



Gender, environment and education: CSOs experience in Ukraine

Partnership Network “Education for Sustainable Development in Ukraine”

Round table “Mainstreaming gender issues in education for sustainable development”
11-th meeting of the Steering Committee of the UNECE Strategy for ESD
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UNECE Strategy for ESD: best practice and success stories by:

❖ Partnership Network “Education for Sustainable Development”

Participants: researchers, teachers, educational institutions (schools, universities), NGO’s, national parks etc.

❖ CSO Network “Zelena Zhytomyrshchyna”

Participants: remote villages, communities affected by Chornobyl disaster, women’s groups, young people, small businesses.

❖ GEF Small Grants Programme activities aimed at support communities in Ukraine



Partnership Network “Education for sustainable development

<http://www.ecoosvita.org.ua>

About us

- More than 200 members and F-book audience in Ukraine;
- International partners – GEF SGP, UNDP, UNEP, UNECE, UNESCO, EU, Regional Environmental Center;
- Our mission – participation in policy making process, strategy development, action plans and development a practical instruments of UNECE ESD Strategy implementation on national and local levels in Ukraine;
- Green economy and sustainable public procurement (SPP) aspects are at the agenda.

Background for mainstreaming gender issues

Gender responsive Environmental Planning and Management (EPM) calls for a critical review of the common trend where men tend to participate in planning and decision-making while women are mostly involved in implementation of these decisions.

Good practices and stories by Partnership Network

“Education for sustainable development

- Involvement of women and man in the process of national environmental planning and management.
- State Environmental Academy of Postgraduate Education and Management, Coordination Centre of Environmental Education for Sustainable Development and GEF Small Grants Programme in Ukraine are supported this initiatives.
- Special Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) exhibitions, knowledge fairs, workshops and training are conducted in the framework of the Annual International and National Environmental Forums.



International Ecological Forum Environment for Ukraine
[\(http://www.group-expo.com/uk/\)](http://www.group-expo.com/uk/)

EU-NGOs Project: Strengthening Environmental Governance by Building the Capacity of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Main national partners: State Ecological Academy, Institute for educational challenges of the National Pedagogical Academy, Partnership ESD Network, Ecological Committee of Parliament

Main results and achievements of the EU-NGO Grant “Promotion and policy influence for sustainable development in Ukraine: from civil society actions towards national concept and standards” implemented by UNDP and delivered by GEF SGP:

- It was made impact on 1 national policy on education for sustainable development, namely 1 National Report for the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.
Sciences, teachers, women groups, NGO's participated provided suggestions for ESD priorities in Ukraine after the 2014, completion of the UNESCO Decade for ESD.
- 1 national standard to apply the principles of sustainable development in education were prepared and adopted.
- A specialized course "Fundamentals of Sustainable Development" was developed (<http://ecoacademy.org.ua/courses>). Online course includes 15 themes for individual study of various aspects of sustainable development: climate change, biodiversity, food crisis, usage of water resources, "ecological footprint", a national environmental policy, gender equality, and others.
- Project team and partners organized exhibitions on ESD within national and international forums (National Fair of Organic Products, International Forum Green Mind), to attract attention of various new target groups, including business, international institutions to the importance of ESD introducing in all areas.
- Awareness of more than 370 people (70% of participants are women) from different regions of Ukraine was raised.

Involvement in the process of national environmental planning and management

- National Organic Fair (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a02X61UD0Wc>)
- The Annual International Forum for Sustainable Business *Green Mind* <http://www.greenmind.com.ua/ru/>
- The First National Conference of State Environmental Policy with NGOs, held in December 2012, engaged representatives of CSOs to discuss the Law of Ukraine «*On the Foundation (Strategy) of the State Ecological Policy of Ukraine until 2020*», which includes provisions for implementation of the Education for Sustainable Development on the national level.



850 people attended these events in 2010-2015.

70% of attendees were women, who were engaged in policy making activity

- International Forum *“Children for Environment: the Future We Want!”*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6lp0WF3ZHg>
- International Day for Biological Diversity, World Day of Plants are marked by different schools and children environmental networks in Zhytomyr, Rivne, Zaporizhya and Luhansk regions.



Instruments for implementation

- ❑ To strengthen leadership skills of youth through its inclusion into creation of sustainable communities and educate youth in exercising its civil rights, including the right to a clean environment and active healthy living (the Olympic camp #NewLeader , environmental and youth empowerment trainings, development projects proposals, grant support of youth environmental initiatives)

The main partners: UNDP, GEF SGP, National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, Coca-Cola, local communities, schools, youth and environmental NGOs.

- ❑ Ecological game “Green city of the Future”

- ❑ Special on-line free Course “Fundamentals of Sustainable development” for support EU-NGO Project, implementedn by U and delivered by GEF SGP



- ❑ Cooperation with agrobiostations, botanic gardens as science and practice platform for ESD implementation on the basis of educational institutions

The main parthers: Chernigyy pedagogical school for talented rural youth, National Zhytomyr agroecological university)



Ecological game "Green city of the Future"



Special on-line course "Sustainable Development"



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Сталій розвиток – це розвиток, який:

Вибірть один

- Забезпечує стійкі темпи економічного зростання
- Забезпечує стійке зростання багатства нації
- Забезпечує потреби в поступальному інноваційному розвитку

...як швидко можливість майбутнього покоління забезпечити свої власні потреби



CSO network “Green Zhytomyrshchyna”

www.zelena.org.ua

About us

- Unites more than 20 community based organizations in Zhytomyr region of Ukraine;
- Works in the field of land degradation and energy efficiency, women empowerment, local development;
- Cooperates with the local CSOs network from Lugansk region and supports them;
- Promotes community based approach to local sustainable development;
- Links local NGOs work with National consultative process and planning;
- Closely cooperates with academia, women groups, remote villages;
- Contributes to the all Ukrainian environmental newspaper “Development and Environment”.



