

Digest of IDP communities September 2021



GENERAL OVERVIEW

According to the Unified database of internally displaced persons, as of July 6, 2021, there were 1.473.650 registered people who came from temporary occupied territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea.

Webinars

"Implementing instruments of local democracy using the example of NGO 'Zakarpattia-Donbas'". Speaker: Anzhela Babkina, consultant for community development of the Resource Center in Zakarpattia oblast, advisor in an issue of IDPs at the NGO "Zakarpattia-Donbas." A link to the video:

"Preparing a report about a final beneficiary owner of an NGO." Speaker: Anastasiia Prokopenko, executive director of NGO "Tochka dostupu." A link to the video:

Opportunities

Organizational development grants are awarded competitively under the Civil Society Development Platform project, which the United States Agency funds for International Development (USAID). The Selection Committee considers applications monthly.

ISAR "Yednannia" invited civil society organizations to participate in a new grant project called "Promoting the improvement of the legal environment for the civil society of Ukraine." The deadline for application is October 21, 2021.

CF "Sto vidotkiv zhyttia" announced the second competition of social initiatives. In 2021 this competition aims to support organizations that implemented or are implementing social initiatives during the year 2021. The deadline for application is October 31, 2021.

Grants to support cultural initiatives that attract community funding will be distributed by the House of Europe. Grant recipients can receive up to 200.000 UAH that will cover half of the project budget. The second half of funding should be allocated by the community via "Spilnokosht" or any other crowdfunding platform within six months. The deadline is November 1, 2021.

IDP communities

On September 24, CrimeaSOS, supported by the UN Refugee Agency in Ukraine, organized a two-day study tour in Kyiv called "Solving the problems of IDPs in Ukraine: a dimension of IDP communities." The event was attended by representatives of 14 IDP communities from all over Ukraine. After two days of work, they developed a number of proposals that target three important problems of communities and IDPs: child support, problems with receiving various documents, and allocation of land for housing.

On September 30 – October 1, the Ministry for Reintegration of Temporary Occupied Territories, supported by the Council of Europe, held a forum "Internal displacement in Ukraine: current challenges and perspective solutions." For two days, the participants of the forum discussed the current problems of internally displaced persons and possible solutions, as well as the accomplishments of governmental institutions and representatives of civil society.

In September, the Civic Organization Initiatives of Slobozhanshchyna launched a studio to record audiobooks based on a library in the city of Sumy. People with eyesight disabilities currently receive an opportunity to join the process of creating audiobooks and can also listen to them.

The initiative group of IDPs in the town of Chyhyryn found sources of financial support and organized a youth space in the village of Tinky in the Chyhyryn area. The official opening of the youth space happened on September 19. Local residents of the village, as well as IDPs, reconstructed the building on their own. The initiative group has also launched a series of training sessions for youth.

Uzhhorod has been selected as a city that will receive state funding that will help purchase homes for IDPs. The process involves distributing subsidies under the program 70/30. From now on IDP families, who live in Uzhhorod can apply and become registered as families that need a temporary home.

Legislation news

During its meeting on September 22, 2021, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine improved a mechanism of distribution of pensions and financial support to citizens of Ukraine by implementing a remote method of identity verification. Details here:

Applications to the «CRIMEASOS» hotline

In August, 177 persons contacted the hotline and «CRIMEASOS» provided 533 initial legal consultations. Equally urgent is the question of the crossing the administrative border with Crimea in both directions for the period of quarantine, obtaining a certificate of registration of an internally displaced person, establishing the facts of birth and death.