

BABUSHKA ADOPTION FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2008

YEAR IN REVIEW





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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD OF BABUSHKA ADOPTION

Now into our 9th year, Babushka Adoption continues to reinforce its work helping to improve the quality of life of vulnerable, neglected old people in Kyrgyzstan. Its role remains invaluable: it not only actively and practically supports almost a thousand needy individuals, it also draws national and international attention to the dire situation of many pensioners in our small mountainous country. It sets a living example that the difficult social situation of many pensioners in Kyrgyzstan is not without hope, there are concrete measures that can be undertaken to improve their lot.

Against the backdrop of the global financial and economic crisis in 2008, the team at Babushka Adoption has managed to prepare the organization to weather the storm and set the conditions for future steady, healthy development, even exploring new ways to help old people in need:

As many of our individual and company sponsors in Western Countries are themselves feeling the effects of crisis, it was decided to gradually widen our sponsorship base to make sure our recipients can rely on the extra pension Babushka Adoption provides them. Together with specialist support, kindly provided by the German Government, the “German Babushka Adoption Verein” was set up to encourage new sponsors to come forward.

The European Union project came into full swing and was used to develop over 25 self help groups for those old people physically capable of working to create their own sources of income. These groups in their turn supplied useful services to their local communities like preparing school meals, looking after weaker elderly people etc.

We started providing old people living in the country with a goat whose milk can later either be used as nourishment or sold to create a small income. As it is planned to encourage the goats to breed, we hope this program will become naturally sustainable.

This winter we prepared our organization to fairly distribute several tons of food aid, 150 tons of coal and 1,000 sets of anti skid “shoe spikes” all kindly given by international donor organizations. This humanitarian assistance will help to protect the weakest members of our community against the expected harsh winter.

Such valuable activities were made possible by the and dedication of many people I would like to take this opportunity to thank: The over seven hundred generous individuals who sponsor our old people to help them get through life a little better; The effective organizations and government agencies who contribute both technical and practical assistance; The committed, caring staff of Babushka Adoption who patiently, day by day, do such a great job in making people’s lives more secure and worth living.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathon Hornbrook

The chairman of the Supervisory Board



HISTORY OF BABUSHKA ADOPTION FOUNDATION

The economic and social crisis in the Kyrgyz Republic after independence (1991) affected the older generations particularly harshly. Many aged people lost their life savings and found it difficult to adapt to the new social and economic conditions. The age pension has not kept up with the minimum cost of living which is KGS 3200.

The elderly in Kyrgyzstan have suffered most from the ‘transition’ to a market economy with the wholesale collapse of social services and the widespread migration to Russia of the working age population for better employment opportunities. Many elderly people, who in Soviet times contributed to social security for many years, now find themselves in an extremely miserable situation, living on the verge of starvation. Life is especially difficult for those who have lost their family members and have no family network willing to support them. Pensioners in Kyrgyzstan frequently look back to the Soviet period as a golden era as the former system provided them with a secure retirement through a good pension and social services. Now the elderly have little commitment to the present system, or even the prospect of a brighter future through democratic and economic reforms.

Babushka Adoption Foundation is a unique organization in Central Asia working with the elderly who suffer from a lack of social protection. “Babushka” means old woman or grandmother in Russian. Babushka Adoption (BA) Foundation, a Kyrgyz charity non-governmental organization (NGO), was established in 1999 with financial support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The financial support provided by SDC came to an end in 2006. Since then Babushka Adoption Foundation has worked as an independent, sustainable local charity NGO. The organization operates in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, and in the Leilek district of Batken Oblast, the remotest and least developed region in Kyrgyzstan.

