

## **South Caucasian Children for Healthy Environment**

### ***Introduction***

Children are the most vulnerable group for adverse health consequences of environmental factors, such as polluted air, chemicals, contaminated and polluted water, food and soil, radiation risks, unhealthy housing, environmental noise, risks related to transport, and the consequences of armed conflict and environmental disasters, poverty, disruption of social protection and health systems.

Currently adopted Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe sets up four Regional Priority Goals addressing: water sanitation for all children; reduction of health consequences from accidents and injuries, pursue secure and supportive human settlements for all children; prevention and reduction of respiratory disease; reducing the risk of disease and disability.

Current environmental considerations oblige us to find more flexible sources of information to better address children's attention to environmental problems.

Children must study about the environmental problems from early ages. They should know about problems of air and water pollution, environmental health problems, the need of biodiversity protection.

In spite of difference in languages, nationality and color in particular cases children can easily understand each other. An important input for the further internationalization of environmental protection is incorporation of children in this process by means of exchanging their points of vision on environment among their contemporaries.

Nowadays Regional cooperation on environmental issues is one of the main tools for the solution of transboundary problems of environment pollution.

### **Cooperation of South Caucasian Countries on Children's Environmental Health Issues**

Currently International Center for Environmental Research jointly with Azerbaijani Society for Nature Protection and Armenian School finalized the Implementation of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Regional Environmental Center for Caucasus finalized Project on : Virtual Environment for Children.

We made an introductory film about South Caucasian Countries' environment, cultural and natural heritage- **Iris Grows in Caucasus**. The film is equipped with animations. This film is an introduction to CD which contains information about the environment (air, water, wastes, biodiversity, environmental health issues) and institutional issues of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. It contains information about Regional Problems of South Caucasus. The section general environment is intended for the kids of different levels. There a person may find information in three levels. The information is regarding air, water, wastes, biodiversity, environmental health issues.

All the information is equipped by small videos of natural and cultural sites, and animated educational clips.

Currently we developed English language website with the same information.

(You can view information of following address: [www.icfer.org](http://www.icfer.org) on this page you can click in the menu Kids then Environment)

I am going, if possible to make CD and film presentation. The duration of film **Iris Grows in Caucasus** 17 minutes. It is in English language.