

TLAS



**Tirana
Legal
Aid
Society**

ALBUM 1999 - 2009

Financially supported by CAFOD UK

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*Dear friends, beneficiaries, donors
and partners of Tirana Legal Aid Society*

It is a pleasure for me to represent shortly and modestly, through this photographic album, a few major moments from the 10th years of history of Tirana Legal Aid Society.

We, that are part of this history, feel like the years never passed, but flid hurriedly, growing and feeding a very healthy, hard-working, human and visionary child. This flow of the first 10 years, remind me of the early days when TLAS started its activity and for sure, the first credits go to the initial founders and supporters of the TLAS programme CAFOD UK and SOROS/OSFA.

TLAS is proud for its achievements and those are closely related to the thought and ideas of those who have build TLAS, developed it and gave it the reputation it has today. Therefore, I take the occasion to express my deepest respect to our honorable experts, staff members our magnificent students and our partners in the structures of the government and civil society.

Tirana Legal Aid Society opened its doors for the people in need in the beginning of 1999. There have been and there still are the TLAS clients from the categories in need that have inspired and encouraged us for the further development of the program, ideas and numerous projects. The number of the clients and legal aid services of TLAS has progressively grown, which strengthened and perfected the management and administration of the organization as well as increased the quality of the provided services. Amongst many challenges, the most ambitious one was and will remain the drafting and adoption of the law "On Legal Aid". This law is the first step that will create the environment for the implementation of the legal aid in all the country, will guarantee its continuation, by being supported by the Albanian government and will increase the access to justice for vulnerable communities.

Finally, finding impossible to mention each of our respectable partners and collaborators, please accept with the photographic album my sincere and truthful appreciations.

Sincerely,

Raimonda BOZO

*Executive Director
Tirana Legal Aid Society*

Activity of TIRANA LEGAL AID SOCIETY 1999-2008

The year 2009 is the year of the tenth anniversary of Tirana Legal Aid Society (TLAS) establishment. At the end of the first decade we could be proud that with the help of donors, partners, staff members, people in need and other stakeholders, for the closure of a very successful.

TLAS started its activity as a programme of Cafod Albania in 1999 and still provides free legal aid services for vulnerable categories of people for civil cases.

Tirana Legal Aid Society, is established and registered as not-for-profit independent organization with the court decision no. 346, dated 18. 12. 2006, founded by CAFOD UK.

TLAS FUNDING IN YEARS

Provide full legal aid services for the categories in need of the society.

Guarantee that people in need have more access in the legal system.

Undertake initiatives for improvement in the legislation, advocacy and lobbying for their fulfillment.

Influence in the improvement of the governance through the inclusion of the vulnerable groups.

Publish data on important legal and human rights issues.



TLAS 1999

Programme Leader: Rozeta Shembilku



TLAS 2000

Programme Leader: Ardjana Kalo



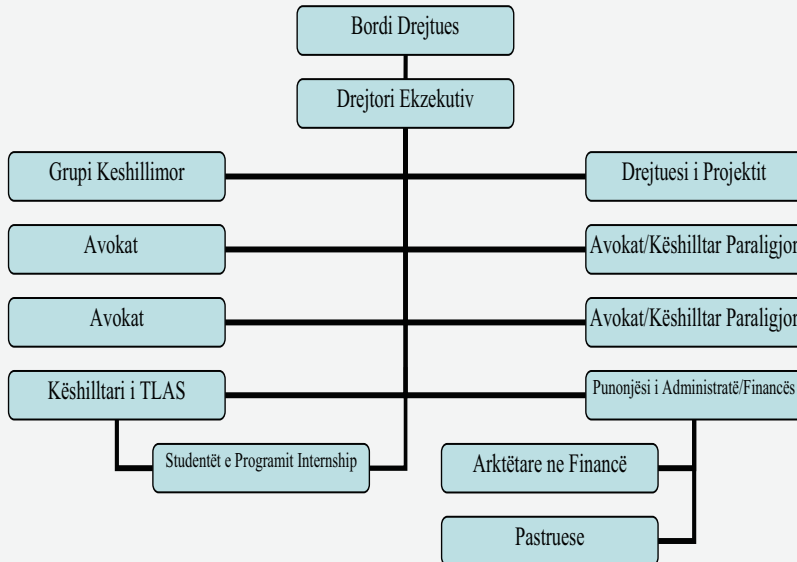
TLAS 2005

Programme Leader: Raimonda Bozo



TLAS Advisory Board (2002)

TLAS ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



TLAS Advisory Board (2004)



TLAS values:

Making a difference through trust, respect, service and working with others.