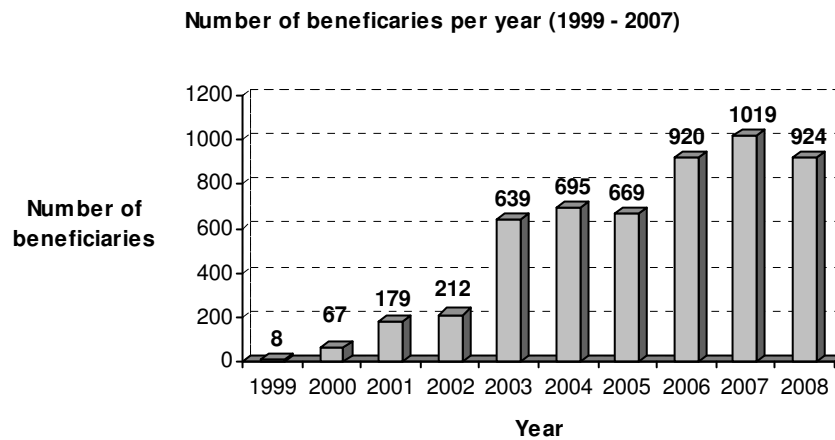
The Babushka Adoption Foundation’s mission is to mobilize and increase opportunities for vulnerable elderly people and to improve their life situation through providing financial, social, psychological and educational support and services. The following goals and activities were designed and implemented to achieve the ultimate objectives of the organization.

Goal 1: To alleviate the impact of poverty on vulnerable elderly people by providing financial and social services.

In its nine years of operation, Babushka Adoption Foundation has set up a successful sponsor program providing monthly welfare cash transfers to the most vulnerable older people in Bishkek City and rural areas of Batken Oblast. Individual sponsors finance the living costs of a selected number of old people. Until the end of 2006 beneficiaries received US\$ 10 per month from their individual sponsors. From 2007 beneficiaries started to receive € 10 instead of US\$ 10 per month. The financial support provided through Babushka Adoption Foundation makes a significant difference to the lives of older people. The majority of older people supported by Babushka Adoption Foundation have no family network that supports them financially and socially. Therefore, as an important part of the sponsorship program, Babushka Adoption Foundation also works to establish a close personal relationship between the elderly people and their sponsors, easing their feelings of loneliness and social isolation. Staff members translate letters between the elderly and the sponsors, distribute presents from sponsors, and even help sponsors to visit their beneficiary.



Figure 1: Numbers of beneficiaries per year



In addition to financial support, Babushka Adoption Foundation gives the elderly moral and social support. The “Home Visiting Service” has been operating since September 2001 and is currently financed by the International Women’s Club in Bishkek. Social workers run errands for the elderly people like shopping, paying bills, assisting with personal hygiene, cleaning, etc. Babushka Adoption Foundation also works with the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and other charity organizations to distribute humanitarian aid to senior citizens in Kyrgyzstan.

Goal 2: To mobilize and empower vulnerable elderly people and their communities to achieve secure livelihoods

Babushka Gift (2003)

In 2003 Babushka Adoption Foundation implemented the “Babushka Gift” project financed by the World Bank. The goal of the project was to dispel poverty in Kyrgyzstan by providing the craftswomen job in the Leilek district of Batken, the most remote and undeveloped province in the Kyrgyz Republic. The jobs created a direct source of income and, indirect, provided support for improving the lives of elders.

Through Babushka Adoption, special Leilek carpets, well-known throughout Central Asia, are produced by local craftswomen in the Batken province of the Kyrgyz republic. Ten groups of craftswomen benefit from the program. They received a twelve-month loan from BA. The loan allowed purchase of raw material for making the carpets. The carpets were produced manually and sold at local markets for profit. Babushka Adoption then bought the best carpets from these craftswomen, transported them to Bishkek and arranged their sale in the capital. Interest from the sale funded the charity work of Babushka Adoption.

Babushka Hostess (2004)

In 2004 Babushka Adoption Foundation implemented a small project called “Babushka Hostess” financed by Counterpart Consortium. The project concept revolved around encouraging skilled and artistic babushkas and dedushkas to make souvenirs and clothing. Babushka Adoption supported



beneficiaries to purchase material and then sold their products. The babushkas were paid for making souvenirs and clothing.

Several beneficiaries were involved in this project. These talented beneficiaries, in spite of their advanced age, were capable of making unique hand-made crafts and other items. The items were presented during a sale that brought in additional income for beneficiaries in need.

