

Project Name

“Creating Support Centre for IDP in Ivano-Frankivsk region”

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Short Project Summary:

Main idea of the project is “IDPs for IDPs”. Their knowledge, experience and skills can help other IDPs.

Creating single support center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region to coordinate distributing humanitarian aid, holding master classes and trainings, lobbying IDPs’ interests at the local level.

- Attracting local authorities to solving problems of IDPs;
- Creating logistics center for IDPs support in Ivano-Frankivsk region
- Creating training center for IDPs basing on “IDPs for IDPs” principle (hosting various trainings, psychology, photography, computer education and hand made workshops)
- Protecting constitutional rights of IDPs for receiving land for building houses by creating eco-village at the Ivano-Frankivsk region

For the moment we can’t be sure that conflict at the Eastern Ukraine will finish in nearest future, thus creating a single support center will allow to search for foreign support and distribute it in the most efficient way. Besides, it will allow in future to raise funds for IDPs projects in Ivano-Frankivsk region.

We will develop of cooperation system to work with local authorities, entrepreneurs and organization to involve local society in social work with IDPs.

We will also hold master classes for psychological rehabilitation of IDPs children with art-therapy. Their handiworks will be sold at auctions to earn money for IDPs needs.

The issue, which is going to be solved within the bounds of the project realization

Russian occupation of Crimea and destabilization of Donetsk and Lugansk regions forced Ukraine to meet new problem – the problem of IDPs. People from mentioned regions left their houses and jobs to escape rebels and moved to other regions of our country. Most of them have moved to central regions of Ukraine. However, some of them went to Western part of Ukraine. And some of them even leave Ukraine.

It is first time when Ukrainians have to migrate in such quantity due to military actions. More than 800 000 people left Donbas to other regions of Ukraine. About 130 000 went to Russia. IDPs from Eastern Ukraine meet lots of problems – access to social services, problems in searching place to live and work, registration at their new home.

No one can avoid stress. People forget things, they get tired and become aggressive. They can hardly make plans or schedule. Almost each IDPs has such problem.

Children suffer it even more.

Every IDPs has the same problems: no place to live, who to ask for medical/psychological/law help, where to get social payments and state help, where to find the job and how to take care of children.

UNIAN agency asked their followers in social network what Ukraine should do with IDPs from occupied regions. These are results of their poll:

- Reject IDPs and let them solve their problems on their own – 6.6%
- Allow IDPs to leave occupied territories safely but do not provide any help – 6.7%

- Provide them new house and goods so they could live in any other region of Ukraine (so that they will never return to occupied territories) – 29.8%
- Provide IDPs temporary houses, money support or job (so that they would return to occupied territories later) – 56.9%

These results show us that most of people are sure that IDPs need support and help. At least for the time they leave far from their home. However, everyone understands that state does not have money to help IDPs with everything they need. So more and more NGOs and their foreign partners start helping IDPs with their problems.

Constant feeling of fear, hard stress and broken life plans – these are only some of psychological problems which IDPs meet in their daily life.

Lost project of life is the biggest problem of many IDPs. These people had to leave all property and move to new place. They need help to calm down and find new perspectives. Some of them return to cities returned under governmental control and some stay at the place they have escaped to without place to live and work.

For a year of military activity many IDPs are on other stage of adaptation. They understand that they will not return to their homes in nearest future so they have to build their life at new place. They ask us to organize consulting concerning these themes - creating new strategic life plans, searching for job, making resume. They are ready to plan their new future.

Many IDPs left ATO zone without documents, warm clothes and money so they could afford only food after they arrived to new place. Some people need special diet food so it was even more complicated for them.

Though Ukrainian citizens have different opinions concerning IDPs (some think that there is no need to help IDPs and expect only bad things from them and some think that IDPs should be fully supported), IDPs themselves are not always burden. There are a lot of high class specialists among them who can become a part of their new local society and generate value and all they need is a bit of help to integrate to new society. We should follow the example of the USA who used this situation and welcomed the most valuable specialist. In any case our IDPs are the same people and citizens of Ukraine so we should support them for the future of united Ukraine.

