STATE SOCIAL POLICY OF UKRAINE: EQUAL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

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KEY SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Goal 1  End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 3  Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 5  Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 8  Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Goal 10 Reduce inequality within and among countries
National Poverty Reduction Strategy: key directions for poverty reduction until 2020

Action Plan for 2018:
- raising the level of cash incomes from employment.
- involvement of citizens in the labor market.
- providing targeted assistance, equal access to services.
- improving the efficiency of social support programs.
The level of poverty in absolute criterion:
- 2016: 51.10%
- 2017: 34.90%

The level of absolute poverty:
- 2016: 42%
- 2017: 23.70%

The share of food costs in total household expenditures:
- 2016: 49.60%
- 2017: 51.40%

Purchasing power parity:
- 2016: 1.98%
- 2017: 1.92%
KEY SOCIAL POLICY INTERVENTIONS

- Equal rights and opportunities for women and men
- Elimination of GBV/DV
- Integration of persons with disabilities
- Inclusive education and early interventions program
- Child and Youth Friendly Municipalities & Communities
EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN

LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

- STATE SOCIAL PROGRAM FOR ENSURING EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN FOR THE PERIOD UP TO 2021

- NEW LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS DV/GBV (2017) IMPLEMENTING ISTANBUL CONVENTION

- NATIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEDAWRECOMMENDATIONS

- NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325 "WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY"

- GENDER BUDGETING
EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND MEN

- GENDER LEGAL EXPERTISE
- POLITICAL REPRESENTATION, ENGAGEMENT IN PEACE BUILDING AND COMMUNITY SECURITY
- ELIMINATION OF GBV/DV, PROTECTION FROM GENDER-BASED DISCRIMINATION
- OVERCOMING GENDER STEREOTYPES
- ENHANCED GENDER STATISTICS
- IMPROVING THE ACCESS OF GIRLS AND WOMEN TO HEALTH, EDUCATION, JUSTICE, SOCIAL SERVICES;
- ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN
INTEGRATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Ability and rehabilitation
- Labor and employment
- Health, including Reproductive Health
- Participation in political and public life
Early intervention services:

- Families support: provision of psychological and support services to parents of children with disabilities or risk of disability
- Prevention of institutionalization of children with disability
- Inclusion into education, child potential realization

15 Service provision centers

3 121 Families using services

Technical assistance and knowledge transfer through Twinning project with the France
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- De-stigmatization: new legal term "children with special educational needs"
- Removing barriers to the education and support system for children with special needs
- Parents are involved in the learning process
- Better opportunities for socialization, development of their strengths and talents and further integration into society, access to vocational and university education
- Development of social competencies for better communication and integration
- Removing stereotypes and stigma towards children with special needs in the society
CHILD AND YOUTH FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

BROAD NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM

- UNICEF
- UNFPA
- Ministry of Social Policy
- Ministry of Regional Development
- Ministry of Youth and Sports;
- The Commissioner of the President for Children’s Rights;
- the Association of the Cities of Ukraine;
- the Association of Communities;
- the National Youth Council of Ukraine

160+ Communities applied
11 candidate status
Transformative strategy with equity for local leaders and communities to *think and act for children and youth with children and youth*

Combination of advocacy and programming to push for healthy competition among municipalities to advance child and youth rights

Strategy to position municipality as a place to invest *certified by special accreditation procedure (UNICEF)*


Driver for most challenging reforms on the ground: inclusive education, de-institutionalization.
MINIMUM CRITERIA

1. A COMPREHENSIVE CHILD & YOUTH RIGHTS APPROACH
2. CHILD & YOUTH PARTICIPATION
3. A NON-DISCRIMINATORY AND INCLUSIVE APPROACH
CHILD AND YOUTH FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITY INITIATIVE. HOW?

Proposed CFCI Timeline

1 year
- Decision by the municipality
- Impact indicators & child rights situation analysis
- Action Plan & objectives
- CFCI candidate logo

2-3 years
- Implementation
- Evaluation
- Recognition & CFCI logo
- New CFCI cycle & Action Plan
CHILD AND YOUTH FRIENDLY MUNICIPALITY INITIATIVE

FUNDING STREAMS:

• Local Budgets (main source)

• State budget (regular instruments e.g. Regional Development Fund)

• State budget incentives (1% - 3% of additional income tax)

• Crowd Funding Platform
KEY LESSONS LEARNED

- Comprehensive approach to address most vulnerable linked to poverty reduction and based on broad funding platforms.

- Capitalise on gender inequities elimination to convert benefits of gender equality and inclusion into socio-economic gains.

- Coordinated response (social, health, police, justice) to DV/GBV and addressing gender stereotypes for prevention.

- Child and youth rights and empowerment: use power of decentralized down-to-top approaches and broad partnership platforms.

- Inclusivity for all: national level interventions without delays for pilots.
Thank you for attention!