



# A NEW HOME

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Participants of the sub-project "We can" present the results of their team work within the quest "Be aware of your rights", Zatoka resort, Odeska oblast, the charitable organization "Simya".

In the wake of the Crimea annexation and the armed conflict in the East of Ukraine in 2014 almost 250 thousand children and their families were forced to leave their homes, becoming young internally displaced persons (YIDPs). They ended up in different areas and quickly needed to adapt to their new communities, schools, and homes, needing appropriate assistance and access to care, information and psychosocial support.

Facing obvious difficulties when trying to adapt and integrate into their new realities, service providers such as social services, NGO's and volunteers have been trying to help in various ways. The "A New Home" project gave the right knowledge, skills, and methods to provide adequate support to the young people to all those organizations and persons who were able and willing to help them.



Participants of sub-project "We are the one" of the NGO "Renaissance of Odesa"



Training on personal development.  
Sub-project "Successful and United"  
implemented by the International  
Charitable Fund of Good Deeds.



Kinetic sandbox in the office of a psychologist. Sub-project "Step to the future" implemented by the charitable fund for the development of the National Library of Ukraine for Children.



Together – to the victory!  
The Athletics Games for  
the elementary school  
students in Chornomorsk  
town of Odeska oblast.  
Sub-project "Kids Athletics  
Games" of the charitable  
organization "Sport for  
Peace".

The "A New Home" project has built the capacity of social service providers and provided assistance to internally displaced children to safeguard their psychosocial well-being and smoothen their integration into their communities. The main efforts were focused on Kyiv city and Odessa oblast, where a large number of IDP families with children had resettled. The project was implemented by the International NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives" (LHSI, Ukraine) with the financial support of the European Union and in partnership with International Child Development Initiatives (ICDI, the Netherlands) and the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine (NOSU, Ukraine). The project lasted from February 2016 to February 2018.



We learn when we play.  
Sub-project "Step to the  
future" of the charitable  
fund for the development of the  
National Library of Ukraine for  
Children.

After making a rapid assessment of the needs and challenges faced by the young IDPs, 320 social service providers were informed and trained during various seminars, webinars, workshops, group and individual consultations, study visits, and best practice-sharing sessions. The project makes sure that there was good cooperation between local authorities and civil society organizations that were taking care of internally displaced children and families. The working groups were comprised of representatives of local authorities, host communities, internally displaced persons (IDPs), service providers (including non-governmental organizations). The working groups developed the Local Action Plans for internally displaced children and families integration into their new communities.



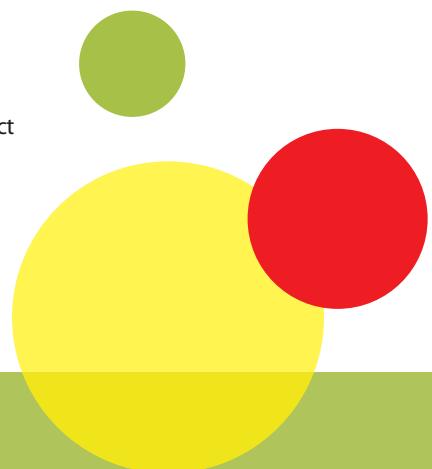
**The training for service providers**  
by Mathijs Euvema and Rutger van  
Oudenhoven. International Child  
Development Initiatives, the Netherlands.



How to inform others about  
your children? The training for  
service providers conducted  
by Daria Fedenko, an experi-  
enced journalist.



The young winners of  
drawing contest. Sub-project  
“We are the one”. NGO  
“Renaissance of Odesa”



English classes for  
children. Sub-project  
"Under the roof"  
of the charitable  
organisation "Svoi"

# Nastya

Today in a Sunday school for internally displaced children I was talking to Nastya, a girl of twelve years old. She came to Kyiv from Donetsk with her family more than three years ago. In the course of conversation Nastya has told me that in her first school in Kyiv she was met not friendly by the new classmates so she decided to change the school for another one.

Although at the new school Nastya was accepted much better and liked her new friends she didn't tell her classmates she was from Donetsk. But they have found out this quite soon and in a quite unexpected way.