TLAS vision:

An innovative, collaborative legal aid system responding to the needs of low income people.

Steering Board

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TLAS Services

TLAS provides a vast range of services that include the information, awareness, advice and legal representation of the people in need:

Paralegal services (solution of legal cases through administrative way);

Legal services (solution of legal cases through court procedures);

Law-line service (legal advice through telephone line);

Clinics (enable clients for self-representation before state authorities);

Mediation (alternative dispute resolution);

Mobile service (to reach vulnerable individuals in remote area with resources).



In hold ...

Very interested categories for free legal aid services

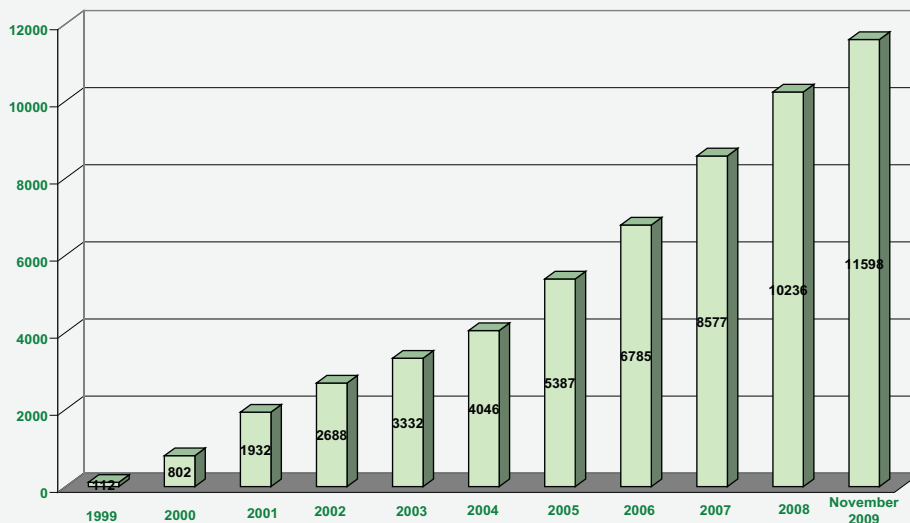


TLAS attorneys shows a special dedication to the retired senior citizens.





TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN YEARS
January 1999 - November 2009



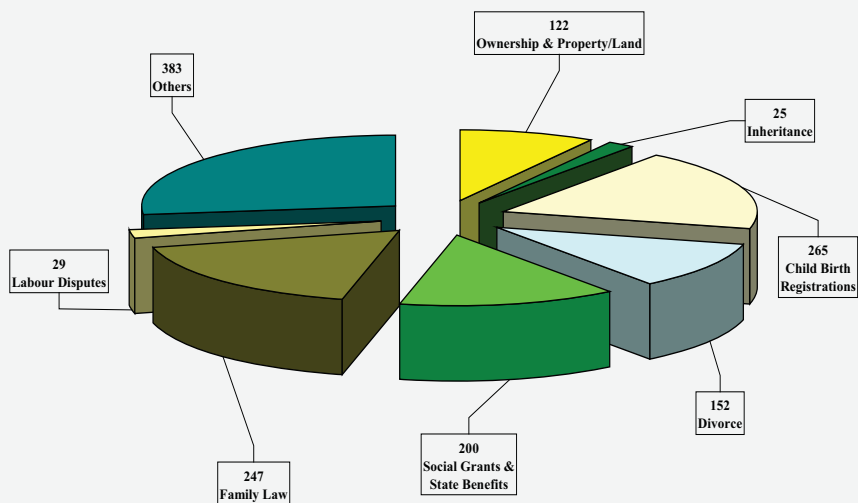
The demands of the vulnerable categories for legal aid are growing





