

The Rufford Small Grants Foundation

Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs, please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to jane@rufford.org.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Ainura Jusupova
Project title	Environmental education and involvement of local people in nature conservation in Beshikjon and Akman Municipalities.
RSG reference	19.06.08
Reporting period	October 2008-November, 2009
Amount of grant	£5451
Your email address	ainura_1978@yahoo.com
Date of this report	December 15 2009

1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
To raise awareness of the importance of the local biodiversity and its protection (biodiversity, waste management, natural disaster risks)			Fully achieved	
To enhance the understanding on the endangered species as <i>Agrionemys horsfieldi</i> and a special care for their further survival			Fully achieved	
To create a school nursery (0.04 ha) in one secondary school		Partly achieved		The nursery was established outside of the school.
To build the capacity on water purification technologies			Fully achieved	
To disseminate the information about the project implementation activities			Fully achieved	

2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

We did not have any serious difficulties during the project implementation period. Due to the extreme dry spell during spring of 2009 and the local irrigation channel was under renovation, therefore access to water to establish a planned forestry nursery in school was not possible. However, we established a small nursery with fast growing poplar species out side the school territory. The same work will be conducted in spring 2010. The products from the nursery will be sold out in the local market.

3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.

- a) Our main outcome was that we could raise awareness on local ecology and certain types of Red Book species amongst school children and local people. Such initiatives at a school level were not raised after collapsing of the Soviet Union so far, these initiatives were highly welcomed by all schools.
- b) Development of a good cooperative effort among schools, municipalities and NGO "TAZA" in initiating the ecology oriented activities. The schoolchildren and some representatives of the municipalities were regularly invited and they participated in other NGO activities in order to have a strong link with other existing projects in the neighbouring regions.
- c) Our "schoolchildren" are more concerned about the local ecology problems and they are actively involved in "save local ecology" movement at the village level.

4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project (if relevant).

Generally, the local communities can play an important role for the conservation of their local environment. In this case, involvement of local people and young generation such as schoolchildren in nature conservation is one of the best ways to create awareness. The project gave them opportunities to be actively engaged in conservation of their local resources. It also gave a good effort in social and economic ways. For example, according to the interest and initiatives of local people in Baimundus village two presentations were organized voluntarily. The first topic was prepared on “*Why we have no enough water as before?*”, and the second presentation was organized on “*Utilization of the solar energy without using wood or electricity*”. Furthermore, booklets, calendars and informative papers in native language were published and distributed.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes, we are planning to continue this project, as the project was successfully implemented and highly accepted by the communities. A lot of initiatives were raised during the seminars on the income generating issues. If such ideas are coming from the local communities, we are even more motivated to cooperate with them in future.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

We have some other projects in neighbouring regions within our NGO. So, we are eager to share information about this project implementation during the seminars, workshops and trainings to distribute the published materials.

7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?

The actual length of the project was 13 months from September 2008-October, 2009, but the project started one month later and the implementation period was October 2008- November 2009.

8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.

Total amount: 5451 £ (1 £=36.67 Kyrgyz soms)

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments Additional contribution
Transport	1180	1180	0	
Subsistence	2600	2465	135	
Field equipments	801	850	-49	279 (in kind contribution)
Creation of school nursery	100	130	-30	250 (in kind contribution)
Office running	370	370	0	
Dissemination of information	400	376	24	
0,3 % charge from the Bank	0	16,4	-16,4	
TOTAL	5451	5387,4	63,6	

9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

We are looking forward to continuing this project, which is an actual issue for us. However, we are searching new ways and approaches to continue the project. In addition, we are eager to implement other related projects on the basis local communities' initiatives and ideas.

10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes, we have used the logo in published papers, booklets, calendar and newspaper (local).

11. Any other comments?

We are sincerely thankful for the Rufford Small Grants Foundation. It was a great opportunity for us to implement this project by making a helpful contribution in the nature conservation!