European Commission's TACIS Program: "Kadyrluu Karylyk" – Dignity in ageing through strengthening Kyrgyz civil society (2007-2009)

To achieve more sustainable change with and for older people in Kyrgyzstan, Babushka Adoption Foundation in partnership with HelpAge International (HAI), the leading organization working globally to promote the rights of older people in developing and transition countries, implemented a project activity that was funded by the European Commission's TACIS Institution Building Partnership Program (IBPP). This project aimed to support civil society community actions and joint work with government which ultimately help to realize the rights of the elderly people in Kyrgyzstan for a dignified and secure old age.

In the framework of the project, Babushka Adoption Foundation established 25 Self Help groups, 10 groups in Bishkek city and 15 groups in Batken district. Members of all groups were involved to advocacy campaign focusing on particular issues of importance to older people, namely access to health services, age discrimination, and income activity. The project contributed to older people's social reintegration and inclusion as equal members of society.

Goal 3: To build Babushka Adoption Foundation into a strong and sustainable organization with secure funding resources, committed and capable staff and volunteers, and good local and international partnership.

Since 1999, the organization has been working on strengthening its managerial and organizational capacity and expanding its fundraising activities, in order to become less dependent on external support. It organizes fundraising and public relations activities and maintains strong partnerships with local and international organizations, civil society organizations and local government organizations.

Babushka Adoption Switzerland was founded in 2002 in order to facilitate fund raising activities for Babushka Adoption Kyrgyzstan in Switzerland and to operate bank accounts at UBS Switzerland for Babushka Adoption Kyrgyzstan, involve Swiss sponsors to Babushka Adoption activities and build strong relationship with them.

In 2004 Babushka Adoption and "Elnura" Foundation (the Netherlands) established partnership to attract new sponsors from the Netherlands and draw attention to the problems of elderly in Kyrgyzstan.

In order to develop closer partnerships with other social protection organizations in Central Asia and to combine efforts to improve the living conditions of many vulnerable elderly people in Kyrgyzstan, in 2005 the organization joined a regional network on ageing - "AgeNet Central Asia Without Borders", consisting of 35 social protection organizations. One of the main aims of "AgeNet" is to promote the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. The organization works also with local and national governments and international organizations to ensure that aging issues and rights of elderly people are adequately considered in development policies.



BABUSHKA ADOPTION ACTIVITY IN 2008

2008 saw soaring food and commodity prices and a further stretching of the age pensions which do not cover the minimum cost of living. Babushka Adoption Foundation reaffirmed its commitment to working for the well-being of its beneficiaries, and always tries to develop new ways and services which could ease the lives of the elderly in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The activities of Babushka Adoption Foundation are aimed to improve the lives of the elderly in our country and to help them live more dignified and happy lives.

Babushka Adoption Foundation beneficiaries and sponsors

Babushka Adoption Foundation continued its main program activity which is aimed at alleviating the impact of poverty on vulnerable older people living in Bishkek and Batken province of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In order to implement our sponsorship program we carry out the following types of activity: needs assessments of the elderly, upkeep of our database of the neediest elderly people seeking and receiving support from us, recruitment of new sponsors for their support, maintenance of strong relationships with our sponsors.

Babushka Adoption Foundation maintains a database of elderly people in need of support. Governmental agencies (Social Protection Departments of Bishkek city and Batken region), local public councils (TOS), local territorial administrations (MTU) and non-governmental organizations refer vulnerable elderly people in need of support to Babushka Adoption Foundation for registration. In addition, elderly people who hear about the Foundation from our active beneficiaries and would like to receive support from the Foundation can apply for registration. All potential beneficiaries are registered as applicants in a special journal. In order to determine their eligibility for Babushka Adoption Foundation support, our social workers conduct needs assessments by visiting the applicants at their home.

During 2008 we received 278 applications (170 in Bishkek and 108 in Batken) for support from BA and assessed the living conditions and needs of 175 potential beneficiaries. A social worker records the necessary information about the applicants for a needs assessment. Social workers fill in special questionnaires which include information about pension size, work experience, health condition, housing condition, and family status. In addition a photo is taken for the database.

Having collected the questionnaire results, BA staff members determine the neediest and the most vulnerable applicants who best fit the criteria. Their biographies are translated into English and profiles with photos are prepared for potential sponsors who are willing to “adopt” a babushka or dedushka.