One day Nastya went to the museum of the World War Two together with her new classmates. Sud-

denly the children have heard very loud sounds of exploding bombs that in a fact was just the museum installation which accompanied a guide's presentation. Everybody was keeping on listening to the presentation except Nastya. She fell down to the floor covering her head with her hands. The children surprised by Nastya's behavior surrounded the girl asking what happened to her. In this situation Nastya told their classmates that scary men were shooting right from her house in Donetsk when the war has begun and she lived there... I've been thought of Nastya's story for quite long over that day. Also, I was thinking of another displaced children coming to this school in historical area of Kyiv for getting new knowledge



and experience because as they stated it was interesting to them. And I also was thinking of what should we do in order this school was waiting for them every weekend...

**Olena Sichkar, LHSI**



Peer-to-peer. Class in the Teen Club is being conducted by a participant of the sub-project "Adaptation and integration of internally displaced adolescents" of the "Eleos-Ukraine" NGO.

The practical implementation of the Local Action Plans was undertaken by 13 local NGOs which provided services for internally displaced children and families. The organizations-grantees of the project-were selected for this out of almost 50 applicants from an open call. They were able to design and implement so-called sub-projects. The main principles of the sub-projects were: tolerance and respect for children's rights, collaboration and joint activities of internally displaced children and their parents with the local children and families, their participation in community life, and friendly environment for the development of all children in the communities.

An exciting relay in the court yard of the Phoenix Center. Sub-project of Odeska Oblast Branch of the League of Social Workers, Podilsk town of Odeska oblast.



# Natasha

There is a girl named Natasha in our Club. She moved to Kyiv not long ago... Natasha is fond of singing! But after coming to Kyiv she was not able to continue her studies in a music school due to her family's financial limitations. The only way out was self-study, but that requires self-management and concentration, which was a challenge for Natasha. So, very soon she quit practicing. Luckily she visited our "Well done!" classes where she was taught how to set and achieve her goals. After those classes Natasha decided to continue training in singing and music, not missing a single day. One day, she was singing at the concert for internally displaced people where she was noticed by some experts. They were amazed by her singing and by her discipline so they helped Natasha to be admitted to the music school and even to get a scholarship. Now, Natasha



Natasha is singing. The sub-project "Successful and United" of the International Charitable Fund of Good Deeds

performs often and she is grateful to the Club's classes. She is not sure she could have made it without the support of the Club.

***Natalia Kolisnyk, Leader of the sub-project "Successful and United" of the International Charitable Fund of Good Deeds.***



Young journalists of sub-project  
"KidsHub: the area of integration and  
development" of "Crimea Diaspora" NGO.



Business School classes of sub-project  
"KidsHub: integration and development"  
of "Crimea Diaspora" NGO.



We're going through the  
mystical and mysterious  
Andriivsky Descent. School  
of Guides of sub-project  
"Adaptation and integra-  
tion of internally displaced  
adolescents" of the NGO  
"Eleos-Ukraine".

Summer camp "Vytoky" of the National Organisation of Scouts of Ukraine.



My favorite cook in the summer camp "Vytoky" of the National Organisation of Scouts of Ukraine.



Young IDPs involved in the activities learned vocational skills and entrepreneurship, received life skills training, received feedback and made products, like traditional Ukrainian crafts. Besides that, they all went to summer camps, where they slept in tents, went hiking through the picturesque landscapes of Ukraine.

Using horses in psychotherapy in the camp "Forest Gate" of sub-project "From understanding – to neighborhood" of the charitable fund "To the right for life".



We're learning traditional crafts in the sub-project "KidsHub: the area of integration and development" of "Crimea Diaspora" NGO.





# Andrew



Planting the trees in the school yard. Sub-project "Promoting integration of internally displaced families and children" of the "Information and training center of civic initiatives" NGO.

**M**y name is Andrew and I decided to tell the story about a holiday Maslyana. One day my younger brother was a participant of the party devoted to a pagan feast Maslyana. He was playing with other children, participated in the quests and ate pancakes. Our mom like many other mothers of my brother's friends has been cooked pancakes for this party for entire evening on the eve of the event.

The participants of the party were asked to tell about the holiday Maslyana to their peers and place the story about this with appropriate pictures on their pages of the Facebook. The prize for the best story was a tree that the winner would be able to plant in autumn. We wanted our tree very much! But my brother was too young and hadn't got his page at the Facebook. In these circumstances I decided to conduct the presentation for my friends instead of my brother. And the issue was not the holiday Maslyana...

