

Annual plan 2024

Central Asia Solidarity Groups (CAG) is a non-profit organization based in Malmö, Sweden, dedicated to promoting a democratic Central Asia where human rights are protected, and social justice is achieved. CAG focuses on Climate and Environment, Gender Equality and Women's Rights, Democratic Youth Organizing, and Security and Resilience, with projects spanning across Central Asia, Sweden, and Russia.

Organizational plans for 2024 include continuation of implementation of the Large Partnership Programme interventions started in 2023 with four partners across Central Asia, diversification of funding sources, as well as piloting new partnerships.

INTERVENTIONS IN CENTRAL ASIA

1. Noviy Ritm - Empowering Youth in Southern Kyrgyzstan

Noviy Ritm aims to enhance the capacities of young activists in southern Kyrgyzstan, with a focus on intersectional feminism and democratic participation. The organization plans to address systemic discrimination and promote human rights awareness by supporting young people, particularly women and girls, in promoting the values of human rights and democracy. Activities include developing the internal capacity of the organization, inspiring and training young people to participate in democracy and equality, and creating open discussion platforms with local authorities to discuss human rights issues.

2. ISDS - Environmental Sustainability at Son Kul Lake, Kyrgyzstan

ISDS, in partnership with CAG, focuses on enhancing the capacity of local communities around Son Kul Lake in Kyrgyzstan to engage in sustainable governance and preserve the region's ecosystems. The intervention targets improving community-based management of wetlands and grasslands, conducting awareness campaigns, and facilitating joint monitoring efforts. It emphasizes the participation of women and youth in decision-making processes and aims to replicate successful environmental management practices in the region.

3. El-Too - Permaculture Initiatives in North Kyrgyzstan

El-Too, alongside Centralasiengrupperna, continues to promote permaculture initiatives in vulnerable communities of North Kyrgyzstan, addressing climate change adaptation, ecological problems, and food sovereignty. The project will provide innovative solutions for ecorestoration and biodiversity conservation while offering opportunities for sustainable income. Through capacity building, legal services, and strengthening cooperation among various actors, El-Too seeks to empower rural communities, particularly focusing on youth and women.

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4. Little Earth - Sustainable Resource Use in Tajikistan

Little Earth's intervention focuses on the sustainable use of natural resources and enhancing women's participation in the mountain communities of Yaghnob, Tajikistan. The project aims to introduce energy-efficient technologies and promote sustainable environmental practices, including the distribution of energy-efficient stoves and the construction of community greenhouses for vegetable production. Key components involve training on gender equality, sustainable energy use, and empowering women through increased participation in decision-making processes related to environmental management and community development.

FUNDRAISING:

CAG plans to adjust its funding approach due to several changes of the funding sources over the course of two years. In 2024, we plan to apply for funding provided through the relevant donors.

BOAR AND OFFICE WORK

In 2024, CAG's Board and Office are planning on working to enhance the organizational structure and culture. The focus will be on finalizing and operationalizing our Theory of Change (ToC), revising our vision in the light of completed projects, and integrating new board members. We are committed to applying for both new and existing large grants to ensure a sustainable transition of institutional memory and internal systems. Our efforts in communication and branding will aim at increasing online visibility and creating engaging content. Additionally, we plan to diversify and strengthen our partnerships both within Central Asia and through EU networks. Another goal is to foster long-term volunteer relationships and update our partnership management guidelines.