Babushka is receiving sponsor's money



In 2008 a total of 142 060 USD was distributed among 935 BA beneficiaries (632 in Bishkek and 303 in Batken district). In the case of a beneficiary leaving the program, another needy elderly person is given the sponsors’ money. Last year 147 beneficiaries left our sponsorship program.

The money distribution processes in 2008 were monitored by Mariana Badenhorst (member of IWC), Markus Mueller (Founder of BA), members of International Women’s Club, Johanna Brueggemann (Board member of BA Verein Deutschland) and others.



Social Worker helping babushka

We continue to provide home-visiting service to our target group by social workers (cleaning house, buying food, paying for bills, etc.) to the most vulnerable beneficiaries in Bishkek and Batken district, alleviating the feeling of loneliness and social isolation. Home visiting service was financially supported by International Women’s club.

Mrs. Gudrun Binder, from the German Organization Senior Expert Service, monitored the work of social workers while they were providing services to immobile beneficiaries. As a doctor, Mrs. Gudrun Binder trained social workers in hygiene and health and safety aspects of working with bed-bound elderly people.



SES expert monitoring home visiting service



Babushka, Mrs. Wolf is visiting another babushka

We also started involving more babushkas in our social care activities. In 2008, 10 beneficiaries of BA who are able to do some activities helped others who are bed-bound, who need some extra help in the household or just need communication. These babushkas have been even engaged in the distribution of the sponsors’ money.

During this year we continued working with members of the International Women’s Club and Tian Shan Foundation, and received humanitarian aid for elderly people, such as clothes, bedding, food and other urgent needs.



Distribution of humanitarian aid from IWC and Tian Shan Foundation



Anna Sokolovskaya is receiving food packet from “Narodnyi”



For Victory Day of WWII we distributed food packets (which included oil, tea, sugar, buckwheat and other staples) donated by the Supermarket “Narodnyi” to 15 of our beneficiaries.

In October, at the request of “Elnura Foundation” (www.elnura.nl), partner of Babushka Adoption Foundation, the Dutch company GlaxoSmithKline asked us to help distribute toys to children’s hospitals and orphanages. The toys are used by pediatricians to hide stethoscopes and create a comforting atmosphere.

In addition to providing financial and social support Babushka Adoption Foundation provided our beneficiaries with agricultural support, by purchasing 20 goats and delivering them to the neediest beneficiaries living in Leilek district of the Kyrgyz Republic. The donation of these goats provides an additional source of stable income for the beneficiaries of Babushka Adoption Foundation. In addition goats, we provided the self-help groups with two sewing machines and two kitchen cookers. The funds were allotted by International Experts and GTZ regional office in Kyrgyzstan.



Babushka and Dedushka are happy to receive a goat



New Year event

Our Batken office organized a New Year event for elderly people in Sulucta with the administration of Sulucta town. Our beneficiaries in Sulucta took part in this ceremony and received presents from the Head of Batken district administration.

Very good friends of Babushka Adoption Foundation, Mr. Jan van Bremen and his colleagues from “Elnura Foundation” launched “Keep elderly in Kyrgyzstan on their feet!” project. The project aim was to collect money for the purchase of Yaktrax traction devices (attached to shoes to prevent falls on slippery frozen roads) and to have them delivered from the USA to the beneficiaries of Babushka Adoption. For more information in general on the activities of “Elnura Foundation” check their website at www.elnura.nl.

We constantly work on improving the sponsor coordination work, our system of reporting and information exchange with sponsors. Therefore at the end of 2007 we held a sponsors survey, after which the recommendations on how to improve the above mentioned aspects were developed. The results of the survey can be found on our website at www.babushkaadoption.org.

In 2008 Babushka Adoption Foundation supported 935 beneficiaries in Bishkek and Batken district through 679 sponsors. During that year, 92 sponsors left our sponsorship program: 71 of them did not respond to our requests for renewal, 19 informed us that they no longer wished to participate, and 2 sponsors died. Having analyzed refusals to renewal requests, we would say that sponsors had financial problems and were unable to continue to contribute. Those who informed us that they could not continue their sponsorship wished the Foundation success. We regularly update sponsor and beneficiary information in our database.