This day we were talking with my friends about Ukraine, about latest developments, about insufficient quality of Ukrainian TV, about movies, books, vehicles and about many other things of our concern. We were discussing whether to leave our country or to stay here because very often even having quite good education one is not able to get decent job in Ukraine... But we look at the bright side of the life. We believe that the war is to be over and there won't be news on wounded and killed... We know there are many talented and beautiful people in Ukraine. Nowadays the young people are absolutely different than the youth of the past and we are able to change everything for better. We were talking about forthcoming summer and holidays that were to be soon... As to my family then we for sure are going to live here in Ukraine because we have to look after our tree. We want it to be a linden...

**Andrew, 16 years old**



Rehearsal of the puppet show in the sub-project "Step to the future" by the charitable fund for the development of the National Library of Ukraine for Children.



Participants of the forum-theater from the camp "Forest Gate" within the sub-project "From understanding – to neighborhood" of the charitable fund "To the right for life".

Young IDPs and their local peers planted trees for a school park, performed a theatre play and a puppet show, learned about conflict resolution and solved psychological problems using the forum-theatre method.



Grow, our tree! Sub-project "Promoting integration of internally displaced families and children" of the "Information and training center of civic initiatives" NGO.

# Maksym



An opening ceremony of the "TeenClub".  
Sub-project "Adaptation and integration of  
internally displaced adolescents" of the "Eleos-  
Ukraine" NGO.

**M**y name is Maksym. I am 16 years old. I came to Kyiv from Lugansk in August of the year 2014 almost immediately after the anti terrorist operation has begun. It was quite difficult for the first time to get used to the new city, people and environment. Although, I was accepted quite good in my new school and got new friends there yet I felt uncertainty.

One day in the eve of the New Year the deputy school principal came to our class and told on initiative of the "Eleos-Ukraine" NGO. The initiative was about creating friendly space for adolescents where they would be able to do everything they wanted for their development. I liked this idea and decided to take part in the project. Later on we named our space the "TeenClub".

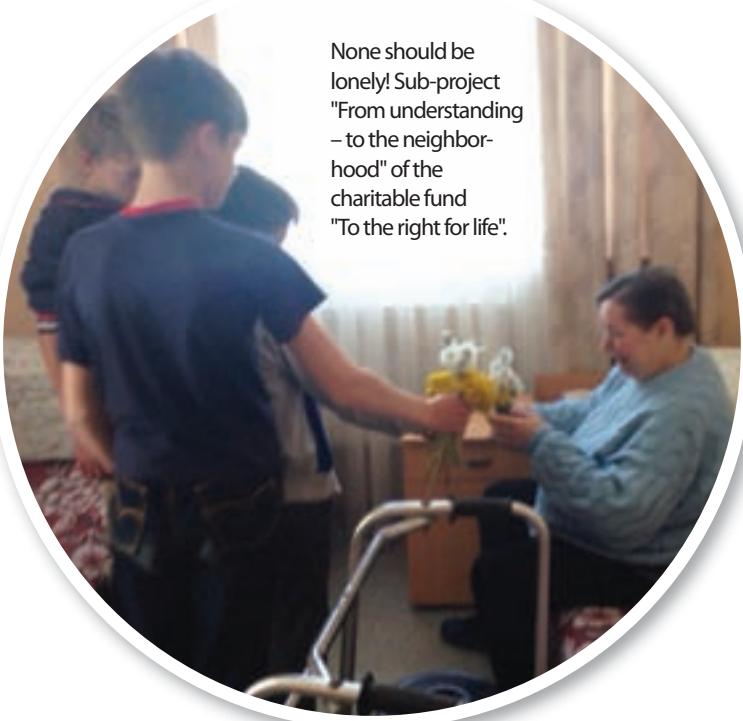
When the Club was opened I came to there with my friends. We have become the first members of our Club and being its regulars so far. The Club is a part of our life. We used going there when we want to talk to each other, when we see off our friends or somebody of us comes back from travelling.

Thanks to this place we meet new people and get the new friends. We learn a lot of new things here at various classes and workshops. We treat volunteers who conduct their classes not as the teachers but as the friends whom we can talk frankly and learn from them a lot.

All in all, this is a cozy place where one can relax and do his or her favorite things. The "TeenClub" has made a difference in my life and I appreciate it a lot.

***Maksym, 16 years old***





None should be lonely! Sub-project "From understanding – to the neighborhood" of the charitable fund "To the right for life".



the children looked together after the pets in the shelter, prepared dry ration for Ukrainian soldiers and sweets for elderly lonely people.

Residents of the animal shelter also have their favorite caregivers. Sub-project "From understanding – to the neighborhood" of the charitable fund "To the right for life".