For the 1st of March 2015 about 7000 of IDPs were registered in Ivano-Frankivsk region. Only two organizations help them. Most of society does not care about IDPs problems as well as local authorities which suffer lack of money and can't solve even local problems. That is why we decided to create Single logistics support center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region.

IDPs	Ivano-Frankivsk city	Ivano-Frankivsk region
Children	1063	1135
Disabled persons	372	461
IDPs who can work	1273	2561
TOTAL	2708	4157

Aim and task of the project

Project aims:

1. Using the building provided by city authority of Ivano-Frankivsk we will create single logistic support center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region – special establishment which provide social and law support to IDPs who are in complicated life conditions and need such help.

2. Creating educational and leisure center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region in the building provided by local authorities, which will allow to hold educational (trainings and seminars) and leisure (master-classes) activities for .

Tasks:

- Coordinating, control, methodical and informational support of organizations which work with IDPs and provide social work with families;
- Cooperation with local authorities, companies, organizations and local community in social work with IDPs;
- Organization of seminars, trainings and master-classes;
- Social and preventive work to avoid complicating of IDPs life;
- Social support, providing social services and other services directed to recovering IDPs social functions, their psychological and physical conditions;
- Informational work with IDPs;
- Evaluating IDPs needs in social services at each region and district;

Detailed description of activities and their objectives

MODULE 1

Creating single logistic support center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region.

Module aim: using the building provided by city authority of Ivano-Frankivsk we will create single logistic support center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region (hereinafter Center) – special establishment which provide social and law support to IDPs who are in complicated life conditions and need such help.

Module tasks:

- Coordinating, control, methodical and informational support of organizations which work with IDPs and provide social work with families;
- Purchasing food packages and household chemistry packages for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region
- Cooperation with local authorities, companies, organizations and local community in social work with IDPs;
- Organization of seminars, trainings and master-classes;
- Social and preventive work to avoid complicating of IDPs life;
- Social support, providing social services and other services directed to recovering IDPs social functions, their psychological and physical conditions;
- Informational work with IDPs;
- Evaluating IDPs needs in social services at each region and district;

Module realization

1a. We will create single logistic support center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region in the building provided by local authorities.

Specialists of this center will:

- create unified database of IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region;
- record real needs of IDPs (clothes, shoes, food etc.);
- contact and establish cooperation with humanitarian centers of Europe and America for receiving and distributing humanitarian aid;
- sorting and distributing humanitarian aid according to needs of each family.
- Purchasing and distributing food packages (cereals, preserves and similar products) and household chemistry (soap, washing powder, shampoo etc)

1b. Creating department which will provide free law and social help for IDPs. Many IDPs do not know proper way to solve some problems they have and thus do not get any help.

- provide law and social help online and in person

- cooperation of NGOs lawyers, state authorities, human rights activists and attorneys

Center working hours – Monday to Friday 10.00 – 18.00. Employees of this center will be IDPs themselves.

1c. Create internet-resource for IDPs of Ivano-Frankivsk region to publish latest news and activities

We will create the web-site which will include blog for regular updates of information and news, useful information for IDPs and web-market for selling hand-made pieces made by IDPs.

MODULE 2

Creating educational and leisure center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region.

Module aim: Creating educational and leisure center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region in the building provided by local authorities, which will allow to hold educational (trainings, seminars and courses) and leisure (master-classes, sport) activities for IDPs.

Center tasks:

- adaptation of IDPs in new region;
- holding trainings concerning development of civil society, professional trainings for IDPs, trainings concerning social problems, self-management, financial education etc;
- holding master classes by IDPs about creating hand-made;
- creating hobby clubs

Module realization:

2a. Creating training center and master class center.

We will create separate rooms for trainings and masters classes at our research and leisure center. All activities will be provided for free.

- holding trainings for IDPs and local NGOs will allow us to teach IDPs, improve their professional level and provide new
- holding master classes will allow IDPs share their experience and find new talents

Organizations participating this stage: Ivano-Frankivsk regional employment center, Ivano-Frankivsk city executive committee.

