal Affairs jointly with local executive authorities.

Military camp



Organization of the work with vulnerable group of people

- Work with the children having physical and mental disabilities, living with diabetes, dawn's syndrome, heart defect as well as with refugees, internally displaced, poor children and children in conflict with the law
- Meetings and trainings on child rights in child houses, boarding schools, orphanages, SOS children villages, center for dawn syndrome children.
- Work with elders, building bridges between generations, cooperation with Ombudsman Resource Center for Elderly People

Organization of the work with vulnerable group of people



Events in the country and cooperation with the governmental bodies

- Attend the enlightening seminars, training programs and conferences addressed to the children and youth that covered many cities and child institutions of the Republic
- Experienced young people of the network provide trainings on UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, HIV-AIDS, Healthy Lifestyle, reproductive health, harm of the cigarettes to human health, rights of children and youth and different other topics.
- Attend with presentations the meetings at the Parliament devoted to the 20th anniversary of the adoption of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, on Juvenile Justice and violence against children.
- Participation in Azerbaijan Child Forum

At the Parliament



- Successful cooperation set up with different governmental bodies such as the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Youth and Sport, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, State Committee for Work with Religious Associations, local executive power bodies, as well as NGOs and mass media plays crucial role in overall development of children and youth.
- They participated in preparation of specialized report of the Commissioner on child rights, share their opinions and provide proposals on issues regarding them.
- “In Child Year” 310.000 signatures of the school children, refugee and internally displaced children have been collected under the slogan of “We are peace envoys! Join us”. and sent to the UN Special Representative of Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

10th anniversary of ACYPN



International trips and cooperation with the international organizations

- Taking part in the international conferences on child rights in Turkey, Sweden, North Ireland, Poland, China, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, USA, Holland, France, Germany, Japan, India, Egypt, Jordan, the members of the Network participate in discussions actively and share their views with others.
- Cooperation with UN agencies – UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, Council of Europe, European Network of Ombudspersons for Children (ENOC), Arigato Fund of Japan, Global Network of Religions for Children and other international organizations.



Cooperation with ENOC

- Participate at electronic forum within the ENYA project
- Participate in “Let's Talk Young, Let's Talk About Violence” Project of ENYA
- Attend ENOC and ENYA meetings held in Strasbourg, France (October, 2010), Belfast, Northern Ireland (July, 2011), Warsaw, Poland (September, 2011), Edinburgh, Scotland (2015), Athens, Greece (2015).

ENYA Project, Council of Europe



ENYA Project, Belfast, Northern Ireland



European Network of Young Advisors (ENYA)
“Let's Talk Young, Let's Talk About Violence” project
April-May 2015