Participants of the camp "Forest Gate" are feeding their pets in the shelter. Sub-project "From understanding – to the neighborhood" of the charitable fund "To the right for life".

# Katya

My name is Katya. I was born in the small town Yasynuvata in Donetsk Oblast. Being a creative person, I have been practicing singing, dancing, and theatre playing since my childhood. I always liked energetic activities and discovering something new during my leisure time. Unfortunately, when the armed conflict came to my town my family was forced to leave it and to move to Kyiv. But for the moment I'm not regretting this because in this very place I have found a wonderful club for adolescents: the "TeenClub", and my new

friends. The first time I went to the Club it felt a bit unusual: I'm not used to such kindness and warmth from strangers... Two weeks later I conducted master class in acting for other children and became a volunteer of the "TeenClub". Our Club is a real family where everyone can find friends, get support for personal development and the type of shelter she or he is dreaming of.

*Katya, 17 years old.*





Faster, higher, stronger!  
Kids Athletics Games in  
Chornomorsk town of  
Odeska oblast within  
sub-project of the  
charitable organization  
"Sport for Peace".

The children competed in teams of classmates on Kids Athletics Games, learned how to live a healthy lifestyle and improved their English.



Team competitions on Kids Athletics Games in Chornomorsk town of Odeska oblast within sub-project of the charitable organization "Sport for Peace".



We are the champions, my friend! Kids Athletics Games in Chornomorsk town of Odeska oblast within sub-project of the charitable organization "Sport for Peace".

# Masha



**M**y name is Masha. I'm in seventh grade. I go to school and live in Kyiv but I am originally from Lugansk. We left our city when the war began. Quite many of my friends and relatives were living there, but many of my friends and loved ones left the city and I don't know where they are at the moment...

Sometimes my mom asks me whether I want to go back to Lugansk but I don't have an answer... If I can go back and live there for the rest of my life, then I want to return there very much. But if I go back and in the future have to leave my city again, then better not to go back at all. I don't want to lose my friends here in Kyiv and there in Lugansk again. It's very difficult to find

new friends and very hard to lose the old ones... The "New Home" Project has helped me to find my new friends in Kyiv. There are a lot of interesting things in the Project both for me and for my parents. We, children from the East of Ukraine, and children from the host community together take part in the quests, play and learn a lot of new things about our country Ukraine, about family and friendship - how to help each other, how to make friends, how to prevent conflicts -and about ourselves - how to be happy and healthy. Our parents also take part in the project activities for adults, make friends and discuss their problems. This is all about our life and friendship in Kyiv!"

***Masha from Lugansk, 13 years old.***



There has been always interesting with friends!  
Sub-project "Community center for children and youth. Youth NGO "Vidrada", Kyiv

The children of the Project had an opportunity just to communicate after school, to prepare their home tasks, to relax, to dream or to tell about their problems asking advice. Moreover, they got support and assistance of professionals that used "NEST-model: a Home Away from Home" in their work. The children's parents were active participants of many Project events. They got to know each other, communicated and often helped each other.



There has been always something to do in the Phoenix Center. Sub-project of Odeska Oblast Branch of the League of Social Workers, Podilsk town of Odeska oblast.



"A Home Away from Home" is a concept of the NEST-Center. The participants of sub-project "Adaptation and integration of internally displaced adolescents" of the "Eleos-Ukraine" NGO.



Kinetic sand classes.  
Sub-project "Step to the future" implemented by  
the charitable fund for  
the development of the  
National Library of  
Ukraine for Children.

# Oleg and Marijka

It's our first meeting. Oleg, the boy of four and a half years old, looked at me sullenly with his arms crossed over his chest and clinging to his mom. In the group of children he is the one who doesn't speak at all and doesn't do any tasks attentively observing other kids' activities.

Later his mom told me that they were forced to leave their village under shooting. She did not want to go into details just saying that before this shooting Oleg could speak easy and much as many children of his age. But after leaving their home he stopped talking as like he's never could speak before.

Over the next three months the librarians and

psychologist of the Library for children have been helping Oleg by various types of therapy, including the art therapy, and psychological support. Playing with kinetic sand has become the favorite class for Oleg where he was taught to create many interesting and fantastic things jointly with other kids.

Almost at the end of the rehabilitation course the group was joined by the girl Marijka of five years old. She was talking too much about everything in the world so her mom was worrying Marijka was very special and could have problems in communication with other kids.