To maintain a strong relationship with our sponsors we keep them informed about their beneficiaries by providing reports on their financial status, wellbeing and other matters throughout the year. At the end of 2008 we sent all our sponsors a New Year letter by post which included information about our activity in 2008, a financial report for each sponsor, and a calendar for 2009.

During 2008 we sent 559 renewals of sponsorship forms to sponsors, informed 147 sponsors about beneficiaries that had left the program, and confirmed receipt of sponsor money into our Swiss, Dutch and Kyrgyz bank accounts. Babushka Adoption Foundation sent confirmation about receiving and handing over parcels to 61 sponsors and additional monetary gifts to 71 sponsors.

In 2008 the new sponsors were mostly involved by existing sponsors and friends of Babushka Adoption Foundation who spread the word to their friends, relatives and colleagues. Babushka Adoption Foundation received 39 requests for information about sponsorship terms and out of that number 37 became real sponsors.



Babushka received parcel from her sponsor

During 2008, Babushka Adoption Foundation continued to build up and maintain a relationship between beneficiaries and their sponsors. Our team acted as a bridge between sponsors and their beneficiaries by translating letters, helping beneficiaries send letters to their sponsors, delivering gifts and additional money, and organizing meetings of sponsors with babushkas. We translated 339 letters from babushkas to sponsors, 83 from sponsors to babushkas, delivered 61 parcels from sponsors to our beneficiaries (39 in Bishkek, 22 in Batken), and disbursed additional payments from sponsors such as Christmas or Birthday presents to 71 of our beneficiaries. Extra donations total was \$7 240 USD. We organized 10 meetings of sponsors with babushkas. Our elderly people very much like to meet their sponsors and speak with them about their life stories.



Dinner with tourists

One of our sponsors presented a color TV set as a Christmas present to their babushka and her husband. Babushka



Mrs. Shengeliya received color TV from her sponsors

Adoption Foundation staff purchased the TV for the couple on behalf of the sponsor. Another sponsor decided to repair an apartment of her beneficiary. Babushka Adoption Foundation staff organized the logistics of the repair through a local renovation company. Mrs. Shengeliya (TV) and Mrs. Afanaseva (repaired apartment) were very glad and happy for such nice surprises.



Organizational activity

Babushka Adoption Foundation continued the membership of AgeNet Central Asia without Borders. Together with partner organizations we organized an annual charity activity “From Heart to Heart” on May 20, 2008 in the centre of Bishkek, as well as activities for Elderly People’s Day on 30th of September. We organized a music concert, chess tournaments, sales of Self-Help Group handicrafts and products, and served hot tea.



Fundraising part of the action

In the frame of membership of AgeNet we took part in developing the advocacy strategy of the Network regarding the issues of elderly people in Kyrgyzstan. Babushka Adoption Foundation staff took active part in preparing an official proposal to the Kyrgyz Government “Law for elderly people” and a “National conception of elderly people”.

We regularly joined a monthly meeting, Club of Leaders, representing AgeNet Central Asia without Borders to discuss current activities of the AgeNet’s member organizations and future plans. Babushka Adoption Foundation worked on strengthening its organizational capacity. Staff took part in several training sessions: “TOT seminar on Effective communication skills in Public Activity” and “Effective communication NGO with Public Activity and Mass Media”. We participated in different kinds of roundtables and conferences such as “Social protection system and inflation” and “Capacity building to integrate older persons in development goals and frameworks through implementation of Madrid Plan of Actions”.

We prepared promotional material such as new brochures and a professional power point presentation about “Babushka Adoption”. There were several publications about Babushka Adoption Foundation and its beneficiaries in Kyrgyz mass media such as “Vecherniy Bishkek”.

With the direct support of SES Expert (Senior Expert Service Germany) Mr. Dieter Haeger, we worked on establishing and officially registering a German Association “Babushka Adoption Verein Deutschland”. The Founding Assembly took place on 20 October, 2008, in Bishkek and was opened by the German Ambassador, Mr. Holger Green.



Fundraising part of the action



Founding Assembly



In 2008 the Charter of Babushka Adoption Foundation was reregistered with the Ministry of Justice of the Kyrgyz Republic.