TLAS NUMBER OF CASES BY TYPE

January 1, 2009 - November 2009



**TLAS attorneys represent in courts
an average of 350 cases per year**





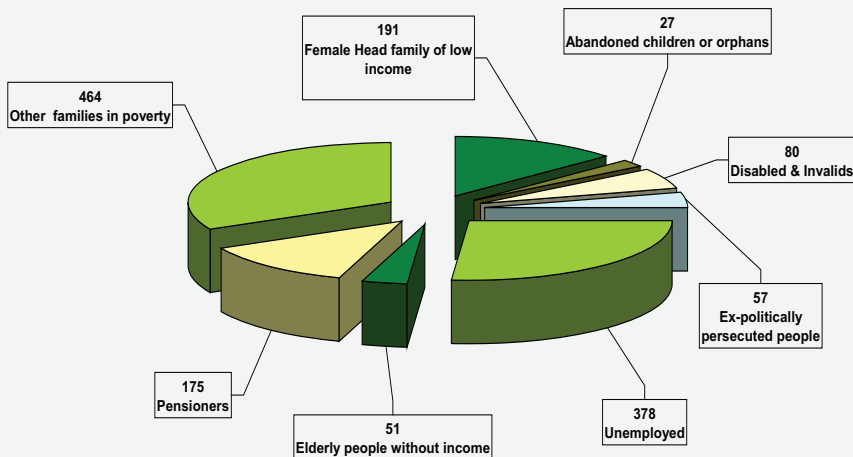
- * TLAS expert provides legal advice through the phone.
- * He prepares the clients to represent them selves before the court and state authorities.
- * He mediates for the alternative disputes' resolution.



90% of the cases represented in courts by TLAS attorneys are successful.



TLAS NUMBER OF CASES BY TARGET GROUP January 1, 2009 - November 2009





**Families in need, household women
and their representative organization
are potential TLAS clients**



**TLAS attorneys
provide
legal services
in field, in rural
areas for the
clients with
limited
possibilities**



Roma community and inhabitants of the farthest rural areas have been and remain a priority for the legal aid services provided by TLAS



Raising the awareness of the vulnerable communities and publication of information on important legal and human right issues are one of the main objectives of TLAS.

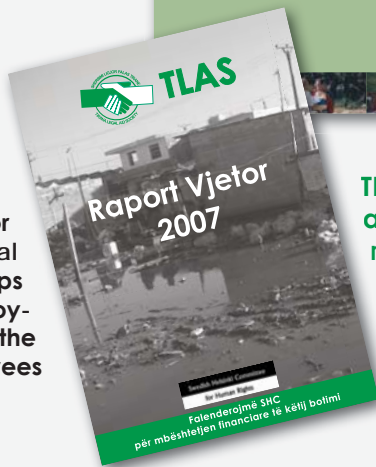
“Street Law” activities (Publication, information, education and legal awareness of the community) TLAS organizes visits and meetings through street law activities in the urban and rural areas of the various districts and publishes various legal publications for such activities written in a simple language for public use.

Students from the Faculty of Justice and Social Work, involved in the Internship Programme are present in TLAS offices, involved in information and awareness activities of street law, in mobile services and in assisting the clients’ case management as well as other specific activities.

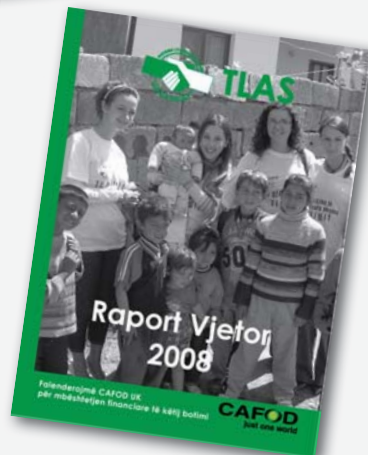
Enhancement of the legal capacities of NPO’s, representatives of the TLAS target groups. This includes the registration in court of local associations; training workshops for the strengthening of their legal capacities; training workshops for the state structures employees; training workshops for the court administration employees and judges.



TLAS published every three months legal information for the categories in need



TLAS Annual Reports are a yearly summary of the TLAS activities in the hand of the beneficiaries, partners and donors





Unë dua të regjistrohem

REGJISTRIMI
I LINDJES SË FËMIJËVE
NË ZYRAT E GJENDJES CIVILE

Falënderojmë
unicef

Për v mbarshkëmbjen e dhënies për regjistrimin e fëmijëve në Tiranë dhe për botimin e kësaj fletëpalosjeje

Regjistrimi i lindjes garanton:

- IDENTITET përmes fëmijës të shtetësisë, emrit dhe mbiemrit
- ARSIMIM falas
- SHERBIM SHENDETESOR falas
- PUNËSIM
- LEVIZJE të lirë
- PJESEMARRIJE në jetën politike
- STREHIM
- SHERBIME SOCIALE




Regjistroni
Fëmijën Tuaj

Financuar nga UNICEF

unicef
1946 - 2006




Si mund të regjistrohet lindja e fëmijës

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TLAS publications have influenced in the increase of access to justice of the vulnerable groups and number of clients that need legal aid services

Shërbimi Ligjor Falas Tiranë (TLAS)

PROJEKTUJMI PËR NDIHMEN JURIDIKE ESHTË GATI

Shërbimi Ligjor Falas Tiranë (TLAS) me mbështetjen e Ministrisë së Drejtësisë, me financimin e SOROS, SHC dhe Ambasadës së SHBA-së në Tiranë, si dhe me angazhimin e ekspertëve vendas dhe të huaj hartoi projektin "Për Ndihmën Juridike".



