



LHSI



Annual report

2018

Labor and Health
Social initiatives

2018 has been a very busy year for LHSI. Let's start with the fact that we have completed the "New home" project. The project contributed to the creation of a friendly environment for child development in communities.

Also, this year we brought a new approach to Ukraine in solving tuberculosis treatment adherence problems. For this purpose, we have overcome all bureaucratic obstacles to bring smart devices (evriMED) to the country from South Africa.

Ukraine is among the top-30 countries concerning the spread of multi-resistant tuberculosis. The factor of treatment adherence is important in the struggle of Ukrainians with tuberculosis, especially in the case of multi-resistant tuberculosis.

The struggle against tuberculosis, the efforts to develop children and youth, the development and accessibility of services in the community, work with different categories of vulnerable groups of children and young people, people who have restricted access to services are still main priorities in our work. We are working to create a supportive environment for people in the community, and always ready to cooperate to make this possible.



CEO of NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives"
Ilona Yeleneva

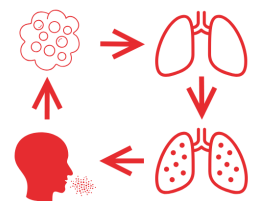
2018 Projects



Project: "Digital Health Adherence in Ukraine"



Project: "You should know about TB" (Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv regions)



Project: "New Home: integration and psychosocial support for internally displaced children in the city of Kyiv and Odessa region"



Project: "Digital Health Adherence in Ukraine"



NGO "Social Health and Safety Initiatives" introduces the latest digital technologies in order to improve the adherence to the treatment of patients with tuberculosis.

The project will assess practical aspects, cost and impact, combining a digital device for monitoring drug use and video surveillance in real-time for more effective counseling of **800** patients with susceptible tuberculosis and **100** patients with chemo-resistant TB in Mykolaiv and Odesa regions.



Project objective: improve the adherence of treatment among patients with tuberculosis, by using smart boxes for monitoring drug administration.

What we have done:

- Created a project implementation team;



- Selected **10** medical workers;

- **1000** smart-boxes made;



- Prepared **800** reminder devices;

- Manual for doctors and patients on smart box use were made.



What are we planning to do:

- Hold **3** seminars for medical workers;



- Hold **4** work meetings with medical workers;

- Provide IT assistance on the work place;



- Carry out operational research to measure effects.





Project: “You should know about TB” (Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv regions)

People's needs do not always correspond to the capabilities of the country. In this project, the time for a complete diagnosis for tuberculosis has been shortened because of involvement of social workers from social centers. Often this reduction of the diagnosis time has become the key motivator for persons to undergo diagnosis.



Project objective: arranging active detection and diagnosis of tuberculosis among internally displaced persons in Luhansk, Donetsk and Kharkiv regions.

The additional **benefit** of this project was the IDP's ability to receive additional services from social service centers for families, children and youth, as these institutions are intended to help everyone who have difficult life conditions. And this list goes far beyond the tuberculosis issues—psychological help, law and humanitarian support!



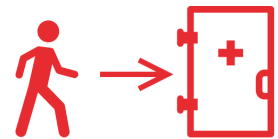
Our specialists conducted **3** trainings for social workers.

52,665 IDPs were screened for TB.



Dangerous symptoms were detected in **8953** participants of the screening test.

2291 client completed a full TB survey.



Project barriers



1. Due to the fears of stigma and discrimination, many IDP's refuse to pass a screening questionnaire. And, due to the same stigma and discrimination, part of the prosecutors undergo screening formally, completely denying the presence of symptoms. This is particularly pronounced in the Donetsk region, in settlements close to the line of collision. Here, among hundreds of prosecutors, there can be no one who would recognize the presence of TB symptoms.



2. Part of the IDPs that were diagnosed with TB diagnosed went during treatment to uncontrolled territories, because during the treatment it is necessary to rent apartment, and they do not have funds for this. The issue of comprehensive support of patients from the state is crucial, otherwise, we will not be able to control the epidemic situation in the country.



3. Qualitative and rapid diagnosis is often impossible due to problems with the sputum transportation, because regular transportation to laboratories requires additional funds, which, as a rule, is not sufficiently foreseen in the budget of the medical institution.



Project: "New Home: integration and psychosocial support for internally displaced children in the city of Kyiv and Odessa region"



Project statistics



The project covered **7717** children



71 specialist on work with children passed training course



Sub-grants were provided to 13 local civil society organizations (CSOs).

Two centers (**nest center**) were established in Kyiv and Odessa regions, on the basis of which CSO staff provided psychosocial support to IDP families and children.



Violetta Pugacheva
Secretary of the
National Scout
Organization of
Ukraine

This project was important not only for the children who took part in it, but also for the pedagogical staff. Children who came from the occupied territories felt the stigma burden of their peers, and the teachers did not know how to work properly in these conditions. Thanks to the system of knowledge about psychosocial support that we mastered at the project trainings, stigma and discrimination among children were overcome.

I also want to express my gratitude to the project for the material support of our camp and the area of extracurricular education (Nest Center), which was provided by the NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives" throughout the project's lifetime.

Project objective: encouraging and enhancing the participation of civil society organizations in expanding rehabilitation and reintegration programs to provide rehabilitation and psychological assistance to internally displaced children and children affected by armed conflict in Ukraine.



First of all I want to express my gratitude to the NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives" for their indifference to this national issue.

For Ukraine, the most important thing is its future, and its future is our children. The mental health of our children is a guarantee of a bright future. Working together we have learned the right approach to children in this situation, how to solve and completely erase conflicts.

I am very glad that I was able to be part of this project.

Together we are making world better!