With the assistance of Mrs. Mariana Badenhorst, IWC member on December 5th we organized the yearly fundraising Christmas Party with a Latino flavor. The party took place in a MetroBar. Babushka Adoption Foundation is very thankful to MetroBar Administration who kindly allowed the venue. As a result of the party we raised USD 2 700 for Babushka Adoption Foundation.



Christmas Party with Latino flavor



Christmas Party with Latino flavor

Project “Kadyrluu Karylyk”

Babushka Adoption in partnership with Help Age International implemented project «Kadyrluu Karylyk”- Dignity in ageing through strengthening civil society». The project made effective and positive impact on actualisation of problems of older people in Kyrgyzstan, enabling local organisations and communities to be an active part of civil society, to mobilise older people in solving problems in the field of protection their rights and promotion of interests, to widely involve international, state, public and private organisation.

Creation of 25 Groups of older people was one of the main objectives of the project. Self Help Groups carried out activities in four directions: economic, social, political and cultural. Babushka Adoption undertook community development work with older people’s groups in two regions of Kyrgyzstan (Batken Province and Bishkek City), built their capacity in undertaking effective advocacy and policy influencing work with the government at local and national levels and other key decision makers.

The SHG’s model based on the self-help and allocation of resources for joint activity enabled SHGs to address problems of older people and take part in decision making process. Creation of such community organizations raised activity of older people, involved them in solving problems in their communities, developed initiatives. It was important that older people could feel that their life experience is useful and applicable thanks to the project. SHG’s have emphasised on development of intergenerational links in their activities. Involving of young people in joint activities and in dialogue with older people enabled them change their attitude toward older people with respect and tolerance, readiness to support them. Joint activities of SHGs, mutual support allowed older people to communicate with each other, improve their psychoemotional conditions, to develop traditions of joint activities, celebrations of holidays, birthdays that promotes creation of the general culture and system of values. It is necessary to note a change of a condition of older people from passive expectation to self-organising.



During 2008 Babushka Adoption Staff, members of SHG from Bishkek and Batken district were trained and gained knowledge and skills on monitoring of implementation of national programs using participatory methods; on practical techniques to help marginalised people participate in decision making processes, such as budget hearings and policy consultations; on Age Awareness and Gender Mainstreaming; on how to gather and present evidence to promote desired changes in policy or practice and others. Members of SHGs participated in exchange visits and gained valuable experience on working with government and NGOs at the local level.



THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

The Supervisory Board is the highest Management and Supervising Body, which is established in order to carry out internal supervision of the Foundation activity. The Supervisory Board, consisting of members from the international development community and Kyrgyz citizens, continued to oversee Babushka Adoption Foundation's activities and bolster the credibility of the organization.

The Supervisory Board takes decisions at its meetings. In 2008 there were 4 meetings of the Board.

Mr. Jonathon Hornbrook continued his work as Chairman of the Board. In addition to Board meetings the Chairman had weekly management meetings with the Babushka Adoption Foundation Director, Mrs. Aidai Kadyrova, to learn more and provide advices and consultations.



FINANCIAL YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Financial activity information is available for donors, those who are interested in our activities, and our dearest sponsors.

Babushka Adoption Foundation provides financial support (monthly payment and additional monetary gifts) to older people using contributions from individual sponsors of elderly people. Individual sponsors also pay an additional EURO 30 to cover additional program expenses such as fuel to deliver money, postal and translation and other expenses.

In 2008 Babushka Adoption Foundation received USD 36 200 from sponsors for program expenses as membership fee. In addition Babushka Adoption Foundation received USD 4 000 from International Women’s Club in Bishkek for supporting “Home Visiting Service”, 45 700 were raised by friends of Babushka Adoption and USD 2700 by Babushka Adoption staff during the Fundraising Christmas party.

