



Ukraine Child Protection Subcluster  
Саб-кластер захисту дітей в Україні



## CP sub-cluster Newsletter for October 2021

### Injuries

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of October an 11 y.o. child was **injured** as a result of shelling in Donetsk city, NGCA.

### RESPONSE

**Save the children** with partner organization “**Slavic Heart**” covered additional 32 children (17 boys. 53%, 15 girls. 47%) with case management services; 35 children (19 boys. 54%, 16 girls, 46%) were supported by a one-time targeted emergency cash assistance.

**SOS Children’s villages** provided comprehensive support to 69 families (with 151 children) to prevent social orphanhood in Stanytsya Luhanska. 73 persons are receiving capacity building on economical sustainability (which includes trainings, individual coaching sessions, provision of funding for purchase of equipment and retraining). 76 families with 170 children have received comprehensive support in Sievierodonetsk center for family support and 104 families with 230 children have received support in Starobilsk center. The comprehensive support included development of an individual plan for each family, psycho-pedagogical support, healthcare support (such as prophylaxis and provision of medication), individual sessions with speech corrector, financial aid/ beneficiaries attended individual and group psychological consultations for children and parents, sessions with social pedagogue, computer literacy courses for children and parents.

Psychological and pedagogical services have provided 540 consultations to 142 beneficiaries (116 adults and 26 children).

The economic empowerment component was added as a part of comprehensive support since May 2021 and during this period, 91 beneficiaries (77 women and 14 men) were involved in the project. As the result, the employment status of 15 beneficiaries (10 women and 5 men) changed from unemployed. Thus, 15 beneficiaries have already achieved the goal of increasing their own household income, others provided their feedback about the importance of knowledge obtained. 7 families received equipment for self-employment and successful economic activities.

**People in need** conducted an assessment and context-analysis of 27 settlements in Toretsk, Ocheretyn, Mariinsky and Avdiivka military-civil administrations. 150 respondents were interviewed to study the needs. To implement the community involvement program (capacity building of local communities and grant support for local initiatives), 6 settlements were selected: 1) Ocheretyn community: Kamyanka, village May Day; 2) Toretsk community: Zalizne town, village South, township North; 3) Marinka community: Novomykhailivka.

Psychologists of the 24/7 hotline provided 784 telephone consultations. They received 65%, 507 requests from men and 35%, 277 from women; among them: 32%, 248 - persons with disabilities, 4%, 28 - internally displaced persons, etc.

97% of all requests were about psychological support, 5% were redirected to other organizations for legal, social, medical and specialized psychological assistance.

35% of inquiries concerned emotional disorders (anxiety), 25% mental health (symptoms of neurosis or depression, panic attacks, etc.), 15% psychosomatic disorders, sleep disorders, 14% social contact disorders, etc., 2% related to COVID-19 and quarantine restrictions.

Psychologists of the **People in need** PSS mobile team continue to provide psychosocial support in Pokrovsky district of Donetsk region. A total of 105 unique people were covered: 74%, 78 women, 26%, 27 men; 71%, 75 adults, 29%, 30 children. Among adults 89%, 67 women, 11%, 8 men; among children 37%, 11 girls, 63% 19 boys.

Psychologists of mobile teams provided:

- 65 individual consultations for 65 people (21 of them received assistance for the first time);
- 20 group consultations for 229 people (74 of them received assistance for the first time) on the programs "Safe Space" and "Children and War" for children and parents;
- 2 awareness sessions on "Psychological First Aid", "Mental Health" for 10 unique people.

**Polish Humanitarian Action** continued their project in cooperation with UNICEF. In October, 333 adolescents benefited from PSS sessions conducted by two mobile teams in Donetsk and Luhansk regions (Sherbinivka, Druzba, New York, Svitlodarsk, Myronivky, and Popasna).

5 Community Initiative teams finished their project proposals and are preparing for a presentation, procurement and implementation of project activities. Trainings with coach included the next topics: project management-related topics, mapping of the problems, identifying stakeholders, idea generation and project planning. 35 adolescents have taken part in the trainings in all locations (Klynove, Sherbynivka, Bakhmut Opytne, and Raihorodka).

Positive Parenting sessions were conducted in project locations. In October, 23 parents/caregivers benefitted from the sessions.

Case Management team continued work with mine/ERW affected families.

**Terre des hommes Foundation** in cooperation with **UNICEF** has engaged more than 200 young people in eastern Ukraine in the decision-making process through civic education training and "Takeover Day" initiative in local governments. Thanks to these meetings with officials, young people were able to share the problems that concern them in the communities, as well as offer their ideas for solving them. Thus, in October-November 2021, young people from Luhansk and Donetsk regions implemented 6 mini-projects in Shchastia, Novoaydar, Lysychansk, Stanytsia Luhanska and New York towns.

Also, **Terre des hommes** Foundation provided medical services, including medical examinations, operations, and rehabilitation for 8 adults and 9 children victims of mines and explosive remnants of war. Two more families with children received support for self-employment and improved living conditions.

Terre des hommes provided psychosocial support to 977 children and adolescents through PSS mobile team visits in schools, creative writing courses and "YouCreate" art-based methodology. Also, 294 parents and caregivers participated in positive parenting sessions.

#### **TRAININGS:**

**Save the children** conducted a training "Comprehensive assistance: protection of children and families of vulnerable categories from sexual and gender-based violence. Inclusive approach", which was attended by 24 specialists (social services, education, health and police) of the Popasna ATC (20 women, 83%; 4 men, 17%).

**Polish Humanitarian Action** continued capacity building activities on social inclusion for community specialists, teachers and kindergarten workers. In October, 83 specialists were trained.