Background for mainstreaming gender issues

Climate change threatens security of livelihood in which women are often more involved than men, women in particular need to be informed about alternative methods of cooking, farming, heating and waste disposal.

Good practices and stories by CSO Network "Green Zhytomyrshchyna"

- The community of Radomyshl district Zhytomyr region were trained to use solar energy to dry fruits, vegetables, medicinal herbs, mushrooms etc. In particular, 12 solar dryers have been produced and passed on for the permanent use by green households, schools and farmers.
- Also we exchanged of solar dryers produced experience and other methods of using alternative sources of energy with communities, affected by crisis in the East of Ukraine (Lugansk oblast)



- Conditions for promotion and development of the region as a "green tourism" area have been created. This has facilitated set up of new jobs both for men and women. In particular, the database of green tourism households has been developed, together with eco-routes; workshops on production of souvenirs/ guardins from dried herbs, bicycle trips and horse rides have been designed. Members of the public have been informed and trained in alternative methods of housekeeping.

More information on the website "Zhytomyr Region: Green Tourism"

Our major partners with Lugansk region are:

- Internally displaced people
- Local communities and environmental activists



Good practices and stories by CSO Network "Green Zhytomyrshchyna"

The guidance "How to Prepare a Video Application for a Grant" has been developed. The pilot video proposal has been developed together with the community of Lutivka village, which is in Radomyshl district of Zhytomyr region. 16 women have been interviewed; 6 women have taken part in the shooting of the documentary, dedicated to the 5th anniversary of the GEF SGP work in Ukraine.

- 7 NGOs were established in Zhytomyr region, 5 of which are led by women.
- Women researchers from Zhytomyr National Agro-Ecological University initiated the use of herb mixtures to implement the system of managed pastures, which also facilitates removal of radionuclides from the soil; developed new varieties of organic products and shared their experience among farmers of Zhytomyr region. In frame of the workshop participants (60% women) demonstrated interest in further use of the technology in their own households.
- In the framework of the project for separate collection and recycling of waste in small towns of Ukraine women were involved in collection and sorting of waste (waste paper and plastic bottles). Therefore, new jobs were created for women.

Foto- stories by CSO Network "Green Zhytomyrshchyna"



Activities of the GEF Small Grants Programme aimed at support of communities in Ukraine



- Established in 1992, the year of the Rio Earth Summit, the GEF Small Grants Programme embodies the very essence of sustainable development by "thinking globally acting locally". In Ukraine GEF SGP was started in 2010.

For more information:

www.sgp.undp.org (*corporate website of the GEF SGP*)

www.sgpinfo.org.ua (*GEF SGP in Ukraine website*)

- SGP considers gender equality and empowerment to be essential elements for achieving sustainable development and global environmental benefits. In this sense, SGP has developed a global gender mainstreaming policy.
- Many projects under the GEF Small Grants Programme have been recognized for their success in promoting gender equality and empowerment of women. For example, a GEF-supported project to help these families adopt renewable energy technologies included social assessments and consultation with women and men during project preparation, identifying women as a major target and a direct beneficiary of the project. This led to a number of different and successful project strategies that improve lives of rural and remote families, particularly women.

The GEF Small Grants Programme in Ukraine supports approaches and key features of gender mainstreaming.

- gender is one of the main criteria considered for the approval of grants;
- promotion of gender mainstreaming at the initial stages of the project cycle;
- men and women participate in the initial stages of project concept development, approval and implementation;
- SGP National Steering Committees include a Gender Focal Point
- SGP National Steering Committees include checklists and criteria to assess and screen projects for how they mainstream gender;
- SGP's demand-driven approach at the local level increases the likelihood of receiving proposals from women and socially vulnerable groups;
- 82% of the projects stimulate active involvement of women in development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of projects;
- gender-focused training is provided for project coordinators and CBO's leaders;
- 78% of potential grantees are aware of the guidance on the comprehensive gender approach in the GEF SGP;

The achievements of the GEF SGP's work in Ukraine in 2010-2015 are as follows:

- 56% support partnerships with the local women organizations in order to promote comprehensive gender approach among the grantees.
- 175 070 women participated in the projects, 68 new jobs for women were created;
- 25 NGOs were established in accordance with the Ukrainian legislation; 19 of them are headed by women, 2 environmental NGOs (led by women) and 2 NGOs (led by men) joined the Public Council at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine; 3 networks, including the Partnership Network “Education for Sustainable Development” were created;
- the Rio Conventions for which the GEF serves as a financial mechanism, also recognize the important linkage between gender-related issues and achievement of the Conventions' goals and objectives.

97% of the GEF SGP projects in Ukraine are aimed at their implementation on the local level with the community involvement.



Working closely for gender equality and empowerment



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Thank you !

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