Budget implementation in 2008

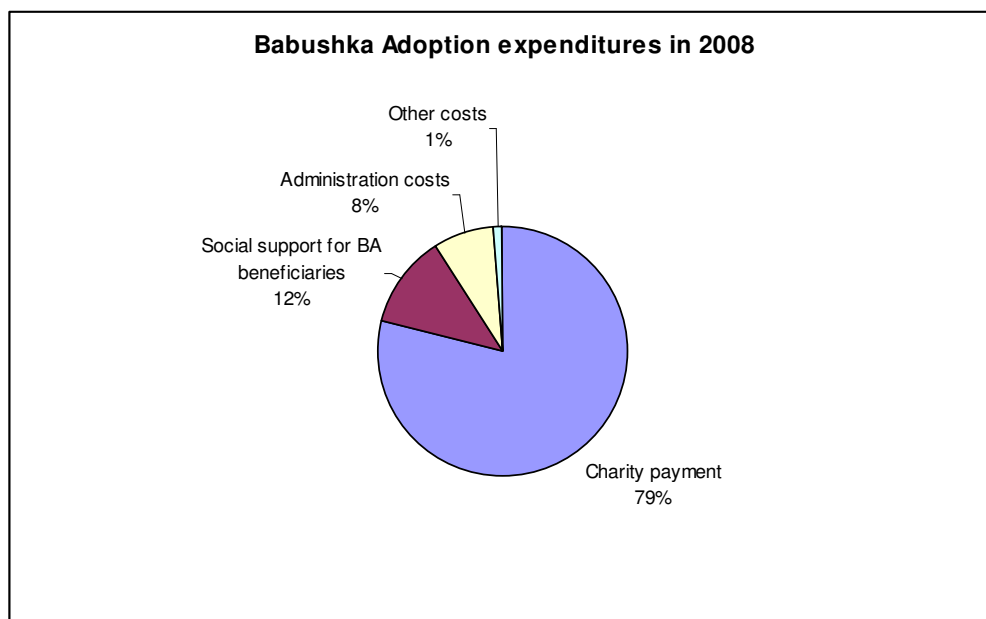
	Budget 2008(USD)	Fact 2008(USD)
Sources of Funds:		
Sponsors funds		
Babushka Sponsorship	185 000	165 600
Total for distribution	185 000	165 600
Budget funds		
International Women's Club	0	4 000
Additional sponsors contribution (membership fee)	28 000	36 200
Fundraising by friends of BA	0	45 700
Other contribution / fundraising	10 000	2 700
Total for budget	38 000	88 600
TOTAL	223 000	254 200
Expenditures:		
Babushka Program Support:		
Charitable Payments and additional presents - Babushka	165 000	149 300
Salaries and Social fund (Bishkek, Batken)	36 000	33 800
Transportation Costs (fuel, maint. Bishkek)	2 100	2 400
Training costs (studying of 2 offices)	1 400	180
Sub-total	39 500	36 380
Total	204 500	185 680
Fund-Raising Activities		
Promotion & Publicity (letters, placards, photo services)	2 800	3 500
Consultants, projects	2 800	930
Total	5 600	4 430
Administrative Expenses:		
Office repair & maintenance (2 offices' repair)	1 000	1 260
Public utilities	420	85



Travel cost & outstations	1 400	0
Representation costs	140	0
Bank Charges	700	630
Office equipment maintenance/repair	1 700	2 460
Unforeseen expenses	1 400	550
Auditors services remuneration	800	800
Adaptation of Accountant's program 1 S	150	21
Insurance	700	500
Transport expenses	150	205
Total	8 560	6 511
Total Expenditures	218 660	196 621

We made an analysis of expenditures of Babushka Adoption Foundation in 2008. According to the analysis 79% of the budget funds was paid out to beneficiaries as charitable payments, 12% were spent to provide social support to our beneficiaries (such as salary for social worker, fuel for delivering sponsors money, expenses for communication between sponsors and beneficiaries and others), 8% for administration expenditures (such as office rent, salaries, office repair, telephone/fax, internet, office supplies) and 1% for other expenses (such as expenses for audit checking, maintenance of accountant program “1C”).

Below, please, find Babushka Adoption expenditures in 2008:



“Optima Audit” conducted an audit which checked on the financial activity of “Babushka Adoption” Foundation for 2008. The report is available at our website: www.babushkaadoption.org.



Taking this opportunity we would like to thank all our sponsors, “Schmid Unternehmerstiftung” Company (Switzerland) for supporting 100 elderly people, International Women’s Club in Bishkek for supporting the home visiting service, Board members for great support and all our partners, friends and staff in Bishkek and Batken district for commitment to Babushka Adoption.

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