



ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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LHSI

Labor and Health Social Initiatives



You should know about TB!



The aim of the project is to organize the active detection and diagnosis of tuberculosis among internally displaced people, people in difficult life circumstances with an increased risk of tuberculosis disease, living on the territories controlled by Ukraine in Luhansk, Donetsk regions and city of Kharkiv.

The COVID-19 pandemic and related quarantine was the biggest challenge for the project in 2020. It has reduced the ability as for social workers to reach clients as for clients to reach the medical facilities participated in the project. The project has partially switch to telephone screening, but there was a problem with the lack of available telephone numbers, low capacity of telephone communication, inconvenience time for customers, secrecy and distrust in telephone communication. To resolve the issue, we had to involve entities from other organizations to replenish the database of telephone numbers.



Screening test coverage **77162**



14006 passed doctor's examination



Were revealed **6058** tuberculosis symptoms



157 tuberculosis cases

At the same time, the project was under the influence of the health care reform while social workers had to monitor whether clients had declarations with family doctors and, if necessary, helped them to sign declarations in order to have access to medical services under the state health guarantee program. During the reporting period social support services provided to find a family doctor and sign declarations for about 500 clients. For comparison, in May-June of the 2020's first half, when the medical guarantee program just started, the number of clients who needed such a services was 516 people.



The project was implemented by financial support of ICA "Alliance of public health"



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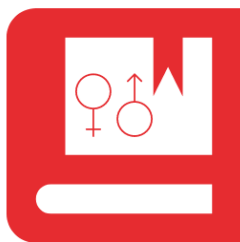


Ge4U: Gender for Trade Unions

The NGO “Labor and Health Social Initiatives” in cooperation with trade union and with financial support of the USAID Energy Security Project is develop a Gender Code of Conduct in the energy sector and a Practical Guide for Trade Union Leaders on How to Apply the Gender Code in Practice. Project will conduct trainings and information campaign on empowerment and leadership of women at the workplace, as well as on gender aspects of women and men labor rights in the energy sector.

The aim of the project is to increase the capacity of energy sector trade unions to promote gender-sensitive policies and favorable working conditions at Ukrainian energy companies. The target group is trade union leaders and members of labor collectives of the energy sector.

Activities



Development and presentation of a Code of Practice on Gender-Sensitive and Inclusive Policy in the Energy Sector(Gender Code)



Develop the Manual for trade union leaders on Gender Code implementation



Gender committees support



Conduct an information campaign on women empowerment and protection of their rights

The project is implemented with USAID Energy Security Project funding



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SOS: Lugansk region biggest challenge for vulnerable groups

The aim of the project is to prevent the spread of coronavirus and other infections among people who find themselves in difficult life circumstances have been moved to temporary dormitories due to large-scale fires in Luhansk region.

In October-November 2020, cooperation was established with the operational headquarters for responding to the state of emergency of the Luhansk Regional State Administration and the provision of social assistance to 200 people was coordinated. With the assistance of the Luhansk Regional Social Services Center for Families, Children and Youth partner association cooperation was established with the most affected areas, in November. In cooperation with the Stanytso-Luhansk, Severodonetsk and the Novoaydorsk Social Services Centers for Families, Children and Youth, data collection and processing of victims is provided and compiled personal lists and clarified the needs of **200** people (including **141** children and **59** elderly men and women) who are in difficult life circumstances (refugees from the fire), lost everything (housing, material goods, documents, savings, livestock) and are under psychological stress, including those who have been relocated.



Information products were developed in November to prevent the spread of coronavirus: the poster "[Risk of transmission of coronavirus infection](#)", the calendars "[Keep your distance](#)" and "[Wash your hands](#)".

Procurement of hygiene kits was organized and carried out in accordance with the list of specified needs and a targeted transfer of assistance to victims was organized in December.

Information about the assistance transfer was covered on the resources of LHSI <https://www.facebook.com/lhsi.org.ua> and partner organizations.



Project is support by IF "Renaissance"

COVID-19 pandemic response



During 2020, the LHSI team joined forces with various donors and partners to suppress the coronavirus pandemic problems. Yes, more than 100 social workers in our initiatives needed protection while providing social services in communities and working with families. We mobilized efforts and managed to purchase 18,000 units of personal protective equipment (masks) and disinfectants to ensure the protection of social workers in three regions of the project: Kharkiv city, Luhansk region (Severodonetsk, Kreminna, Svatove, town of Stanytsia Luhanska), Donetsk region (Sloviansk, Mariupol, Bahmut, Dobropillya, Kramatorsk).



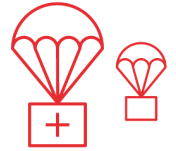
Protection of the labor rights of workers during COVID-19 pandemic

LHSI has been cooperating with the Federation of Trade Unions (FTU) of Ukraine for many years to protect workers' labor rights, overcome stigma and discrimination in the field of labor. Due to the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, the number of appeals to FTU legal aid centers regarding violations of labor rights and discrimination against employees has increased significantly. This factor became a challenge for trade unions, which have limited ability to respond to all requests in a timely or effective manner. The project studied typical cases of violations of labor rights (due to the pandemic) in 2020 and will prepare, together with the FTU in 2021, a Guide to help lawyers quickly resolve cases of discrimination, provide prompt qualified advice. FTU lawyers were trained at a seminar.