BASHKOHU ME NE!

TE GËRTHE SE BASHKU TE NDERTOJME UREN MIDIS INDIVIDIT NE NEVOJE DHE SHTETIT TE SE DREJTËS

Swedish National Committee for Human Rights

Falënderojmë SHC për mbështetjen financiare të këtij botimi

CAFOD Albania

KENI NEVOJË PËR NDIHMË LIGJORE FALAS?



Shërbimi Ligjor Falas Tiranë (TLAS)



Kjo fletëpalosje është pjesë e një Projekti të Bashkë-financuar nga Shërbimi European dhe CAFOD dhe nuk mund të konsiderohet në asnjë mënyrë që përcjell pozitimin e Bashkimit European.

Shërbimi Ligjor Falas Tiranë (TLAS)

Keni nevojë për ndihmë ligjore falas?



Jeni të mirpritur në zyrat e TLAS shërbimi është falas



Financuar nga:
 **SOROS**




AKSESI NE DREJTESI

SHERBIM LIGJOR FALAS NE GERDEC

• PERFAQESIME NE GJYKATE:

• RASTE INDIVIDUALE

• RASTE KOLEKTIVE

• KËSHILLIME LIGJORE

• PËRGATITJE DOKUMENTASH

FINANCUAR:  Fondacioni i Shoqërisë së Hapur për Shqipërinë SOROS



Preventive work for the protection of the children from trafficking, exploitation, use and abuse are in the center of attention of the TLAS projects



TLAS Internship Programme Students

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 Naureda Llagami
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 Jordan Daci
 Klesta Alikaj
 Plarent Ruka
 Asim Vokshi
 Jola Gjuzi
 Solian Celibashi
 Sterio Gollosi
 Anisa Haxhia
 Vitmar Tirana
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 Fjoralba Caka
 Jonida Rustemi
 Pranvera Hoxha
 Anila Alliu
 Neritla Bulku
 Migena Spaho

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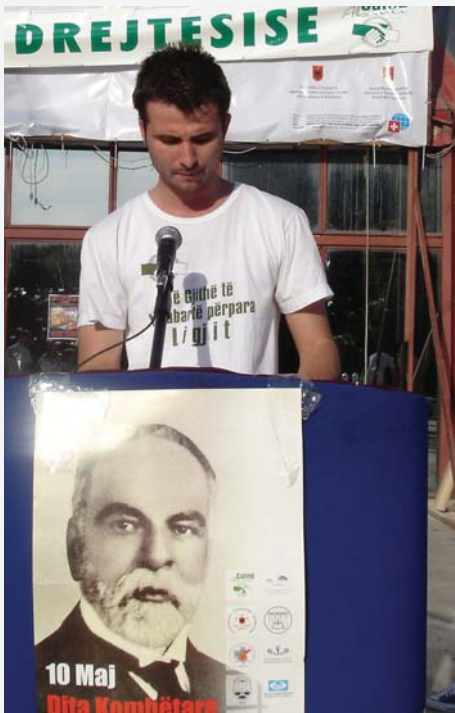


TLAS Internship Programme with the Students of the Faculty of Justice and faculty of Social Works is one the most successful achievements of TLAS. Participation of the students in Street Law activities for the awareness, information and legal education of the community had its impacts, among other, in the identification of the cases of clients handled by TLAS staff.



Every year the number of the students and of the visits in the community is growing progressively. Actually, the team of the TLAS students organizes weekly meetings in communities in Tirana and other districts such as Elbasan, Durrës, Fushe-Krujë, Fier, Lushnjë, Tropojë, Kukës, etc.





10th of May, the National Day of Justice is considered the peak of the street law activities





**Workshops with the
state administration
and target groups**



The TLAS Group of Experts drafted the amendments of the Law no. 8950, dated 10. 10. 2002 “On Civil Status”, which were adopted in July 2008



The Group of Experts hired by TLAS was included in the legal initiative for the amendment of the Law no. 7698, dated 15. 04. 1993 “For the restitution and compensation of the properties to former owners”. The results were reflected in the law adopted in July 2004


 REPUBLIKA E SHQIPERISE
 MINISTRIA E BRENDSHME




REGJISTRIMI I LINDJES SË FËMIJËVE NË ZYRAT E GJENDJES CIVILE

PRINDËRI!