Most of trainings and master classes will be held for IDPs and by IDPs. They will take place after working hours (after 18.00) or on weekend.

We plan holding trainings for NGOs development. It will allow us to train IDPs for lobbying their interests in local authorities establishments, fundraising their projects. This stage will allow to create a group of activists which will work on developing of social activity.

Master classes on:

Bead weaving (requires beads, monofilament, wire, special tools)

Making jewelry (required cords, glass and jewelry beads, accessories, adhesives, special tools)

Macramé (required cords, glue)

Decoupage (wipes, nail, paint, fabric, lace, glass beads)

Fabric flowers (ribbons, special tools, glue, candle, glass beads, accessories)

Embroider with ribbons (ribbons, special tools, glue, candle, glass beads, accessories)

Embroider (blank for embroidery, thread, needles, jewelry beads, beads, embroidery hoop)

The list is not finished and it will get larger when IDPs with start new kinds of master classes.

Art pieces will be sold at the web-site we create to purchase new materials for master classes.

2b. Creating children psychological support center

Children were affected both by military action and by moving to other region and by seeing how nervous their parents are. All grown ups didn't understand what was happening and they were sure they will return back home in a couple of months.

Today we understand that nothing is going to stabilize in nearest future and IDPs to live in other regions for a long time or even for the rest of their life. Grown ups have to earn money for living. What should do retired people who are not able to work anymore? Or students who studied at the territory which is now occupied. All these questions has not been answered till now and they really worry IDPs. That is why psychologists have to work with IDPs to calm them down and help to avoid stress.

Some time ago a new psychological method appeared – art therapy for children. Its curative action helps in solving conflicts and problems, calms down, settles mind and feelings. These exercises help in expressing yourself, fighting aggression and improve self-esteem.

Activities will be held by experienced painters – IDPs from Donetsk.

Hippotherapy. It is very effective for quick-tempered, rude and aggressive and too fussy people. After regular sessions they become much quieter. Activities will be held in local horse riding club.

We will also have other forms of psychological rehabilitation.

MODULE 3. Protecting constitutional rights of IDPs for receiving land for building houses

3.1. Creating NGO which will work on the particular problem of providing land and creating eco village. While analyzing our experience of work with local authorities we made the conclusion this step is necessary. As NGO we can at least rent land for 49 years and attract foreign donors to building transportable houses. It will allow not just to build houses but also to create jobs and develop modern technologies.

3.2. Hosting 4 round tables for discussing concept and projects of eco village at Ivano-Frankivsk region. Creating group of IDPs who will work on this project.

3.3. Hosting 2 skype conferences with Ukrainian experts in this matter to discuss first steps of realization eco village project.

3.4. Creating project and concept of eco village at Ivano-Frankivsk region to solve lack of accommodation for IDPs.

3.5. While creating support center we will make a group of IDPs who will fundraise for this project.

The expected project outcomes

Long term project results:

- we will create single logistics support center for IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region – an establishment which helps with social and law problems met by IDPs;
- we will develop cooperation system with local authorities and local society so that they also worked with employees;
- we will create single database of IDPs in Ivano-Frankivsk region where we will record their real needs (shoes, clothes, food etc) and internet-resource for the IDPs;
- training for IDPs and local NGOs will allow to teach employees and improve their skills;
- master classes will allow IDPs to share their experience and study something new;
- attracting other NGOs to IDPs problems in creating platform for solving problems at the highest level.
- we will develop a scheme for receiving land for building their own houses.

Short term project results:

- 3000-3500 IDPs will get support with food, shoes, clothes, domestic goods depending on their needs;
- 150 families will get product and household chemistry packages.
- 3000 IDPs will get latest and useful information from the resource we will create;
- 50-100 children will get psychological help with innovative methods;
- 100-200 children will be able to spend their free time, they will also be able to know more about culture of this Ukrainian region;
- 150-200 IDPs will solve their social and law problems;
- we will create Internet shop where IDPs can sell their hand-made to earn money and help organization budget