



INTERIM NARRATIVE REPORT 2023

IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION

INTERNATIONAL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION "CARITAS UKRAINE"

PROJECT TITLE

"NEW SAFE HOME. COMPLEX RELIEF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES FLEEING RUSSIAN WAR IN UKRAINE. PHASE II"

COUNTRY / DIOZESE / PROVINCE / PROJECT AREA

UKRAINE, LVIV REGION, DROHOBYCH, VILLAGE DOBRIVLJANY.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

Start	01.09.2023	End	31.08.2024	Duration	12 months
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REPORTING PERIOD

From	01.09.2023	To	01.12.2023	Submission deadline	-	Date report submitted	06.12.2023
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1. OVERALL GOAL (IMPACT)

Contribute to resilient children and parents through sustainable tailored services for families who find themselves in difficult living situations in Ukraine because of the Russian-Ukrainian war.

TARGET GROUP(S) / BENEFICIARIES

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES: DISPLACED BOYS AND GIRLS OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS FROM 0 UP TO 18 Y.O. AND THEIR FAMILIES (MOTHERS OR CAREGIVERS). THE SELECTION CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- DISPLACED MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SPOUSES DUE TO THE WAR;



- DISPLACED FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO LEFT THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN DAMAGED OR ATTACKED IN THE WAR;
- MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN WHO SURVIVED SEVERE TRAUMATIC EVENTS DURING THE WAR AND ARE IN NEED OF INTENSIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT.
- LOW-INCOME LARGE FAMILIES WITH THREE AND MORE CHILDREN AND LOW-INCOME SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN;
- WOMEN WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, WHO NEED SPECIALIZED CONDITIONS AND CARE.

THE PROJECT AIMED TO COVER A TOTAL OF UP TO 30 FAMILIES AND 60 CHILDREN

DURING THE REPORTED 3 MONTH PERIOD THE NUMBER OF THE PROJECT BENEFICIARIES WHO LIVES IN NAZARETH, VILLAGE DOBRIVLIANY COVERED ARE 8 CHILDREN AND 5 PARENTS/CAREGIVERS (SEE BREAK DOWN GENDER, AGE AND VULNERABLE CATEGORIES BELOW).

Numbers according to sex

<i>Children total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Parents/ caregivers</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>
8	2	6	5	4	1

Numbers according to age

<i>0-6 y.o.</i>	<i>7-14 y.o.</i>	<i>15-17 y.o.</i>	<i>18+ (mentally disabled)</i>
6	1	0	1

Numbers according to vulnerability criteria*

Criteria	Children	Adults	Criteria	Children	Adults
displaced mothers with children who have lost their spouses due to the war	0	0	low-income large families with three and more children and low-income single-parent families with children;	4	2
displaced families with children who left their homes because they had been damaged or attacked in the war;	4	2	women with children with disabilities, who need specialized conditions and care.	1	1
mothers with children who	0	0	Other criteria (addicted	3	2



survived severe traumatic events during the war and are in need of intensive psychological support.			parents)		
*Some people could belong to two and more criteria					
Total number of children covered	8		Total number of parents/caregivers covered	5	

ALSO DURING THE REPORTED 3 MONTH PERIOD THE NUMBER OF THE PROJECT BENEFICIARIES WHO DON`T LIVE IN NAZARETH, VILLAGE DOBRIVLJANY, BUT ATTEND TO OCCASIONS (CAMPS, EXCURSIONS, CLASSES ETC.) COVERED ARE 32 CHILDREN AND 29 PARENTS/CAREGIVERS (SEE BREAK DOWN GENDER, AGE AND VULNERABLE CATEGORIES BELOW).

Numbers according to sex

<i>Children total</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Parents/ caregivers</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>
32	13	19	29	28	1

Criteria	Children	Adults	Criteria	Children	Adults
displaced mothers with children who have lost their spouses due to the war	0	0	low-income large families with three and more children and low-income single-parent families with children;	6	4
displaced families with children who left their homes because they had been damaged or attacked in the war;	1	1	women with children with disabilities, who need specialized conditions and care.	0	0
mothers with children who survived severe traumatic events during the war and are in need of intensive psychological support.	4	4	Other criteria (local vulnerable families)	13	10

*Some people could belong to two and more criteria

Total number of children covered	32	Total number of parents/caregivers covered	29
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**Some children don`t belong to any criteria but attend to occasions, so children from vulnerable families can integrate and adapt into society



3. CURRENT SITUATION

The current political and socio-economic situation in Ukraine in 2023 remains extremely difficult and tense due to the Russia's large-scale aggression. Rocket attacks and shelling continue in eastern Ukraine, making it impossible for families to return home (several families have attempted to return to their homes, but have returned to Nazareth due to constant shelling). Tension between the local population and the internally displaced people still exists, including due to Russia's information war against Ukraine. Children are under constant stress due to the ongoing war, homesick, worried about their parents fighting at the front, and facing difficulties due to the language barrier.