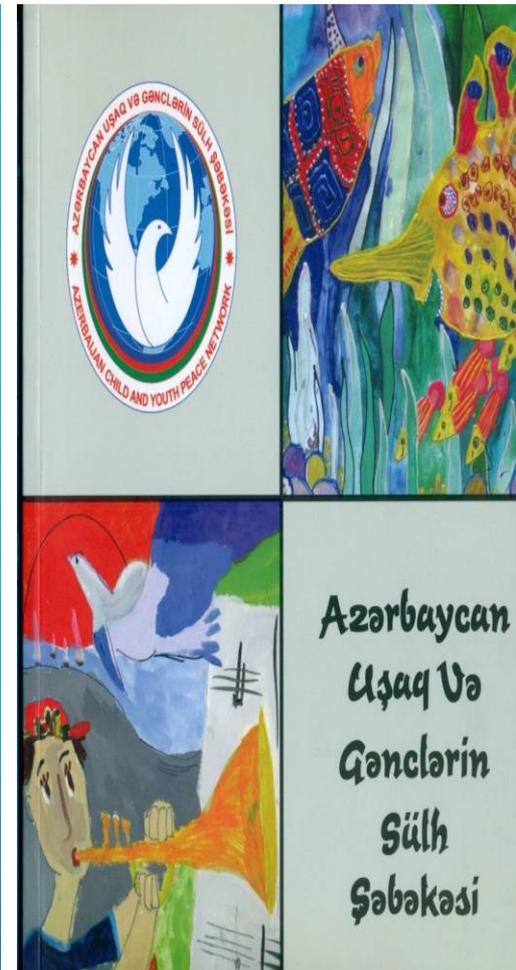
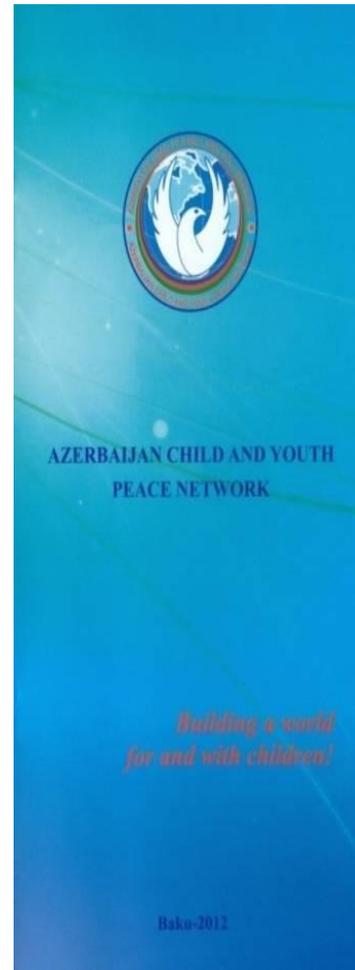
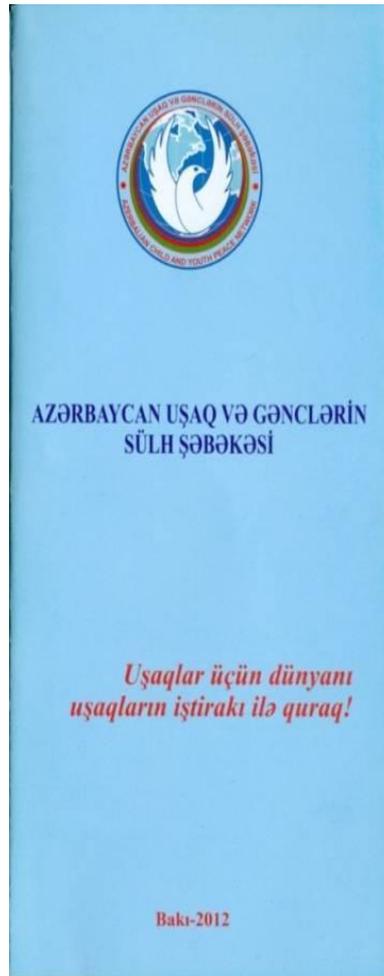
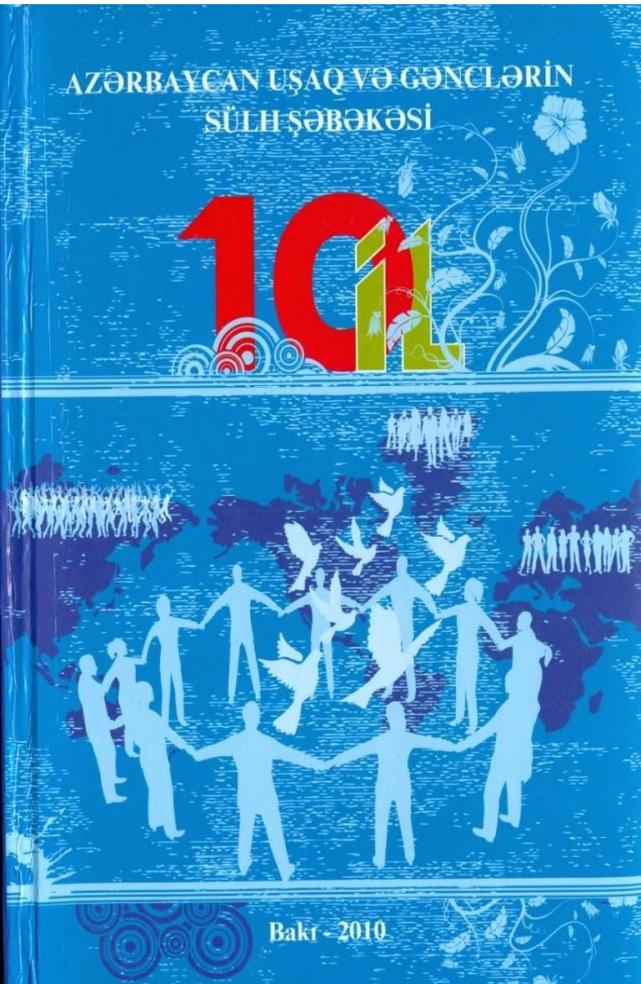


**“Let's Talk Young, Let's Talk About Violence” project
April-May 2015**

Outcomes achieved

- Legal knowledge and culture are formed among children and young people;
- Leadership and self-confidence of children and young people are formed;
- Dozens of specialists on human rights also on child rights are prepared;
- Children and youth improve their outlook, skills and abilities;
- Children and youth are grown up as responsible and patriot citizens;
- Children and youth are motivated to participate in social activities and became active members of the society;
- They develop their peers also by sharing their knowledge with them;
- Ensuring contact of children with the office by serving as advisory capacity to the Ombudsman;

PUBLICATIONS on ACYPN



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