NXITONI TË REGJISTRONI FËMIJËT TUAJ!

Deklarimi i lindjes duhet të bëhet brenda 60 ditëve nga dita e lindjes, për fëmijët e lindur brenda vendit dhe brenda 90 ditëve, për fëmijët e lindur jashtë vendit, që të përfiltoni shpërblimin e lindjes në masën **5.000 lekë**.

PRINDËR, SHPEJTONI TË PËRFITONI!

Përfitonë shpërblim **5.000 lekë** edhe fëmijët e paregjistruar deri më sot, në qoftë se regjistrimi i këtyre fëmijëve bëhet deri më datën **15 shtator 2008**.

PRINDËR, SHPEJTONI TË PËRFITONI!

Në rast se nuk respektoni këto afate, ju nuk e përfiltoni këtë shpërblim.






**The TLAS Group of Experts drafted the law “On Legal Aid”,
adopted by the Albanian Assembly in 22 December 2008**



TLAS prepared the amendments of the existing legal framework on the activity of court staff (AACS) drafting of legal and sub-legal acts on court staff activity, in 2004.

TLAS is involved in the preparation of sub-legal acts on legal practice in Albania for the inclusion of legal aid attorneys in the higher category of attorneys.

TLAS supported the invalids of military services to be included and benefit by the legislation on invalids.

TLAS supported and presented the ex-prosecuted for ordinary crimes (EPOC), to benefit by the legislation for the working years during the prison.

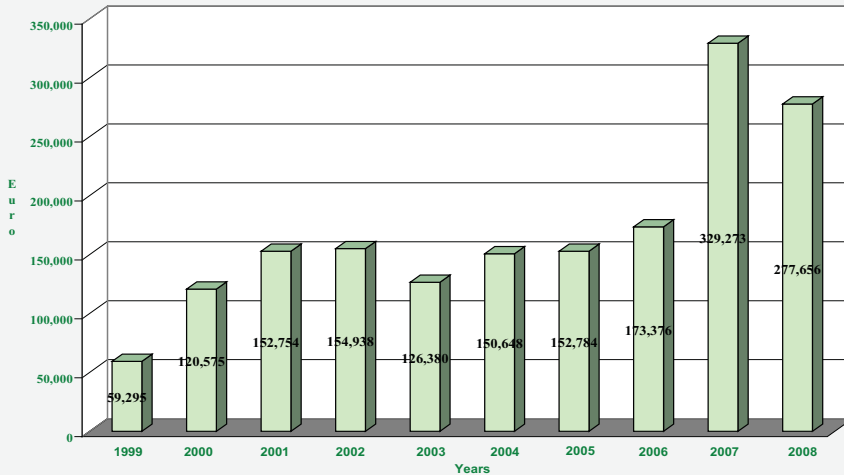


TLAS finalised on November 2009 the Study Report for improvement of the Social Welfare Benefit Legislation and some important conclusions and recommendations



Tirana Legal Aid Society (TLAS) activities during these ten years are successfully implemented thanks to the funding of:

TLAS FUNDING IN YEARS
1999 - 2008



CAFOD UK
SOROS/OSFA
ABA-CEELI
WORLD BANK
EU-CARDS
USAID: (World Learning, MSI, Partners Albania/DGA, DKA),
GTZ
SNV
US Embassy in Tirana
DANIDA

Finish Embassy in Sofia

Norway Embassy in Tirana,

UNICEF

UNDP

Swedish Helsinki

Committee for Human Rights (Civil Rights Defenders)

Vodafone Albania Foundation

For the TLAS development have, also, contributed:

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TLAS is an active member of the of the Coalition “All Together Against Child Trafficking”



TLAS is an active member of the “Albanian NGO’s Coalition Against Corruption”



Projects during 2010:

**Enhancing Access to Justice of the Vulnerable Groups
2010 – 2011, financed by European Instrument for Democracy
and Human Rights (EIDHR) - Delegation of the European
Commission to Albania**

**Improving PRE-TRAIL Detention in Albania
2009 – 2010, financed by SOROS BUDAPEST**

**TLAS survey to measure the satisfaction level of court users
2009 – 2010, financed by USAID/ROLP**

**Increasing Access to justice and to the legal rights for vul-
nerable communities
2009 – 2010, financed by Vodafone Albania Foundation**

**Empowering the vulnerable Communities, for access to
legal services
2009 – 2010, financed by UNICEF**

**Enhancing access to justice for Vulnerable Communities
2009 – 2010, financed by Civil Rights Defenders**

TLAS



*We make reality
the legal rights
of people in need*