

**Project reference**  
103-595

**EC Partner**  
NGO "Youth House"

### Facts and Figures

- Duration: **2006-2007**
- EU Contribution:  
**€41 700**
- **24 large community action projects** and a number of small ones covered **5 000 people** in the project regions
- **More than 650 trained beneficiaries** disseminated knowledge and skills among their families and friends
- **Radio spots, Youth House newspaper and practical guide "On your own"** with advices of experts to youth
- **Strong network with the Ministry of Education and interested NGOs** established



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## Social cohesion

### Helping Tajik children to find their way

*"The project gave me the promise that I will be able to defend my rights on my own."*

*Farid Pulator, schoolboy in Dushanbe, 12 years*



### Context: On your own - the first steps in the independent life

The political and economic instability in Tajikistan brought not only suffering to thousands of Tajik families but also long-term repercussions in the lives of society's most vulnerable, the children, marked by the miseries of civil war and fear of insecurity.

### Objective: Securing the welfare of poor children and preventing juvenile deviance

Being very sensitive to social upheaval, poor children faced many problems of education, temporary employment, housing and getting social support from the government. The project's primary goal was to tackle children's difficulty to act in a reasonable way and to empower adolescents with the ability to defend their rights and adapt to the harsh realities of their new social environment.

### Impact: What has been achieved?

- A series of training sessions on human rights for children involved in the project were conducted
- A permanent helpline was established to provide basic information and access to the knowledge transfer facilities of the project
- More than 20 large community action projects and a number of small ones covered 5 000 people in the project regions
- More than 650 trained beneficiaries disseminated knowledge and skills among their families and friends
- Radio spots, a Youth House newspaper and practical guide "On your own" with advice from youth experts were produced
- A strong network with the Ministry of Education and interested NGOs was established