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IF "Renaissance"*



COVID-19 pandemic call respond: Timely help



In early October, large-scale forest fires lasted for almost ten days in the Luhansk region. As a result of these fires, more than 1,500,000 people were injured, including 141 children, and 577 households were completely destroyed. The NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives" joined the assistance during the struggle of the Luhansk region against the fire and its terrible consequences - bought a generator for the village Muratovo,

where 96 farms were damaged during the fires. It was a very important purchase for the victims in those days. And even today, this generator is a "lifesaver", because the territory is a line of demarcation and the electricity supply is not stable there.

People can heat water, charge their phones or something at any time. We are going through tough times, but with hope and courage in our hearts we unite and help each other!



Report on the use of digital technologies (EvriMED smart-box) to develop adherence to tuberculosis treatment

90.5% of patients who used the digital device smartbox EvriMED in the pilot project "Adherence to digital technologies to TB treatment in Ukraine" are ready to recommend its use to anyone who needs treatment for tuberculosis. 70% of patients who took a part in the survey have a smartphone, which can also be considered to build effective communication between doctor and patient to monitor daily use of TB drugs.

The EvriMED smartbox can be an effective approach to measuring adherence to TB treatment. At the same time, its wider use may be limited by the costs associated with this approach (smartphones, tablets, Internet connection, availability of a mobile phone account, etc.), as well as not fully established criteria for patient inclusion, which depend on the opinion of a particular doctor, which on the one hand reflects the patient-orientation, and on the other - the subjectivity of the organization of the treatment process. In the future, more attention will need to be paid to the integration of EvriMED smartboxes with national TB monitoring systems, which is necessary to ensure national ownership and use by all participants in the TB system.

Detailed results can be found in the report on the website: <https://cutt.ly/EjPCoRA>

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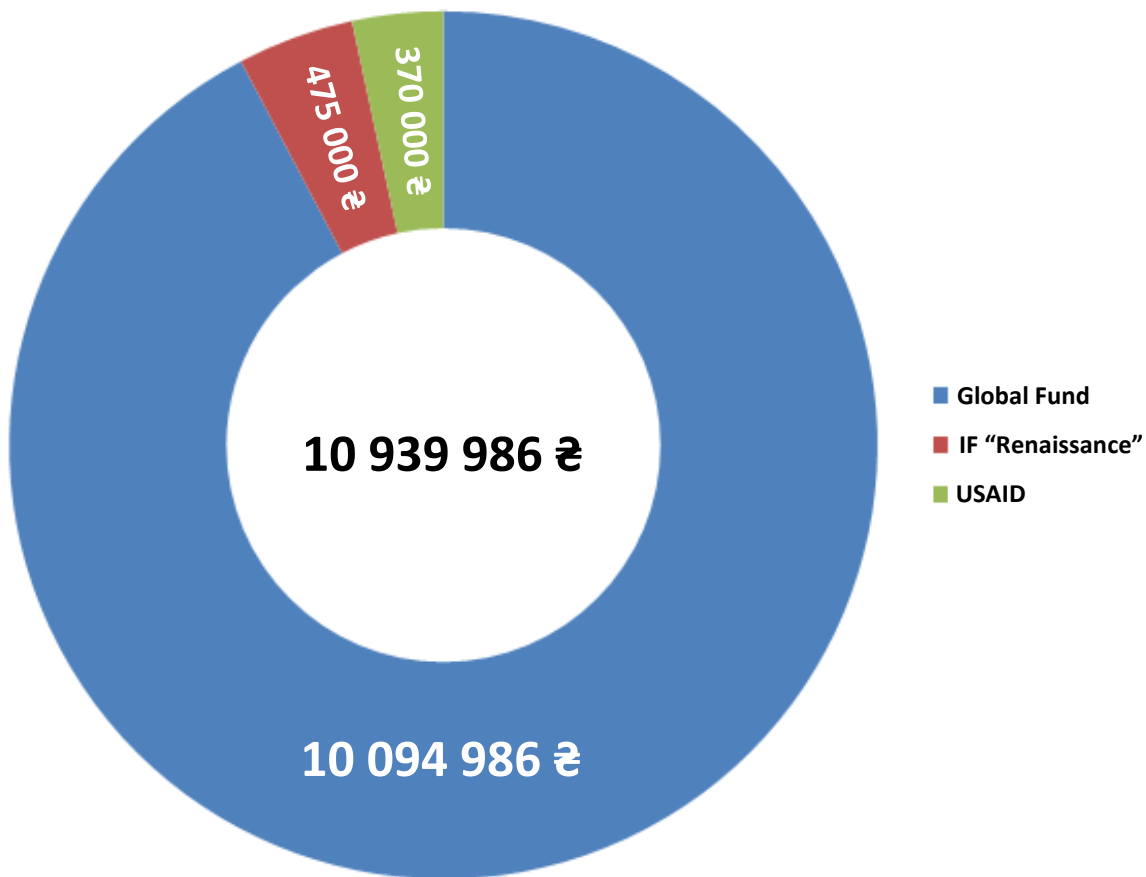


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Finance



Types of costs	Funds (hrn)
Organization maintance	2 187 950
Strategic activities	8 562 036
Charity	190 000
Total:	10 939 986

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