In a couple of weeks Oleg and Marijka together did

all their studies. They were really happy seeing each other like two antipodes that attract each other. Oleg started talking much more and wanted to share everything with Marijka. He easily did all the tasks with her and they always participated in programme events together hand in hand. Thus, Oleg has become more talkative and opened and Marijka has found the one who was the fun of listening to her...

**Olena Lesechko,**  
**Psychologist of the National Library of Ukraine**  
**for Children,**  
**Sub-project "Step to the future"**



The participants of the project "We can" are doing their team work in the quest #ChildRightsChallenge. Zatoka resort, Odeska oblast, the charitable organization "Simya".

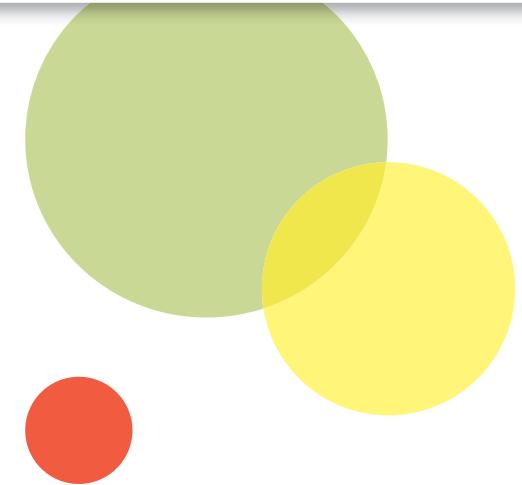
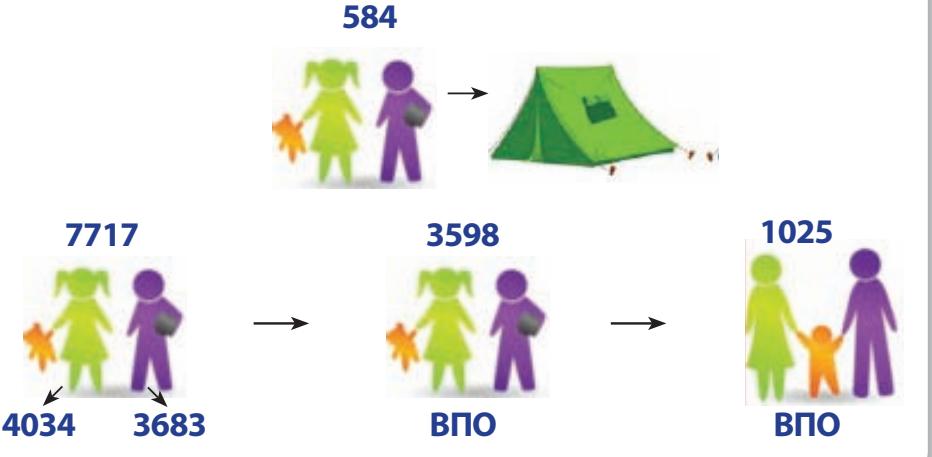
To learn the rights could be really interesting. Sub-project "Promoting integration of internally displaced families and children" of the "Information and training center of civic initiatives" NGO.



The appropriate information and, in particular, the quest #ChildRightsChallenge promoted children's and their parents' cohesion in communities. Thus, the participants of the quest had the opportunity not only to get to know their rights but also to practice them.



In total, 7717 children took part in the Project over the years 2016-2017. Out of them 3598 children were internally displaced children. 584 internally displaced children went through the interesting rehabilitation programmes in summer and winter scout camps and 1025 internally displaced families were involved into the Project activities.



# The implementer, partners



The team of the International NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives" is going to visit the children camp "Vytoky" for conducting the quest #ChildRightsChallenge

**The implementer of "A New Home" Project – The International NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives": [www.lhs.org.ua](http://www.lhs.org.ua)**

**The partners of "A New Home" Project:**

- **The All-Ukrainian Youth NGO "The National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine": [www.ukrscout.org](http://www.ukrscout.org)**
- **The international foundation "International Child Development Initiatives" (The Netherlands): [www.icdi.nl](http://www.icdi.nl)**

