RUSSIA: CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS AND THE STATE

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Russian civil society institutions

• 227 thousands NGOs in Russia according to the Ministry of Justice, no more than 70 thousands active

• 79% of adult Russians know or at least heard about NGOs in their city (village, settlement)

• 16% of Russians take part in NGO activities
The role of NGOs in social problems solving

What is your estimate of the NGOs contribution to social problems solving in our country, as a percentage of pollee leaders

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Development of charity and volunteering

• Since 2010 volunteering became very popular among Russian citizens - 34% of people have experience of volunteering

• The state recognized that volunteerism could be the great resource of development and support and started elaborating different mechanisms of its stimulation, organization and support
Development of charity and volunteering

- Over 90% help children (orphans, sick or disabled)
- 45% help adults in need of treatment, disabled (significantly increased in the last two years – to 45% (27.5% in 2014)
- 30% help seniors (percentage of those who help senior people significantly increased in the last two years – to 30% (16% in 2014)

Over 90% of Russians give to charities that help children (orphans, sick or disabled)

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Development of charity and volunteering

50% of the population – 37 million people – have given money to NGOs over a 12 month period.

The research provides evidence that the population of Russia annually gives about 143 bln rubles to NGOs.

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Environment for individual giving

- Individual giving started developing relatively recently, in the last 10 years
- Tax incentives for individual donors are fairly new (since 2012). They are similar to US model, where a donor can claim the tax on what was given in the previous year, up to 25% of total income. Impact of this incentive has not been studied
- Media plays a positive role, number of publications is growing from year to year and their tone is improving
People prefer to give to final beneficiaries directly, lack of trust to NGOs is the main obstacle.

**OBSTACLES TO GIVING TO NGOs**

- **65%** believe that lack of trust in NGOs is the main obstacle to charitable giving.
- **72%** believe it is better to give directly to people in need.

For Russians who give money to NGOs less often (once in every six months or less) the main obstacles to giving more often are:

- **46%** lack of personal finance.
- **15%** lack of information.
- **11%** mistrust.

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Dynamics of NGOs that receive funds from Russian companies

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NGO interaction with different parties of their social environment

- Local government: 81
- Regional authorities: 59
- Journalists and media: 53
- Businesses and entrepreneurs: 42
- Russian NGOs: 42
- Political parties and organizations: 25
- Federal authorities: 25
- Regional Public Chamber: 21
- Public Chamber of the Russian Federation: 15
- Foreign foundations and international organizations: 6
- Foreign commercial organizations: 3
- Difficult to answer: 2

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Development of charity and volunteering

- More than 150 companies are engaged in charity work on the system level;
- 55 of them spend 15.5 billion rubles for charitable purposes;
- More than 20 big private foundations with total budget around 4.5-5.0 billion rubles annually;
- About 170 endowments;
- More than 19 billion rubles accumulated by endowments;
- 45 community foundations.
Rapidly increasing role of NGOs and other civil society players in decision making process

- Civil society players have active and effective mechanisms in place
- System of Open Government
- The law on the basis of public control adapted three years ago
Development of the system of public control

- Creation of public councils under each federal or regional ministry or agency
- Federal Public Chamber and regional public chambers along side with public councils under executive power bodies got the status and rights to execute public control
- During the last decade special system of public control has been developed in the penitentiary sphere
Start of the reform of social services provision system – NGOs as a new player in this field

• New trend of denationalization of social services and bringing NGOs to this market
Transition from international NGO support to domestic

- Law on NGOs foreign agents – 144 organization got the status
- Increase of the state budget funds transferred to NGOs
- Almost 80 regional state NGO programs in place
- About 10 billion rubles a year the state transfers to NGOs on the federal level
Many thanks!

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