Statistical data of the project (total):

29 families were covered by the project services from 01/09/2023 to 01/12/2023.

40 children - from 2 years to 15 years – participating in the proposed activities (1 child under one year old does not participate in activities and 1 child does not participated in activities due to mental disabilities).

13 volunteers were involved in project activities.

4 families and 7 children currently staying at the center (as of 01/12/2023).

The number of classes held during the project's operation - 126 classes (2 classes per workday and activities on Saturdays).

4. OUTCOMES

Oc 1.	The displaced families with children are provided with the temporary accommodation in the shelter of Caritas Sambir-Drohobych in village Dobrivljany
Oc 2.	Displaced children access safe and protective learning environments (received help with entering children to kindergardens and schools), can grow and develop according to their age and needs
Oc. 3	Displaced children and adults receive psychological and social support

5. PROJECT ACTIVITIES

OUTCOME 1. The displaced families with children are provided with the temporary accommodation in the shelter of Caritas Sambir-Drohobych in village Dobrivljany

The activities as planned

- Caritas Sambir-Drohobych provides the accommodation in well-equipped rooms with all necessary facilities for living. 30 families with 60 children will be benefited from the service during 12 months.
- The project team buys laptops and a printer for children`s school needs.

The activities implemented

- Bought a printer for school children`s needs.
- The IDP families with children were provided with the temporary accommodation in the shelter

Justification of the deviation – N/A

OUTCOME 2: Displaced children access safe and protective learning environments (received help with entering children to kindergartens and schools), can grow and develop according to their age and needs.

The activities as planned

- To provide the children with psycho-social support, leisure and recreation activities according to the age of children.
- To organize learning and developmental program for children and support them in their process of integration into new school environment and kindergarten environment.
- To provide of consultation and social accompaniment to the families.
- To control psychosocial condition of children and to consult parents regarding it.
- To provide parents with consultations regarding psychosocial support for children, building good relationships, creating a favorable, safe and supportive environment for children and placing them into local schools.
- To carry out integration activities for all children and parents to facilitate making friends, mutual understanding and solidarity based on common values, as well as for sharing positive emotions, creating networks of support and restoring resilience.
- To provide children with extra lessons (individual or in groups) for additional explanation of the material on main school subjects (with help of volunteers in-person or on-line).

The activities implemented

- - The children are provided with psycho social support, leisure and recreation in accordance with their age. Vacation activities in format of day camps were organized on the territory of the center to restore children's mental and physical strength.
- - Counseling and social support was provided to families.
- - Parents were counseled on psycho social support for their children, building good relationships, creating a safe and supportive environment for their children, and enrolling them in local schools for the next school year.

- - Integration activities were organized for all children and parents to promote familiarity, understanding and solidarity based on shared values, as well as to share positive emotions, create support networks and rebuild resilience. This includes joint holidays and excursions.
- - Children are given additional lessons (individual or in a group) to further explain the material in core school subjects.
- - Excursions and joint integration activities are organized.
- - Psychological correction and counseling for children with mental disorders are organized and referred to appropriate developmental centers in Drohobych.

Justification of the deviation – N/A

OUTCOME 3: Displaced children and adults receive psychological support

The activities as planned

- To provide of psychological assistance to the adults and children.
- To integrate displaced families into society (to help with employment, to help with entering into schools and kindergartens).

The activities implemented

- The project psychologist provide group psycho-social activities for children and parents
- IDP children are attending the local schools and kindergartens.
- The adults are helped with employment and obtaining material assistance from the state and government for their basic needs.

