UKRAINIAN FOUNDATION for Public Health

HEALTHRIGHT INTERNATIONAL

Empowering marginalized communities to live healthy lives

IMPACT REPORT 2020

Established by health and human rights visionary Dr. Jonathan Mann in 1990, HealthRight International empowers marginalized communities to live healthy lives. HealthRight in Ukraine has been providing access to vital health and psychosocial services for vulnerable populations in Ukraine since 2005. In 2008, HealthRight founded the local organization, Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health (UFPH), to build local capacity for successful social support initiatives. Our work in Ukraine is supported by donor partnerships including the Elton John Aids Foundation, PACT, International Renaissance Foundation, and UN agencies (UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, UNVFVT).

» OUR PRIORITIES

1. ***Build local capacity*** *of community CSOs and champion advocacy efforts for inclusive health rights.*

2. ***Strengthen systems capacity*** *of government agencies, NGOs, police, and physicians to provide high quality psychosocial & medical care.*

3. ***Train professionals*** *on our evidence-based models and high standards of work.*

In cooperation with New York University, we adapt best practice models and approaches, develop educational curricula and information, and launch training and mentoring programs for field professionals. We are actively engaged in the national reform initiatives providing specialized services for survivors of domestic violence/gender-based violence (DV/GBV), developing adolescent-friendly health services, and creating safe cities for women. With our support, local authorities and service providers have adapted their work to COVID-19 realities.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS «

In 2020, HealthRight and UFPH directly reached with its array of programs

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women, men, and children

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR DISADVANTAGED, VULNERABLE WOMEN & GIRLS

HealthRight Service Center in Kyiv provides outreach services, comprehensive psychosocial and legal assistance, access to medical care (including testing for HIV, STIs, and hepatitis) to women and their families who are street-involved, HIV+, internally displaced persons, women commercial sex workers, or are affected by violence. Additionally, center experts organize mutual support groups for HIV+ adolescents. In 2020, HealthRight Service Center assisted ***553 new clients*** and received ***2 150 service inquiries***.

HEALTH ACCESS AND SKILLS BUILDING ADOLESCENTS & YOUTH

supportME

Integration of adolescent-friendly services

With support from UNICEF and in partnership with the Ministry of Health, we rolled out a new program aimed at the primary health care level and adolescent health inclusion: SupportME website (http://supportme.org.ua) on adolescent health issues and social media were created (Instagram, Facebook, Telegram, Viber, etc.) to support this initiative.

Assistance to at-risk and HIV+ women and adolescents

We strengthened the health systems and social infrastructure by supporting the transition to remote services for early HIV diagnostics and prevention in connection to the COVID-19 pandemic across 3 regions: Kyiv, Kharkiv, and Chernihiv. This includes referrals and access to treatment; HIV testing and prevention; counseling on medication adherence; registration in the AIDS center and with general practitioners; counseling on OST, PrEP, TB screening, and case management.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

Setting up a public-private dialogue

We strengthen the capacity of communities to ensure the safety and protection of rights of vulnerable groups, including people who use drugs, through improved policies and joint dialogue between community members, local government, police and the most vulnerable groups.

Women's Rights Organizations Hubs

We provide methodological and organizational support to five regional networking and advocacy centers of excellence (hubs) to develop and increase the organizational capacity of Women's Rights Organizations for greater realization of human rights and access to high-quality services among women and girls.

Developing model of a remote package of services for CSOs

We strengthen the capacity of CSOs in implementing the comprehensive model of online support (psychological, legal, and social counseling) for the most vulnerable groups and shifting from in-person services to a hybrid model of care.

SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE VETERANS AND SURVIVORS OF TORTURE

Service site for torture survivors and their families in Kyiv

Provides comprehensive legal and psychosocial support, as well as humanitarian assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, for torture survivors based at Human Rights Clinic.

Mobile psychosocial support teams for ATO/JFO veterans and their family members

Provide identification, screening, psychological first aid, and support counseling to ATO/JFO veterans and their family members by introducing a «peer-to-peer» approach. We coordinate and support six mobile outreach teams for ATO/JFO veterans and their family members.

COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS of GBV/DV

Barnahus for protection of children-victims of violence

We started piloting the Barnahus model in Vinnytsia region as an interdisciplinary and interagency specialized center for children who are victims of violence (sexual and domestic violence, human trafficking, or other types of crime) to avoid the re-victimization of abused children, protect the rights of the child, and provide comprehensive assessment and assistance.

Online Women Career Hub for GBV/DV survivors

We created an online capacity development center to empower and connect GBV survivors with available learning and employment opportunities, offered by the corporate sector. Six Advisers based on day centers in six regions conduct career consultations and provide support with job search, organize skill development sessions and training programs to facilitate survivors' more effective access to employment opportunities, and develop new professional skills.

Promotion of community security and prevention of GBV in public spaces

We mobilize communities in Donetsk, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia regions in favor of respectful non-violent relationships, gender equality, and safety in public spaces and to increase capacities of law enforcement authorities in the three eastern regions to integrate comprehensive GBV prevention interventions at the regional and local planning and programming.

OUR VISION FOR 2021

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Expand services under COVID-19 limitations for our target groups in communities, emphasizing the implementation and the sustainability of public social welfare services.

2

Strengthen capacity of public and state organizations on our methods and models of work with vulnerable groups.

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Advocate for the achievement of the 90-90-90 HIV/AIDS treatment uptake targets and the achieving zero tolerance for violence.

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