**The grantees** of "A New Home" Project that implemented mini sub-projects in their communities:

- **The NGO "Crimea Diaspora", Kyiv**  
Sub-project "KidsHub – the area of integration for internally displaced children and their parents in Kyiv": promoting development and integration of internally displaced children and their parents into a local community through their involvement and active participation in innovative projects on out-of-school education and career guidance.
- **The NGO "Information and training center of civic initiatives", Kyiv**  
Sub-project "Promoting integration of internally displaced families and children into the local community": promoting social integration of IDP families, children and youth into the new for them communities of Darnitsky district of Kyiv city, developing social interaction and communication between host communities and IDPs through their active participation in socially important activities of the communities.
- **The charitable organization "Simya", Odesa city**  
Sub-project "We can": children and youth' social integration (including internally displaced ones) through their life skills development on the basis of the youth club programme "How to get a success".
- **The charitable organization "Svoi", Kyiv city**  
Sub-project "Under the roof": developing a club of out-of-school education and development for internally displaced children and their peers from the host communities.
- **The NGO "Crimea human rights initiative", Kyiv city**  
Sub-project "Sharkspen.ua - the Center of creative youth": awareness raising on children rights through developing and sharing regular publications produced by children and youth of Kyiv and Odeska oblast themselves.
- **The charitable fund "To the right for life", Kyiv city.**  
Sub-project "From understanding – to neighborhood": promoting understanding, mutual support and assistance between internally displaced children and children of host communities of Kyiv city and Odeska oblast on the basis of the children camp "The Forest Gate".
- **The International Charitable Fund of Good Deeds, Kyiv city**  
Sub-project "Successful and United": promoting integration and development of internally displaced youth through their active participation together with the peers from the host communities in the activities of the youth

# and grantees of "A New Home" Project

club, conducting training for them on personal development.

- **The charitable organization "Sport for Peace", Kyiv city – Odeska oblast**

Sub-project "Kids Athletics Games for the schoolchildren of Youzhne, Chornomorsk and Bilgorod-Dnistrovsk towns of Odeska oblast": promoting integration and development of internally displaced children through



Project team in the camp "Vytoky"

their active participation together with the peers from the host communities in sports and healthy life style activities.

- **Youth NGO "Vidrada", Kyiv city**

Sub-project "Community Center for Children and Youth": creating children and youth friendly space for integration and development of internally displaced children and youth as well as for their peers from Solomyansky district of Kyiv city.

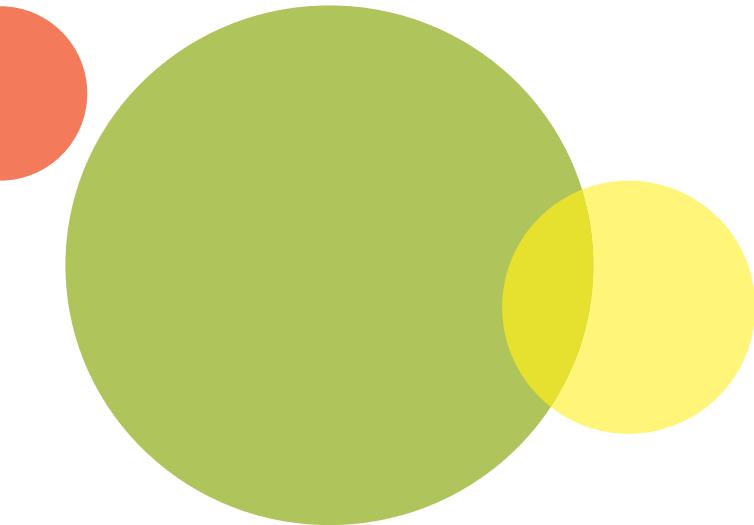
- **NGO "Odeska Oblast Branch of the League of Social Workers", Podilisk town of Odeska oblast**

Sub-project "The Phoenix Center": creating the Phoenix Center and providing friendly space for internally displaced children, for children from the families of participants of antiterrorist operation as well as for their peers from the host community for their integration and development.

- **The "Eleos-Ukraine" NGO, Kyiv city.**

Sub-project "Adaptation and integration of internally displaced adolescents on the basis of the youth club TeenerZone": providing smooth integration into the new communities for internally displaced youth through their active participation in various activities together with their peers from the host communities.

- **The NGO "Renaissance of Odesa", Odesa city and Odeska oblast**



Sub-project "We are the one": providing psychosocial support and development of internally displaced children including those with special needs in local communities, involving children and their parents into the active community life.

- **The charitable fund for the development of the National Library of Ukraine for Children, Kyiv city**

Sub-project "Step to the future": creating the center for psychological rehabilitation and development of internally displaced children on the basis of personal and group work with them, providing personal consultations of psychologist and active involvement into the project activities of children and their families from the places of compact residence of IDPs.



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