Valerii Tantsiura
Head of the Child and Family Services Department
of the Kyiv City State Administration





Participation in other projects



49 Union World Conference on Lung Health



In the framework of the 49th Union World Conference on Lung Health, which was held 24-27 October 2018 in The Hague (Netherlands), under the motto "Declare our rights: social and political decisions", the team of NGO "Labor and Health Social Initiatives" presented the difficult IDP situation in Donbas region and discussed with the representative of the DCH the challenges of efforts to combat tuberculosis in the region, which are due to the existing military conflict.

Erasmus+

Participation in EU-financed Erasmus+ projects is always interesting and unexpectedly enjoyable. In 2018, youth from Ukraine twice visited Italy through a youth exchange project, involving youth from different countries. The exchange project focused on non-formal education devoted to the issue of racism and migration.

All participants lived together in a house, without internet and television. The participants were forced to feel like refugees, but got what refugees do not get: love, care and commitment!



Positive women



In the fall of 2018, LHSI was involved in the study "Analysis of the situation of women and children affected by the problem of tuberculosis", within the framework of a grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The main point of the study was to determine the difficulties faced by women, and in particular women with children under the age of 18, in the process of tuberculosis treatment in order to plan further interventions to overcome the identified barriers to TB treatment.

In total, 201 respondents participated in the survey.

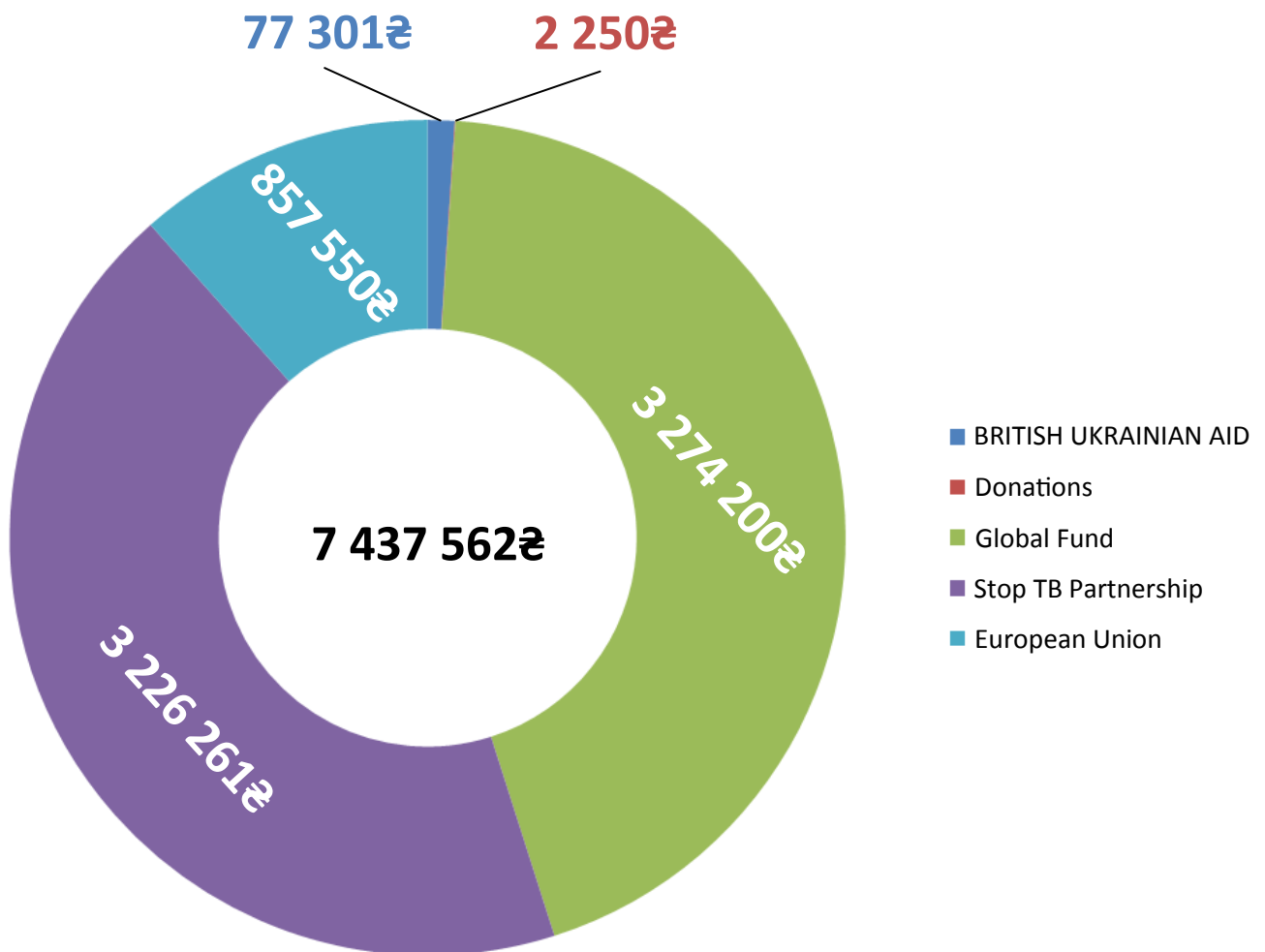
Stop TB Partnership

LHSI is a member of a "Stop TB Ukraine" Partnership, which were made on a Stop TB Global Partnership basis ambitions. Partnership efforts are building in which people do not die of tuberculosis and provide future generations of life without tuberculosis. LHSI representative is a member of the Partnership's Head Committee.





2018 budget



Types of expenses	Funds (UAH)
Maintenance of the organization	866039
Strategic activity	6560863
Charitable activity	79552
Total:	7506454

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