

**World in Which we Live**  
**MEG-TK01-04**

**Grant Budget:** USD 2,800

**Objective of the project:**

To conduct drawing and photography contests for children and demonstrate the competition materials in a mobile exhibition in 4 populated areas of Turkmenbashi region and 8 locations in Turkmenbashi City

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**Goal and Objectives**

Attract the populations of the city and Turkmenbashi region to problem of the conservation natural ecological systems of the Caspian sea coast area, by participations them in contest of drawing, photography, organizations and undertaking the mobile exhibition on subject: "World, in which we live."

**Proposed Project Activities**

- Competition on the best ecological drawing on subject: "Before making something, think", with kids, teenagers, youth participation;
- Competition on the best photography about Nature on subject: "Stop the instant", with participation youth and adult population.
- Prepare, handout and collect the questionnaires
- Prepare the booklet with competitive work and with total of the questionnaire, no less than 100.
- Prepare the mobile exhibition on subject: "World, in which we live" with the best work of winners of the contest on photography and drawing.
- Organize showing the mobile exhibition in 4 population points of Turkmenbashi region, and no less than in 7 points in Turkmenbashi city.

**Implemented project activities:**

The project was registered and entered into Unified State Register and equipment (color printer and digital photographic camera) and consumables:(paper, photo films, paints, brushes, pencils, color paper) were bought. The room of the school №2 for holding of consultations on two competitions namely, pictures and photos was equipped. On 25.02.2005 the organizational committee for preparation and holding of competitions of pictures and photos was established. Regulation about holding of competition on pictures and photos in quantity 100 in 50 + 50 copies in Turkmen and Russian languages was developed and printed in order to help participants to orient in stated questions and tasks of this regulation. This regulation was distributed by members of organizational committee throughout city Turkmenbashi, and in inhabited localities also: 7 village, settlement Kenar, t.Avaza, Microrayon Akdash, Janga, Kenar of district Turkmenbashi. The regulation was

given to the administration of secondary schools, House of creation, to enterprises, organizations, department of culture, companies, studio Kodak. The presentation of the project was held in assembly hall of the school №2 on 16 March, 2005 which covered 81 participants – children, teenagers, young people, teachers, public representatives of the city: The aim of presentation – to familiarize with the project «World in which we are leaving» and with regulation for competitions on pictures and photos.

In ecology room of the school №2 the consultations centre for the period from 1.03. to 1.06.2005 was established. The schedule of work was from 14.00 to 18.00 every day, except of Sunday. Here the participants of competition obtained necessary consultation on a correct choice of subject, theme of picture, photos, on methods of appearance, selection of color spectrum. Besides, the practical assistance in purchasing of necessary consumables (colors, pencils, whatman, brushes) was rendered. Everything allowed creating conditions for creative work and attraction to the participation in competition as more as possible quantity of participants. During the period of work under the project the consultation centre was visited by more than 300 peoples. The representatives of organizational committee held the mass informational company with population in order to attract them to participate in the project. For that they visited the collectives of education establishments, enterprises and organizations of the city and district Turkmenbashi, organized meetings, discussions where familiarized with conditions of competitions, with ecological problems of littoral zone of Caspian region, called to be prudent to the Nature surrounding us.

In order to sum up the competition the city commission was established. In total over 250 pictures were received by organizational committee. The organizational committee selected 187 pictures (according to the competition' conditions), these pictures were coded and represented to the session of city commission. For estimation the commission accepted 116 pictures on a subject: "Before doing, think". Commission decoded 116 pictures, 102 authors- children and young people from 7 to 18 years leaving in the city Turkmenbashi, settlements: Akdash, Janga, Avaza, Koshoba, Jebel, Kenar, district Turkmenbashi. The commission divided all works for the following age groups: 1. group – to 10 years, 2 group – 11 years, 3 group – 12 years, 4 group -13 years, 5. group – 14 years; 6. group from 15 – to 18 years and defined the winners according to the following nominations: grand prix, 1-st place, 2-nd place, 3-rd place and encouragement prizes. The organizational committee introduced to the session of city commission 171 photos which were coded. The commission accepted 116 pictures for estimation of photo on a theme: "Stop, instant!". The commission decoded photos, they were represented by 93 authors, age of participants – from 5 years and older leaving in the city Turkmenbashi, settlements: Akdash, Janga, Avaza, Koshoba, Jebel, Kenar, district Turkmenbashi. The commission divided all works for the following age groups: 1.group – from 5 to 10 years; 2. group – from 11 to 15 years; 3. group – from 16 to 20 years; 3. group – over 21 year and defined the winners according to the following nominations: grand prix, 1st place, 2nd place, 3-rd place and encouragement prizes. Pictures and photos were held on 28.05.2005 in the assembly hall of the school №2. In ceremonial atmosphere winners of two competitions were awarded by diplomas and valuable prizes. In the photo competition on the theme: "Stop, instant!" 27 people were awarded. In the pictures competition on the theme: "Before doing, think" 39 people were awarded.

During realization of the project the partnership relations with officials of Khazar reserve, Nursery school of arts, department of education and department of culture of Khyakimlik of Turkmenbashi, Historical-regional museum were actively developed. The administration of aforesaid organizations made assistance in holding of pictures and photos' competitions, took participation in summing up of competition, rendered consultative assistance in arrangement of participants' works. Historical-regional museum has requested to organize the exhibition of our works at their base. Department of culture of Turkmenbashi district jointly with our organizational committee will provide the opportunity to demonstrate the movable exhibition along the littoral of Caspian Sea of

Turkmenbashi district. The best works of competition participants took attention of Turkmen TV and were shown in telecast "Miras" at the end of April, 2005. The progress of project realization was covered in the Central newspapers "Neutral Turkmenistan" №123 dated 24 May, 2005, article "Will Save the nature- our common house", the author M. Bobkin and "Turkmenistan" № 129 dated 31 May 2005, the article "Şekillerde güzel Diýaryň keşbi" ("Reflection of majestic Homeland in pictures"), the author N. Khojaberdyev.

The work under the project has shown that children, young people, adults are oriented competently in complex questions of environmental saving, keeping of unique Natural sights. They are concerned of disappearing of plant and animal life. The idea to hold such competitions took attention of not only the gifted people able to paint, but the people which simply wished to show in pictures, photos their attention to the Nature surrounding us. In accordance with the own contribution 3 moving exhibitions of the winners of competitions of drawings and photographs are organized from June 1 till August 31, 2005 in Turkmenbashi town. Exhibitions took place: June 01 to August 1, 2005 in History museum of Turkmenbashi town, August 8, 2005 on the square close to Ruhyet palace, from August 19 to August 31, 2005 in school No. 2. Moving exhibition of art photos and drawings on topic "World we live in", devoted to environmental protection in the Caspian region ignited the great interest among the inhabitants of Turkmenbashi town, as well as tourists. In brief, the following activities have been conducted in this project:

- A total of 250 drawings and 171 photographs were collected for the competition;
- The jury divided the submitted materials into 6 age groups from 5 to 18 years of age;
- 27 applicants for the photo competition and 39 applicants for the drawing competition were awarded;
- The awarded materials were shown in "Miras" program on Turkmen TV and were published in several local newspapers;

With the aid of Historical-Regional Museum and the Department of Culture of Turkmenbashi District, the mobile exhibition is underway.

The duration of the project is extended in order to complete the mobile exhibitions and prepare the final report.