Justification of the deviation – N/A

6. ACHIEVED RESULTS

Outcome 1: The displaced families with children have decent and age-appropriate conditions to live in the retreat center of Caritas Sambir-Drohobych in village Dobrivljany.		
Objective	Intermediate Results Achieved	Indicators
SO1.1. The displaced families with children have safe and comfortable place to live	IDPs are accommodated in the shelter of Caritas Sambir-Drohobych	- 5 families and 8 children accommodated in the center - Additional equipment is available namely computers for children’s education and a printer for children and staff
Outcome 2: Displaced children access safe and protective learning environments, can grow and develop according to their age and needs.		
SO2.1 Displaced children overcome their distress and feel more included.	Children benefit from useful daily leisure and developmental activities that foster their inclusion and help to overcome distress	- 40 children (local children and IDPs from Nazareth and Drohobych) who participate in proposed activities (integrational classes, camps, excursions, trainings etc.)
	Children are covered with learning and developmental program and benefit pedagogical support in their	- 40 children who are covered with pedagogical assistance

	process of integration into new school environment.	
SO2.2 Parents are able to support their children and help with integration into hosting community	Parents have knowledge regarding how to support their children, building good relationships, creating a favorable, safe and supportive environment for children	- 28 parents covered with services (local parents and IDPs from Nazareth and Drohobych) - 63 consultations provided
	Parents and children communicate with local people successfully and share positive emotions during joint activities	- 35 parents covered with services - 9 joint activities organized
Outcome 3: Displaced children and adults receive psychological support		
SO3.1 Staff provide psychological support the children and adults	Children benefit psychological assistance	- 40 children covered with psychological services - 78 sessions / consultations conducted

7. MONITORING & ACCOUNTABILITY:

MONITORING OF THE LEVEL OF SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES PROVIDED. MONITORING TOOLS USED AND THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
<p>Case management documents used by staff when working with IDP families: an agreement, a family needs assessment card.</p> <p>For the internal monitoring the local team uses questionnaires for collecting qualitative indicators (children and parents) that had been developed during the previous project phase.</p>

8. CONTRIBUTION OF THE TARGET GROUP

FINANCIAL OR NON-FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE TARGET GROUP TO THE ACHIEVED RESULTS.
<p>Volunteer support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helping to organize leisure activities for children (holding workshops, conversation clubs, organizing holidays and camps). - Helping to care for the needy and sick in the hospital. - Help with cooking and cleaning the territory and buildings. - Assistance in road repairs. <p>Humanitarian support with food and clothing for children and adults</p>

9. CHILD PROTECTION

HOW CHILD PROTECTION WAS ENSURED IN THE CENTERS?

Child protection is guaranteed by the Caritas CEE Child Protection Policy and the Caritas Ukraine Safeguarding Policy. The hot line for feedback is operating in the network.

10. CHALLENGES IN THE PROJECT ENVIRONMENT AND HOW THEY WERE RESOLVED

Hindering factors in the project implementation

The logistic difficulties due to the bad road to the center, especially in bad weather conditions. (Repairing of the side road from the highway to the house was started in late summer and finished in the end of autumn. We cleared the roadside, installed drainage (it was necessary because it was impossible to walk on the road during rains), and restored the concrete road. The road repairs have improved access and movement for children and families living in Nazareth, as well as those attending the children's center in Nazareth. Due to the weather conditions and heavy snowfall, it is not possible to make a photo report at the moment (as soon as the weather conditions become better, we will send you a photo report).

11. LESSONS LEARNT AND PLANS FOR NEXT PROJECT PERIOD

NECESSARY CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS, AND USEFUL LESSONS LEARNT, PLANS FOR NEXT PROJECT PERIOD

- To continue repairing the emergency section of the road to the New Safe Home shelter.
- Increase the number of families and children living in the Shelter.
- Expand the list of courses for children and women.
- Creating a trusting relationship between social workers and new beneficiaries.
- Involvement of neighboring villages and towns and IDPs in the mini-integration activities.

12. PARTNERSHIPS

Collaboration with national/international and governmental organizations, which gives an added value to the project

State/public structures: social service, heads of village councils. Employment center. Drohobych Pedagogical University named after Ivan Franko

Local civic/community structures: "Plast" youth organization, CodClub of Ukraine, CF Welfare of the nation, CF "Good business", International Organization for Migration (IOM), "Right to defense", "Platform of transformation", "Open Ukraine" foundation, CO "Siobhans trust", Hub "She" (Vona)

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Entertainment in the day camp

